

EDITORIALS

Furse's Fresh Flashes

THE MUNDT-COUDERT AMENDMENT

There is good evidence that the Mundt-Coudert Amendment, which would amend the Constitution to change the Electoral College system, is gaining favor in many parts of the country.

When the Electoral College was first set up, it was composed of men selected in the respective states, and these men exercised their own judgment. The men chosen were men of standing and reputation and were selected on the assumption that they could and would make a good choice in casting their votes for President.

However, through the years, this system has changed until today a situation exists which the founding fathers did not envision. Slates of electors are run by parties and are automatically pledged to vote for a candidate before they meet to cast their ballots. Since they are pledged by parties, the presidential candidate in any state who receives a plurality (not necessarily even half of the votes in that state) gets all of the Electoral College votes of that state.

So, the situation today is that a presidential candidate can win a presidential race and become President even though he receives less votes than an opponent. The Mundt-Coudert Amendment to the Constitution would provide that electors are elected as are members of the Congressional delegation from each state. In other words, an elector would be elected by the people in each Congressional District, and two would be elected—as are Senators — by the electorate of each state.

The object is to remove the completely unjustified excessive influence of splinter parties and groups, especially in metropolitan areas. The splinter parties and organized groups are now able to control the entire electoral vote in their states, and if it is a state like New York, they are controlling forty-five electoral votes. Naturally, every Presidential candidate makes concessions to them — out of proportion to their importance to our country.

That is possible because the Presidential candidate who receives a plurality in the state of New York or any other state, gets all of the electoral votes. Under the Mundt-Coudert Amendment, once adopted, the electoral votes of the state would be split according to Congressional districts and the vote for the two men who ran in a statewide election as electors.

POSTAL RATE FIGHT COMING

Postmaster-General Arthur E. Summerfield says the Administration will probably ask the second session of the Eighty-Fourth Congress to increase postal rates for all classes of mail. Mr. Summerfield made this statement after he had conferred with President Eisenhower in Denver.

Summerfield justified his position by saying that he and the President favored a pay-as-you-go operation for the postal service. It is being speculated that Mr. Eisenhower will include such a request in his State of the Union message — which will be delivered before a joint session of Congress in January.

Summerfield says his department is running a deficit of about \$500,000,000 annually and that, since 1945, this deficit has amounted to \$4,600,000,000.

We believe postal increases may be necessary in some classes but we are solidly opposed to increases which would hike the mailing cost of books, newspapers, and magazines. Increases in these categories have been made recently and one of the greatest traditions in the United States is the average citizen's access to low-cost

Try praising your wife, even if it does scare her a little at first.

It is better to give than to lend and it costs about the same.

Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, got some of that new perfume at a local drug store and now warns the local gals not to use the stuff if they're just bluffing.

Read there are just two Confederate and one Union old soldiers left. Now would be a good time for the Rebels to attack—they've got us outnumbered at last.

Try to save a little money if you can — someday it may be valuable again.

If you expect your wife to be an angel, you'll have to wait until you are a widower.

Speaking of wives reminds us to tell you about the Plattsmouth husband now in a hospital recovering from a shock. He came home from work the other night and found his wife in the kitchen.

This weather we're having right now seemed a lot more pleasant last July.

Publishers of those pocket books never seem to run out of material until they get to the girl on the cover.

delivery of educational and informative material and news.

We believe the Postoffice Department may be justified in seeking to keep the postage increases for first class and air mail. No doubt added revenue from hikes in these two first-class mail services and economics in the Post Office Department could reduce the postal service's deficit greatly.

Down Memory Lane

20 YEARS AGO Married at Plattsmouth were Miss Mary Jane Lindeman and Gerald W. Shrader by Judge C. L. Graves; Miss Jean Fitch of Plattsmouth and Clifford Troy Jewell of Scottsbluff by the Rev. V. C. Wright. . . C. A. Wetenkamp was elected president of the Mynard Community Club. . . Lettermen on the Plattsmouth basketball squad were Jack Forbes, captain; Raymond Wooster, Mason Wall, Max Seitz, and Joe Hendrix. . . Frank Gradowille of Plattsmouth, who was engaged in educational government work in the Philippine Islands, won the Islands golf championship. . . John E. Downing was installed as commander of the Louisville American Legion post.

30 YEARS AGO Albert Cotner was the high bidder with \$650 on a \$739 Overland sedan which was sold by T. H. Pollock who won it at a Plattsmouth Legion-Elks carnival. The \$650 along with \$500 Mr. Pollock had already contributed made \$1,150 he gave to the Community Building fund. . . Mrs. E. J. Richey was named president when the Order of Does was new formed at the Plattsmouth lodge room of the BPOE. . . George Conis taking a few steps to the Charleston and singing gaily at his shoe shine parlor, told a Journal reporter why — a new daughter, Miss Catherine, had just been born.

Holiday Tree on the Highway



loll around Asia—though he's getting down to work on Dixon-Yates this week. Sen. Warren Magnuson of Washington who was voted \$200,000 for a probe of TV-radio-communications found himself busy in the northwest.

Some solons have stayed at home and done fine jobs—Senators O'Mahoney of Wyoming, Sparkman of Alabama, Hennings of Missouri, plus Congressmen Manny Celler of New York and Wright Patman of Texas.

But other widely advertised probes have flopped. Their Democratic chairmen have just been too busy touring or mending political fences.

Little TV Squashed While Democratic leaders have been castigating the Eisenhower administration about playing up to big business, the Dems in turn have taken a runoff powder on protecting one of the most important small business groups in the nation — smaller TV stations.

This nation was built on the principle that any country editor could set up a printing press in any town of his choosing and publish a newspaper at his own risk. Today, the same principle does not apply to one of the great modern mediums of communication—television.

And a few days ago the big business-minded Federal Communications Commission slapped down the country-editor type TV stations. The little UHF stations had had a chance to compete with giants of the industry until two weeks ago when the FCC slapped them down with the "Deintermixture" decision permitting potent VHF stations to be opened in areas hitherto reserved for small UHF stations, thereby putting them out of business.

"What the commission has done today," said Rosel Hyde, a Republican and former FCC Chairman, "may deal a death blow to UHF TV service.

"The majority opinion," he said "is premature, ill-advised and wholly inconsistent."

Commissioner Robert Bartley, Democrat and Sam Rayburn's nephew, agreed with Hyde Republican. The other Eisenhower-appointed commissioners concurred in the ruling that will probably plow under 100 small UHF stations, and will limit future telecasting to a relatively few big stations.

Freedom to Advertise Effect of the decision was not unlike having the government tell the little suburban news-

papers that flourish on Long Island to move over because the powerful New York Times and Herald Tribune would be given special concessions in that area.

FCC's decision not only affected freedom of communications—modern version for freedom of press—but freedom of business to advertise. For 16 TV stations owned by major networks brought in 60 percent of all TV advertising last year. This means that expensive TV advertising has so pre-empted the major stations that little advertisers can't get on the air.

And the ability to advertise is the life-blood of American business.

The men who put this FCC decision across—officially — were Chairman McConaughy, former lawyer for the Bell Telephone interests in Ohio; Commissioner John Doerfer, friend of Senator McCarthy's in Wisconsin; Commissioner R. L. Lee, another pal of McCarthy's and Commissioner Richard A. Mack, the Eisenhower "Republican" from Florida.

Unofficially and operating behind the scenes, were network bosses David Saroff of NBC and Frank Stanton of CBS. Both talked to Chairman McConaughy on the side. This brought caustic comment from GOP Commissioner Hyde.

Dec. 15 - D-DAY The jittery Federal Communication Commission has not set Dec. 15 as D-Day for the future of educational television.

Having about bumped off small UHF stations, the FCC, is under pressure from the network and from Sol Taishoff, who tries to be unofficial czar of the industry, to take back the channels previously allocated to colleges and universities. Taishoff even wants the FCC to take back some of the TV channels allocated to the military.

All this and more will be debated by the FCC on or after Dec. 15. In fact, the future of television for the next generation may be then decided. The commission has gone through the routine of inviting colleges, educational and public-service groups to send in their views, though the unobtrusive FCC notice in the federal register, which few people read, has brought little response.

Meanwhile the Democrats who talk big about protecting little business have done nothing about investigating the forward march of big business on TV communications. Senator Magnuson of Washington, who was voted \$200,000 to investi-

gate, is still sojourning on the pleasant shores of Puget Sound, Congressman Joe Ewins of Tennessee, also supposed to investigate, can't be enticed out of the mountains of Tennessee.

Capitol News

By Melvin Paul
Statehouse Correspondent
The Nebraska Press Association

LINCOLN — Some observers have wondered what was behind the sudden resignation of M. L. Wimberly as superintendent of the Men's Reformatory here.

Wimberly threw in the towel at the Kearney Boys Training after 71 days at the institution. He previously had been 28 years School, the last five as superintendent.

A quiet, soft-spoken man, Wimberly would say only: "I just didn't like the work."

Others, however, said he quit reluctantly for a number of reasons, including difficulties with the Board of Control and problems at the reformatory left over from the regime of George Morris.

Wimberly said he did not apply for the reformatory job, but was asked to take it by the board. This the Board confirmed.

The 49-year-old Wimberly sent a letter of resignation to the board three days before his resignation was announced. In the meantime the Board conferred with a legislative committee studying the Board of Control system of managing state institutions.

Sen. Donald McGinley, Ogallala, committee chairman, promptly said the board had withheld information from his group in that it was not informed of the resignation.

But Board Chairman Thomas Dreda said the committee was not informed because Wimberly twice before has said he would quit but changed his mind because of talks with the board. In a statement, the board said it had not made public the letter which was not a "definite" resignation "in view of the fact that Wimberly had 28 years of valuable service to the state and we wanted to make another effort to keep him."

A few hours after Wimberly assumed command of the reformatory he had two inmate revolts, causing \$35,000 damage.

The board named Sgt. Robert Nichols, 31, head of the State atory, as new chief of the reformatory. Nichols said he took the job because "ever since I started on criminal investigation, I've been interested in penal work. There's a lot that can be done in rehabilitation."

Nichols is the third superintendent at the reformatory since September.

Blind School The Board of Control has had more to say about the State School for Blind at Nebraska City.

The board said plans for reconstructing the school have not been drawn but that the work would be done.

Some opponents of keeping the school at Nebraska City, a fight that developed in the 1955 Legislature, said they do not believe the lawmakers set the site of the school at Nebraska City. But the board said the Legislature, by killing three bills, did not call for the school to be moved. An it said a legislative resolution called for improvements at the school.

The board has \$600,000 it can use for fixing up the old school. **Heart Deaths Lead** Heart disease continues to be the main cause of death in Nebraska.

Reports prepared by the State Bureau of Vital Statistics show 2,344 persons died in Nebraska the first six months of this year from the disease.

Ranking second was cancer, with 1,019 deaths. The total number of persons who died was 6,172.

But the bureau said during the same period, there were 15,896 births.

No Segregation There is no segregation in the Nebraska National Guard, according to Maj. Gen. Guy N. Henninger, state adjutant general.

Henninger was asked for comment on an order by Maryland Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin, abolishing segregation in that state's national guard.

The Nebraska general said state law indicates there be no segregation. He said there are several units whose personnel is made up of more than one race.

Prison Attitudes Favorable Warden Joseph Bovey of the State Prison got some kind words from Dr. James Reinhardt, University of Nebraska Criminologist.

Reinhardt was a member of former Gov. Robert Crosby's three-man committee which investigated state penal institutions. The group severely critic-



By Stanley James, Journal Washington Reporter

WASHINGTON Dec. 1. — The visit of Premier Bulganin and Party Chief Khrushchev in India, which is now in progress, is a journey of historic significance. When viewed with the knowledge that neither Joseph Stalin nor Georgi Malenkov would have made such a trip, even in the interest of Russia's foreign relations, one can see the departure from expected procedure Bulganin and Khrushchev are making.

Malenkov never went outside of Russia in all his years as party chief and then Premier. Stalin would journey just outside Russia's borders on rare occasion, but only when his trips did not take him out of the effective area of control of the Red Army.

Bulganin and Khrushchev are thereby striving harder for international understanding and good will. Moreover, they are less suspicious, and more flexible in their approach to foreign relations. They hope to convince the world that Russia really wants peace, and that Russia's leaders are eager to cooperate toward that end — which they probably do at this particular stage of affairs.

President Eisenhower cannot match the Russians at this juncture, mile for mile. The pace the two leaders of Russia are setting is a fast one and there are signs that it might be telling on Bulganin. But the Russians might be making progress. This is the opinion of some diplomatic officials in Washington.

The Red leaders made some progress in Yugoslavia. They are expected to visit England next spring and are visiting Burma and Afghanistan after completing their 18-day Indian visit. The current trip they are on will take them over 5,000 miles, to Asia and return.

But even if the Russians improve their stock with some

ized the penitentiary in its 1954 report.

Reinhardt said he had visited the Nebraska prison and said Bovey is "really studying the problem and trying to make a good prison." The criminologist said he is "very favorably impressed" with attitudes of men and guards at the prison.

The criminologist said he noted an improvement in the attitude and efficiency of employees.

Driver 'Point' Law If you drive a car you could well watch the points you are collecting by violating the law if you have done so.

That's the word of advice from Dale Rogers, chief of the State Motor Vehicle Division.

Rogers said in the two months since a legal loophole in the point law has been closed, more than 150 drivers licenses have been suspended for a year.

Suspension follows accumulation of 12 points. Rogers estimates before the next session of the legislature about 2,000 Nebraska drivers will have lost their licenses.

countries, the very fact that they are striving to create friends and improve the Soviet position in world affairs seems to some an indication that they are not expecting any major war with the western powers soon. They are obviously looking to a long-term struggle with the U. S.

In this long-term struggle they will need friends and they will have to expand trade with various countries of the world. It could be that expanded trade is the real purpose of the present Soviet trip. In the case of India — a coming great power—the motive is probably twofold, bettering ties between the countries and opening up new avenues of trade.

The Administration takes the view that war is not probable with the Russians in the near future. That is why defense cuts will stand and why the President has instructed his Secretary of State not to do anything which would indicate that the United States believes the cold war will be intensified as a result of the failure of the Geneva Conference.

At the same time, there is little chance India will be able to pressure the U. S. into agreeing to anything like a \$1,500,000,000 loan — as has been suggested at New Delhi in recent days.

The first hint of such a desire came from the Indian capital just a few days before the Russian delegation, including Bulganin and Khrushchev, arrived for its visit. If the Indians hope to play the U. S. against Russia, and see which power will promise her the most, Washington will not be caught in such a game.

The Eisenhower Administration is still concerned that the present business boom could get out of hand. That explains the recent interest hike by Federal Reserve banks in all parts of the country.

This action came as business records continued to topple and as job totals reached an all-time high. Wages are also at an all-time-high. Business and corporation profits are at a high. Construction next year is expected to exceed 1955 construction and automobile makers are even now saying that 1956 auto sales will surpass sales this year.

With all these factors going, with a record Christmas buying boom certain and with stocks at peak or near highs, the government sought to brake the momentum a little, in an effort to prevent a boom and let-down and spread out the high level of business activity over many years.

There are actually three poles in Antarctica: The geographic South Pole; the magnetic South Pole; and the pole of inaccessibility," at the center of Aurora Australis.

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THOUGHT FOR TODAY
Thrice is he arm'd that hath his quarrel just.
—Shakespeare

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DREW PEARSON SAYS

DEMOCRATS RENEGE ON THEIR BALLYHOOD CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATIONS; DEMOCRATS TALK ABOUT PROTECTING SMALL BUSINESS BUT DON'T DO MUCH; BIG TV BUSINESS SCORES BIG VICTORY WITH FCC.

Washington—There's one thing the Republicans can usually count on from the Democrats: They yell more than they produce.

Last winter the Democrats, assuming control of Congress, bragged about the probes they were going to stage. Then they got bogged down in the congressional routine, staged no probes, but bragged about the probes they would stage when Congress adjourned.

Came the congressional adjournment. The Dems proceeded to go touring. They flocked all over the globe, from Helsinki to Buenos Aires. They probed the tourist offices, they probed the restaurants, they probed the night clubs — everything except affairs of Congress — and all at government expense. Estes Kefauver, who had promised a big probe of Dixon-Yates and juvenile delinquency took a leisurely

I See By The Papers . . .

By Bill Murdock

Col. Harry Atkinson of Offutt Air Force base told financiers from the area that Offutt needs 120 1,200 rental units to serve personnel at the base. This brought a pledge from an Omaha builder who said he would build 60 houses for individuals who would in turn rent them out, says the Bellevue Press.

Sarpy county gained an ally in its court battle against the Offutt Housing company seeking to gain taxing privileges on housing being built at the base by the company. The company has appealed a Nebraska Supreme County decision giving the county the right to so tax.

Now the attorney general's office of California has notified Sarpy County Attorney Dixon Adams that it wishes to appear as a friend of the court on the side of Sarpy county, reports The Papillion Times.

Alvin Weil, wife and daughter, lifted an irrigation pipe to dump out a rabbit which had taken refuge inside. The metal pipe touched a high voltage electric line and knocked both the women down, but only tin-

gled Mr. Weil who had on rubber overshoes, reports the Customer County Chief.

Two families escaped injury at Albion when a bomb or dynamite exploded near a street intersection, says the Albion News. This shattered two windows in one house and blew a hole in another. Noboy was hurt.

The Missouri river retained its secret at Blair when attempts to raise a submerged car out of Ol' Muddy failed. The top was pulled off, says the Plattsmouth, and it could be seen the car had burned before the plunge, but no bodies were around.

The Wymore Arbor-State published its Christmas issue on Nov. 24.

WEEKLY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Pretty Posy

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