Congress is currently concerned with the Electoral College system of electing Presidents of the United States. That some reform, and a change from the "winner take all" system of computing electoral votes within the states, is needed, has long been evident.

Several bills to effect this reform have been introduced in Congress. Only recently they were combined into a joint bill, which would allow states to divide their electoral votes in one of two ways,

which was rejected.

Under the new system, as outlined in the Constitutional Amendment, sponsored by 54 Senators, states would be allowed to divide their electoral votes either in the actual proportion of popular votes, or by allowing electors to be elected just as are senators and representatives to Con-

This would mean, if the first method were used, that the Presidential candidate would actually be elected on a democratic basis, and that every popular vote would count as much as any other popular vote. It would also mean that the candidate which received the largest number of popular votes would receive the largest number of electoral votes.

If the second system were used, the reform might be more limited, but it would at least mean that if a state elected five Republican representatives to Congress and seven Democratic representatives to Congress, and one Republican and one Democratic Senator, that the state's electoral vote would be six to eight-assuming that electors of the same party were elected in the congressional districts and also in the two state-wide races and in the same party ratio as were members of the delegation.

Either of these systems would allow the state's electoral vote to be split, whereas now all the electors from a state must vote for the candidate who receives the largest number of popular votes. In other words, if one candidate receives 2,000,-000 votes in a state and the other candidate receives 2,000,005 votes, the candidate who had five more votes than his opponent today gets all the electoral votes. This is obviously unfair, and a situation which demands correction.

We hope the electoral reform bill will eventually be included in the Constitution. Two-thirds of each house in Congress must approve such an amendment and then three-fourths, or 36, of the states, must also act favorably on the amendment. In the interest of democracy and truly representative Presidential elections, we hope this is soon accomplished.

DITY THE WEATHER BUREAU

Readers will remember the unexpected snow which arrived in many Eastern areas simultaneously with the arrival of Spring. A foot or more of snow greeted residents in some sections, as a result of that storm, which paralyzed normal life in New York City and many other metropolitan areas in the North, Northeast and further West. It seems that the battered weather

bureau serving the affected area has come under criticism because of its forecast prior to the recent snowstorm. As was the case with several hurricanes in recent years, residents are blaming the weather bureau for their troubles.

No one should expect a weather bureau to accurately predict a snowfall, as to the inches which will fall. Weather, it should be remembered, is still a great unknown, and something the experts still do not know too much about.

Even with all scientific data available and an accumulation of reports from various sections, forecasters today cannot

THOUGHT FOR TODAY None think the great unhappy, but the

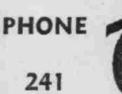
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## Furse's Fresh Flashes

Teen-agers look a lot sillier after you cease to be one of them.

\* \* \* Never stand in a woman's way if she wants to learn to drive.

Flipper Fanny, our dainty little contour twister, has taken over management of a local apartment house, but she wants it distinctly understood the apartments are to be let, and she's to be let alone.

A lot of young fellows learn early that about the most expensive thing is a girl who is free for a date.

\* \* \* The most difficult thing about driving a car these days are the monthly install-

A statesman is a fellow who wants to do something for his country. A politician is a guy who wants his country to do something for him.

We've often wondered why it is that the guys who say they can take it or leave it alone are always taking it?

\* \* \* A man is known by the company he ed that officials on Capitol Hill keeps-a company is known for the men it keeps.

be positive their forecasts will be accurof work a long time. I underThe the weather has a long time. I underof work a long time. I underof work a long time. I underate. That the weather bureau serving the stand he's working hard now, Eastern metropolitan areas predicted snow and I hope he makes good. on the day that the snowstorm arrived is Alf M. Landon, Topeka, Kans. good enough.

Time was when a snow fell and no one was blamed. Now we seem to be ready to take out our bad luck on any one, into take out our bad luck on any one, inisn't exactly what the governor candidate, Sen. Estes Kefauver trailer houses and report back oppose him. And that is generisn't exactly what the governor candidate, Sen. Estes Kefauver trailer houses and report back oppose him. And that is generto the board before a formula ally true. The big question, in The New Jersey Republican the weather bureau. The next thing we to you as his friend and counteday in Omaha to kick off his for determining their taxable fact, is whether Adlai could get saw the theoretical merits in the expect is a proposal that Congress set up selor. a system of penalties and fines for forecasters who miss the mark - dungeons, tortures and things like that!

### \* \* \* Down Memory Lane

depot.

20 YEARS AGO
Bill Carey was selected football captain and Wayne Falk, basketball cap- reveiwed Mrs. Green's informatain, at a high school sports banquet . . . T. H. Pollock and E. J. Richey gave a talk on docks and harbors at a Chamber of Commerce meeting after returning from March 14. Peoria, Ill. . . . An Easter egg hunt was held for local small-fry at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Sattler, Jr.

30 YEARS AGO Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Contestants in a high school declamatory contest included Evelyn Robb, George the White House staff, I am Swatek, Helene Perry, Dora Soennichsen, sure you, the host at Thomas-Violet Begley, and Emily Stava . . . Police ville are in the best position of officers Libershal and Jackson nabbed a all to know the truth, and I am box car robber at the Burlington freight delighted to set this fact

# \* \* \* The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

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DREW PEARSON SAYS:

STEVENSON LEADERS DETER-MINE TO DO OR DIE FOR ADLAI; THEY WILL USE RAYBURN TO KILL KEFAUVER AT CHICAGO; JOHN MARAGON, DESPITE HIS PAST, DESERVED A JOB. Washington-Some of the big demo-

cratic bosses backing Adlai Stevenson got together in Pittsburgh shortly after Ad- statement that Senator Smathlai's defeat in Minnesota to try to figure ers owned natural gas stock. It ial ticket will be President Eisout what they should do.

The meeting was held at the invita- one of the two Florida Senators tion of Mayor David Lawrence of Pitts- owned such stock, but Mr. burgh, one of the stanchest Stevenson backers. Col. Jake Arvey of Chicago was

backers. Col. Jake Arvey of Chicago was and I accept his word. It is cor- at the national gathering. invited, also Carmine De Sapio, head of rect, of course, that Senator Tammany Hall, though neither could smathers voted for the gas bill, make it. However, Jim Finnegan, former lead- H. J. T. Horan, Caracus, Veneer of the democrats in Philadelphia, to- zuela-The Society of Friends been chief airport engineer for

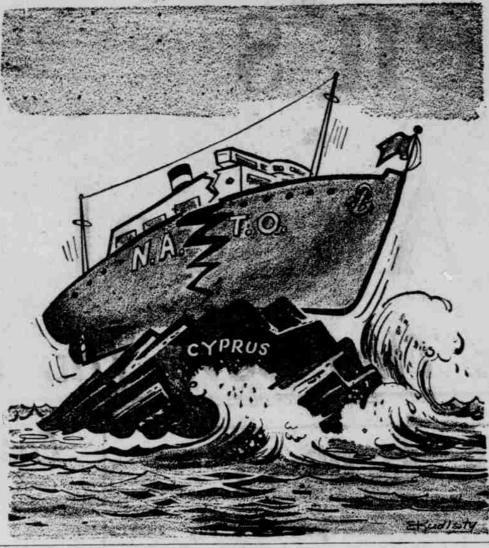
tended. Its net result was a decision to back 276th yearly meeting in Philadel- son named Gilbert as State Ryders Add Greenwood L. 26 Stevenson to the bitter end and knock phia the right of a former com- Aeronautics Director. Gilbert SW1/4 NW1/4 32-12-9 \$1.00. Kefauver off at any cost. The leaders munist, Mary Knowles, to plead also will continue his job of en- Mary Trilety to Ray O. Harwere confident they could deal Kefauver the fifth amendment. Mrs. gineer. out of the nomination at the convention, Knowles had been retained as Gilbert will be paid \$8,220 per 12 & Ls. 9,10,11 B. 32 Platts. no matter how many primaries he wins. librarian for the Quaker-spon- year, \$300 more than his present \$4,500.00. Their attitude was one of let the public sored Community Library by the salary. Former Department Di- Claude D. Johnson & Amelia go hang. They talked of controlling the convention through Speaker Sam Rayhum apparently counting on Paylonn's Paylonness Paylonn's Pa burn, apparently counting on Rayburn's lan (D., Miss.). The Fund for phia public-school teachers who John Hoffman & Louise to well-known bitterness against Kefauver. the Republic later contributed to were discharged for being com- John W. Fox & Margie 1-14-56

As for Stevenson's chances in Novem- the Plymouth meeting because munists on the ground that it is W1/2 NE1/4 & NE1/4 NW1/4 18 &

Mailbag Milton Bellis New York — It is true of loyalty oaths. It stated: "It ' Much is heard of the Ameri- Frank E. & Helen Barkhurst that I had something to do with getting is central to our faith that we can ideal of free enterprise as to Frank E. & Helen Barkhurst a job for John Maragon in the folding obey God rather than men." it applies to business," said Dr. 3-1-56 NW1/4 11-11-11 - - -. room of the House of Representatives. It "In our day the right to hold Henry Cadbury, chairman of the Wm. E. Shipley & Alice to is also true that I had something to do unpopular views in a period of American Friends Service Com- Nicholas & Bertha E. Schmitt with sending him to jail. The facts in my columns on Maragon's highhanded maning to us. We . . . share to ideas. In the days of our SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> & S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> 2-12-13 in and seek to alleviate the suffounding, the pressures were for \$1.00. ner in using Gen. Harry Vaughan to throw ferings of victims of civil liber- religious conformity. Now there Dale J. Kent & Alleen C. to

punishment, I see no reason why he should rected its Civil Liberties Com- cal conformity."

Could Happen



be persecuted. So, when I learnwere afraid of hiring Maragon because of criticism from me, I told them I hoped they would

that you are not governor Hall's primary election.

ember 30 to March 14 in answer- ing tour in the state before the ing Congresswoman Edith Green primary. of Oregon that irregularities she pital in Portland failed to indiinal statute. I note that the FBI tion promptly and referred it to Department on January 12, where it waited for a reply until

George Humphrey, secretary eral of the treasury—Thanks for your letter, sent me at the request of Vice President Nixon, that he did not visit the President at Thomasville, Ga. Though my original information regarding the geographic location of their talk came from a member of

Evan Kemp, Jr., Lexington, Va.-President Eisenhower stated in his press conference shortly after he announced his availability for a second term that he had conferred with Vive Omaha, John Beaver of Beem-President Nixon and suggested that he "chart out his own course" After the New Hampcourse." After the New Hampshire write-in for Nixon, Eisenhower made a brief statement Person of Wahoo, O. H. Liebers to Jacob Dougherty & Ada J., 3- watched also. that he would be happy to have of Lincoln, Arnold Ruhnke of W1/2 NW1/4 23-12-10 \$1.00. Nixon on the ticket. He then shut Plymouth, Mervin Bedford of Richard & Wanda Kuehn to off all further questions at that Geneva, Glenn Cramer of Albi- Skyle Miller, Sr. 12-27-55 N12 system amendment were stamtime and as to future press consince, and it is now up to Mr. Nixon to chart his own course son of Sargent, Arthur Swanson 12-27-S1/2 SW1/4 14-10-10 \$20,000.00. and for GOP leaders to help him chart it. They and Eisenhower North Platte, Donald McGinley Wm. & Erma Bayly 3-3-56 L. 15 will actually have much more to of Ogallala, Monroe Bixler of & 16 B. 9 So. Park Add to Platts.

Harrisoh, D. J. Cole of Merri- \$1.00. say about it than Nixon will. Earl Griffis, MacClenny, Fla.

was reported in Washington that enhower. now vetoed.

President Nixon and I are mem- ment.

also adopted a "minute" critical others.

Capitol News

By Melvin Paul

adviser and that he stands on Deadline for filing was Thurs-

campaign J. Edgar Hoover, Washington | Also planned by Kefauver was -Thanks for your note making a meeting with Democratic nait clear that it was assistant At- tional convention delegates to torney General Warren Olney, sound out sentiment for him. He not you, who delayed from Dec- is not expected to make a stump-

In the Legislature, some old charged in the Morningside Hos- faces will not return. Among Owen Boyles, secretary of the cate violations of a federal crim- tington, Republican candidate for lieutenant governor; Les Anderson of Aurora, Republican the maximum length of the state the criminal division of Justice third district and Earl Lee of comes 10,050 miles. It said there-Fremont.

Lee decided not to run again added after many years in the Unicam-

The decision of some legisla- miles of road on it. tors of the past session has caused a shortage of attorneys with Highway Slaughter Continues legislative experience Some senators, notably Robert have shown a decline on state

Perry of Lincoln, have said they highways, but an increase on could not afford to take time county roads and city streets. from their business to devote to lawmaking where pay is low. ed by Col. C. J. Sanders of the However, many veteran law- Nebraska State Safety Patrol, makers have again tossed their after a check of records. Sand-

hats into the ring. Humboldt, John Aufenkamp of year. Julian, George Syas of Omaha, John Adams of Omaha, Sam ers' report was Jan 1 through Klaver of Omaha, Charles Tvr- March 26. dik of Omaha, Karl Vogel of Omaha, William Moulton of March was the highest in history L. M. Shultz of Rogers, O. H. Otto of Kearney, K. W. Peter- Skyle O. Miller Jr. & Dorothy of Holdrege, Harry Pizer of man, Amos Morrison of Mitchell At no time have I published a and A. A. Fenske of Sunol. On the Republican president- B. 105 W Water \$1,700.00.

Nebraska has a new air chief. He is Steve Gilbert, who has 5-56 W1/2NW1/4 23-12-10 \$1.00.

ber, the bosses told each other that almost any democrat can win as long as Nixon stays on the GOP ticket.

Mailbag

The 15 flotter meeting occurs the duty of friends to help those who are suffering no matter how their convictions, religious or political, may differ from & NW1/4 NE1/4; S1/2 NE1/4, N1/2

his weight around Washington still stand. However, when a man has served his The yearly meeting also di
The yearly meeting also di View Platts. \$1.00.

signed to join civil defense, got PAGE TWO

The governor said combining the two jobs will save Nebraska about \$7,600 per year.

Gilbert is a "fine engineer and administrator," Gov. Anderson

The governor said he had received about 25 applications for the post and considerable pressure on behalf of some of them. Gilbert, however, had not sought the job.

Since 1949, Gilbert has been airport engineer. Previously, he had been with the highway department as an engineer since

Car Values The State Board of Equalization has adopted two formulas to determine taxable value of new and used cars in 1957.

New Car Dealers Association. rington said new formulas probably would cut the total value of used cars in the state by seven per cent, and slightly increase

taxable value of new cars. The car dealers group claimed the new formulas will make the taxable values too high.

Taken into account by the formulas—for the first time—is ver's victories been that some toral votes. the fact that some types of auto- of his supporters are saying only What the real opposition to the mobiles depreciate at a faster the Senator from Tennessee can electoral college reform bill in Gov. Victor Anderson said the

figures were ' not picked out of LINCOLN — The lines are the aid" but the result of months enough people. -I appreciate your writing me drawn for Nebraska's May 15 of careful study by Herrington and his staff.

his own feet. However, that day, April 5. One presidential study truck trailers, trucks and machine, the political bosses, exander Smith's reversal of himvalues is extablished.

Highway Ruling

The attorney general's office has ruled that the State Highway Department could add 720 miles proved to be a poor votee getof road to the state highway of road to the state highway ter, in his second bid, then it states to divide their electoral system this year if it wants to might be harder to stop Kefau-

The opinion was requested by them are Dwight Burney of Har- Advisory State Highway Com-

Under law, the opinion said candidate for Congress in the highway system this year beafter 50 miles per year can be

A map setting out the state highway system had only 9,380

Traffic deaths in Nebraska

ers said traffic has increased In spite of his possible handi-They include Otto Kotouc of three per cent in Nebraska this

The period covered by Sand-

Highway traffic deaths for for that month.

ferences. Nothing has been said Thompson of McCook, Norman Richard & Wanda Kuehn to into opposing a proposal which Leslie & Dora Lea Nolte to

Paul E. Fauguet Adm. to Robt. C. Olney 2-27-56 1/2 Int L. 1 & 2

LaMoyne Spohn & LaRee to Myrtle B. Jameson, Robt. B. & Nebraska's presidential pri- Martha Fish 1-10-56 E1/2 L. 6 mary is not binding on party W1/2 L. 7 B. 66 W . Water

H. L. & Dorothy Oldfield to Edgar W. Olfield 3-5-56 L. 3 to 7 B. 8 Elmwood \$450.00

Rosann Hackbarth to Lawrence Duerr & Ruth Albert Charles M. Graham & Rose gether with other Stevenson leaders, at- (Quakers) of which both Vice the State Aeronautics Depart- to Roy A. Sankey & Daisy L. 3-7-56 W1/2 L. 15 & Ls. 16 to 20 bers, recently approved in its Last week Gov. Victor Ander- Ls. 5,6,7, & S 27' L. 8 B. 9

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SE1/4 10-10-12 \$2.00.

rector James Ramsey, who re- THE PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA, SEMI-WEEKLY JOURNAL Thursday, April 5, 1956 Section B



By Stanley James, Journal Washington Reporter

WASHINGTON - There are\* of Estes Kefauver.

But some will not go this far-- one-party states. not decisive. Kefauver made a tages in the proposed change. fine race in New Hampshire, While one party states would The formulas immediately Minnesota and California in start off voting heavily - with were protested by the Nebraska 1952. And yet he never really their electoral votes — it would Tax Commissioner Fred Her- that summer. Stevenson was a strong second party would be

Then, of course, Stevenson them. was not running in the primar- This would become inevitable ies. There is no belittling of as soon as voters of the minor-Kefauver's victories so far-they ity party, whether it be in Nehave been a blow to Stevenson. braska, Maine, South Carolina He himself admits he is no long- or Alabama, knew that every er the front-running candidate. vote their candidate received And so impressive have Kefau- would count in determining elecwhip President Eisenhower in a the Senate constituted was a national election. That is a pow- fear in key states, with disproerful idea if they can seel it to portionate voices in Presiden-

that nobody is for Adlai-except their tremendous power. This is Herrington was directed to the people. They mean that the natural and explains Senator Althe nomination with so many of reform but pressure from New the party machines opposed to Jersey, now one of the key states him personally.

> If Stevenson is eliminated in ver than some people realize. For no one candidate can gather will fall away from the 1952 most votes in their state. Democratic nominee.

Kefauver is sure to get some of it. A dark horse candidate has a good chance at this stage, and might even be the favorite bet. But after that, the best bet might be Kefauver. Many rate those of Governor Harriman, who is available but who is bitterly opposed by many states,

expecially in Dixie. The dark horse candidate most seriously mentioned in Senator Stuart Symington. Governor Frank Lausche, a Roman Catholic running for the Senate in Ohio, might also be a good bet, but he says he isn't interested. cap, there are those who think he would make a strong candi-

Missouri's Symington is very strong a m o n g representative groups from every side. He is no pop-off and has an excellent administrative record behind him, as Secretary of the Air Force, clean-up man for the R F C and Senator from Missouri. Henry J. Amgwert & Esther So his star must be closely

> Foes of the electrocal eollege peded and partly maneuvered)

many souls in the national capi- would have given every voter an tal, at present, who discount Ad- equal and democratic voice in lai Stevenson's chances com- the election of Presidents. The pletely, as a result of his two opposing cry was that to change defeats in primaries at the hands the electoral college system would give undue power to the

yet. They might if Estes con- There is something to this ootinues to mow Adlai down in Cal- jection. But the advantages ifornia. And yet primaries are clearly outweigh the disadvanhad a chance at the convention be only a question of time until built up in practically all of

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was evidently greater than expected. In the end, Smith backed off withdrew as one of 54

vote, whereas they now must give all these votes to the presidential condidate who gets the

If the President vetoes the conferee farm bill-which could happen by the time you read this-a deadlock might bar anything in the way of farm legislation this year, with one exhis chances much higher than bill could be pushed through both houses. But higher supports and other features of farm relief as passed by the Senate, or the House, might be out of the window for this year.



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> emperor 10 Belongs to 12 Wheys of milk 40 Water (Latin) 52 Cotangent 18 Type of bomb 41 Coagulate

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animal Switzerland 33 Compass por Mindanao

actinium 42 Man's name

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