In 'America's White Spot' ...

Does Nebraska's Public Wash Smack of Tattle-Tale Gray?

with sovereign state pride,

Sister commonwealths—t an ta-lized by Nebraska jibes at their "Now, this is no place to discr tax and governmental systemhave been stirred either to defense or self-reproach. Eastern writers have poured into the state to "cover" the Nebraska phenomenon. Few have done as well as Farnsworth Crowder whose article "Tattle Tale Gray on America's White Spot" appeared in the Octo-

ber "Survey Graphic." Mr. Crowder overlooks one hugely important thing in his scrutiny of Nebraska, He writes as if the state were the sponsor of the campaign of self-eulogy. It is not the state itself. He even "The organization purported to be sponsoring the cam-paign (Associated Industries of Nebraska) is merely a revamping of the Nebraska Manufacturers' Association." Yet he writes in that journalistic vein that gives the impression that the state is footing the bills for the "white spot" movement.

Education

thoro examination by Mr. Crowder. sity of Nebraska with an observation that is known to nearly all Nebraskans:

escaped the economy squeeze. to have been victims of a convulsion. In bidding against other universities for a first rate faculty. and cents disadvantage."

"Total expenditures for state government (1925 to 1937) increased 106.5 percent (largely on account of relief and social security). Expenditures for the public schools declined 34.2 percent. Expenditures for all other local subdivisions remained at about the same. This is to say that education's cut from the tax dollar has been squeezed to a fraction of the former size.

"It is not that Nebraska is without the resources to maintain better then average common schools. The president's advisory committee on education attempted to determine, as of 1935-36, the ability of the 48 states to support public schools. Applying a standard tax plan, the reve nues that each state could raise were calculated. On this basis, Nebraska's potential ability to support education ranked 16th. Actual performance, however, put her in 28th position. Her educational bill per pupil in 1935-36 not only was far beneath her ability, it was \$12.95 under the national average. In the important matter of state aid given to schools, Nebraska rates 43rd among the states."

"With such barren inducements the state simply cannot compete netent teachers The offices of a big placement agency told me they were seeking jobs in other states. Applications to the Omaha system have fallen off two-thirds and the qualifications of those applying are of

course not of the highest. "An application to all states of the revised Schrammel-Sonnerberg scale for measuring educational performance found Nebraska in 23rd place in 1933-34 and it has lost much ground since then. "In the town and country districts 46 accredited high schools-

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Native Nebraskans have heard, in a farm state —have dropped read and seen their state "plugged" their courses in agriculture; 26 as "America's White Spot" so con- their courses in domestic science; vincingly that any criticism of its 14 their manual training; 20 their self-praise meets the immediate music. Textbook appropriations scorn of the Cornhuskers, imbued have vanished in some districts. Shop, laboratory and library facili-"Now, this is no place to discuss



C. W. BRYAN Reference is made to the Univer- . . . Not Even He Will be Able to Wiggle Them Out

the contentions of many Nebras-The State University has not kans that the American people spend a lot more for education Many classes, laboratories and than they can afford, or that they valuable libraries must be housed are buying their children too much in condemned structures which, education, or that they are buyeven to a casual observer, appear ing them the wrong kind. What we can say is that, relative to other states and relative to certain other governmental services with-Nebraska is at a stubborn dollars in her own borders; roads, for instance). Nebraska is skimping on her education budgets, if indeed she is not using her schools as the scapegoat to satisfy the insistent demands for tax reduction.

Assistance

over Nebruska Recurrently comes devastating grief from the sky-tornadoes, floods, blizzards, dust storms and drouths. For years there was a statute requiring all males, 16 to 60, to give two days a year to fighting grasshoppers. Crop failures in the nineties required state aid, relief commissions and heavy county indebted-

"In good times, Nebraska is a wondrous producer, ranking among the first five states. But even in the fabulous twenties, farm Nebraska farmers move to try rants were selling at discounts aptheir luck in a new spot. Since their luck in a new spot. Since proaching zero.

1935, over 6,000 farm families have Well, we must begin by report-

and this fact must be remembered during everything that remains to be said. The state in particular has been very Scotch. For 70 years she has been cautious, right up to and over the borders of false economy, scorning any bonded debt in excess of \$100,000, running on a cash basis most of the time and taking one spectacular fling-a special levy for a 10 million dollar state

responsibilities with the counties. It is incumbered hoping that you will be so low, hours so long and the shorted, that these cameramen with our Little TVA hydro-electronic coupled with the usual go on to infer that it has no bills work so heavy that Nebraska can would follow some of these paid tric districts, which may result in wasteful sins of local autonomy, with the butcher, the baker, the project highly trained measured. of local subdivisions (of which few of the debt items not mentionthere are 8,538). By 1928, these ed (except subdivision bonds) in units were obligated for 113 mil-lien dellars in bonds. Refunding in some cases became so costly in interest charges as to overtop the

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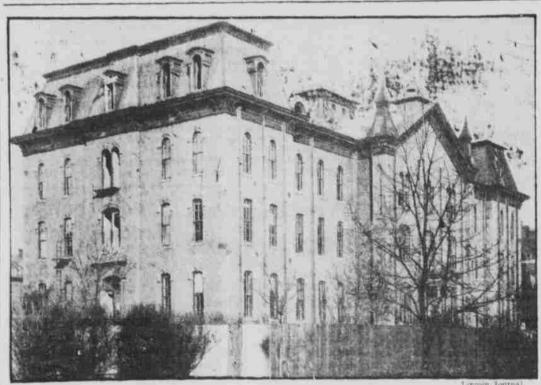
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UNIVERSITY HALL BEFORE DECAPITATION. ... Many Classes Housed in Condemned Structure.

pulled out entirely, heading, the ing that, off stage as it were, Nemajority of them, into the Pacific braska has a benevolent Uncle west. During the single month of Sam , who has not declined to put March 1938, the farm security ad-ministration had to extend emer-ters, Nebraska has stood ninth in gency grants to 15,000 farm line outside of the federal treas- Institutions ury, receiving a total of 551 million "Harsh events and hazardous dollars, or \$404.02 per capita, In contingencies, then, have tended the matter of non-recoverable fedto keep the purse strings tight; eral relief funds, she has also stood ninth, receiving \$205 per

lion dollars) Not that this federal assistance has all been clear gain either. In the most part, housed in antique house.

"Now one said result of this as she goes and has no state debt, state parsimony has been to leave the White Spot is a little like the resupposibilities with the white Spot is a little like the company of the responsibilities with the counties, family that boasts its home is un-

sideration the buying out of all the

length compilation of data. Such inflation detailed and discapita, as against the national av- two bulky volumes of the Nebraserage of \$115.18. She has received ka survey of social resources six times as much in non-recover- (1936). I suggest it in evidence able relief as she has contributed to the curious, together with the in federal internal revenue, aitho more recent report of the Osborne the nation as a whole has taken association (National Society of back in relief almost exactly what Penal Information), and set down it has paid out as revenue (14 bil- here no more than three generalizations derived therefrom:

1. Nebraska institutions are, for

little more than custodial care.

there is no awaredness of these laugh off."

bankruptcy cases were averaging face of the issues. Deficit spend-five and six hundred a year, Every year an average of about 20,000 so deep in the red that their war-so deep i districts have under serious con- fective leadership. To the chalsideration the buying out of all the private electric utilities in the state of them: What is there in the way at an estimated 75 to 100 million of governmental services that could possibly have been worth as much the adequacy of governmental services be measured only in terms | Services be measured only in the council. And Duane | Services be measured only in terms | Services be measured only in terms | Services be measured only in the services | Services be measured only in terms | Services be measured only in ter of dollars saved?" A man may

purchases without sales tokens, issues for hig construction 3. Nebraska institutions can give 1880—and photograph what they power system title more than custodial care. found there. The white spot would "But sudden "But su "It must not be supposed that have a reel of publicity it couldn't up as a paragon of civic virtues is also have a number of business

inadequacies in Nebraska. An in-stitutional building program falled campaign so intensive in Nebraska ing free and real property overof missionary personnel of the Pershing Rifles sions; Mrs. Grace Sloan Overton, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Dr. E. Stanley To Meet Today

Jones, evangelist at large for the North India Annual conference. Speakers Increasing.

Seminars held at 4 p. m. every afternoon in the Union building Pershing Rifles will hold their first meeting of the year this afternoon include talks on "The Meaning of the Christian Faith" by T. Z. Koo m. every evening during the by E. Stanley Jones; "Christian week will feature special addresses vocation" by H. D. Bellinger; organization for this year, an-nounced that it is important that all of last year's members attend "Christian Living in Social Relations" by Frank C. McCullock "Christian Marriage" by Mrs. bottom, organizer and president World Mission of the Christian Allahabad Christian college Church" by Herrick B. Young.

The list of speakers for the week is still being enlarged, according to Dr. Charles Patterson, chairman of the speakers comittee, and representative from every denomisation will be secured before the

Matinee Stags Cause Trouble

The question of the very troublesome stag line at the Student Union Wednesday matinee dances will be attacked this week by members of Alpha Phi Omega, hational service fraternity. A.P.O.'s under the leadership of Ellsworth Steele will control the stag line from 4:30 to 5 o'clock when Aulon Rolland, Alpha Phi Omega oresident, will assume responsibil

Utmost co-operation with the men working with the stag line, s requested by Mrs. Edger Yinger, Student Union day social director, and by Aulton Rolland of the servce fraternity.

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itself, if the aim is to bring in-dustry and money from the out-side? And then you are told that gasoline tax, just what do we mean

Explanations



FRANK ARNOLD . . . Exposes Tax Waste.

such reports 'perfectly ridiculous, Others give you a shrewd look and say, 'Well, yes, we're selling Nebraska on itself- and why not We've a good thing here and can hang onto it so long as we keep the tax equity boys piped down. And there's this about it—this is a prime field for industries that process farm producta." "Another White Spot leader

said to me, "We're going to commit the State of Nebraska clean up to its ears. Before ever we started this thing out in the open, we lined up the farmers, the press, labor, the chambers of commerce, everyone. They're in so deep, there will never be anybody-not even Charley Bryanwho'll be able to wiggle them out. And that's as it should be. 2nd add Editorially Speaking—Rag We have the best tax and government setup in the country. and an inviting labor picture. It's something worth going to bat for and advertising to the

products and industrial attractions. following the football rally. Herebut her virtues. Now self-righteous- after a neat appearance will be a ness is a dangerous pose. It invites requisite for entering the ballroom. attack and it is suspect as hypo- The council considered division crisy. It can, under criticism, so of the profits from the Friday and Rural Electrification obliga-tions. They do not indicate that the "Little TVA" hydroelectric and zocial workers are without ef-districts have under criticism, so of the profits from the Friday castly shade off into truculent self-defense. Contrariwise, it can en-board and the Barb Interclub reactions are already evident in with restrictions to buy furniture Nebraska. There are the people for the Barb office, which is room who flare up emotionally at any 307 of the Student Union. Bob fault finding. There are others who Simmons, council president, apassert they never heard so much pointed Beatrice Ekblad and Hatto our citizens as the \$139,000,000 criticism as has resulted since the riet Lewis as a committee to nom-"To inquire into Nebraska's institutions would require a book levies achieved since 1927?" they bare chance that the kick-back will ancey in the council, and Duane

"The feeling of many Cornsave by never visiting a dentist, buskers might be paraphrased as LONELY HEARTS but he may also die of an abscess follows: "We should have been left in our obscurity. We were making "One day this summer a Para- some commendable advances and camera crew was in and experiments. For example, trying about Lincoln shooting pictures of a unicameral legislature. Giving Governor Cochran, of the magnif- Mr. Arnold a field for his exposes icent paid for state house, of a of tax waste in the counties. Using housewife in a market making special mill levies instead of bond and of the surfaced roads free of jects. Enacting a county budge debt. At the time I heard about it, law (thanks to Mr. Arnold's Fed-I happened to be with a dissenting eration: that might well be a na-Nebraska attorney. T wish, be tional model. Daring to push ahead snorted, 'that these cameramen with our 'Little TVA' hydro-elecwould follow some of these paid tric districts, which may result in has borne painfully on hundreds candlestick maker. But note just a modern, highly-trained personnel, for state institutions—paid for in publicly to own its entire electric

> "But suddenly to set ourselves unwarranted. We're not that good.

New members of the training

Robert Nelson, captain of the

the meeting this afternoon,

unit of the Nebraska chapter of

it is for the purpose of persuad-ing the people that theirs is an tax? With poll taxes, bank stock ideal tax system (ideal, that is, and insurance premium taxes, with for industry, intangible wealth and dozens of petty fees and licenses, what do we mean when we say we have no nuisance levies? With Some white spot leaders brand over 8,000 government units for only one and a third million people, just where is that Nebraska efficiency we hear about? With our educational, public health, relief and institutional standards beginning to keep company with cottonbelt performances, does our parsimony look so attractive?

"We say that unwise spending is not the antidote for excessive economy, but maybe we should add that wise spending is an antidote. We say that public services should be limited to the ability of the people to pay, but maybe we should add that we have underestimated our ability.

"While folks in other states are staring at us and asking how in the world we do things, it might be to our benefit quietly to dis-patch some Cornhuskers to Denver to learn how to establish and operate a first class psychopathic hospital; to Virginia to learn how to operate an economical and humane system of poor farms; to Ohio to study the benefits of city-manager administration; to California to examine the meaning of state aid for education; to New York to learn something about penal institutions and parole; to St. Louis to see the operation of a superior county hospital; to Des Moines to

compare its schools and Omaha's . It could be a long and salutary itinerary. We in Nebraska have some fine things to demonstrate. no doubt. But we have a whale of a lot to learn and we ought quietly to learn it before nominating ourselves for summa cum laude

Barb Council Starts Clean-Up

Moves to Abolish Sweat Shirts at Hour Dances

Barb council moved in its Monday session to remedy the situation which found boys in sweat shirts, minus ties and even with "What appears then is that Ne-braska is advertising, not only her Barb dance last Friday evening

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James states that it is a good plan to call for a date, a day ahead of time. However, they guarantee satisfaction even if a client calls an hour before a contemplated

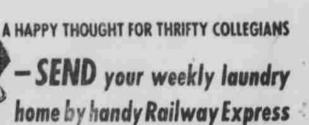
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RELIGION WEEK

(Continued from Page 1.) ority houses, boarding clubs, dormitories, and student manses.

A special period in which the religious leaders may be interviewed and have special confer-ences with students has been set

aside on each day's program. Public meeting scheduled for 8 week will feature special addresses vocation" T. Z. Koo, Secretary of the World's Student Christian Federation, Shanghai, China; Albert H. Palmer, Chicago, Ill.; Sam Higgen- Grace Sloan Overton, and "The and head of the agricultural institute of that college, Allahabad. India; Herrick B. Young, secretary



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