

Oregon Critic Not Able to Appreciate Sculptor's Conception of Roosevelt Equestrian Statue

In the public press appears a criticism of the Proctor equestrian statue of Roosevelt, the original of which is in the State Historical Society museum at Bismarck, N. D., by ex-governor West, of Oregon.

The ex-governor tries to deal in a little pleasantry when he is quoted as saying the animal on which Teddy is mounted has the "front legs of a giraffe, the neck of a stallion, and a tail like a fern. No horse ever had such crooked hind legs, and Teddy would object strenuously could he come back and see the mount he has been given."

I do not know Governor West or what his experience with horses has been, but I do know that the criticism comes from one who is no artist and does not see the finer lines of horse action. The sculptor sees much more than the ordinary person, else he can be no sculptor.

Roosevelt as a rough rider must be a man of action and his mount must also typify action, energy and victory. Statues are erected only to victors. The governor wouldn't want Roosevelt "at the end of the trail." The artist properly embodies the rider and mount in an attitude of action, not in repose or staid. To do otherwise is to do violence to the subject, the artist, and the proper historical motif behind the statue.

If the governor will study the details of the statue and try to conceive that Roosevelt has come hurriedly on a spirited army horse to the top of a hill where he gets a first view of the enemy, he will catch the motive of the sculptor. Look at the horse's ears, manifesting as much mingled fear and surprise at what he sees as Roosevelt does concern. The horse's ears go forward. At the same instant Roosevelt draws the reins quickly, the

horse's mouth is forced open by the bow in the army bit, and the horse throws his head in the air and sets his breaks.

As proof of this intense and spirited action look at the left side of the figure; notice the fleck of mane dashed forward on the horse's neck, the scabbard is dashed forward, and the tassels on the corner of the saddle blanket are thrown forward. When a horse stops suddenly he always gives a flip to the muscles in his tail which lifts the tail bone, but brings the brush forward. As further proof of the sudden stop, the horse's feet are placed so as to show that he responded immediately to the vigorous jerk on the reins. Not only does the position of the feet show this but the rear of the horse's body is low, hind legs quite curved, while the front legs of the horse are rigid and appear to Mr. West like those of a giraffe.

I want also to call Mr. West's attention to the extreme muscular tension displayed in all the horse's limbs. There are other points but these are enough to show that Proctor was an artist and that the governor is not.

Mr. Proctor needs no defense. His studies have all been western. Roosevelt's mount isn't a bronco but it is the type of horse selected by the army at every remount station.

The statue in Mandan is the working model. A model to a sculptor is just as essential as are blue-prints to a builder. Only two bronzes have been made and no others are permitted to be made from the original that we have.

One of the two bronzes is at Minot, North Dakota, and the other at Portland, Oregon—both the embodiment of the finest art of the graver's burin.

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WEEKLY MARKET REPORT

(U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics and Minnesota Department of Agriculture)

HOGS LOWER; CATTLE FIRM

Most of Monday's Hog Gains Wiped Out; Cattle Firm Under Light Run

South St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 19.—Increased hog runs in general together with the heavy holdover reported at Chicago found all hog markets lower, the local trade averaging from 20 to 25c lower than Monday. Sorted 160 to 175 wts sold on shipping account at \$12.35, lighter 130 to 180 lb. weights on feeder and killer account upwards to \$12.50. Butcher hogs averaging from 180 lbs. and up sold from \$12.00 to \$12.25 with mixed strings at \$12.10 to \$12.25. Packing sows bulked at \$10.00 while pigs held steady at \$13.25, although many bids were reported sharply lower.

A short run in the cattle division together with prospects of lighter receipts within the next few days as the result of the heavy snowstorms caused a favorable reaction on beef and butcher stock. Price levels were on a steady to strong basis with best steves stopping at \$9.50, bulk around \$7.50 to \$8.75. Sheek values hardened somewhat especially better grades of fat cows, these selling largely at \$6.50 to \$7.00 with bulk around \$4.50 to \$6.00. Heifers scored at \$5.50 to \$7.00 mainly. Canners and cutters registered from \$3.50 to \$4.00 with bulls mostly at \$5.50 to \$6.00. Veal calves regained Monday's losses today's trade averaging \$12.00 for most good lights. Stocker and feeder outlet was unchanged from Monday, the limited supply offered cashing mostly at \$6.50 to \$7.25.

Lamb prices were boosted slightly, ruling strong to 25c higher with desirable natives selling largely at \$14.75, choice westerns being eligible to \$15.00. Heavy lambs moved at \$12.50 to \$13.00, calls from \$10.00 to \$11.00. Fat ewes cashed from \$7.50 to \$9.00 with one deck of full mouthed breeders at \$9.40.

WHEAT SALES HAVE INCREASED

Minneapolis, Jan. 20.—There has been practically no feature whatever in either the cash or futures market since our letter to you of a week ago. Receipts have run along a little heavier than the trade had expected, and just a little heavier than the market could readily absorb at firm prices. The result has been very heavy selling except at lower prices.

All things considered, the demand is still fairly good and the market shows some improvement on days of light receipts, but loses it all again when receipts are a little heavier. Possibly this condition will continue until receipts get very perceptibly lighter and stay that way for a while, or until some outside demand for flour and wheat brings some new buying into the market again.

There is a good general demand for all barley offerings; the choice quality selling to maltsters, with elevator and feed buyers taking the medium and low grades. Receipts have been fairly good and prices firm and unchanged with a closing range at 54c to 66c.

The oat market continues quiet with Minneapolis May closing today at 41 1-4 cents. Receipts light with elevator buyers taking the bulk of the offerings on the basis of 2 1-2c under May for the No. 3 White grade.

Corn receipts have increased slightly, with the bulk of the offerings still showing light test weight and heavy moisture, grading mostly No. 5 and lower. The futures markets have declined somewhat since our last letter, with Chicago May closing today at 84 3-8 cents.

Rye receipts continue light with a small percentage showing real fancy milling quality. The heavy test weight clean quality is in good demand from millers, selling 3c under the May option, which closed today at \$1.02 3-4.

Flax futures continue weak in tone with the market dull and receipts light. Minneapolis May flax closed at \$2.52 3-4 with spot No. 1 seed selling at 2c to 7c under, according to quality.—The Tenney Company.

"NORTH" MAY BE DROPPED FROM NORTH DAKOTA

North Dakota's demise at the tender age of 37 years is predicted. When C. O. Russell, Devils Lake, chairman of the Ramsey county board of directors of the Greater North Dakota association, appears before the state meeting of that organization he will enter a plea that the name of the state be changed. "North" in North Dakota implies snow ice and cold weather members of the county board of directors maintain, and they suggest the changing of the name as one of the activities for the state-wide booster association during its first year in existence.

The man, woman or child in any state in the United States, or in any American possession, who submits the best name, will receive a prize of \$1,000 if the recommendation which Mr. Russell is to offer, is accepted. Any one person will be given permission to submit any number of suggestions.

Legal minds in Devils Lake are disagreed as to the procedure through which North Dakota might pass out of existence and another state be admitted to the Union, for the transac-

tion would involve state and federal legislation. Members of the board of directors are agreed, however, that the proposal would do more to destroy the false impression existing in the minds of people relative to the actual weather and financial conditions which exist in the state.

Severe Winters Denied
The snow, ice and cold weather for which the state is alleged to be famous have been conspicuously absent in recent winters, and the impression must be corrected before the needed influx of settlers into the state can be realized, it is claimed. The temperature in this city during the past month was shown by M. R. Hovde, weather observer, to have been 17 degrees above the normal for 21 years, while the snow has been measured at an extreme minimum. Proposed dog derbies have been impossible so far since there has been too little snow at any time. Also the number of days of sunshine are seen to be higher than in most adjacent states over the same period.

The suggestion that Mr. Russell be charged with this one mission when he attends the meeting of the Greater North Dakota association is credited to Burt Driggs, superintendent of the state deaf school. The directors approved unanimously of the action taken.—Devils Lake World.

WOULD INCREASE TAX ON GASOLINE

The 1927 state legislature will be asked to pass a law authorizing an increase in the state gasoline tax of one cent per gallon and for other legislation tending to help county commissioners in their duties, it was decided when resolutions recommending that legislation were adopted at the closing session of the nineteenth annual county commissioners association convention in Fargo Thursday.

In adopting the gas tax resolution, an argument was staged by many of the commissioners, several desiring to have the resolution recommend an increase of two cents. Finally, however, the resolution was adopted in its original form, recommending that the state tax on all gasoline except that used for farm purpose, be increased from one cent to two cents per gallon.

The resolution was the result of an address before the convention by H. C. Frahm, chief engineer of the state highway commission, in which the commissioners learned that the funds in the highway department at the present time are insufficient to provide durable roads.

It was pointed out that maintenance of a county poor farm has been an expensive proposition in each of several counties and that it would be cheaper and more convenient for two or more counties to cooperate in maintaining one poor farm for the residents of the several counties. A motion to ask the 1927 legislature for a law giving two or more counties permission to establish such a joint poor farm was passed.

In another resolution adopted it was decided to recommend to the legislature that the body discontinue to provide new laws for the purpose of dividing delinquent taxes and interest on them with subdivisions of the various counties and that the legislature enact legislation allowing the money to be placed in the general county funds.

WOMEN OF NORTHWEST FAMED FOR SMALL FEET SHOE DEALERS DECLARE

Women of the Northwest have the smallest and trimmest feet and ankles and buy the best shoes of any section of the country.

Such is the declaration of more than 500 retail shoe dealers of the Northwest, who conducted their annual convention last week at the Radisson hotel, Minneapolis.

The demand of the Northwest, the shoemen say, is a distinct factor in setting the shoe styles of the United States and the world.

Novel styles and colors and decorations may come from Paris, they maintain further, but it takes American leather and American craftsmanship to turn out real stylish shoes.

The exhibitors predicted a "wild" shoe year, with novel footwear of much color, fancy decorations and spiked heels.

"From 60 to 75 per cent of women's shoes this year will be patent leather," another exhibitor declared. "Also, high heels are getting higher. The demand is for 2 1-2 inch heels but there will be many 3-inch heels sold, too."

STATE CONVENTIONS ON FEBRUARY 24-25

The Independent Voters association will meet in convention in Devils Lake on February 24 to endorse candidates for state offices, the call having been issued by the state central committee which met in Fargo last Friday. The call provides for county conventions on February 12, at which delegates to the state convention will be chosen.

On February 25, a day after the Independent Voters' convention, the North Dakota Republican convention will be held in Devils Lake, and candidates for the United States senatorship and to the three congressional seats will be designated. The Republican county conventions will be held on February 17.

MILHOLLAN GRADE CROSSING CHAIRMAN

Each member of the state railroad commission has been assigned to one or more committees of the National Association of Railroad and Utilities Commissioners. By the president of that organization.

Frank Milhollan, chairman of the North Dakota body, has been named chairman of the committee on grade crossings and a member of the executive, and co-operation with federal and state commissions committees. Commissioner C. W. McDonnell has been named on the car service and demurrage committee, and Commissioner Fay Harding on the motor vehicle transportation committee.

The national organization is trying to establish uniformity in the regulation of all utilities, Milhollan said. It maintains a national office at Washington and has a special department for consideration of railroad valuation matters.

WINDMILL INVENTED BY DAKOTAN GOES TO PERSIA

One of the Aerolite windmills which generate electricity for storage batteries, of which George Manikowske, Richland county, is the inventor has been sold to the chairman in infant Persia.

Under instructions, the apparatus is to be packed in boxes weighing not more than 300 pounds each, so that camels may transport the outfit across the Persian desert.

MORE UNIONS CONTEMPLATED

Announcement that the executive board of State Federation of Labor will meet Sunday at Fargo to consider plans for an extensive campaign to organize labor unions in North Dakota, was made yesterday by Frank Milhollan, president of the state federation of labor and chairman of the state railroad commission.

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LETTER FROM WASHINGTON

Discussion of Subjects of Concern to North Dakota by a North Dakotan in the Nation's Capital

Congress Faces Important Issues
Congress is beset with many important issues and will be for some weeks to come. The senate is struggling with the filibuster that has been used against the world court and the debate on the tax bill. Much valuable time is being wasted and Vice President Dawes is impatient and telling the people over the radio of the foolish delays and placing the blame where it belongs.

In the house business is moving freely. The tax bill was passed quickly, the foreign settlement argued and debated and several agreed to, the appropriation of \$50,000 asked by the president to defray the expenses of our representatives to a world's conference as to a peace commission to bring about peace among the nations was approved and arguments are now being had on the appropriation bill for the navy.

The House committee on agriculture is holding meetings every day and giving hearings to many men prominent as economists, and students of the farm problems. Mr. Noyes of St. Paul presented his plan for the imposition of an excise tax on production and the payment of a bounty on exports and Mr. Vrooman of Bloomington, Illinois, spoke on the establishment of a foreign credit board. It is likely that a measure embodying these ideas will be worked out by the committee.

Chairman Haugen of the House committee on agriculture expects to report the co-operative marketing bill out for action on the floor early next week.

The obstacles to co-operation in any basic industry are the obstacles to co-operation found in all branches of organized labor. Whether the industry is coal, textiles, steel, the theater or government. Detailed problems may, and do, differ, but the fundamental obstacles to the solution of such problems appear to be the same the world over. The solution to any detailed problem, as a consequence, hinges upon a clearer understanding of these basic obstacles, and the farmers who really desire government advice and help in the solving of their problems can get it under this law.

Would Modify Volstead Law
Fifty-six members of the House, who have organized themselves into an unofficial committee on modification of the Volstead law, yesterday issued an appeal to other members of Congress to join them in their move to break down prohibition.

Say World Court Pact Fraud
Charges that the World Court pact is a stupendous fraud which will exploit the United States for the benefit of foreign countries were made yesterday by S. O. Levinson of Chicago, who conferred with Senators Borah, Reed and others leading the Senate opposition to the Court proposal.

The new tax bill faces a long, hard fight in the Senate, despite the "non-

partisan" report of the Senate finance committee on Saturday. Sharp criticism against certain features of the measure, which broke out on the Senate floor yesterday, foreshadowed the fight to be made against the bill.

In response to vigorous demands from the Philippine Islands for an understanding on their status under the American flag, Representative Wainwright filed joint resolutions in the House yesterday authorizing congressional committees to visit the islands and make recommendations to Congress.

Colonel Mitchell gives it out that he will "sit tight" until President Coolidge has finally passed upon the sentence of the court-martial board of generals which stripped him of rank, pay and duty for five years.

President Coolidge favors adoption of a constitutional amendment providing definite authority for the United States to seize and operate coal mines when necessary to protect the public from suffering caused by lockout or strike.

The "Hellish" Thing
A war engine of death so terrible in its destructive power as almost to forbid description, was brought to the attention of Congress by a reputed bomb wizard of the World War. The "hellish thing," as Representative Tilson, Republican floor leader, characterized it, is a flying torpedo, with a capacity of over two tons of high explosive and a range of 1,000 miles.

The National Grange is the oldest and perhaps the largest plant in point of membership, of all farm organizations. Many of the men connected with the agricultural department and members of Congress were members of the Grange in their home states, and these men held a meeting for social chat and an exchange of ideas Thursday evening. More than 200 ex-farm men and women were present and a number of excellent short addresses were delivered. A local organization was perfected to work for the advancement of farm legislation under the charter of the national grange.

14,000 Reservations Made
The National Educational association will hold its annual convention in Washington during the last week of February. The hotels report more than 14,000 reservations already made. The tentative program indicates a very interesting and profitable session. Miss Nielson, superintendent of public instruction, and many other North Dakota educators have signified their intention to attend this conference.

Hon. George Fowler and William Stern of Fargo and Adjutant General Fraser of Bismarck, and Mrs. J. E. Featherstone of Valley City were among the Dakotans in the city this week. Mr. A. A. Aakrann of Minot stopped over here long enough to get his passports for a trip to the Holy Land. He expects to be gone about four months. Mrs. Alex Stern of Fargo had her passports vised here and she leaves New York for a European trip Saturday.

Frank Heer, a resident of Bowman for 18 years, died in a Dickinson hospital last week. His widow and three children survive.