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THE COURTEOUS DRIVER KEEPS HIS PASSENGERS AS COMFORTABLE AS POSSIBLE, SAYS THE CHICAGO MOTOR CLUB. HE DOESN'T TURN CORNERS SO FAST THAT HIS PASSENGERS MUST GRAB FOR A SUPPORT, MAKE SUDDEN STARTS AND STOPS WHICH THROW HIS GUESTS OUT OF THEIR SEATS, OR SMOKE WHEN OTHERS ARE MADE UNCOMFORTABLE BY IT.

THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

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Washington, D. C., Dec. 18 — So many amendments have been made to the Farm Bill on the floor of the Senate that I doubt if its authors — Senator Pope, of Idaho, and Senator McGill, of Kansas — will recognize it when printed in its final form. And, strangely enough, one of the severest critics has been Senator Borah, of Idaho, who has not felt he should be deterred in his criticisms simply because the junior senator from his agricultural state is one of its authors.

The leader in the amending process has been Senator Charles L. McNary, of Oregon. He has been the chief antagonist. He has been a big problem to Pope and McGill as they have labored in day and night sessions to bring their bill to final enactment without major amendments. There probably have been occasions when the authors secretly wished that the Oregon senator would be "unavoidably detained from the Senator Chamber."

With meticulous legal skill Senator McNary has dissected line after line of the bill. While we may not necessarily agree with his views, he has ability, rare ability, and we have to admire it. On many occasions he has remonstrated his technical knowledge of parliamentary rules, being quick to stop a seemingly innocent motion which would trap less wary Senators. And, having served for many years on the Committee on Agriculture, he has a detailed knowledge of the farm problem. A clever parliamentarian, with a knowledge of the subject being debated and ability in making telling points in argument, is the type of debater one likes to have on his side. But Pope and McGill have had him against them and their farm bill.

The dairy farmers of Illinois should be particularly interested in the efforts of Senator McNary. Last Friday he succeeded, by a vote of 41 to 38, in having an amendment inserted in the Farm Bill to prevent land taken out of production of crops being used for the production of dairy products

where those products come into competition with the established dairy industry.

Under the existing Soil Conservation Act, for example, payments are made to the cotton farmers who take their land out of production and plant grasses. These farmers naturally turned to the raising of cattle and entered into the dairy industry. The result has been that the cattle raisers of the North and the dairy farmers began to find themselves in direct competition with the Southern producers of their products. Senator McNary's amendment is designed to afford the established dairy and cattle interests of the North protection from this development.

As to be expected, bitter opposition to the amendment came from the Southern Senators. Vehement opposition was also expressed by Pope and McGill, the co-authors of the Administration's bill. But McNary was able to defeat the opposition, notwithstanding the Administration's pressure, and an issue which has been fought for four years was won for the dairy, cattle and poultry interests.

In making his appeal against the amendment Senator Bankhead of Alabama stated that the amendment was of the same character as the previous amendment offered by Senator Ellender in connection with cotton which Senator Borah claimed was unconstitutional. Senator Borah quickly replied that he believed the Ellender cotton amendment to be unconstitutional and likewise the McNary dairy amendment, but he believed the whole bill to be unconstitutional and was therefore willing to have the dairy interests "go up or down with all others interested." Thus Senator Borah destroyed the effect of Senator Bankhead's argument.

With Borah and McNary to contend with, the Administration has had a hard fight in the Senate to save its Farm Bill. In an effort to drive it to final enactment the majority leader has forced the Sen-

ate into night sessions. But whatever the final result, looking at the matter objectively, we all have to recognize that it is the learning and ability of such men as Borah and McNary, even though we may not fully agree with their contentions, that contribute much toward the strengthening of our laws. The process of having to "hammer bills out of the legislative anvil", though trying and tiresome, is much to be preferred to the well-known "rubber-stamping" process that characterized other sessions of Congress.

Do You Know Illinois

Q. Who was the sixth Governor of Illinois?

A. Joseph Duncan.

Q. Where and when was Duncan born?

A. Paris, Kentucky, February 22, 1794. He came to Illinois in 1818 and was elected Governor in 1834.

Q. Who were Duncan's opponents in the gubernatorial campaign?

A. William Kinney, 10,229; Robert K. McLaughlin, 4,315; and James Adams, 887. Duncan received 17,349 votes.

Q. How did Governor Duncan express his general policy in his first inaugural address?

A. " . . . Nor is it desirable that the people should be entirely relieved from the burden of supporting the government, lest they might become indifferent to its administration, careless in selecting their officers, and less vigilant in scrutinizing their public conduct. To keep the government poor, and the people rich, is a political maxim which ought never to be forgotten by those who are charged with preserving the purity of our institutions, and jealously guarding those principles in our constitution which secure the rights, the power, and freedom of the people."

Q. Was Duncan ever again a candidate for Governor?

A. He ran in 1842 as the Whig candidate and was defeated.

Q. When and where did Governor Duncan die?

A. January 15, 1844, at his home in Jacksonville, Ill.

Q. Who was the seventh Governor of Illinois?

A. Thomas Carlin, born in Kentucky, July 18, 1789, he came to Illinois in 1812.

Q. What offices did Carlin hold prior to his election as Governor?

A. He was the first sheriff of Greene County, was twice elected to the State Senate, and at the time of his nomination for Governor was register of the land office at Quincy.

Q. Who was Carlin's opponent?

A. Cyrus Edwards, both of Governor Ninian Edwards. Carlin won by a majority of 996.

Q. What were the platforms of the two parties in the elections?

A. Democratic: "For the Sub-treasury. Against a National Bank, and for a vigorous prosecution and final completion of the Internal Improvement System."

Whig: "Anti-Subtreasury. For a sound specie paying National Bank, and for curtailing of the Internal Improvement System."

Parents to Hear Talk by Dr. Hamrin at Meeting Jan. 6

In line with the recent nationwide celebration of the birth of Horace Mann, the great educator who is known as the "Father of the Public School System," at which the need for more cooperation between the school and home was stressed, is the talk to be given at the January meeting of the High School P.T.A. on Thursday, the sixth. "Parent-Teacher Relationships" will be discussed in the charming English Club Room, following the usual conferences with the teachers and the friendly cup of tea at 3 o'clock, by a professor at Northwestern university, who is especially well qualified to speak on the subject.

Dr. S. A. Harris of the School of Education at Northwestern was formerly principal of the University High school at the Illinois State Normal University at Normal, Illinois, where he made an extensive study of student personnel and guidance work as well as school organization and administration problems. At the present time he is conducting a series of interviews on Station WGN at 1 o'clock on Sundays with high school students. Dr. Harris has an interesting personality and is an accomplished public speaker. Parents who are eager to do their part in co-operating with the school faculty will find his talk very valuable.

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