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Farm Legislation Too Tangled Up With Politics To Make Sense

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Congress has finally reached agreement on what it terms a "compromise" farm bill. It accepts the principle of flexible price supports but puts off the effective date of this new system until at least 1951.

at least 1951. Meanti.i.e., supports will be maintained at the same rigid 90 per cent of parity where they have been held for several years. Parity is a price plane com-puted to give farmers a fair pur-that they should get enough for the things they need. A 90 per cent of parity price-mantes the farmer that figure-sers far below such a level. Meaning this plan in effect cran-hardly be hailed as a show of good sense and courage on the





sion and inequity already dis rupting the farm economy. Con-ing decisive action. With the known strength of the farm bloc say that the lawmakers will stand by their "compromise" and acti-ually introduce a sliding scale of supports some two years hence? The evident fact is that Con-gress has made a politic at choice. Warned by President Tru-supports might cost the Demo-crats the farm vote of 1950, the to keep the farmers in the bag. The President's bluntly politi-to dep the farmers in the bag. The President's bluntly politi-to dep the farmers in the bag. The President's bluntly politi-to dep the farmers in the bag. The President's bluntly politi-to the present surplus crop emer-gency than is the action of Con-gress. Both have flouted the ad-vice of the leading far far more gency than is the action of the bag. The Dresident's bluntly politi-to the present surplus crop emer-gency than is the action of the vice of the leading far far more gency than is the action of the stations, and the Democrats have mored their own plat for m-pledge to achieve a better sour-tion.

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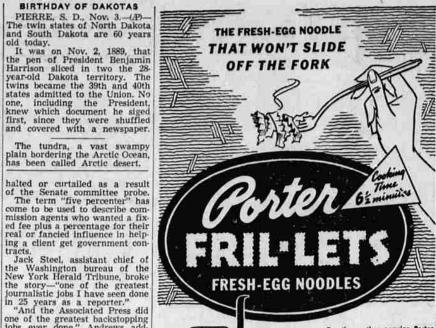
BIRTHDAY OF DAKOTAS **AP Service In** PIERRE, S. D., Nov. 3.-(A)-The twin states of North Dakota and South Dakota are 60 years old today. **"Five Percent" Exposure Lauded**

FORT WORTH, Tex., Nov. 3. (P)—The "five percenter" expo-sures in Washington were whole-somely effective, despite admin-istration efforts to "belittle" the accomplishments of investiga-ton correspondent said Wednes-day.

The tundra, a vast swampy plain bordering the Arctic Ocean, has been called Arctic desert.

day. Bert Andrews, chief correspond-ent of the New York Herald Trib-une in Washington, said the re-cent investigations caused this question to be asked the country-over: "Can a man be five percent a bad apple?" Andrews, in an address pre-pared for delivery before the 16th annual meeting of the Associated Press Managing Editors associ-ation, named names of men whose careers, he said, were

this been called Arche desert. The term "five before the loth a bad apple?" Andrews, in an address pre-pared for delivery before the loth annual meeting of the Associated Press Managing Editors associ-ation, named names of men whose careers, he said, were any other farm expert was able to forecast with any assurance what the plan might cost. The House this year voted down even a trial run on a limited number of crops. The lesson here would seem to be that our lawmakers w o uid rather stick with a plan whose bad features are at least partiy evident than plump for so me thing they fear might turn out much, worse. But none of this sounds like a very sensible way to make laws, does it?



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