

Americans Learning To Sleep Alone And Like It, Bedding Expert Claims

Chicago, Jan. 12.—(U.P.)—A big increase in the sale of twin beds shows that married couples are learning to "sleep alone and like it," a bedding expert said today.

J. P. Fanning, attending the international home furnishings market, said twin bed sales have all but doubled since the war. About 68 per cent are twin beds now, he said, compared with

only 25 per cent before the war. Fanning qualifies as an authority on beds as manager of the National Association of Bedding Manufacturers, which represents 85 per cent of the industry.

Trend Healthful
"American couples just don't go for that cold-feet-in-the-back stuff any more," Fanning said.

He said the trend toward solitary sleeping is healthful, too. "The blanket-snatcher subjects his mate to drafts and chilliness," Fanning said, "and the bed-hog disturbs the other person's rest."

He cited research on American sleeping habits conducted at the University of Chicago and Colgate university, in which it was found that the normal person changes his sleeping position from 20 to 45 times during the night.

To accomplish these twists and turns, the researchers found, the normal sleeper requires a space 39 inches wide. Standard double beds measure only 54 inches across—27 inches for each person, Fanning said.

Emphasis on Length
"Even if each bedmate stays strictly on his own side, there still isn't enough room," he said. There is a trend toward out-sized beds, Fanning said, but for the most part the emphasis is on length.

Fanning said the standard mattress length of 62½ inches was set in the 1920's, but since then American men have become taller.

He cited figures compiled by the armed forces during both world wars which show there are 70 per cent more men over six feet today than there were in 1918.

"To meet this need," Fanning said, "several manufacturers are producing mattresses 78 and 81 inches long."

Might Cut Divorce
Fanning said the trend toward twin beds might cut the great American divorce rate, and quoted as his authority a prominent Chicago divorce judge.

"He said that if American couples would quit trying to sleep in double beds they would have more privacy and rest, and would be better able to meet the strains of married life," Fanning said.

"The result would be fewer broken homes."

SWINDLER IN PEN
Chicago, Jan. 12.—(U.P.)—Sigmund Engel, convicted 74-year-old love swindler, leaves for the state penitentiary today to begin serving a two to 10 year term for bilking a Chicago widow of \$8,700.

Dead line on Classified Ads: 5:30 p.m. for following day; 10 a.m. Monday noon Saturday for Sunday a.m.



FLASH FIRE GUTS HOSPITAL—Firemen remove elderly woman from the still burning women's mental building of Mercy Hospital at Davenport, Ia., which was turned into a raging death trap as a flash fire swept the 60-year-old building. At least 31 women, many trapped in their barred rooms, perished in the flames.

Letter From Washington

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH
Member of Congress From Oregon

Our constitution requires that the president shall "from time to time give to the congress information on the state of the Union, and recommend to their consideration such measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient."

Presidents Washington and Adams delivered their messages orally when congress assembled. Jefferson discontinued this practice and transmitted his message in writing. This became a custom which was followed by our presidents for 112 years until April 8, 1913 when President Wilson re-established the custom of addressing congress in person.

Accordingly, President Truman appeared in person and delivered his message after the opening of the second session of this 81st congress last week.

The reception given the president when he entered the chamber and was presented, was splendid. The members of congress on both sides of the aisle like Mr. Truman personally, as their applause clearly indicated.

However, what he had to say in his message was applauded only very lightly. I watched the source of such applause as was given during the speech. It came from a rather small group on the democratic side which I would identify as being the left-wing con-

tingent of the present majority in congress. A sizeable majority of the democratic members and practically all of the republican members "sat on their hands" as theater people say.

Lest you might think I mention this lack of applause for the message in a spirit of hide-bound partisanship, I must point out that my comments represent accurate observation and reporting as anyone who was present would testify. On the other hand, I consider the nature and extent of the applause an important and seldom obtained indication of the general attitude of the members of congress toward the president's requests for legislation. In other words, I am now convinced that most of the democratic members of the house do not, in their hearts, approve of the president's program but it will be surprising indeed if they vote against it. The administration in power can wield a disciplinary lash which its party members are inclined to fear.

Although much more wordy, the message itself was but a rehash of the last several speeches Mr. Truman has made. About the only thing missing was his former reference to all opponents of his views as representatives of the selfish and greedy inter-

Tucker Trial Will Resume On Friday

Chicago, Jan. 12.—(U.P.)—Arguments for directed verdicts of acquittal will be resumed tomorrow in the trial of would-be auto builder Preston Tucker and seven associates on charges of mail fraud and conspiracy.

The 11-week-trial was in recess today after Defense Attorney Floyd Thompson asked immediate freedom for Floyd D. Cerf, underwriter for the sale of Tucker Corp. stock.

Thompson argued that government prosecutors failed to link Cerf with the charges or to show that a conspiracy existed in the firm's efforts to build a revolutionary rear-engine automobile.

Attorneys for Tucker and the other defendants are scheduled to be heard by Federal Judge Walter J. La Buy tomorrow.

Whacking Of Salary Changes Decision Of Constable Candidate

Childress, Tex., Jan. 12.—(U.P.)—Harm Ricks Sr. got out of politics in a hurry today because he did not want to be called "two-buck constable."

Ricks tossed his ten-gallon hat into the ring Tuesday, but decided he didn't need to put a shiny star on his vest when he learned the Childress county commissioner's court had reduced the constable's salary from \$125 a month to \$25.

"Since the commissioners decided they don't want a constable—and they must not at two bucks a month—I'm pulling out," said Ricks.

EXPENSIVE TALK

St. Paul, Minn.—(U.P.)—It cost John G. Erickson of St. Paul \$1,781.25 per word to tell an officer what he thought of him. Erickson answered a policeman's whistle at an intersection by 14 well-chosen words: "When a man gets a star on his chest it goes to his head." Erickson paid a \$25 fine on a disorderly conduct charge.

Great Bend, Kan.—(U.P.)—Linda Lou Lenoir has had a lot of bad breaks the last two years. The nine-year-old girl has suffered three broken arms, two broken legs and a skull fracture since September, 1947.

ests. He was apparently holding out a slightly wilted olive branch to those who disagreed with him. The rest of it was the same. He asks for measures which would increase government spending. He says he will ask for more taxes. Many of his proposals would increase his executive control. Summed up, Mr. Truman and his administration want to collect more money from the people and spend it for them rather than let the people spend their own money for themselves as they see fit. In other words, what he proposes is nothing more or less than a controlled socialist state.

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Feed, Grazing Prospects Good For Livestock In Western Third of U.S.

Denver, Jan. 12.—(U.P.)—Farmers and ranchers in the western third of the United States began 1950 with their livestock, feed and grazing prospects "in much better condition" than last year, the western branch of the U. S. bureau of agricultural economics disclosed today.

The report bore out advance predictions that the west generally was in a good position this winter to cope with an emergency such as that created by prolonged and a vast-sweeping blizzards early in 1949.

Feed Conditions Good
On Jan. 1, 1950, the report found, winter range feed conditions in the west were generally good. Range grazing conditions were better than a year ago, particularly in the central and southern great plains and the southwest. Livestock was in good condition with only light shrink

from early January storms. Most of the cattle shrinkage was in the northern areas. The actual condition of western cattle was 84 per cent, the same as the 10-year average. Last year at this time it was 80 per cent. Sheep and lambs were in "good to very good" condition. Only in eastern Montana, north-

western Wyoming, and western South Dakota did the sheep show the effects of the past dry season.

Sheep and lamb condition on January 1 was 85 per cent, one point under the 10-year average, but far above last year's 81 per cent.

Oregon Stocks Down
Here is a state-by-state breakdown of the report:

Idaho—Short-term cold waves late in December failed to seriously diminish feed supplies. Cattle and sheep in generally good condition.

Washington—Cold weather and snow made feeding necessary in all counties. Range feed was short on January 1, but supplies were generally ample. Livestock was in good but below average condition.

Oregon—Moderate December weather permitting grazing in most areas. Hay stacks are below average generally but will probably be adequate for a normal winter. Livestock good condition.

ASSEMBLYMAN BETTER

San Francisco, Jan. 12.—(U.P.)—Thomas A. Maloney, 20th district assemblyman and speaker pro-tem of the state assembly,

was reported "doing very nicely" at French hospital after a gall bladder operation.

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