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SOUTHWESTERN BREEZES

By Romaine Saunders

National and state chairmen of the political parties get much unmerited credit. Probably not more than one-tenth of one per cent of the voters are influenced by anything these functionaries do.

At 8:30 Sunday evening Will Dierks knocked at my door and wanted to borrow a shovel to get his car out of the snow at the corner. Coming from the east he had missed the auto track and drove into the remains of a drift that the storm of November 11 piled up and which had been added to by subsequent snow falls. If there is snow anywhere in the county that corner will have it. Bill was an hour working the car out.

L. E. Downey, formerly Burlington agent at O'Neill, and now connected with the same railroad in a larger capacity at Hastings, has sent me one of the Burlington's new calendars. Having made a life study of typography and kindred arts, perhaps it is not transgressing the proprieties of personal modesty to venture an authoritative critical opinion in stating that this calendar is a work of art and a thing of beauty, a worthy souvenir of one of the country's great transportation systems, in which opinion Mrs. Saunders heartily concurs. Thank you, Lee.

On the authority of an official report of the Department of Agriculture to congress, it is learned that the big money dispensed under the AAA went to such outstanding farmers as the Equitable Life Insurance Company, of Iowa, and the Federal Land Bank, of Omaha, each being paid considerable over \$100,000 for one year's "conservation." Maybe the little fellow who dug in the dirt out in the sun and wind was just as happy over the \$3 or \$4 he got.

Maybe there was a new man at the keyboard last week, who was unable to translate into good type some of my admittedly difficult manuscript. It could hardly be the boss himself as D. H. could read such marks as E. H. Benedict made purporting to be writing with the ease and fluency that he would had it been spread out in pica boldface. At any rate some portions of the Breezes were badly dealt with and perhaps the readers may have wondered if my pen and mental functions had failed to co-ordinate.

The 12th of January this new year was a decided contrast to the 12th of January, 1888. Old timers know from experience, the younger ones from tradition, what '88 means. It has been some years since one would go about the affairs of the ranch on January 12 in his shirt sleeves as I have done today. Calm, warm, cloudless, from early dawn to golden sunset. It was a day for outdoors living. Chickens scratched in the moist earth, horses dozed in the sun, cattle browsed in the open, the herd bolls sending out deep-throated challenge to neighboring herds, a fly come to life and gone buzzing around to see if the time to start a new colony had come, turkeys perched high on windmill tower to look over the landscape, wild life strangely silent in its hiding. Night closes in over the quiet prairie and out of the northeast the moon's full orb rides in stately splendor to bathe us again in that incomparable dream of a calm night in the country. Then out of memory's vivid picture there flashes the appalling horrors of man and beast and bird that perished in a storm so overwhelming, a temperature so crushing, a snow so baffling—a blizzard of such majestic fury that the 12th of January, of which as I write this is the fifty-third anniversary, has become the outstanding historical fact in the experiences of the prairie dwellers. Vicissitudes of life are much like the weather. It takes the '88s to stiffen the moral

Charles Jenkins

Charles Jenkins passed away at his home five miles north of O'Neill on January 15, 1941, after a protracted illness of several months.

Mr. Jenkins was born on January 3, 1866, in Fremont county, Iowa, residing there until 16 years of age, when the family moved to Woodbury county, Iowa. On January 19, 1891, he was united in marriage to Susan Keitges at Onawa, Iowa. Two children were born of this union, Dr. Thomas N. Jenkins, professor of Experimental Psychology at New York University, New York City; and Cecelia T. Hay, of Silver City, New Mexico, who with their mother are left to mourn the passing of a very kind and affectionate father.

Mr. Jenkins moved to Antelope county, Nebraska, in 1901, where he operated a ranch for several years, rearing cattle and farming. In 1911-12, he lived in O'Neill, during which time he hauled all of the brick and other materials utilized in the construction of the Golden Hotel. In 1920, they purchased their present home, where he was residing at the time of his death.

In the prime of life there was nothing he enjoyed more than large herds of fine horses and cattle. For many years, before his arrival at O'Neill, he was a connoisseur and breeder of Hamiltonian and English thoroughbred horses. The first horse he owned was the dam of his favorite running horse, namely, Joker, a stallion which he reared in the nineties. Joker cleared a half-mile track in the middle west in 48 seconds. Later he became the owner of Dollie Beattie, the dam of Shady Beattie, Lady Beattie and Bessie Beattie. Shady and Lady won many great races in the east, the former winning the Chamber of Commerce sweepstakes at Detroit. As indicated, heretofore, Mr. Jenkins was also a breeder of heavy draft horses. Some O'Neill residents may still recall a pair of these horses used in hauling the materials for the Golden Hotel.

Mr. Jenkins was a loyal neighbor and friend and was very helpful with those whom he considered as bona-fide friends.

Funeral services will be held at the Methodist church Sunday at 2 p. m., Rev. Wright officiating.

Relatives and friends received word Tuesday, January 7, of the untimely death of Judge Hay of Silver City, New Mexico, while crossing a street to purchase an evening paper.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our sincere thanks to the many kind friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy, during the last illness and following the death of our beloved father and grandfather, the late George T. Davis.—The George Davis Family.

fibre of men and women; the '41s to determine if the coin of moral worth rings true.

Nation-wide prosperity can hardly be brought about unless organized labor comes to its senses, if that may be. A stumbling block in the way of procuring a sufficient number of either artisans or common laborers to speed up defensive measures are exorbitant fees required to join a union. Had the principal of the open shop been made a requirement in all government defense contracts both union and non-union workers stand an equal chance. I know something of the workings of unionism. Officials, aided by radicals in the ranks, establish high initiation fees and subsequent dues as a means of maintaining their own princely salaries. I know a certain pressman who had a way of his own of outsmarting the lords of unionism. The secretaries of the locals came around each month to collect the assessments on your earnings. The pressman would report about half of his earnings by the simple means of fictitious layoffs. The facts were never laid off but did have a lot of overtime. And perhaps he had no monopoly on this method of cutting (Continued on Page 8)

JAMES C. HARNISH PASSES AWAY

James C. Harnish died at his home in this city Wednesday morning about one o'clock after an illness of several weeks of ailments incident to advanced years, at the age of 84 years, 7 months and 11 days. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence, Rev. Ohmart officiating, and burial in Prospect Hill cemetery.

James C. Harnish was born at Rimersburg, Pennsylvania, on June 4, 1856. When a young man he moved west and came to O'Neill in 1885, coming here from Niobrara when the land office was moved to this city, Mr. Harnish being a clerk in the office, so that he had been a resident of O'Neill for nearly fifty-six years. On February 21, 1836, he was united in marriage to Miss Jane Jacobs, at Turner, Nebr., later named Meek. To this union six children were born, one son and five daughters, one daughter died in infancy so that he leaves to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate husband and father his loving wife, a son and four daughters. They are Frank D. Harnish, Norfolk; Miss Ruth, at home; Naomi Pearson, Neligh; Edna Carnes, Plainview; Della McKim, Albuquerque, New Mexico, besides several grandchildren.

For years Mr. Harnish was one of the best known men in the county and one of the most highly respected residents. He served on the O'Neill school board for many years. For fifty-seven years he was a member of the local I. O. O. F. lodge and served as its secretary for forty-two years. He also served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the state and represented this state at at least two national conventions of the Order. For years he also served as a member of the Board of the Odd Fellow home at York, Nebr. He also ably and conscientiously served the people of this county as county treasurer for two terms. In every position to which he was elected by the votes of the people or to those offices to which he was appointed he ably and creditably filled the position for which he had been selected with credit to himself and the society or party which had selected him, which is a pleasing memory to those loved ones he leaves behind.

The writer had known Mr. Harnish for about fifty-five years and we knew him to be one of the finest men we had ever known. His word was as good as his bond; honest, upright and faithful to every trust imposed in him and loyal and faithful to his friends, love and devotion to his family. The past six or seven years failing health had curtailed many of his activities but for fifty years James Harnish was at all times ready and willing to assist in any undertaking that would tend to improve the conditions of the people of the city he had chosen for his home and no man performed more duties for the many organizations in the city than he did and all with a cheerful smile that seemed to say, "It is a pleasure." He has passed on but his memory will long be cherished in the hearts of his loved ones and the many friends that he had in this city and state.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the many kind friends and neighbors for the many acts of kindness and assistance given during our dear mother's recent illness and following her death. Also for the many beautiful offerings received.—Elizabeth T. Madison and family; Benjamin W. Rodenwald and wife; Mable L. Sanders and family; Rose I. Davey and family; Lorena E. Anspach and family; Loretta E. Hughes.

Miss Marie and Helen Biglin, Miss Marjorie Dickson and Miss Genevieve Biglin drove to Norfolk last Saturday and spent the afternoon and evening there visiting friends and relatives.

A Word To Frontier Readers

We wish to call the attention of those of our readers who are in arrears that we must have money to continue in business.

Many of our readers have doubtless thoughtlessly allowed their subscription to run along year after year, and we ask them now to come in and settle.

Payment of these little bills mean a good deal to the publisher as they run into hundreds of dollars. So we trust you will call, settle up, and start 1941 with a clean slate.

O'Neill Girl Married In Nation's Capital

A wedding of interest to local residents took place at Washington, D. C., on Tuesday, January 7, when Miss Exlaura McDonough, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McDonough of O'Neill, Nebr., became the bride of Mr. Thomas H. Spates of Leesburg, Virginia.

The ceremony was solemnized at high noon at St. Matthew's Cathedral, Rev. John B. Argant officiating.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother-in-law, Donald Sutcliffe, of Washington, D. C. She wore a gown of pastel green crepe of street length, with a becoming braided jacket. She wore as accessories a beige hat of pleated felt, with slippers and gloves to match. Her corsage of white roses the ensemble.

The bride's sister, Mrs. Dorothy and lilies-of-the-valley completed Sutcliffe, was matron of honor. She wore a pasty rose street dress, complimented by a flowered hat of the same shade and a corsage predominantly blue.

The groom was attended by his brother, Mr. Jetson F. Spates, of Berryville, Virginia.

Following the wedding, a breakfast was given by the bride's sister. Members of the family and close friends attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Spates have left for a short cruise, after which they will make their home in Leesburg, Va.—Leesburg Times, Leesburg, Va.

BAR MEMBERS ARE ENTERTAINED BY JUDGE DICKSON

Judge Dickson entertained at a luncheon Saturday, at the Golden Hotel, the lawyers of this district. All attended with the exception of three, two of whom were prevented from coming on account of previous professional engagements and the third on account of sickness. At one-fifteen, escorted by the reception committee, they repaired to the dining room, and twenty-four answered to roll call. They came from every county in the district. The occasion being the twenty-ninth anniversary of the Judge's assuming the duties of this judicial district. Judge Dickson is now the senior judge in the state in point of continuous service, having been elected in 1911 and re-elected thereafter each term to succeed himself.

Judge Dickson, in his letters of invitation, suggested that the bar consider a proposed change by the committee of the State Bar Association relating to the manner of the nomination and election of our judges (Supreme and District). After luncheon the lawyers, with W. L. Brennan, President of our district bar association, presiding gave the proposed change very careful and considerate consideration, and without a dissenting vote instructed the association's secretary to write the committee of the state bar association that they were unalterably opposed to any change in the law relating to the nomination and election of our judges.

It was an enjoyable and long to be remembered meeting. ***

MUSIC CONTEST BANQUET SUCCESS

The music contest banquet, which was postponed from December, was held on Wednesday evening at the Golden Hotel in this city, with about sixty-nine present, about thirty being guests from out of town, and about thirty-nine present from O'Neill. The following towns were represented at the meeting, with one or more present from each place: Atkinson, O'Neill, Creighton, Long Pine, Stuart, Bassett, Inman, Spencer, Ewing, Niobrara and Pave. Cards were received from several other towns, who had no representative present, and it is thought that due to the bad roads and inclement weather, they were unable to come.

O. L. Webb, of Lincoln, Secretary and Treasurer of the Nebraska High School Association, was present, and explained the rules and regulations governing the music contests. J. R. Bittner, Superintendent of Schools at Fullerton, Nebraska, was also present, and gave a very interesting talk on the way the contests have been conducted at Fullerton the past few years.

Donald E. Tewell, of Atkinson, president; Rex Gray, of Creighton, Secretary, and Orin Bell of Ainsworth, members of the Management Committee of this district, were also present.

C. F. Grill, superintendent of the O'Neill Public School was elected local manager of the contest, and the date has been announced as April 18 and 19. Mr. Webb, of Lincoln, and Ira George, music instructor of the O'Neill Schools, announced that they believed that between 12 and fifteen hundred students would be present during the two days of the contest. This number includes the various bands, instrumental groups and soloists who will play.

COUNTY BOARD ORGANIZES

The Holt County Board of Supervisors organized for business last Tuesday by the election of William Wulf, of Deloit township, as chairman of the board. Mr. Wulf was elected on the first formal ballot receiving five of the votes to two cast for Supervisor Gibson.

Chairman Wulf named the following committees for the ensuing year:

- Court House—Sullivan, Smith, Matousek.
- Finance—Schollmeyer, Stein, Gibson.
- Printing—Smith, Stein, Schollmeyer.
- Taxes—Stein, Gibson, Smith.
- Bonds—Sullivan, Gibson, Schollmeyer.
- Bridges—Matousek, Smith, Sullivan.
- Settlement With County Officers—Gibson and Entire Board.
- Claims—Smith and Entire Board.

Ullrich-Forbes

Pius Ullrich, son of Mrs. Catherine Ullrich, of Atkinson, and Miss Doris Forbes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Forbes, of Brunswick, were united in marriage at nine o'clock Thursday morning at the Catholic rectory in this city, the marriage lines being read by Father Parr.

The couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Orville Hitchcock, of Atkinson, Mrs. Hitchcock being a sister of the groom.

The bride wore a tailored dress of gold crepe, with a matching hat of the same material. The accessories were of dark brown. The groom wore a dark gray business suit.

The young couple left immediately after the ceremony for a short trip, after which they will be at home to all of their friends in their apartment in the south part of O'Neill.

The Frontier joins with their many friends in wishing them a long and happy married life.

Dan E. Coffey

Dan E. Coffey died at a hospital in Rochester, Minn., last Sunday afternoon at 4:45, after an illness of several months, of cancer, at the age of 59 years and four months. The body was shipped to Sioux City and was brought here by the Biglin ambulance and the funeral was held from St. Patrick's church on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, Rev. F. X. Dooley, of Brookings, S. D., celebrated a requiem solemn high mass, assisted by Rev. R. F. Duba, of Fairfax, S. D., and Rev. Richard Parr of this city, and interment was in Calvary cemetery at the side of his wife who passed away in 1924.

Dan E. Coffey was born on a farm about three miles west of this city on September 12, 1881, the son of one of the pioneer families of the county, his parents having come to the county from Northern Michigan in the spring of 1877. He grew to manhood here and attended the schools of this city and county. About 1900 he went to Spencer, Nebr., where he entered a bank and spent several years. In 1908 he opened a bank at Fairfax, S. D., where he was for several years, until the panic forced the closing of a number of banks in that state and in other western states. After this he was employed by the State Banking Department of South Dakota for several years, then for the past two and a half years had been with the RFC at Minneapolis, Minn., and lived at Brookings, S. D.

On May 26, 1909, he was united in marriage to Miss Bernice Van Gordon at Spencer, Nebr. To this union four children were born, two of them died in infancy so that two daughters are left to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate father. They are Miss Dorothy and Louise Coffey, of Brookings, S. D. He is also survived by one brother, C. J. Coffey, of Wichita Falls, Texas, and by three sisters. They are Mrs. Frank Daily, Jerome, Idaho; Mrs. T. P. McPharlin and Mrs. Frank Clark, of Buffalo, S. D., all of whom were in the city in attendance at the funeral. The following out-of-town friends of Mr. Coffey were also in the city in attendance at the funeral: W. O. DePuy, Mrs. D. C. Stokesbury, Miss Nellie Roach, Mrs. A. M. Eberle and Miss Clare Ryan, of Brookings, S. D.; Mrs. B. C. Maynard, Minnesota; Mrs. John Knecht, Rapid City, S. D.; Mrs. Guy Stanton, Jerome, Idaho; Harold, Clyde and Clement McPharlin, Buffalo, S. D.; Dr. Jerome E. M. Honke, Sioux City, Iowa; Mrs. P. J. Donohoe, Parnell and Margaret Jean, Bonesteel, S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Montgomery, Norfolk, Nebr.; Mr. and Mrs. Gus Bentz, Spencer; Ed Donohoe, Butte, Nebr.; Thomas Donohoe, White River, S. D.; Dr. Jerome Puclek, Spencer; E. J. Velder, Bonesteel, S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Barr, Colome, S. D.; Mrs. Martin Langan and John Langan, Spencer; Mrs. William Oprobrock, Bonesteel, S. D.; Miss Mary Ryan, Sioux City; John Jones, Bonesteel, S. D.; John Coffey, Wichita Falls, Tex.

Dan Coffey was a fine gentleman and had a host of friends wherever he was known and his passing in the prime of manhood was a severe shock to his many friends in this city and in the other towns in which he had lived. The Frontier force joins the many friends of the family in this city and county in tendering sincere sympathies to the sorrowing family in their hour of sorrow.

CARD OF THANKS

Permit us to extend to our many old friends in this city and surrounding country our heartfelt appreciation for the many acts of kindness rendered us on our recent trip to O'Neill for the burial of our beloved father and brother. Your kindness will ever be a pleasing memory.—Dorothy and Louise Coffey, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Coffey and family; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Daily and family; Mr. and Mrs. T. P. McPharlin and family; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clark and family.

Joe Zeimner, of Denver, Colo., arrived here on Monday to visit friends for a few days.

ST. MARY'S WINS COUNTY TITLE

The St. Mary's Cardinals defeated the Atkinson High quintet for the County Title last Friday night before a crowd of a thousand enthusiastic fans.

From the very beginning it could be plainly seen that this was the game that would make tournament history. The Atkinson Bears started the scoring with a free throw. St. Mary's returned with a basket by Shoemaker to give the start to a game of thrills. The Atkinson quint had a great advantage in their height but the small St. Mary's team made up for more than the oppositions size with their fastness. After a rough first half the score stood 8-8.

Returning to the court with victory in their minds, St. Mary's began hitting the bucket from all ranges but Atkinson's tip-in shots kept them close behind. With two minutes remaining and the score 21-15 Atkinson dunked in two field goals and a free throw to tie the score 21-21. St. Mary's again swished another to again take the lead 23-21 but Atkinson tipped in an easy shot to tie the game at 23-23 when the bell sounded ending of the regular playing time.

Going into a three minute overtime, St. Mary's being a little over-anxious gave Atkinson a free throw which put them in the lead 24-23 but a few minutes later Sirek dropped one from the side to end the game 25-24 and give St. Mary's its first County Title.

St. Mary's earned their way to the finals by defeating Amelia 57-7 and O'Neill High 25-15.

Monday night the St. Mary's squad journeyed to Fairfax, S. D., where they turned back Fairfax High 27-25. Kubitschek and Sirek tied for scoring honors with ten points each.

Anna Caroline Hughes

Anna Caroline Hughes died at her home in this city last Saturday morning about 1:30 after an illness of several months, of cancer, at the age of 69 years, 11 months and 7 days. The funeral was held from the Presbyterian church last Monday afternoon, Rev. Beers, of Salina, Kansas, officiating and burial in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Anna Caroline Johring was born at Natrona, Illinois, on February 6, 1871. When a young girl she came with her parents to this county and they located northwest of O'Neill where she grew to womanhood. The family came to this county in 1884, coming here from Lincoln, Nebraska. On August 16, 1892, she was united in marriage to George Rodenwald. To this union five children were born, one son and four daughters, four of whom are left to mourn the passing of a kind and indulgent mother. The children are: Elizabeth Madison, Bassett; Benjamin W., Corvallis, Oregon; Mable L. Sanders, Winner, S. D.; Rose D. I. Davey, Valentine, Nebr. After the death of her husband she was married to James Edward Hughes, the ceremony being performed in 1903. Two children were born of this union, twin girls. They are: Loretta Hughes, O'Neill, and Lorena Anspach, Inman. All of the children were present in attendance at the funeral except Benjamin W., who is teaching in Oregon, and he had been here on a visit to his mother just a couple of weeks ago.

Mrs. Hughes had been ailing for some months and she was taken to Omaha a few months ago to see if she could receive some benefit in the larger hospitals there, but the dread disease had gained too strong a hold and she was brought home a couple of weeks ago, her relatives and friends knowing the end was near. Mrs. Hughes was a fine mother and a good neighbor and friend and had a host of friends in this city and county, where she had made her home for fifty-seven years.

Ralph Mellor, who has been visiting friends at Denver, Colo., returned home on Monday.