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## THE DAYS OF LONG AGO

### Fifty-Five Years Ago

The Frontier, May 8, 1886  
Miss Flora Bentley went to Norfolk Monday.  
J. P. Spittler, of Ewing, was in O'Neill several days the first of the week soliciting aid for the erection of a Catholic church at that place.  
The mill is certain. Bridges of Beatrice will build it and it will have a capacity of at least 100 barrels. The mill will be erected at the foot of Fifth street on lots donated by Patrick Fahy. The estimated cost of the mill complete is \$40,000.00

The Frontier, May 13, 1886  
Weather fine and corn planting progressing fast.  
Mathew's new brick house is being completed as fast as possible.  
Mr. Bridges already writes that he will probably build an elevator also in O'Neill in connection, though a separate building, with the mill.  
Edward Adams, brother of David, arrived in O'Neill Saturday evening on a visit to his friends here.  
The long looked for and much desired event in the history of the Methodist Episcopal church in this city took place on the 9th when the church was dedicated. Rev. Dr. Maxfield, president of the Central City College, and Elder Hodgitt being present to conduct the services, assisted by the pastor, Rev. E. Bargelt.

### Fifty Years Ago

The Frontier, May 7, 1891  
It is announced that the Pacific Short Line road will be sold at receiver's sale within the next month or two.  
The increase in the business done by the Short Line in O'Neill last month was \$2,507.64 over the preceding month.  
Died, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Patrick Murphy, who resides a few miles north of O'Neill, on Saturday morning, May 2, Mrs. Julia Dwyer, aged 94 years. Mrs. Dwyer came to this county with her son, John, in 1878, and was one of the old time settlers of the colony.  
The Frontier, May 14, 1891  
Edward Adams of the Farmers bank of Page was married last Thursday to Miss Sarah McMillen of that place.  
The following O'Neills went to Omaha to see the presidential party and to participate in his welcome to Nebraska: Mr. and Mrs. John McBride, Mr. and Mrs. T. V.

Golden, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McEvony, G. C. Hazelet, H. M. Uttley, Harry Uttley, Barret Scott, S. C. Sample and Pat Biglin.  
The Item, May 7, 1891  
They are still pounding away on the artisan well and have reached a depth of 325 feet, and there is 280 feet of water in the well.

The Item, May 14, 1891  
Seventeen years ago last Tuesday at noon eighteen weary pilgrims under the leadership of the late lamented General John O'Neill, founded a colony and city which is now called after the founder, O'Neill. Of the eighteen pioneers but six are now residents of Holt county. They are: Neil Brennan, Pat Hughes, Thomas Cain, Thomas Connolly, T. N. J. Hynes and Tim Connors.

### Forty Years Ago

The Frontier, May 9, 1901  
Joe Ryan and Jim Lacy are another new butcher firm. They take charge of the Hick's meat market which Frank Brittel has been operating for the past year.  
Campbell Bro's. show was received in O'Neill Monday by an immense throng of people. It was the biggest crowd since Vice-President Theodore Roosevelt was here.  
The Frontier, May 16, 1901  
Died, at her home in this city on last Sunday evening, Mrs. Elizabeth Campbell, wife of Senator Frank Campbell, aged 41 years, 4 months and 21 days. She was a resident of O'Neill since 1881, coming here with her husband the year after their marriage.  
Henry Werner and Miss Millie Myers, both of Emmet, were united in marriage at the Methodist parsonage on Wednesday.

### Thirty Years Ago

The Frontier, May 4, 1911  
T. D. Hanley has commenced evacuation for a residence which he will erect on Clay street, between Sixth and Seventh. It will be 30x38 ft.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Gallagher are rejoicing over the arrival of a son at their home Sunday night.  
One of the hardest snow storms ever seen in this section, even within the memory of the oldest inhabitant, visited this section last Sunday and Sunday night. A splendid rain fell Saturday morning lasting nearly all forenoon. That night a heavy rain fell which lasted until noon Sunday when it turned into sleet and then snow, which lasted all night.  
The Frontier, May 11, 1911  
H. J. Hammond, Ben Grady and William Biglin left Monday afternoon for Omaha, where they go to attend the state convention of the Knights of Columbus as delegates from the local council.  
Patrick Shea left Sunday night for Buffalo, S. D., near where he has a homestead and where he will farm this season.

### Twenty Years Ago

The Frontier, May 5, 1921  
Forrest Shearer, son of Bert Shearer, John Kaup, son of John Kaup, of Stuart, and Thomas Einstein, of Creighton, were drowned at Dora Lake fifteen miles south of Stuart Sunday when the boat from which they were fishing overturned.  
Senator and Mrs. D. H. Cronin returned home last Thursday night, the legislature adjourning sine die at noon Thursday, after the longest session in the history of the state.

The Frontier, May 12, 1921  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Valla are rejoicing over the arrival of a young son at their home.  
S. J. Weekes and Judge R. R. Dickson will leave in the morning for Fremont where they will attend the funeral of Michael Dowling, former president of the O'Neill National bank, who died last week at Los Angeles, Cal.  
Died, at his home in Paddock township, fifteen miles northeast of this city, on Friday morning, May 6, 1921, Peter Lansworth. He was a little over 69 years of age and had been a resident of this county since 1882.

### Ten Years Ago

The Frontier, May 7, 1931  
The weather turned extremely cold again Monday night when the mercury dropped to 31 degrees. Tuesday night it registered 24. A number of old timers claim the fruit crop is ruined.  
The Frontier, May 14, 1931  
One of those million dollar rains fell over Holt county and the entire state of Nebraska last week. The rainfall here was 1.63 inches.  
Miss Irene O'Donnell and William Credle, boh of Chicago, were united in marriage in that city last Saturday.

### BRIEFLY STATED

Mr. and Mrs. Medard Connelly announce the birth of a daughter, on Wednesday, May 14th.  
Mrs. W. J. Froelich entertained the members of the Contract Club at a seven o'clock dinner followed by cards at her home on Wednesday evening.  
Mrs. C. J. Gatz entertained the members of the Delta Deks at a seven o'clock dinner, followed by cards at her home, on last Thursday evening.  
Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Benson of Norfolk, spent Sunday here visiting at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Burge and Mr. and Mrs. Blake Benson.  
F. E. Parkins and E. A. Cowley expect to go to Columbus on Saturday, where they will attend the opening of the new Consumers Power building.  
Dr. W. H. Mullen, of Omaha, was in the city Sunday visiting with his many old time friends and incidentally taking in the Knights of Columbus initiation.  
Miss Margaret Howard left Thursday morning for Lincoln, where she will visit at the home

of her sister and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davidson.  
Mrs. C. McKenna and Mrs. W. P. Hiltabrand and daughters of Waban, Mass., returned Tuesday from Lincoln, where they spent the week end visiting relatives.  
Mrs. Carrie Hess and Mrs. S. J. Benson, of Wayne, were here on Sunday visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Burge and Mr. and Mrs. Blake Benson.



Debates on our international affairs become more heated in the House and Senate each day. A few months ago, no speaker would have dared to speak openly for conveying. Each day, now, some speaker demands that we stop being hypocritical and begin conveying immediately. Audible "booming" of speakers has started on the House floor. The situation is becoming critical. Many members who say they would even vote for convoys, are waiting for the White House to clarify the earlier statements of the President to the effect that he would not send men to Europe again; that convoys mean shooting and shooting means war. Some spokesmen close to the White House maintain that the President meant what he said; that we are not going to convoy and that men are not going to be sent to Europe. Others, however, say just the opposite. These say we must convoy and that "we are going to convoy." Some even say we should declare war. It is so confusing that some members who are anx-

ing that they be told just exactly what the Administration intends to do. They believe that the country should also be told the truth.  
The Appropriations Committee of the House has demanded that the Byrd Anarctic expedition be liquidated. Those who sought more money for it, thought it was good national defense. The committee couldn't see it. \$937,000 has already been spent upon the expedition exclusive of the use and cost of reconditioning two ships. The men will be brought back from Antarctica and the ships will be re-employed at their usual stations. No minerals of commercial use were found by the expedition.

This town wanted Congress to appropriate forty thousand dollars for rest rooms for people who sit along the Potomac summer nights to listen to symphony orchestras. The Appropriations Committee didn't figure that was national defense and turned the item down. Other demands for money of similar nature which used to pass readily are being disallowed now. But some really big items calling for many millions which are not actually national defense are not eliminated. They are too deeply rooted in the affection of a majority of members and have administration blessing.

Women here say that black stockings will come back into style because most of the titled ladies who flocking to Washington from Europe wear black stockings.  
Believe it or not, a "coke and an aspirin" is the breakfast menu for many dizzy society girls in Washington.

Road boosters hold meetings almost daily here. The proposed \$287,000,000 National Defense highway bill is the attraction. Hearings on that bill can be expected in about a week or so. Road people believe the army has been holding up this legislation because it did not give the Budget the necessary defense highway estimates. Many state highway engineers have been holding up some important road work waiting to see what happens to this proposed new legislation. Nebraska is one of the states vitally interested.

Dr. George E. Charlton, Superintendent of the Norfolk State Hospital, has been in town several days visiting some of the important hospitals and clinics here. He was one of the prominent doctors that attended the meeting of psychiatrists at Richmond, Virginia.

Lawyers from all parts of the United States have been here attending the sessions of the American Law Institute. Among those from Nebraska who have attended these meetings are Chief Justice Robert Simmons, Dean Foster of the University of Nebraska Law school, Paul Good of Lincoln; Fred Berry of Wayne; William Ritchie and George Tunison of Omaha.

The weather in Washington warmed up close to the 100 mark on the thermometers. By coincidence, the Ways and Means Committee took up the matter of new legislation the day following the peak weather. For many years, new legislation has not been brought up until hot weather came on. Then through the long summer months, every day a "broiler," the hearings continue. Some seem

to think it will not require so long a time, now, with the pressure of events at home and abroad, but they may have another "think" coming before September. It may appear easy to departmental experts to add 3 1/2 billions in revenues to the 9 billions of the present, but there will be conflicting views in plenty as the bill takes form. And after the Ways and Means committee and the House has legislated, still there will be the Senate committee and the Senate to take up the matter, almost as though no hearings had been held, and go over the proposition anew. There will be tax legislation at this session, but it may not be before Thanksgiving time—if the history of legislation on big revenue bills is any criterion.

Jim Barnes who builds ships, has a private lake in Maryland. Once in a while he invites friends to go there to fish. The lake abounds with crappies, bass, perch, and pike. Every hook used must be barbless. Believe it or not, every bass caught, weighing less than three and a half pounds must be thrown back into the lake.

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