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**THE DAYS OF LONG AGO**

**Sixty Years Ago**

Holt Co. Banner, April 3, 1883. At the village election held today C. C. Millard, G. M. Cleveland, M. W. Flannigan, Ed Hershisser and W. D. Mathews were elected trustees.

Keystone corn planters for sale by Frank Campbell at \$33.

Hurrah! A regular passenger is to be put on the S. C. & P. The boys at the station inform us that a regular passenger train to be called the "Cannon Ball" will be put on the road between this and the 10th inst. It will run from Missouri Valley to Long Pine, and from the latter place to Valentine a mixed train will be run.

O'Neill is having a genuine boom for the first time in its history. Heretofore the growth of our town has been steady, but not rapid; but this season bids fair to surpass by far anything we have before witnessed. We are to have the following improvements for a certainty: A fine new creamery, a new Presbyterian church, another hardware store and several other business houses, and we are almost sure of a grist mill. The outlook for O'Neill is very flattering.

Holt Co. Banner, April 10, 1883. An April blizzard this morning.

A. Martin of Boone county, Iowa, has located about eight miles northeast of O'Neill and will move his family out during the summer.

Market report: Wheat 88c and \$1.00, rye 50c, oats 25c potatoes 40c, onions 25c, butter 10c, eggs 10c, flour \$2.75 and \$3.60.

Holt Co. Banner, April 24, 1883. Friday and Saturday were rather windy—just "the least little bit in the world," you know.

O. J. Ellis was appointed village marshal at a meeting of the board Monday night, April 16.

Monday morning ushered in a young April blizzard, which, though very disagreeable, was not severe and of short duration. All forenoon it snowed continuously, but after dinner it cleared up, the sun shone at intervals, and before night what snow had fallen had almost entirely disappeared.

Mrs. Peter Stafford, wife of the section foreman at this place, died at their home near the depot on Sunday morning at 1 o'clock. Her remains were taken to Independence, Iowa, Monday morning for burial.

**Fifty-Five Years Ago**

The Frontier, April 5, 1888. The village election Tuesday resulted in the selection of Neil Brennan, J. J. McCafferty, A. U. Morris, D. L. Darr and E. F. Gallagher as trustees.

Tuesday Mr. Potter retired from the management of the Potter House and Ed Evans, the former proprietor, again took possession. Mr. Potter will live on his ranch southwest of town.

The Frontier, April 12, 1888.

Monday evening our city was suddenly thrown into a state of intense excitement and enthusiasm by the announcement that the Niobrara land office had been ordered removed to O'Neill. A telegram received by Mr. Fahy from Chicago saying reliable reports had reached there from Washington to the effect that the office

had been ordered removed. This is what the citizens of the town have long and patiently waited for. The glad news was the cause of universal rejoicing and appropriate demonstrations, the band boys heralding the glad tidings through their silver trumpets and the glory blaze of a large bonfire throwing light on the subject.

The sad news was received Monday evening that Mrs. Fahy died that morning at Chicago, where she had been for some time under medical treatment. The remains were taken to Wisconsin for interment.

J. W. Chisholm, late proprietor of the Metropolitan, has rented Judge Gillespie's building west of the court house and will run a hotel it will be called the Winsor House.

Ernest Weekes and Miss Nellie Beebe were united in marriage at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Beebe, on Saturday evening, April 7, at nine o'clock.

Patrick Murphy and Miss Mary Gallagher were married at the Catholic church in O'Neill this morning at 8 o'clock, Rev. Father Mullan officiating.

The democrats met at the court house Saturday and elected the following delegates to the state convention: C. J. Schram, M. D. Long, O. F. Biglin, John Harmon, James Killoran, H. W. Dudley, Charles Wrede, J. C. Ecker, S. M. Leslie, E. J. Leffler and G. T. Bastedo.

The Frontier, April 19, 1888.

John Hazelet, brother of G. C., arrived in O'Neill from Guthrie Center, Iowa, Saturday evening. He expects to make his home here.

R. B. Ryan, the manager of the O'Neill Grocery Co., wholesale and retailers, has commenced opening up his goods and will be ready for business the end of this week. He is located in the old Haggerty building on the corner.

The Chicago Lumber Company is preparing to remove their yard and office around on Fourth street, with the office on the alley lot just north of the alley in the half block north of Haggerty's corner.

We are called upon this week to chronicle the death of Mrs. Ada Inman, which occurred at her home Monday morning, April 16, at four o'clock. Mrs. Inman was the widow of William Inman, one of the first settlers of the county and quite a prominent personage in the early history of the county. Her husband passed away in the fall of 1881.

**Fifty Years Ago**

The Frontier, April 6, 1893. At the city election last Tuesday R. R. Dickson was elected mayor; N. Martin, city clerk; David Adams, city treasurer; E. H. Benedict, police judge. Members of the council elected: B. A. DeYarman, first ward; Fred Gatz, second ward; S. M. Wagers, third ward.

The Frontier, April 13, 1893. Married, Tuesday morning, at the Catholic church in O'Neill, Rev. M. F. Cassidy officiating, Dennis Murphy to Miss Nellie Dixon.

Tuesday evening a cyclone passed through the southern part of this county. The first report of the storm heard in O'Neill came from Page, they having telephoned to this city for a physician. Shortly afterwards a telegram was received from Inman asking that a physician be sent there as there were some people injured by a cyclone which had passed through there about 3:40 that afternoon. The storm struck Page about 4 o'clock in the afternoon coming from the southwest, and was about 50 rods wide, although the space of the storm where the most damage was done was about 50 feet wide. In Page there were three houses destroyed, five barns, a feed mill, which set alongside the railroad track, six box cars belonging to the Short Line, and the new creamery which had just commenced business a few days ago, was twisted all out of shape.

The house of Mr. Wagers, a brother of Sam Wagers of O'Neill, was destroyed. Mrs. Wagers and two children were in the house at the time and were slightly injured. Robert Grey's house was moved about 30 feet. His stable, in which his horses was tied, was picked up and carried away and the horses uninjured. Several other minor buildings in Page were more or less damaged. The damage to property there is estimated at \$4,000. Southeast of Inman the wind also did some damage. About five miles from Inman there resides a colored man by the name of Hill. He was in the house at the time of the storm and it picked up the house with him inside and bore them away. Shortly after the storm had passed some neighbors found him about 20 rods from where the house had stood. His left leg was broken above the knee, his right foot smashed, and he was otherwise badly bruised. As he is about 70 years of age it is doubted if he will recover. The Thompson and Sunnyville school houses near Stafford were destroyed. There was school in both these buildings at the time and the children escaped, there being but two or three that received slight scratches. The buildings were completely demolished and boards from them were carried a mile or more. The houses, barns and sheds of Miner Riley were also destroyed, as were also the buildings of Dan O'Donnell. In the Chambers country the houses and buildings of Dudley and Eli Lewis were completely destroyed, and carried away, as was also the LaRue school house.

The Frontier, April 20, 1893.

Died, at his residence in this city, Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, of bronchitis, George W. Jones, aged 45 years and five months. He is survived by his wife and eleven children.

The Frontier, April 27, 1893.

Married, at the Catholic church last Sunday at 4 o'clock, William T. Hayes to Mary A. Joyce, Rev. M. F. Cassidy officiating.

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**Forty Years Ago**

The Frontier, April 2, 1903. W. F. Grothe of Emmet was a caller Wednesday, renewing his subscription and furnished the editor a good cigar on a son, and heir which arrived at their home last week.

Pat McGinnis left for Cody, Wyo., Monday morning, where he expects to make his future home.

The Frontier, April 9, 1903.

The hardware firm of Peeler & McManus dissolved last week. Mr. Peeler retiring, his interest being purchased by his partner, John McManus, who will conduct the business henceforth.

A very warm city election closed last Tuesday evening and a canvass of the votes disclosed the following elected: Mayor, J. S. Harrington; City Clerk, Clarence Campbell; Treasurer, Bernard McGreevy; Police Judge, O. E. Davidson. Councilmen: First Ward, E. H. Whelan; Second Ward, J. F. Gallagher; Third Ward, Emil Sniggs and Henry Zimmerman.

The Frontier, April 16, 1903.

A very pretty wedding took place last Thursday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Maring in Emmet township, when Miss Stella Maring and Alexis Ashton were united in the holy bonds of wedlock, Rev. A. M. Washburn officiating.

The Frontier, April 23, 1903.

Last Thursday J. J. King disposed of his residence property in the western part of the city to A. J. Hammond. Mr. King expects to leave for the west coast about May 15.

Mrs. Ben DeYarman and children left Tuesday morning for Vancouver, Wash., where they expect to make their future home.

Romaine Saunders, who left here last June for Oakland, Cal., will return to O'Neill about May 15 and will resume his old position as associate editor of The Frontier.

Mrs. Adelia Wagers, wife of S. M. Wagers, died at her home in this city Tuesday morning at 7:30 of heart failure, after a short illness, aged 63 years, and 10 months.

Charles Carroll of Carrollton Council Knights of Columbus was organized in this city last Sunday. A delegation of fifty Knights came up from Omaha. The Omaha Knights had charge of the organization of the local Council and the initiation of the candidates of whom there were seventy-eight. A banquet was served the evening of the newly organized Council. More than 200 persons were served at the banquet. Officers elected by the members of the new Council for the coming year, were: Arthur F. Mullen, grand knight; James A. Donohoe, deputy grand knight; Owen F. Biglin, chancellor; Clarence C. Campbell, recorder; Michael R. Sullivan, financial secretary; Patrick J. O'Donnell, treasurer; Edward H. Whelan, lecturer; Michael F. Harrington, advocate; Frank J. Dishner, warden; T. J. Coyne, inside guard; Theodore Pickenbrock, outside guard; Rev. M. F. Cassidy, chaplain; James F. O'Donnell, Timothy Hanley and Andrew Morrissey, tustees.

**Thirty Years Ago**

The Frontier, April 10, 1913.

W. J. Robinson and John Green were up from Bliss Monday as witnesses for Romaine Saunders in making final proof.

The Frontier, April 17, 1913.

Mrs. Prussia Coykendall died at her home in this city Monday, April 14, at the age of 80 years, 4 months and 11 days.

Lee Downey and Blanche Cherry were married this morning at the home of the bride's parents at Page, Rev. Murten officiating. They will make their home at Royal, where the groom is station agent for the Burlington.

The Frontier, April 24, 1913.

The board of education last Wednesday morning awarded a contract for the construction of the new school house to the Mid-West Construction company of Lincoln, the contract price being \$41,171. The contract for the plumbing and heating was awarded to the J. J. Hannighan Co., of Omaha for \$8,565. The building is to be completed and ready for occupancy by November 1, 1913.

Wednesday morning the Library Board awarded the contract for the construction of the new library building to the Mid-West Construction company, of Lincoln, for \$9,850. The contract price includes plumbing and heating.

**Twenty Years Ago**

The Frontier, April 5, 1923.

T. W. Crawford of Lynch, one of the early settlers of Holt county, died at the home of his son, Hallie, near Paddock Friday. A stroke of apoplexy caused his death.

William Egger, son of Peter Egger, and Florence McClelland,

daughter of Donald McClelland, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by Rev. James E. Jones of Neligh on Thursday, March 29.

The Frontier, April 12, 1903. Miss Mary Catherine Markey (Continued on page Eight)



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