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## O'Neill Will Entertain Waltonian State Meeting

The eighth annual session of the Nebraska division of the Izaak Walton League of America will convene in O'Neill Friday morning at 9:00 o'clock in the K. C. opera house, for a three day session.

President Dr. C. H. Lubker and Secretary George M. Harrington of the local chapter and their corps of committees have been busy this week arranging the final details for the entertainment of the delegates from the various chapters over the state.

A large number of delegates have already declared their intention to be present at the opening session and it is expected that this will be the largest and best convention ever held in the state by the Waltonians.

Miss Mildred Malone, secretary of the state organization, has been notified that Congressman Robert G. Simmons will not be able to be at the convention this year as advertised; his place will be filled by General Manager of the Izaak Walton League of America, M. K. Reckord, who is on the program for an address at the banquet, Saturday evening; Congressman Edgar Howard, of Columbus, will deliver an address at the banquet, taking the place of Mr. Reckord.

Reardon Sisters will sing a duet Saturday afternoon instead of Friday afternoon as appears on the program, and Miss Amalia Merrill will sing Friday afternoon instead of Saturday afternoon.

The seining crew will be unable to be here this year. They are advertised to put on a demonstration Sunday afternoon but owing to the fact that they will be detained in the eastern part of the state, no demonstration will be made.

The trap shoot has been turned over to the O'Neill Gun Club who will conduct the shoot. Numerous expensive prizes have been hung up and it is expected that there will be a large entry.

The store windows are being appropriately decorated for the occasion. Several of the windows contain reproductions of scenes that are worthy of special mention, which will be made next week.

Following is the bulletin sent out by Miss Mildred Malone, state secretary; it is seemingly appropriate for publication in The Frontier at this time:

### THE WATER SUPPLY OF HOLT COUNTY

O'Neill will entertain Waltonians from all parts of Nebraska on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of this week. The Nebraska Division of the Izaak Walton League of America could have chosen no better place to hold the 1930 convention than in Holt county.

Holt county, with an area of 2400 square miles, is more abundantly supplied with living water, both upon the surface and underneath than any other section of the same size in Nebraska. In the north one-half there are approximately 150 miles of spring-fed streams, unaffected by drought periods. Many of these streams flow clear and cold all through the summer season and remain open during the most severe winter weather. Near the headwaters of these streams are hundreds of springs bubbling forth from gravel beds, never varying in volume. Many of the springs afford a volume sufficient to form small brooks in which trout live and thrive. The larger streams into which the brooks empty have a maximum temperature low enough during the hot season to provide ideal homes for trout of the several species common to mountain streams.

Besides the cold water streams, 17 in number, there are the Elkhorn rivers north and south branches, Holt Creek, Cache Creek and the headwaters of Clearwater Creek. These creeks and rivers together form 150 miles of running water, making a total of 300 miles of running water in the county.

In the south half of the county artesian water is found at a depth varying from 60 to 100 feet. In many sections, near Goose Lake, Amelia, Chambers, south of Stuart, Newport and in other localities, the flows are heavy and constant. There have been scores of artificial lakes created and fed from the flows, in which many kinds of game fish are grown. Owners of these larger flows are yearly averaging to the numbers of pounds and fish industry is fast becoming a feature with them instead of the incident it has been in the past.

In the north half of the county, where trout waters are plentiful, a growing interest is being manifested among farmers and ranchmen towards a system whereby the streams may be stocked with fingerling trout which soon grow to table size. Nursery or rearing ponds have been made at springs near the better streams and the 1930 trout of fingerling will no doubt warrant the building of many more nurseries. In no other streams of the west is food so abundant as in those of north Holt. Fresh water shrimp, one of the best kinds of food for growing trout, are

so plentiful that the young fish seldom resort to surface feeding. Along the streams grasshoppers and other insects are so plentiful that the larger trout never lack for a square meal. Rainbow trout do especially well in these waters and many have been taken during the past season that have measured 15 inches in length.

There is not the least doubt that the several miles of trout streams can be made to supply thousands of dollars worth of fish food every year if the head waters are plentifully stocked with fingerlings each fall. In the neighboring state of Colorado, vast sums are expended each year to supply stock for the trout streams. The young trout have to be fed artificially and when released into wild waters are unacquainted with ways to get their food naturally. Here the trout learn from the fry stage to shift for themselves and find no trouble to fill their stomachs in their new homes. Artificial feeding makes trout tame and thus many undersize fish are taken at the opening of the season. Young trout who have plenty of natural food in the ponds remain wild and are not prone to linger in open pools and strike at every lure offered. While it is necessary to first consider the means of stocking Holt county's trout streams, the work should be extended further. Sanctuaries should be provided where natural retreats have been destroyed by cattle. Sections of creeks flowing through pastures may be fenced at small expense and obstructions of different kinds fixed in the beds of streams to form deep holes and dark places. There will be no lack of co-operation on the part of citizens and land owners when it is once shown that these splendid trout waters may be made abundantly productive of the finest fish food nature has to offer hungry mortals.

### ROYAL BASS HATCHERY WAS SEINED LAST WEEK

The state seining crew completed the work of taking the 1930 crop of fingerling bass from the Royal pond last week. From twenty-three spawners placed in the pond last April, 10,650 four-inch bass were taken and planted in waters near Clearwater and Ewing. This pond was built by the commission late in 1929, this being the first hatch. The water area of the pond is about 1½ acres, and is fed from a small trout nursery pond which gets its supply from a spring. The commercial value of the bass planted is estimated at \$400. After the spawners were placed in the pond no further expense was had except the cost of seining. Distribution was made by sportsmen at the towns where the fish were planted.

### NEBRASKA GAME PROPERTY WORTH \$478,000

(Omaha Bee)

Nebraska properties under the direction of the state game and forestation commission have a physical valuation of \$478,000, State Game Warden O'Connell said Wednesday in completing an inventory for the state auditor.

Included in the holdings are four hatcheries, one distributing plant, four parks and 25 nurseries of recreation grounds and lakes.

Of the total, about \$250,000 worth of property was the accumulation of years, while the rest has been acquired within the past 18 months or since the commission was formed.

### THE HOLT COUNTY FAIR DRAWS GOOD ATTENDANCE

The Holt County Fair was very well attended this year considering the fact that no expensive program was advertised; the exhibits were very good in all departments, which was a surprise to many who thought that Holt county was entirely dried up; the exhibit halls showed that the farmers are taking an interest in making the Holt county fair the success that it should be.

The entertainment part of the fair was also good; the running races were confined to Holt county horses; they were all interesting events.

The baseball game Wednesday between Chambers and Redbird resulted in a victory for Redbird by a score of 3 to 4.

The ball game Thursday between Bloomfield and Creighton resulted in a victory of 6 to 14 in favor of Creighton.

The game Friday between Stuart and Atkinson proved to be a good one; Stuart won by a score of 3 to 1.

The free attraction advertised to appear did not arrive but the substitute was very good.

The Ted North Players, under the management of Arthur Kelly, comedian, presented a week's repertoire of their excellent plays. One of the attractions which caused much interest was the hypnotic act of hypnotizing a girl and burying her in a grave in front of the tent for forty-eight hours; an electric light was placed in the grave and a charge was made to view the girl; she was awakened on

the stage Friday evening.

Those who attended the fair this year were well pleased with the entertainment accorded them and many expressed themselves as being surprised that there was as much good corn and other crops scattered over the county this year.

### PAVING BONDS AND INCREASED TAX ENDORSED

(Norfolk News)

Men interested in Nebraska's highway construction program from a score or more northeast Nebraska towns, many of them as far distant as O'Neill, Albion and other points, convened at Hotel Norfolk Tuesday evening and went on record as favoring an increase in the present state gasoline tax from 4 to 5 cents, to care for immediate needs, and as favoring a change in the state constitution which would permit the voting of highway paving bonds.

This action came spontaneously on motion of Frank Warner after the audience had heard State Engineer Roy Cochran and Ed H. Polley of Lincoln discuss the highway situation in this state. Mr. Polley is secretary of the Nebraska Good Roads association which arranged for the meeting here.

It was announced early in the evening that the Norfolk meeting was one of half a dozen to be held in various parts of the state prior to the state meeting of the Nebraska Good Roads association which will be held Wednesday, October 8th, at Grand Island. It is the purpose of these meetings to obtain an idea of what the people of Nebraska want as a highway program.

Then at the Grand Island convention a definite, comprehensive program will be worked out which will be presented to the next legislature by the Nebraska Good Roads association and which the association will actively sponsor before that body.

Those attending the meeting from O'Neill were: S. J. Weekes, D. H. Clauson, J. F. O'Donnell, Roy Griffin, Fred McNally, Martin Bazelman, J. J. McDermott, Henry Schacht, R. R. Dickson, J. B. Mellor, C. C. Millard and C. E. Stout.

### O'NEILL MAN FOUGHT IN BIG CHICAGO FIRE OF 1871

(Sioux City Journal)

James "Slivers" Trigg, almost to his 76th milestone, O'Neill resident for 46 years, counts among his cherished memories of an uncommonly eventful life the harrowing scenes of a great city burning from the map and a pell-mell dash to render aid to a Chicago that went up in smoke after Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicked over a lantern.

Mr. Trigg was a paid fireman in Michigan City, Ind. The great blaze started October 8, 1871. A week later came a call for help. Mr. Trigg, with others, fought the flames until exhaustion sent them home. Water was pumped out of Lake Michigan. Standpipes, water mains and hydrants then were unknown or inadequate, and the lake pumping method proved so successful a failure engineers evolved the fire fighting systems now in use.

This man came to O'Neill in company with his brother, George. The brother went to the western coast 20 years ago and died there a few years later. George helped to build thousands of box cars and "Slivers" applied the paint when the carpenter had packed his tools.

Mr. Trigg makes his home with Ed Peterson, in O'Neill. The two keep house in a large two-story residence wherein floors, woodwork, dishes and lace curtains are kept as immaculate as any woman could keep them.

### LEVI YANTZI SEDAN STOLEN FRIDAY NIGHT

The Chevrolet sedan belonging to Levi Yantzi of this city was stolen from the fair grounds last Friday evening during the Ted North show. The following morning Jack Arbuthnot and Alva Winchell, employees at the Chevrolet garage, left O'Neill quite early on an auto trip to the Black Hills and points west; they stopped in Bassett for a short time and while there discovered the Yantzi car on the street; they notified the Rock county sheriff who took the car and arrested a fellow who gave his name as Richard Birdsall, for the theft. Sheriff Duffy went to Bassett Saturday afternoon and brought the young man to O'Neill; he was arraigned that day before Judge Dickson where he plead guilty and was given a sentence of from twelve to eighteen months in the reformatory at Lincoln.

The lad is not yet eighteen years of age. He claims that his parents are dead and that his grandmother resides at Miles City, Montana. He told the judge that he was enroute to Montana from New York City; he arrived here Friday.

The sheriff expects to take him to Lincoln in the near future.

### LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Murray, of Lynch, Nebraska were guests at the home of the latter's mother, Mrs. Anna Harrington, last week; they also visited the Holt county fair while here.

M. J. Matthews, accompanied by his son John and daughters, Miss Mary and Miss Margaret, returned to their home at Isabel, South Dakota. They had been guests of their mother and grandmother, Mrs. C. Matthews and other relatives for ten days.

F. E. Cowden, of Riverton, Iowa, was in O'Neill, Wednesday looking after his ranch interests southwest of the city.

The northern part of the county received a good rain Monday afternoon; the extreme northern part of the county received some of the torrential downpour that visited the western part of Boyd county Saturday night; six to eight inches of rain was reported to have fallen between Spencer and Butte; the Ponca creek was out of its banks and the highway near Lynch was impassable. Another rain fell over the same territory Sunday morning.

### W. B. COOPER, CHAMBERS, SUFFERS INJURY TO EYE

While carrying a couple of pails of milk to the calves in the barn yard, W. B. Cooper, residing a short distance northwest of Chambers, Neb., stumbled and fell in such a way that the stem of his pipe punctured the eyelid above the eyeball and penetrated for a considerable distance; he was brought to the office of Gilligan & Brown that evening where the injury was dressed. It is thought that the sight of the eye will not be injured unless complications develop.

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