

# THE FRONTIER

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## History of Days Gone By In Holt County

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at Atkinson that night and brought him back to the city. This occurrence took place in the month of March 1881. Reed's cowboy friends enlisted in his cause and secured the services of Gen. John C. Cowin, of Omaha as his counsel, who later in the progress of Reed's trial succeeded in getting a change of venue from Holt county to the courts of Antelope county, where he was tried and acquitted of the heinous crime by a sympathizing and prejudiced jury.

With the advent of the terribly disastrous winter of 1880-81, and the destruction of the great cattle ranches on the Niobrara River and its tributaries, together with the building of the Fremont, Elkhorn and Missouri Valley R. R. up the valley, the picturesque cowpunchers ambled from the stage of his activities in the environments of O'Neill forever, never to return, "O Tempora! O Mores!"

Next in the order of transformations we present for the delectation of our reader, that secret, weird and ubiquitous organization known as the "Vigilance Committee." This society was organized amongst the ranchers and farmers of the county, ostensibly for the purpose of mutual protection against the raiding and depredations of horse thieves and cattle rustlers, many of whom were the secret confederates and sympathizers of the old Middleton gang. It was organized and constituted much on the basis of a military court with officers to correspond in a manner thereto. Its existence commenced about the year 1884 from which time it lived in active career, until 1896, in which year it was supposed to have disbanded, none of its former activities have been manifested at least since that time.

During the active life of this organization and the cowboy period preceding it, no less than 25 men met their deaths from violent causes in Holt county alone. This epidemic of annual offerings to the god of savagery, blood and carnage may be said to have commenced and ended with the murder of two of the counties chief officials namely: Bernard J. Kearns, sheriff, in March 1881, and Barret Scott, County Treasurer, December 31, 1894. The motives underlying the cause for most of the removals as those murders were, fastidiously termed in those days, based principally in many cases, on the fact of the supposed appropriation of other peoples private property, without compensation or assent or by due process of law on the part of the miserable victim. Of course it is not claimed that all of the violent deaths which occurred during that period were chargeable to the activities of the Vigilance Committee. This was at a time when law and order were enforced principally with the six-gun, mostly by the individual and many had little faith in the justice of the courts. Their work began with the hanging of old man Wade, father of the notorious "Kid Wade" and a confederate, in the fall of 1884. A little later on about January 1885, the "Kid" quit the scenes of his territorial perturbations, yes, cashed in his chips at a stirring game played at the little village of Bassett, one dreary winter night, when his erratic spirit was launched on the placid seas of the celestial cosmos, by the dangling of his carcass from a whistling post on the railroad tracks at that place. Others rapidly followed the same fate, conspicuous among whom were old man Hill and his son, whom the narrator of this chronicle doth not deem worthy of further mention here.

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fight to blanket into civil service about 37,000 WPA supervisors, leading members on both sides felt that the House action pointed toward some changes in relief administration. The administration's fight to increase the deficiency bill was not strong. Some of the ardent administration supporters fought against it. Some of them said that if all WPA workers couldn't get the same benefit, they felt that 37,000 should not be favored. But most of them felt that the country didn't want WPA to be made a career through the blanketing into the civil service of WPA supervisors. They felt that while relief will be with us a long time—that it must end sometime.

The new WPA deficiency bill carrying 725 million dollars for five months relief work does not carry any money for FSA grants. These are being made out of the 1938 appropriation of \$175,000,000, and a new appropriation for that may come up when the new relief bill is presented to the House. Farm district congressmen are already starting campaigns to hurry feed and seed loans in order that they can do actual good. They are also demanding some appropriations for grasshopper poison; studies on cheaper sodium chlorate for bindweed eradication and demand for leniency in farm loan collections.

The relief deficiency bill carrying \$725,000,000 to keep the WPA going for another five months passed the House with only a few votes cast against it. The President asked for \$875,000,000, but the committee after exhaustive hearings decided against it. Rumors around the House were to the effect that the WPA asked for the larger figure feeling that no matter what figure they would ask for would be cut by the Committee. If they had asked for 725 millions these rumors say that it would have been cut some so they asked for the larger figure. The old time custom for making big requisitions in the hope that they wouldn't be cut too much has been one pastime in many government departments. The investigation rackets and politics in the WPA and the disclosures of the Dies Committee investigation on Un-American Activities, has had a lot to do with cutting the temporary WPA appropriations. The bill is to come back to the House after the Senate gets a chance to increase or lower the amount and what the outcome will be rests entirely with conferees who get the bill after the Senate got through talking about it.

The House will be in session un-

til about July. The next WPA appropriation bill is due to carry several billion dollars and will cover the fiscal year beginning the first of July. It will take care of the WPA for the fiscal year 1940. The amount to be carried in the new bill is problematical. Amendments put into the supplemental appropriation bill will be ironed out in conference. If the amount is not large enough members know that the WPA can always come back to the House for another deficiency bill. That there will be some changes in the Administration of WPA was pretty well determined in statements by both republicans and democrats. Most of the attacks against the agency were on account of the charges of graft and politics in Kentucky, some other southern states, and Pennsylvania.

Josephus Daniels, our Ambassador to Mexico, was at the White House reception the other night. So was his wife. A congressman whispered to the ambassador that the reason he wouldn't accept the Mexican government's invitation to make a trip to Mexico was because of the church persecution by the Mexicans. The ambassador whispered back that he thinks that is now pretty well "fixed" and that signs of persecution are now lacking throughout almost all of Mexico.

The President and Mrs. Roosevelt looked in fine health at the reception. They shook hands with a thousand people. The wife of the President looked a lot heavier than a year ago and the President was in a humorous mood and joked with a lot of people who passed down the line to shake hands with him. The usual guard of army and navy officers and enlisted men were all over the White House during the reception. So were secret service men with Col. Starling, head of that force, standing directly in front of the President.

The usual order at one of these state functions is to walk in columns of four until the reception

**WEDDING DANCE**  
**Wednesday, Feb. 1**  
**Crystal Ballroom**  
 ATKINSON  
 Newly improved for Winter Comfort  
 Everybody Cordially Invited  
 FLOYD VEQUIST  
 MISS EDYTHE MILLER

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 WEEK END CASH PRICES

BOILING RIBS 2 lbs. <b>25c</b>	PORK HEARTS All Meat 2 lbs. <b>25c</b>
HOME CURED BACON Sliced, lb. 25c, by the piece <b>21c</b>	HOME RENDERED LARD It goes farther because it is all lard, 3 lbs. <b>29c</b>
LEG OF LAMB Per lb. <b>25c</b>	LAMB CHOPS Per lb. <b>28c</b>

SUNLIGHT OLEOMARGERINE—Recommended by Good Housekeeping Institute and accepted by the American Medical Association—Valuable coupons in each package. **16c** Per Lb.

We have some extra nice corn fed Baby Beef from which to choose your favorite cut of meat for your Sunday Dinner.

**-- FRESH FISH and OYSTERS --**

BLACK COD Per lb. <b>20c</b>	PICKEREL 2 lbs. <b>23c</b>
SALMON Sliced Per lb. <b>20c</b>	Wall Eyed PIKE Per lb. <b>18c</b>

We will pan dress these fish for you—

Pure Buckwheat FLOUR 5 lb. Bag <b>29c</b>	Pancake or Waffle SYRUP 1/2 Pt. Jug <b>10c</b>
Favorite COFFEE in qt. glass jar Per lb. <b>25c</b>	Shky Blue Salt and Pepper Shaker filled with 2-oz. Black Pepper, each <b>10c</b>
Vanilla Sweeties Breakfast Food 2 Boxes <b>11c</b>	Peaberry COFFEE Fresh roasted and ground to order lb. <b>15c</b>
Stokley's whole Kernel CORN <b>25c</b>	U. S. No. 7 Early Ohio POTATOES Per peck <b>35c</b>
Assorted COOKIES 2 lbs. <b>25c</b>	GRAPE FRUIT Large Size Each <b>03c</b>
APPLES Johnathan, extra fancy Per doz. <b>30c</b>	Delicious APPLES Large Size Per doz. <b>35c</b>
LEMONS Per doz. <b>27c</b>	BLACK TWIG APPLES Lb. .05c Bu. Bskt. <b>\$1.65</b>

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room is reached. Then people go single file with the men preceding their ladies. The aid asks each person his or her name and then gives it to the President and his wife who shake hands and say a few words to each person. Frequently some man or woman get enthusiastic and hold up the line by insisting on standing and chatting with the two distinguished people, but the system is so perfect that whenever that happens some aid is usually on hand to whisper "keep moving—please."

One member who got married since the last reception received a card for himself only for this year's reception. His lady was forced to wait outside and after he passed into the White House he put up quite a holler and after he explained to some of the attendants that he was no longer single, and that his wife was waiting outside, he was taken care of. A lot of people noted that he had a lot of explaining to do to his worried bride.

## THE NEBRASKA SCENE

By the Lowell Service

Lincoln, Nebraska—Wise, sagacious members of the unicameral decided to avert, if possible, the outbreak of political war between Governor Cochran and Charley Warner, republican candidate for governor in the last election. Republicans have control of the legislature. So far there has been

no partisan fan farronade. The democrats have captured the best places up-to-date.

"In the 1935 legislature," said a leading democrat who has returned after missing out in 1937, "I did a number of things merely because Governor Cochran requested it. That time I was elected on a partisan ticket. Some of these things should not have been done. This time I am for the governor 100 per cent when he is right; I am unalterably opposed to him when he is wrong. I am not doing any small chores this session."

"I haven't a better friend than Charley Warner," said a veteran republican legislator, "and that is why I do not want to see any partisan outbreak in this session of the legislature. So far we have acted on merit alone. Mr. Warner has not made any suggestions. As an able and experienced lawmaker, I shall call on him whenever I think he has ideas of value. However, there is no politics in it."

The Adams-Foster election contest was regarded as an attempt to open certain election returns in Omaha for public inspection. Another suggestion of partisan action appeared when the committee on enrollment and review, commonly called the "fly-speck committee," chose a legal adviser. After the customary passing of buck and heaping of compliments on a number of eligibles, the committee selected Barlow Nye. He was formerly assistant attorney general. Nye's pay was fixed at \$375

a month—the same salary he received as assistant attorney general. Former Senator Robert Armstrong, republican, diligently sought a place as legal adviser. Several legislators predicted that he would appear in the role of "constitutional reviewer" later on in the session. Later in the session, it is expected that an attempt will be made to abolish the legislative bureau and place this work in charge of the legislative clerk.

Senator Dunn opened up a barrage on the railway commission. He has introduced a bill for a constitutional amendment to make the

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## Saturday & Sunday SPECIALS

Butter Lb. <b>25c</b>	Lard In carton, 2 lbs. <b>19c</b>
Soda Crackers 2 lbs. <b>13c</b>	Juice Oranges Each <b>01c</b>
Folger's Coffee 1 lb. <b>27c</b>	BUTTERNUT Coffee 1 lb. <b>28c</b>
Heinz Catsup Per bottle <b>19c</b>	ENGLISH Walnuts Lg size, lb. <b>19c</b>
VAN CAMP'S Pork & Beans 1 lb. Can <b>05c</b>	STOKELEY'S Tomato Juice 14 oz Can <b>07c</b>

Paxton Coffee Gas Roasted Lb. **25c**

We want you to try our milk and cream—Milk per qt. 06c—Cream 1/2 pt. 07c.

**STANNARD'S**

# County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report

Holt County, Nebraska

Showing Receipts, Transfers, Disbursements and Balances for the six months beginning July 1, 1938, and ending December 31, 1938, of B. T. Winchell, County Treasurer.

FUNDS	Balances July 1, 1938	Collections 7-1-38 to 12-31-38	Transfers from other Funds	Transfers to other Funds	Disbursements 7-1-38 to 12-31-38	Balances 12-31-38
<b>STATE FUNDS:</b>						
Consolidated	\$ 2,414.52	\$ 26,604.40			\$ 20,294.00	\$ 8,724.92
Care of Insane	1,323.11	1,323.11			762.07	561.04
School Land	1,077.46	5,829.39			4,736.60	2,170.25
University Land	150.28	973.01			994.33	128.96
Highway Supervision	18.30	62.70			77.30	3.70
Highway Maintenance	214.18	733.12			904.15	43.15
Drivers License	387.25	247.00			262.15	372.10
Old Age Assistance	279.86	5,085.88			3,119.86	2,245.88
Old "Highway" Account	4.55					4.55
<b>STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS:</b>						
Old Age Assistance	4,588.57	30,737.70			30,111.73	5,214.54
Dependent Children	1,307.30	8,250.12			8,410.56	1,146.86
Relief	48.69				30.40	18.29
Blind Aid	80.00	577.50			560.61	96.89
Administration Expense	63.89	1,465.90			1,425.92	103.87
<b>COUNTY FUNDS:</b>						
General	2,969.36	33,538.17	12,141.03	6,508.81	38,876.99	3,262.76
Bridge	2,074.65	11,072.55		2,277.40	9,541.58	1,328.22
Road	4,429.73	14,664.76			14,512.18	4,582.31
Road Dragging	2,261.21				2,008.92	252.29
Soldiers Relief	7.65	200.87			135.01	73.51
Judgment	687.76	5,611.77		5,074.43	1,000.00	225.10
Special Emergency Bridge	4.48	169.57			169.05	5.00
Fair	423.37	191.77			868.72	474.42
Mothers Pension	58.57	560.16			496.22	122.51
Repairs and Improvements	1,223.57	30.44			1,261.40	OD 7.39
Unemployment Relief	1,483.71	7,207.98			3,970.13	4,710.02
Road Relief	69.12					69.12
Poor	534.62	7.42				89.56
Court House Bonds and Coupons	2,490.82	2,809.91			3,702.00	1,598.73
Bourty	26.17	216.95			194.12	49.00
Townships	12,331.78	16,712.61	93.11		13,710.00	15,427.50
Labor Tax		3,098.11				3,098.11
Libraries	493.60	920.20			710.00	703.80
Coleman R. R.	93.11	92.48		93.11		92.48
Special Bee	5.38	2.27				7.65
Tax Sale Recp't.		1,014.41				787.51
Advertising	33.63	884.90			918.53	226.90
Refunds					143.48	OD 143.48
Misc. Fees	4,274.90	218.90		4,446.10		47.70
Del. Tax Sinking Fd.	133.72		20,803.12	7,885.63		13,051.21
<b>SCHOOL FUNDS:</b>						
General	74,206.94	92,288.26	10,489.35		87,029.44	89,955.11
Bonds and Coupons	14,284.32	7,887.06			5,687.99	16,483.39
Free High	12,458.65	21,922.15			61.00	34,319.80
Judgments	97.20	88.93			55.00	131.13
Chambers Athletic	29.29	73.95				103.24
Fines and License		240.00		240.00		
State Apportion't		9,230.95		9,230.95		
State Aid		1,018.40		1,018.40		
<b>VILLAGE FUNDS:</b>						
General	21,008.71	17,449.58	2,034.03		17,461.96	23,030.36
Refund Water Bonds and Coupons	5,603.14	4,799.33	67.50		3,382.92	7,087.05
Electric Light Bonds and Coupons	19.57					19.57
Fire Truck Bonds and Coupons	482.09	147.95		67.50	522.50	40.04
Curb and Gutter	766.63	52.65				819.28
Intersection Bonds and Coupons	1,635.42	720.51			630.00	1,725.93
Sewer Warrants Interest	656.78	92.29			663.00	86.07
Sewer Bonds and Coupons	1,388.69	1,749.70			1,800.00	1,338.39
Village Gas Tax		2,034.03		2,034.03		
	\$179,383.19	\$341,639.77	\$ 45,628.14	\$ 45,628.14	\$280,042.13	\$240,980.83
Balance July 1, 1938		179,383.19				
Balance Dec. 31, 1938					240,980.83	
		\$521,022.96			\$521,022.96	

Cash in Banks	\$199,541.57	REGISTERED WARRANTS	
Warrants carried as cash	8,529.36	1938 General Fund	\$ 37,349.04
Cash and checks in office	32,909.90	1938 Unemployment Relief	3,193.11
		1938 Bounty	174.00
Balance Dec. 31, 1938	\$240,980.83	1938 Mothers Pension	604.00
		1938 Soldiers Relief	150.00
		1938 Fair	500.00
			\$ 41,970.15

**UNALLOWED CLAIMS ON FILE IN THE COUNTY CLERKS OFFICE**

General Fund	\$ 13,652.15
Bridge	4,250.95
Road	3,502.17
Road Dragging	240.70
Unemployment Relief	636.04
	\$ 22,282.01

State of Nebraska, } ss.  
 County of Holt, }  
 I, B. T. Winchell, County Treasurer of Holt County, Nebraska do hereby swear that the foregoing report of Receipts, Transfers, Disbursements and Balances is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

B. T. WINCHELL,  
 County Treasurer.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of January, 1939.  
 [SEAL] JOHN C. GALLAGHER, County Clerk.