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THE DAYS OF LONG AGO

Fifty-Five Years Ago

Frontier, October 23, 1884
Tenement houses in O'Neill would pay well now.
Work on the skating rink commenced Monday last, and the carpenters promise to have the floor laid ready for skating three weeks from said time.
Considerable excitement prevailed in town Saturday afternoon over a prairie fire, which was raging with considerable fury just west of town. With the wind blowing strongly from the south there was little danger to the town, but had the wind been from the west it might have proved destructive. The fire was supposed to have started from the sparks of an engine on the F. E. & M. V.

Frontier, October 30, 1884

Waldo E. Adams, who with David Adams operated the Holt County Bank here, passed away Sunday afternoon at the age of 33 years and six months. He came to O'Neill in 1881.
Another daughter of C. H. Bentley arrived in O'Neill last Friday. The family are now all together.
According to announcement the Tribune was sold on last Friday. John McDonough purchased it. Consideration \$950. The sale was brought about by an action of Reese Mayes, in whose favor the district court decided at the September term.

Frontier, November 6, 1884

At the general election last Tuesday the republicans carried the county by 500, electing the entire county ticket, except county commissioner.

Fifty Years Ago

Frontier, October 24, 1889
Last Saturday was Gus Handlon's birthday and his wife arranged to give him a little surprise by inviting in a number of friends to spend the evening. He was the recipient of a number of nice presents.
At the republican caucus held in this township last Saturday the following nominations were made: Supervisor, F. C. Huntley; treasurer, John C. Hayes; clerk, John S. Weekes; assessor, John Fallon; justices, J. J. King and Barnabas Wel-

ton; constables, Perkins Brooks and John Lappan.

Frontier, October 31, 1889

Pat Biglin has returned from Pennsylvania and will remain here this winter.
One important real estate transaction the past week has been the sale of what is known as the Tierney property on Douglas street, consisting of two lots and the new building adjoining Wm. Fallon's hardware store, to J. P. Mann. Consideration \$2,500.
A red hot election in which nearly all county officers were to be elected and a county division fight seeking to divide the county into three counties was occupying the attention of the newspapers and the politicians.

Forty Years Ago

Frontier, October 26, 1899
S. J. Weekes was in Atkinson last Saturday.
A large delegation from Atkinson, Stuart and other towns in the county were present last night to hear Senator John M. Thurston deliver a political address.
John F. Mullen passed away on last Friday after an illness of about two weeks of typhoid fever. He was 35 years of age and had been a resident of the county for nine years.
Frontier, November 3, 1899
Sunday was a "dry day" in the city. That is, access to the saloons was shut off and a weather-eye kept on the places all day by Marshal Horiskey.

Thirty Years Ago

Frontier, October 28, 1909
J. B. Ryan had business in Emet yesterday.
The Dorsey Presbyterian church will be dedicated next Sunday, October 31.
Frontier, November 4, 1909
The result of the election last Tuesday gave the following the offices for the ensuing term: J. C. Harnish, republican, treasurer; S. F. McNichols, democrat, county clerk; Henry D. Grady, republican, sheriff; C. J. Malone, republican, county judge; Minnie B. Miller, democrat, county superintendent; M. F. Norton, republican, county surveyor; Dr. E. T. Wilson, republican, coronor.
Mrs. John Calbert, 70, died at her home 9 miles north of this city Wednesday morning. She was one of the pioneers of Shields township.
Robert Mueller, an eccentric bachelor and pioneer of the county, committed suicide at his home five miles northwest of town last Saturday. He was past 60 years of age and had been a resident of the county for about 30 years.
Pat Shea arrived this morning from Buffalo, S. D., and will spend a few days with old friends. Pat says the O'Neill boys in that section are well and prospering.
Henry Grady has more than one reason for wearing a smile. Besides being elected sheriff, a bright little daughter arrived at his home last Saturday.

Twenty Years Ago

Frontier, October 23, 1919
Will Biglin began work Saturday

on the new residence he will erect on the lots immediately east of the residence of Mrs. O. F. Biglin.

Frontier, October 30, 1919

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dishner went to Norfolk Saturday afternoon to drive back a new car.
Several delegations of O'Neill sportsmen, accompanied by a few from Omaha, have been enjoying themselves the past week duck hunting in the southwestern part of the county and they had splendid luck.

Ten Years Ago

Frontier, October 24, 1929
The new addition to the Mellor Motor company garage is being rushed and will be enclosed before many days.
Myron E. Sparks died at his home two miles southeast of O'Neill last Monday morning. He was 66 years of age at the time of his death.
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Merriam went to Lincoln last Saturday to see the Nebraska-Pittsburg football game.
The new telephone building is rapidly nearing completion.
Frontier, October 31, 1929
Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Brown moved to O'Neill last week and they will make their future home here, where Dr. Brown will be associated with Dr. J. P. Gilligan.
A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Gallagher Tuesday morning.
Martin Bazelman is now the owner of Sunset Lodge tourist camp and filling station, possession having passed to him today. Francis Bazelman will be in charge.

THE NEBRASKA SCENE

By the Lowell Service

The discovery that the appropriation bill passed by the last legislature delegated to certain executive departments the power to appropriate monies and that almost two million dollars could be used without legislative check or sanction led to frenzied and hurried action last week.

Governor Cochran hurried to Washington, taking with him W. H. Brokaw of the state farm. Members of the legislature began an examination of the bill. Proponents of old age pension plans sought legal advice, hoping to set aside certain provisions of the measure and thus compel a special session of the legislature to readjust payments to the aged.

The controversy developed when Senator John Callen of Odell called on the governor to protest against the flat \$6 cut in old age pensions. Senator Callen refused to talk about the subject matter of his talk with the executive. However, he did express a wish for a million dollars to be added to the old age pension appropriations.

Then it was discovered that some remarkable phrases had been written into the appropriation bill No. 521. One formula: "All fees collected together with any unexpended balance as of June 30, 1939."

The words "not to exceed" are left out in many cases. As some of the funds are constantly increasing and no summary of the unexpended balances are available, departments must make special efforts to use up all the money collected. Mrs. Maude Butler, accountant for the legislative council, has not made public any figures as to the amount of the blind appropriations. There is also a dearth of information as to the number of checking accounts that exist under the dome.

Governor Cochran hastened to Washington without making definite appointments. He asked Howard Hunter to put about 13,000 more on WPA. He made the rounds of various relief agencies. Governor Cochran reached the office of President Roosevelt after a congressional committee had conferred with the president on drought relief. Senators Burke, Capper and Bankhead are members of the committee. Previously Senator Norris had canvassed the mid-western situation with the president and with the committee.

According to reports from Washington, President Roosevelt declined to give any grants to Nebraska farmers. He told Cochran that ample provisions had been made for flood, drought and other forms of disaster in the nation. He also reviewed the appropriation for irrigation. There must be cooperation, the president declared, between the states and the federal government, and the states must furnish their own quota of the money. Senator Norris explained to Governor Cochran the status of Republican valley projects. The governor also found out how the state planning

board could aid in irrigation development.

Critics of the governor claimed that the executive had gone to Washington to seek some pretext for calling a special session of the legislature and using as an excuse, legislation to be passed by the special session of congress.

Several members of the legislature favored a special session to iron out the appropriations bill and adjust the old age pension payments. Another development that has been vexing the senators is the reported loss of \$4,500,000 gas tax bonus for 1939 and a similar amount for 1940, because of the diversion of one cent of the gasoline tax money for old age pensions. The federal act of 1938 allows the states the full allotment as a bonus, if 90 per cent of gasoline taxes and automobile license fees are used for highway construction.

"We can call a special session of the legislature without the aid or consent of the governor," declared Senator Lester Dunn. "I think we should take prompt action in this matter."

Members of the Omaha delegation considered a call for a special session.
Answering the call of J. M. Sorensen of Fremont, temporary chair man of the committee sponsoring the Fremont-Shell Creek irrigation project, farmers attended a mass meeting at North Bend last week. Congressman Karl Stefan expressed his approval of the proposed district. It is planned to irrigate 200,000 acres of land in the Platte and Elkhorn valleys with water taken from the Loup river from a point below the power house of the Loup River Public Power District at Columbus. In order to put the project across there must be a modification of the decision in the Tricounty case, forbidding diversion from one watershed to another.
In the Ak-Sar-Ben Public Power & Irrigation project at South Bend diversion is accomplished by means of a fault with an outcrop northeast of Greenwood and by pumping across the divide at a point between South Bend and Louisville. It is planned to extend "crop insurance" to 300,000 acres of land in East and Southeast Nebraska.

The suit of independent gasoline dealers, attacking the validity of the appropriation of \$50,000 for advertising Nebraska's resources, will be argued November 14 in the Lancaster county district court. The gasoline dealers have secured a temporary restraining order and seek to make it permanent. The money for the advertising was appropriated from excess gasoline inspection fees. The case was originally set for argument November 2. Senator Amos Thomas of Omaha wished to appear as a friend of the court and was given two weeks to prepare his brief.

Charles E. Hall, of Omaha, formerly secretary of the state truckers' organizations, is organizing a movement to initiate an amendment to the constitution to forbid all diversion of gasoline tax funds and use the entire proceeds for road construction.

Speaking before the bankers of Nebraska, in session at Omaha, E. E. Placek, Wahoo banker and president of the Nebraska State Water Conservation congress, declared that water resources must be utilized and irrigation pushed and developed. He advocated development of cheap power for pump irrigation, soil conservation, planting drought resisting crops, raising more live stock and poultry, deepening lakes, conserving wild life and the restriction of surface drainage.

Millions of acre feet of water are wasted in Nebraska every year, he declared. "Assuming that 'private interests' have opposed power projects," Placek said that no county or city bank in Nebraska can operate on income derived from local corporations or individuals, but must depend upon the prosperity of farmers and stock raisers.
"We must not permit ourselves to be influenced by private and sometimes selfish interests and forget the major problem confronting us—development and utilization of water resources of Nebraska," he said.

Another phase of the secret controversy going on at the state university became history last week when the student publications board reinstated Harold Niemann, of Nebraska City, editor of the Daily Nebraskan, who had been suspended on the charge of violating a release date. The editor appealed to the student body and demanded that the Nebraskan print news "while it is news." The staff of the Nebraskan and the students supported Niemann.

Prof. Gayle Walker, director of the College of Journalism, declared

that "the reasons discussed are not the real reasons involved." Twenty-seven members of the staff signed a petition, asserting that the news channels of the university were closed to reporters and protesting against censorship. Niemann was reinstated after agreeing to work in harmony with the publicity department of the university.

Last summer Dr. J. P. Senning, head of the department of political science, was demoted and publicity reached the people of the state only through this column. Dr. Earl H. Bell, instructor in anthropology, was notified that his services would end September 1, 1940, and publication was withheld. Regent R. W. Devoe, when asked about the action of the university authorities, declared that he knew nothing of the dismissals. He also denied that a "purge of liberals" was in progress.

Mystery also surrounds a report that the department of political science was to be subordinated to the teaching of history and no study of recent national or state issues was to be permitted. Chancellor Boucher was quoted as favoring the study of political science through the avenues of history. Regent Devoe said that no curtailment of the political science department had been discussed or authorized. Regent Devoe also expressed surprise at the action of the state planning board in taking part in suggesting university policies.

The state board of control has announced that state aid funds have been cut about \$6,000 in October payments. Old age allocations have dropped to \$403,336 for October as compared with \$410,316 in September. The October total for the aged and the blind and for the dependent children amounts to \$544,598, as compared with \$550,714 the preceding month.

Correspondence courses for shut-in children—those who are crippled or isolated—are about to be offered by extension by the University of Nebraska. These will be available not only to the shut-in children of Nebraska, but to those of all the other states of the nation. Such instruction has not heretofore been offered anywhere in the country. For first and second-year students, the registration fee will be \$30 a semester; for third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades, \$32.50; and for seventh and eighth grade students \$35. The superintendent of the town or county in which the shut-in child lives must be consulted by the child's parents, and it is the superintendent who is to decide whether the child is to receive the work, and whether the parent, the school district, or both, will pay for the courses. The student who completes eight grades by correspondence is expected to be fully equipped for high school work.

Railroads are making a bid for the transportation of gasoline and motor oils. The Missouri Pacific has announced a cut of 5 1/2 cents a hundred. From Kansas points this reduction lowers the rate to 0.165 a hundred by rail as against 0.185 by transport. The latter service, however, breaks up shipments to as low as 500 gallons by using compartments, whereas the minimum is generally 8,000 gallons by rail shipment. Gasoline transport men state that the railroads will make further cuts in an effort to force transportation out of the business.

Opening the Missouri river to barges will also compel a readjustment of rates on grain. Elevator operators in Eastern Nebraska are working with the traffic bureaus of the railroads, seeking schedules that will keep shipments moving through the regular channels.

MICKIE SAYS—



STORZ BUYS PRIZE STEER, WAS WISH OF LATE FOUNDER

A few days before his death recently, Mr. Gottlieb Storz gave instructions that the Storz Brewing Co. was to continue its policy of bidding on the champion steers at the Ak-Sar-Ben Live Stock Show in Omaha. Friday that wish was fulfilled when the company was successful bidder on the Reserve Grand Champion and Championship blue ribbon winner of the Angus Class.
Mr. Storz had been a sponsor of 4-H Club activities and a bidder on champions for many years. It was his way of helping to encourage better farming in the mid-west.

This year Russell Parrott, 21, who lives near Lincoln, brought a chunky, 920-lb. Black Angus to the Omaha show. His entry survived the eliminations and went on to win first honors in the Angus Class. Then in the Grand Championship competition it won the Reserve Grand Championship.
Russell Parrott has been showing entries at the Ak-Sar-Ben Live Stock Show for five years. This is the last year he will be eligible to place entries in competition.
The Storz Brewing Co. paid 50c a pound for the steer, 14c higher than the Reserve Grand Champion brought last year.

Secretary of Commerce Hopkins has issued a bulletin, declaring that all persons employed to take the 1940 census must work under the provisions of the Hatch bill. They cannot take part in politics.

At the annual meeting of the Native Sons and Daughters of Nebraska, held last week in Lincoln, Fred G. Hawxby of Lincoln, assistant United States district attorney, was elected president. Other officers were chosen as follows: Mrs. Ida K. McDuffee, Norfolk, first vice president; Judge O. Gilmore, York, second vice president; Mrs. Margaret E. Sheldon, Lincoln, secretary; and Max Meyer, Lincoln, treasurer. Mrs. William Whitorn, formerly of Fairfield, now of Billings, Montana, was the winner of the writer's contest for her paper on the experiences of Charles Wesley Wells, early Methodist minister of Nebraska. J. F. Lawrence, editor of the Lincoln Star, and Dr. Mildred Thompson, dean at Vassar college, were speakers at the dinner which closed the meeting.

The first anti-tank national guard unit in the United States is being set up in Hartington, according to information from the office of the adjutant general. Captain Lloyd set up in Hartington will become a member of the state staff. A platoon of 37 members, including one first lieutenant, two captains, four sergeants, six corporals and 24 privates, will replace Co. F infantry unit, which is being transferred to Gering, together with all infantry equipment in the armory at Hartington.

The supreme court Monday heard arguments in the case in which An-

drew C. Nelson, Omaha automobile dealer, attacks the constitutionality of the automobile dealers' "little NRA" the act passed by the 1937 legislature. Nelson's attorneys accused the act of creating a monopoly by confining to the manufacturer or distributor only the right to give franchise to new automobile dealers. It was also charged that the administrator (who is State Engineer A. C. Tilley) is given arbitrary and dictatorial power to promote the interest of the dealer to the detriment of the public; also that the act undertakes to regulate a common article of commerce not affected with a public use and gives the administrator the right to determine the values of automobiles, especially second-hand cars. Attorneys for the defendants insisted that there was a valid and enforceable law. A second case attacking the same law has been filed in the district court by Jack Lincoln, another Omaha used car dealer, whose license was recently suspended for fifteen days under the provisions of the law.

"Democracy and the Executive Office" was the subject of Governor R. L. Cochran at the opening lecture at the winter lecture series of the institute of government at the University of Omaha. This course, according to Dr. Shepherd L. Whitman, director, is an effort "to provide office-holders opportunity to describe problems involved in governmental service and to make possible the solicitation of information by citizens." Among other speakers will be Senator E. R. Burke, whose subject is "The Role of the Senate in Making Foreign Policy."

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