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THE STATE BOARD
FIXES STATE TAX LEVY

The State tax levy for 1931 has been fixed by the State Board of Equalization and Assessment, at 2.04 mills on the dollar valuation. This is equivalent to \$2.04 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation.

Holt county, on this basis, will be charged with \$53,045 in State taxes in 1931, as compared to \$70,903 in 1929.

The total State taxes levied throughout the state in 1931 is \$6,213,419.16, as compared to a total of \$7,879,328 charged to the counties in 1929.

Of the state levy made in 1931, 1.93 mills is for general fund purposes and .11 mills is for the Capitol Fund.

The total assessed valuation of the state in 1931 is as follows:
Tangible property—\$3,045,793,706
Class A Intangibles—87,990,379
Class B Intangibles—118,331,009

The law provides that emergency appropriations made by the Legislature shall be provided for in the first levy after the adjournment of the session, hence the comparison of 1931 with 1929, as both levies provide for the emergency appropriations of the two sessions.

FAULHABER—ZASTROW

Last week The Frontier mentioned that these two young people were married recently but we were not in possession of any of the facts at that time; they returned home a few days ago from a wedding trip into Canada.

Sidney J. Faulhaber and Miss Catherine Mary Zastrow were married in Fairfax, South Dakota, on Monday, Aug. 10th, by Father Dube, in the priest's home.

The bride was attired in a brown silk crepe dress with accessories to match.

Mrs. Faulhaber is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Zastrow of this city; she is a graduate of St. Mary's Academy; for the past eighteen months she has been employed in the office of John L. Quig.

Mr. Faulhaber is one of the busy, hustling young men of O'Neill; he is employed by the county as the driver of one of the maintenance trucks.

Following the ceremony they drove to Minot, North Dakota, then north into Canada and on to Winnipeg. They were away for about a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Zastrow will make their home for the present with Mrs. Zastrow in the northern part of the city.

MR. AND MRS. MAGIRL
CELEBRATE THEIR
GOLDEN WEDDING

Although the fiftieth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Magirl occurred on the twentieth of last April, their sons and daughters gathered at the old home last Saturday and on Sunday a fitting celebration was held in honor of the event. The occasion was a complete surprise to Mr. and Mrs. Magirl; the children so timed their arrival that they gathered at the home at the same time Saturday, and it was several minutes before the mother fully realized just what was taking place.

Those who were present and took part in the happy occasion were Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Head and children, Robert Vincent, Janet Ann and Rudolph, Randolph, Nebraska; Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Magirl and children, Robert, Peggy, Mary Helen, Jack, Catherine, Tresa Marie, Jackson, Nebraska; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Daugherty and daughter, Miss Mary, Clearfield, South Dakota; M. J. Neustrom, son Bobby and daughter Mary Pauline, Mobile, Iowa; John Magirl, Woonsocket, South Dakota.

Each of the children brought baskets of good things to eat. The party went to the Dishner grove a short distance from the Magirl home where the dinner was served and the afternoon spent in the shade of the trees; the young folks enjoyed swimming in the Elkhorn river which runs close to the grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Magirl were married in Manchester, Iowa, by Father Farley, on April 20, 1881. They made their home in Iowa for about ten years; they came to O'Neill about forty years ago where they have continued to reside. They have raised a large family and have managed to give each of their children a good education. Mr. and Mrs. Magirl are listed among the very few old timers of this community who came here in the very early stages of O'Neill; they can tell of many interesting events that have occurred throughout this community and recount with zest the many happy days they have spent rearing their family and doing their part in building a community that will stand as a monument to the memory of those who labored so diligently to establish a home for their posterity.

Mrs. P. J. Head, of Randolph, Nebraska, mother-in-law of Mrs. C. M. (Magirl) Head, and an old schoolmate of Mrs. Robert Magirl, baked the wedding cake which was a creation that drew much praise from the gathering.

A number of the children and their families returned to their homes on Monday.

The Frontier wishes to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Magirl on having had the privilege of living together for fifty years, and to express the wish that they may continue to enjoy the companionship of each other for many years to come.

Consult The Frontier about your Printing before you send your work out of town.

COLONEL NEIL BRENNAN
AND GEN. JOHN O'NEILL

San Diego, California,
August 15, 1931.

The article by Will Maupin in a recent issue of The Frontier, was read with much interest by many residents of San Diego, California. The article was written in the right spirit, yet I read between the lines that Mr. Maupin was not personally acquainted with Colonel Brennan or General O'Neill.

Colonel Brennan was one of the best personal friends this writer ever had. The article in question illustrates his kindly heart and well-known public spirit. The only fault I have to find with the account concerns the dialect attributed to Colonel Brennan, who never would or did say "What koinid uv a bell was you thinkin' of gettin' for the church?" The Colonel was not that kind of an Irishman. He was an Ulsterman and such accent as he had was the Ulster burr. Being an Ulsterman, he was well acquainted with Presbyterians in his native land and also in Scotland, where he spent many years of his youth and he knew from experience that they are good citizens, good friends and good neighbors. That is no doubt why he was ready and willing to contribute freely to the purchase of a bell for the Presbyterian church. He was an outstanding example of the better type of Irishman—truthful, honest, energetic and patriotic in every sense of the word. He believed that Irishmen should own land and stick to it through thick and thin and drouths and grasshoppers. The man who held on would win out in the end. Under great difficulties he planted and raised to perfection a beautiful park in his adopted city and built a fine residence therein. Some day I hope the citizens of O'Neill will raise a monument to two of the men who were in a high degree responsible for its existence and prominence, Colonel Neil Brennan and General John O'Neill.

The most serious mistake in Mr. Maupin's article as regards General O'Neill is the statement that when he invaded Canada at the head of a Fenian army he was "repulsed." Such is fame! The truth is that General O'Neill became famous in his invasion of Canada on account of the victory he achieved over Canadian-British troops at the Battle of Ridgeway. During the remainder of his life he was known as the "hero of Ridgeway." His withdrawal from Canada was brought about not by any repulse of Canadian or British troops, whom he did not fear, but because he was still a reserve officer in the army of the United States, and as such he was ordered by President Grant to desist from invasion of a "friendly" nation.

In October, 1919, the writer was chairman of the unveiling committee of a monument erected in Omaha, to General John O'Neill, where an address was delivered by President Eamon de Valera, president of the Irish Republic. The monument was erected at the expense of the Robert Emmet societies of Nebraska, most of which are located in Omaha. I thought at the time and will always think that that monument or a better one should have been erected in O'Neill, the town that bears the name of this patriotic general. It is encouraging to know that the virile patriotic strain typified in General John O'Neill will endure. For example, his beautiful grand-daughter, Helen O'Neill, became the wife of Nicholas J. Martin, oldest son of the late Hon. Patrick Martin, of San Diego, California, who until his death was the outstanding Irishman of Southern California, his aforesaid son, Nicholas J. Martin, being one of San Diego's prominent young attorneys. Well, the oldest son of these young people has been named O'Neill Martin, in honor of his distinguished great grand-father.

Another slight discrepancy in Mr. Maupin's article was calling Senator John Robertson "John Robinson." On the whole, however, the article was of the type that some of us old timers like to read even if the O'Neill Irish did not speak the kind of brogue that Mr. Maupin imagines. I fact I think O'Neill would be a mighty good place for a student of English to come to improve his style and he might learn a few other things also.

Very truly,
E. H. WHELAN.

O'NEILL FARMER SEARCH-
ED FOR THAT TOWN
BEFORE IT WAS BUILT
(Sioux City Journal)
Walking up the Elkhorn valley with Mrs. Nell Brennan, Sr., to look at a town yet unbuilt, fell to the lot of Con Keys, 70, now farming west of O'Neill.

Keys says they met Gen. O'Neill, founder of the town, on the prairie. "Stranger," Keys asked, "where may we find O'Neill city?"

"Haven't started it yet," O'Neill replied. Keys says he was near O'Neill city three years before a mass was said in the vicinity. Rev. Father Medard, a missionary, spoke the first sermon in the city.

Keys says the country had as much food in it as any other raw country, but that it was mighty hard to find it at times. This was back in 1870.

One of Keys' companions went to Cheyenne, Wyo., to search for gold. The man walked there and back to the "Lone Tree" near Emmet, and he subsisted on nothing but grass and water during the entire journey.

Mr. Keys says he staged an early endurance contest when he lived as frugally as he could one year and at the end of that time found his charge account totalled only \$23.

Keys says he raised tobacco in Holt county that stood seven feet high. Winds and hailstorms made it unprofitable here, he said.

In 1876 Keys assisted Patrick McCoy at breaking sod prairie. Keys' vest, holding \$124, was left on a

small cottonwood tree, near which dozens of children and men played and worked. Keys went to the J. B. Ryan ranch, was absent days, returned and found his money intact in the vest. He told this to show the honesty prevailing at the time.

Today another type of man—or beast—is killing calves and cutting heads at night on the Keys farm, "merely for the sport of it," he thinks, for he is sure he has no enemies.

Keys said he thought Mrs. John O'Fallon, John Enright, Mrs. Neil Brennan, Sr., and himself are all who are living of those first people who located on the upper Elkhorn river valley.

WILLIAMSON—PEARSON

Lynn Williamson, of Page, and Eda Pearson, of Lona, South Dakota were married by Rev. Samuel McKeown, in Page, Nebraska, last Sunday.

VONASEK—PROKOP

Mr. Ben Vonasek and Miss Wilma Prokop were united in marriage at the Methodist parsonage, Tuesday morning by the pastor, Rev. Benj. Kuhler. The groom gave his address as Verdell and the bride as Verdigre. Their future home will be on a farm near Walnut, Nebraska.

LOCAL NEWS

The Catholic Daughters will hold their annual picnic next Thursday.

Mrs. David Robar, Salix, Iowa, is visiting at the Tony Dressick home. Charles McGrane and Pat O'Gorman, of Norfolk, spent Sunday with Dan McCarthy.

Rolland Crellin went to Neligh, Sunday for a few days visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Tilsworth, of Ewing were visiting at the A. D. Palmer home Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Beryl Winchell returned home the first of the week from a vacation trip to points in Colorado.

Jeffrey and Donald Smith, of Page Nebraska were guests at the A. D. Palmer home in O'Neill last week.

L. C. Walling, district manager of the Interstate Power Co., left for Chicago this morning, on a business trip.

Mrs. Martha Lichty has filed an action for divorce from her husband, James P. Lichty. The Lichty's reside in the eastern part of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holman, of St. Joseph, Missouri, visited for a short time Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Manson, enroute to the Black Hills.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Streeter went to Sioux City, Iowa, Monday, where they will visit friends; they will also visit points in South Dakota before returning home.

Peter W. Duffy, secretary of the Holt County Fair, was in Atkinson and Stuart last Monday putting out advertising for the Fair, which will be held September 1-2-3-4.

Mrs. R. L. Arbutnot, Mrs. J. B. Mellor, Miss Roberta and Miss Marion Arbutnot returned home Friday from an auto trip through the Black Hills and points in Wyoming.

Mrs. J. W. Holden and son Percy and little daughter stopped in O'Neill a short time Wednesday. They had been visiting with old friends in the Chambers vicinity and were enroute home.

Mrs. L. A. Van Hove and daughter Helen, of Bristow, Nebraska, are guests at the P. J. Lansworth home fifteen miles northeast of O'Neill this week; they also visited with friends in O'Neill this week.

The Fair grounds are being prepared and the building put in proper condition for the big Holt County Fair that will begin Tuesday, September 1st as entry day. The first day of entertainment will be Wednesday, September 2nd, which is Children's Day when all school children will be admitted free.

O. E. Buckley and three daughters Miss Frances, Miss Lois and Miss Dorothy, of Winnebago, Nebraska, accompanied by Mrs. Jane Buckley, of Lyons, Nebraska, spent Sunday and Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Graves. Mr. Buckley is a brother and Mrs. Jane Buckley is the mother of Mrs. Graves.

Mrs. L. C. Chapman returned home Tuesday from Omaha where she purchased a nice line of new fall hats and dresses for her Style Shop. Mr. Chapman accompanied her to Omaha. They were guests of their son Lawrence and family for a couple of days. Mrs. Luella Brook, of Atkinson, was in charge of the Style Shop during Mrs. Chapman's absence.

Miss Alice Colson, of Los Angeles, California, is visiting at the home of her niece, Mrs. R. B. Mellor.

The band contest advertised to be held at Ewing, Nebraska, last Sunday, did not take place for the reason that the competing bands failed to put in their appearance. The Ewing band entertained the large audience that had gathered to listen to the music, so the visitors were not altogether disappointed. Quite a number from O'Neill were present.

A nice rain is reported to have fallen today at Page and the eastern part of the county. About .29 of an inch fell in O'Neill Tuesday night; reports from the western part of the county show that no rain fell in that locality; the country north of O'Neill got but little moisture at that time but in the eastern part of the county the rain was on the hit and miss order; Mrs. Faulk reported a near cloudburst about two miles north of Page, while Page got a sprinkle. Not much rain fell south of O'Neill.

The Neligh, Nebraska, Legion baseball team defeated the Cheyenne, Wyoming, team 28 to 0, Tuesday, in the Rocky Mountain regional championship of the American Legion baseball tournament. Neligh will meet Albuquerque, New Mexico team today for the all-western championship.

The Holt County friends of Cass Moore, of Ainsworth, Nebraska, will be grieved to learn of his death, which occurred last Friday as the result of injuries received earlier in the week at the intersection just south of the viaduct, south of Neligh Nebraska, when the car in which he was riding was hit by another car. Mr. Moore was a county commissioner of Brown county and mayor of Ainsworth. He was born in Salem, Nebraska, and lived there twenty-three years. A. L. Baldwin, Ainsworth, member of the state game commission, was driving the car when Moore was injured. Baldwin was not hurt.

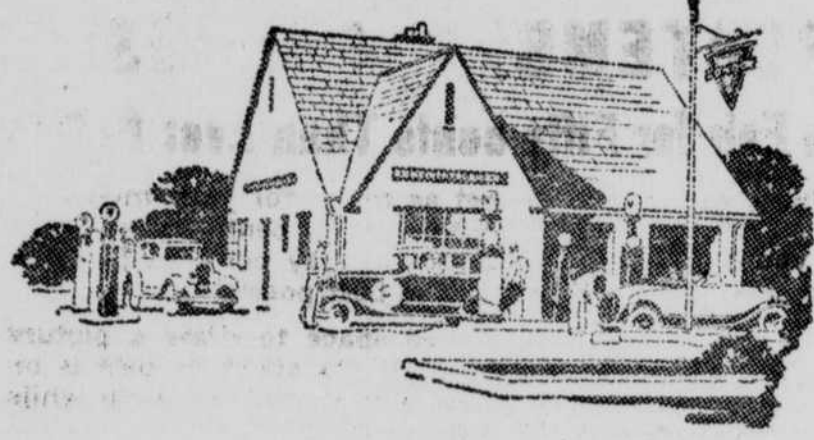
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