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"A mere life of ease is not in the end a satisfactory life, and, above all, it is a life which ultimately unfits those who follow it for serious work in the world."

BALLOT IS 10 AND 2 IN Bank Case WILL ASK A RETRIAL

The jury in the Flannigan trial failed to agree upon a verdict. At six o'clock Sunday evening the jury sent word to Judge Dickson that they could not come to an agreement, and the judge had them brought before him in the court room and after receiving the report excused the jury until January 4.

After four hours devoted to the pleas and arguments of the several attorneys the fate of the defendants John and James Flannigan was committed to the jury shortly before six o'clock on Friday evening, following a brief recess. The judge gave his instructions, eighteen in all, and sent the jury to the jury room for deliberations. From 11 o'clock Saturday morning until they reported to Judge Dickson at six o'clock Sunday evening the jury stood two for acquittal and ten for conviction.

County Attorney J. D. Cronin says the prosecution will ask for a new trial at the reconvening of court, and Tuesday served notice on the attorneys for the defense to that effect. A new trial can not be taken up before the cases now set for hearing are disposed of, which will probably be not earlier than January 20.

Some sensational developments are looked for when the prosecution goes into court to ask for a new trial.

The trial of this case ran two full weeks. It began at the convening of court on the morning of December 7, ending with the report of the jury the evening of December 20. Not until 11 o'clock on Friday forenoon was the evidence all in, and the arguments of the prosecution begun. The jury was out an even 48 hours.

The trial was of great interest throughout the county, involving as it did two Holt county bankers on criminal charges. The trial itself was quite remarkable in that judge, jury and all involved, stood the two week's strain without a break anywhere.

The total cost to the county as computed by Clerk of the Court Moss is \$2,680.10. This is apportioned as follows:

Witness fees \$1,440, bailiff \$54, jury \$1,016.10, sheriff for serving subpoenas \$170.

At the convening of court on Monday, January 4, the injunction case of Robert H. Johnson vs. Northern Nebraska Power company is set for trial.

The motion for a new trial in the case of A. E. Flannigan, convicted in Rock county in connection with the bank failure at Bassett, will not be passed upon until the judge goes to Rock county.

Judge Dickson went to Boyd county Tuesday to hear an equity case.

Methodist Church Notes

Benj. Kuhler, Pastor

When this reaches you Christmas will have arrived. We are grateful to all who so kindly remembered the Pastor and his family. Also for the help in preparing the program and furnishing the treat for the Sunday School. I am sure the ladies feel the same way toward those who helped them fill so many boxes of good cheer for the needy. Let us hope that this fine spirit may abide with us all till another Christmas arrives.

We invite you to worship with us again next Sunday at all the services, morning and evening. And may the love and blessings of God keep us at peace with God and man thru the coming year.

O'NEILL DEFEATS LYNCH 11-5

In their first home game of the basket ball season, the O'Neill high school quintet took Lynch by a score of 11-5. Kilpatrick was high point man with two field goals for four of the 11 points. Sanders and Hunt each hooked a field goal and Bressler made one point on a free toss. Ritchey and Carson of Lynch accounted for four of their points with a goal each, and Darnell made one point on a foul.

The O'Neill second team defeated the Lynch second team by 14 to 4. Medlen was high point man with 3 field goals and 1 free throw, for 7 points.

T. M. Harrington, the genial harness and shoe man on east Douglas street, made a find that leads him to think maybe some of this talk of tough times is mere make believe. Repairing a ladies' shoe he saw something glitter and shine, embedded in the sole. Carefully cutting the leather away and picking out the object he found it was a diamond set—imitation or real, Tim doesn't know which—evidently from a piece of jewelry. When the ladies are able to stud their shoe soles with diamonds, prosperity is at hand.



THE FRONTIER extends to all, cordial holiday greetings. The few months the present editor has been identified with interests here have been busy and pleasant ones. Friends of former years with one accord have extended the welcome hand and new friends and acquaintances have been made. The year now

closing has been a hard one in many ways, but there is a note of courage and faith in the future that indicates that the people of this community, as well as other communities, are not licked yet. And so we wish all a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

The Editor.

Frontier Feature Story Starts Around World

The story of the three tons of horse-shoes in The Frontier of October 22 has a start around the world. The Frontier editor got the information first hand from Emil Sniggs, owner of the shoes, saw them in his storehouse and wrote the story. Other papers, some claiming to be "the world's greatest," took up the story and worked it over as an original piece of news. This they are doing right along with the matter appearing for the first time in this paper.

The story of Mr. Sniggs unusual stock of horse shoes had wide pub-

licity in this country. It has started across the ocean and is now well out at sea. Mr. Sniggs called Monday with a clipping from the Honolulu Advertiser of November 11, telling about his horse shoes. The clipping was sent to him by Hugh Campbell, brother of our city clerk, Ed Campbell, who is spending two years in Honolulu employed by the government as senior corporation accountant, checking up on corporations for income tax. It is regarded quite as remarkable in the metropolis of the Hawaiian group as it is here in this and adjacent states, and Emil is getting a wide reputation as the man with the horse shoes. His little ad in this issue is worth turning to and reading

OBITUARY

Margaret G. Bartels was born July 12, 1872, near Peoria, Ill., and died at Atkinson December 21, 1931, at the age of 59 years, 5 months and 3 days. At the age of eleven years she removed to Lincoln, Nebraska, and later on a homestead in Holt county. She was married to George Spindler in 1895. To this union were born 10 children, Chester, William, John, Merle, Floyd, Frank and Glen and three girls, Mary, Rose and Francis, all of whom survive but John and Mary.

Mrs. Spindler was baptized in the Niobrara river in 1905, and she maintained her faith to the end. Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Wednes-

day, at the Pleasant Valley church at Meek, by Pastor S. M. Ohmart.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Philbin arrived here Wednesday. They are visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Shughmesy.

Mr. and Martin Wintermote are down from Douglas, Wyo., being called to Holt county by the death of their son-in-law, Con Harley. They were long time residents of southern Holt but have been at Douglas the past sixteen years. Mr. Wintermote called at this office to shake hands with the editor. They will remain at their daughter's home until Christmas evening and will take the night train here for their home at Douglas.

MYSTERIOUS FIRE AT Feed Store IN EARLY MORNING

At 2 o'clock Tuesday morning the fire department was called out to combat a blaze at the J. B. Ryan hay and feed storage yards at the Burlington tracks. The building stored with feed adjacent to the railroad and fronting on the sidewalk was ablaze. The fire lads tackled the job in earnest, saving the building from total destruction and preventing the spreading of a destructive conflagration.

Mr. Ryan estimates his loss on the feed at \$100. The damage to the building is placed at \$150, this being covered by insurance.

The Burlington motor car, also a waycar, was on the track beside the building and were taken to safety without catching on fire.

The origin of the fire is not known. Authorities have investigated some rumors and are looking into the recent records of two or three men to see if they could be connected with the starting of the fire. At the Starlin home two blocks away a fire was prevented by the quick action of Mrs. Starlin. A bunch of ordinary waste used by machinists was found mysteriously ablaze at the back door. Mrs. Starlin quickly extinguished it with a bucket of water.

Long Time Resident, Suddenly Stricken

Mrs. Sarah C. Hammond was found by her relatives dead in bed Monday morning. She had been in her usual health and returned here only Friday last from a trip to Omaha. Apoplexy took her during the night.

The deceased had been a resident of O'Neill since 1885. She had reared a family of six children here, but always had time for kindly helpful ministrations to those in need in the community. Her husband, A. J. Hammond, founder of the Hammond Abstract Co., died some years ago. Four sons and two daughters, all to be here today for the funeral, are: Herbert J. and William J. and Mrs. Ira Moss of O'Neill, Mae D. and Harold L. of Los Angeles and Arthur J. of Omaha.

The deceased was born in 1866 at Utica, Illinois. She was married to Arthur J. Hammond the year they came to O'Neill, 1885. It would be superfluous if not presumptuous for us to attempt any eulogy. The Hammond family are known and esteemed by everybody.

Funeral services were held this morning at 9 o'clock at St. Patrick's church.

Morrison's grocery escaped being robbed by a mere chance Tuesday evening. Closing up the store at 6 o'clock but planning to return again after supper, a burglar was locked in the basement. As soon as the "coast was clear" in the store he prepared for operations. The clasp to the door leading to the basement was removed, two back doors unlocked to provide a way of escape and he was ready for the plunder. Just then Dick Morrison returned to the store to use the telephone. He got a glimpse of the intruder in the rear of the store and thinking to make a capture went back out and locked the front door and went to call Mr. Morrison. In the mean time the fellow made good his escape from the rear. There was \$150 in the cash register but he had not got to that yet when Dick showed up. Nothing was stolen but the padlock to the back door.

Filings in District Court

E. H. Luikhart, receiver Pioneer bank of Ewing, vs. S. S. Welpton et al.; stockholders liability; F. C. Radke and Barlow Nye, attorneys.

Conservation Savings and Loan association vs. Alice Naughton et al.; foreclosure; W. S. Flint and J. A. Donohoe.

Violet Storjohn vs. William Storjohn; divorce; Chapman and Harmon. Julius Himes vs. Nebraska Mutual Insurance company; law; J. A. Donohoe.

John Fink vs. Emma J. Bethea; law; Geo. M. Harrington.

Ida M. Morey vs. Orville VanConett et al.; foreclosure; J. A. Donohoe.

Julius H. Eldredge vs. D. Davenport et al.; foreclosure; T. R. P. Stocker.

Services at the First Presbyterian Church

Sunday School 10:00—Mr. Geo. C. Robertson, superintendent.

Morning Worship 11:00—"Things that Remain."

C. E. Young People's Meeting 6:45—Geo. T. Robertson will lead on the subject, "Worry."

Evening Service 7:30—"Mountain Climbing."

We shall have good music for the above services. Attend Church the last Sunday of the year. With the spirit of worship in your heart you will be better able to start the New Year. We invite you.

H. D. Johnson, pastor.