

"Affection is still a briber of the judgment; and it is hard for a man to admit a reason against the thing he loves, or to confess the force of an argument against an interest."

THE NEWS IN BRIEF

Rose Grady is expected home from Denver, Colo. for the holidays.

Ferne Hubbard is home from Lincoln, where she is teaching school.

Frank Davidson is expected home for the holidays, from Casper, Wyo.

Harland Agnes is home from Dubuque, Iowa, where he is going to school.

Billie Griffen is home for the holidays. He is attending school in Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Enright and baby, are expected home for the holidays.

May Hammond is here from California, and Mary Fitzmons came with her from Omaha.

Miss Elizabeth O'Malley went to Sioux city Sunday morning returning Monday evening.

Fritz Kane, brother of Mrs. Mullen and Mrs. Leo Carney, is visiting here during the holidays.

Elden McPharlin is home for the holidays. He is going to school at Creighton university in Omaha.

Frank J. Gallagher, who is studying at St. Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri, is spending the holidays at his home in this city.

James McManus and B. J. McCafferty returned to Casper, Wyo. Monday. They have been spending a few days here with relatives.

The editor and family acknowledge with sincere appreciation the receipt of a large box of choice candy with the compliments of Sheriff Peter Duffy.

Pupils and teachers of the O'Neill public schools and St. Mary's academy are enjoying the holiday vacation. Books were stacked last Friday and will not be brought out again until January 4.

The 1932 automobile license plates are on hand at the county treasurer's office. Some car owners have already secured their plates and will be ready at the expiration of the year to put on the new ones.

O'Neill business houses report a good holiday trade. Some lines of goods have been in unusual demand, with the buying pretty well divided on staples and notions. Some places report that their stocks are pretty well sold down.

County Superintendent Luella A. Parker, yesterday took a box of Christmas presents to a rural school for distribution among the thirteen pupils of the district. The box came from Helen Wilder of Rosalie, Thayer county, a teacher in a rural school of that county. It contained a good selection of presents from the pupils of the district.

Mr. and Mrs. George Meals and children of Atkinson were O'Neill visitors yesterday. George says he has just finished husking corn. While he came a long ways from getting a full crop the past unfavorable season, he fared much better than some others. He got 500 bushels, which George says will furnish what grain feed he will need.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Steckal came up from Omaha Thursday last, returning Monday. Mr. Steckal is a brother of Mrs. T. M. Harrington and Mrs. George Urlaub of this city. The latter went to Omaha with them on their return for further medical help at a hospital. This is the second time Mrs. Urlaub has had to go to a hospital, having been under hospital care some three months ago.

ATTRACTIVE CALENDAR

First National is Sending Out One Which Has Patriotic Appeal

The First National bank favors The Frontier with a calendar for 1932. It has a patriotic appeal as well as being a work of art. A splendid portrait of George Washington is the central figure. Under the picture is printed a brief extract from Washington's farewell address. The two hundredth anniversary of the birth of the great American patriot falling in 1932 makes this calendar very appropriate. And for this same reason these words printed under the picture are appropriate and worth reading.

"Citizens by birth or by choice of a common country, that country has a right to concentrate your affections. The name of American, which belongs to you, in your national capacity, must always exalt the just pride of patriotism, more than any appellation derived from local discriminations. With slight shades of difference you have the same religion, manners, habits and political principles. You have in a common cause fought and triumphed together. The independence and liberty you possess are the work of joint councils, and joint efforts of common dangers, sufferings and successes."

"But these considerations, however powerfully they address themselves to your sensibility, are greatly outweighed by those which apply more immediately to your interest. Here every portion of our country finds the most commanding motives for carefully guarding and preserving the Union of the whole."

FROM W. D. M.

First Editor of The Frontier Would Set Present Editor Straight in His History.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec 9, 1931.—Editor The Frontier: Always enjoy reading the good old Frontier, finding much that is pleasant, some that is sad, like the death of old friends of early days, and all or nearly all are gone to the final reckoning. But what I want to write about this time is to call attention to some errors in your interesting article headed "Record of Many Notables," in which you so kindly notice myself. And by the way I would like mighty well to read the account of that speech I made to the brother editors, whom I think were entertained at our home on kid hill, when Mrs. Mathews provided one of her famous dinners. Ah me, those good old times.

You speak of Tom Kearns as owning the Utah mine. His estate may own it yet, but Tom has been dead for years. And so clearly do I remember when Tom started out to see what he could find in the mining country. I was postmaster. One Sunday morning Tommy (as we called him then) came into the office for mail, told me he was going west, to hold his mail until he wrote where to forward it. Asked where he was headed for he said he didn't know exactly but that he worked in coal mines in Pennsylvania, and might now try gold or silver. He laughingly remarked that he had borrowed twenty dollars from Judge Kincaid and that was about all he had, but by begging or stealing he would make out. Thought he was going to touch me, and in later years almost wished he had. The last time I saw Tom he was senator from Utah. I was in Washington on business. Coming down from the capitol I saw a portly man across the street, dressed in up-to-date shape, Prince Albert, plug hat, etc. In spite of all that I thought I recognized him, and hollered "Hello Tom" and he faced my way, looked bewildered like, and shouted, "Well, I'll be d—d, if it ain't Doc Mathews," and we fell into each other's arms, not figuratively either. That night I spent at his rooms in the Raleigh hotel. We did some talk visiting, reminiscing greatly. He told me how he made his hit that brought wealth and fame. When he landed in Salt Lake City he was plumb busted. Getting a job as a day laborer in a mine he lived cheaply and saved a little money. When off duty, Sundays mostly, he prospected on his own hook. He ran across an old abandoned silver mine, just a hole in the ground so to speak. He worked in that hole at night time and Sundays, getting out timbers and totting them on his back to the old mine, brazing the caving ground and rock, and digging, digging, digging—all alone—dreaming as he worked. And the great Silver King mine was found, and the poor Irish lad became the Silver King of the world, many times a millionaire. You all know the rest. And that night in Washington Tom related in his charming way how he came to be United States senator. "I was almost forced to it. I had a friend, a big banker, whom I wanted to be made senator when the legislature met that winter, and I urged him to announce and get into the fight for legislative members, but he put me off, being hot and cold, until his friends got tired of it. I jokingly said to him that he had to come out or by golly or by something else I would shy my own hat in the ring, at which he ironically said 'I couldn't make the U. S. senate in a thousand years. I said I would show a trick or two, told my friends I was a candidate, and went to work. When the legislature met I was credited with having three votes, and when the election came I had all the republicans and some democrats. And with a twinkle in his eye tom wound up the account by saying, "How could I lose, with a Jew for a campaign manager, and backed by the Mormon church, and mind this, me a Roman Catholic—could you beat that combination, Doc?" And Tommy Kearns made a good senator.

You speak of John McHugh having been night telegraph operator at the Northwestern depot in O'Neill, going from that position to the banking business in New York. All wrong. McHugh was never a telegraph operator in O'Neill, or in any other place in the United States. John was born in Canada, started his career in a railroad office, as clerk, then as a telegrapher, but when he came to this country he quit that line of work. He came to O'Neill as cashier in the State Bank, of which I was president, succeeding Sam Sample, who with my brother Harry started a bank at Butte in Boyd county. From O'Neill McHugh went to Sioux City, where he attained deserved prominence. In a few years attracting the attention of the "big bankers in the east, and he was called to New York city, and advanced steadily to the head of one of the largest banks of the country.

Yes, indeed. Patrick Fahy went to Washington when O'Neill made the fight to take the U. S. Land Office from Niobrara, and so did Judge Kincaid and this writer, we three comprising the committee selected by the citizens who contributed the funds to pay the actual expenses. Probably no three men were as dissimilar in every way, but we sure did work in harmony, and with ultimate success. Niobrara sent Major Powers to try and block our efforts, and the daughty ex-soldier was a good scrapper. The Land Commissioner had the matter in charge, tho I believe we did see the Secretary of the Interior also. We also interviewed our senators and the only

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representative E. K. Valentine. I recall that we had a rather hot session with Senator VanWyck, at his home and at night. As I recall it he was rather inclined to Niobrara, while his colleague (Saunders I believe) leaned our way. Val also kinder cast his eye up the Elkhorn—that had helped him a lot—so much so that Rosewater in his Bee threatened to put Clerk Sanford Parker and Postmaster Mathews in jail for the reason that the vote at the Big Cut was bigger than he thought it ought to be, and Sanford and I were on the ground that day. The Big Cut was then the end of the railroad construction, in unorganized territory attached to Holt county for election, judicial and revenue purposes, so you see we had a moral and party right to be there—and no doubt the several hundred laborers had the right to vote. At any rate this vote elected Valentine to congress for the first time, defeating Turner, mugwump, and Judge Munger, Democrat. It was a grand and glorious victory. For your information will state that the Big Cut was near Fort Niobrara, this side of what is now Valentine in Cherry county. We had some good help that election day—Post Trader Thayer, old Dave Mears and George Betts. The polling place was a Deer Park hotel, across the Minnekadusa creek from the Post.

I do not know how many times O. F. Biglin was elected mayor, but I do know that the first time was when he beat me. Funny that I was such an idiot as to be trapped into a situation that brought defeat, or at least contributed to it a lot. I was president of the State Bank, and my opponent in business, good friend Ed. Gallagher, got Hank McEvony to get me mad enough to make a bet of \$25 on the result. This was pie to Biglin and his supporters, and they used it you bet. Ode and I were always friends, however. At my suggestion we got a saddle out of Fred Pfunder's shop, went into the back yard, and Ed Grady took a snap shot of poor me on all fours, saddle on back, Ode in the Stirrups. It was a corker and caused many laughs.

Well, dear editor Romaine, guess I have rambled enough, penning more than you will care to give space. Facts, when I get to thinking of the old times so much comes to mind that I don't know when to quit. It just occurred to me that if it wasn't for me you would not now be editing my old paper. As you know, of course, your brother Ezra became a member of my family when we lived at Monroe, Wisconsin, working in my print shop as compositor on the paper after serving as devil, etc. A year or so after I came to O'Neill he showed up, saying he wanted to get back into the printing game. Of course I took him in, and he served me faithfully for several years, in the postoffice as well as in the shop, living in my home, and marrying another member of the family, Lola Addison, cutting out a rival and ardent suitor, John Smoot. Your parents came along later, and with them naturally yourself and sisters. I recall that I uncovered an abandoned quarter section adjoining my homestead about five miles from town, near Mike Carroll's, upon which your father filed a soldier's claim, moving the house from my place to his. While you did not come into my life I have always felt interested in your various moves, and now extend congratulation on this last attraction—The Frontier.

In my seventy-seventh year I realize most fully that my days on this mundane sphere are not so many, and in bidding adieu to my old friends in Holt county I feel that it may be the last time. At any rate I am not worrying a little bit about what comes after this. Good bye all, and may the great Supreme Architect of the Universe be ever with you and yours.

Truly yours,
W. D. MATHEWS.

Anton Soukup, one of the substantial farmers of Page, was in the city Tuesday.

The weather has developed about right for the elimination of the grass hopper eggs that are said to be on deposit in the soil in some localities in Northeast Nebraska.

Winter arrived officially Tuesday but in reality spring-like conditions were ushered in after four weeks of snow and cold. The snow is now all gone and cattle are grazing out in the pasture districts.

ALUMNI PROGRAM

The following is the program of the alumni home-coming at St. Joseph hall in Atkinson on next Tuesday.

1:00 P. M., Registration at St. Joseph's Hall. Come early, and see the school exhibits.

1:45 P. M., Business Meeting at St. Joseph's Hall. The only general meeting of the Alumni. Election of officers and committee reports.

3:00 P. M., Whist and Bridge Party at City Memorial Hall. Prizes for both games.

5:15 P. M., Basketball Game at Public School Gym. It's going to be a good game. St. Joseph's vs. Burton. Two teams of good clean sportsmen.

7:00 P. M., Banquet at St. Joseph's Hall. This will be the biggest event of the day.

9:30 P. M., Dance at City Memorial Hall. Climax of a day of enjoyment by dancing in the evening.

Royal Theater

Thursday and Friday
December 24-25

The first lady of the screen in a memorable role—Ruth Chatterton in "Once A Lady" with Ivor Novella, Jill Emond and Geoffrey Kerr. Ruth Chatterton's most appealing role. Adm. 10-40c. Saturday December 26

Ken Maynard in

"The Two Gun Man"

with his famous horse "Tarzan". A plunging picture of the west when gun smoke mingled with the dust from pounding hoofs. Adm. 10-40c. Matinee Sat. 2:30, adm. 10-40c.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday
December 27-28-29

Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell in "Merely Mary Ann" with Beryl Mercer and J. M. Kerrigan. A love story told in only glorious Janet and gallant Farrell can tell it! Admission 10-50c. Matinee Sunday 2:30; adm. 10-35c.

Wednesday and Thursday
December 30-31

Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. in "Chances" with Rose Hobart, Anthony Bushell and Holmes Herber. Greater than his role in "The Dawn Patrol"! If you had never seen young Doug before, this Picture would make him a star. Adm. 10-40c; Wed. Family Night.



WILLIAM RITCHIE, Jr., candidate for democratic nomination for Governor, was for many years a resident of western Nebraska. He has lived in sod lands and endured many of the hardships of western pioneer life. He was elected County Superintendent of Schools in Cheyenne County 24 years ago. He was one of the authors of the state aid for western country schools, which gave several months to every rural pupil in the state. He worked his way through the University of Nebraska, where he graduated in 1915. Ten years ago, he was State Commander of the American Legion in Nebraska.

Self-Denial may be disagreeable now—but Poverty in the future will be disastrous.

The O'Neill National Bank

Capital, Surplus and Undivided Profits, \$125,000.00

This bank carries no indebtedness of officers or stockholders.

The County Board

5:00 P. M. On motion, the Board adjourned until November 27, 1931. 9:00 A. M.

John Sullivan, John C. Gallagher, Chairman. Clerk.

O'Neill, Nebraska, Nov. 27, 1931. 9:00 A. M.

Holt County Board of Supervisors met as per adjournment. Members present: Sullivan, James, Skidmore, Stein, Steinhauer. Meeting called to order by the Chairman. Minutes of previous meeting were read and, on motion, were approved as read.

Motion by Skidmore, seconded by Steinhauser, that the cost of printing school Directories, which amounts to \$75.00, be added to the 2½ cents per pupil which was appropriated for school exhibits at County Fairs, and that the printing of school directories be dispensed with.

12:00 Noon, on motion, the Board adjourned until 1:00 P. M.

John Sullivan, John C. Gallagher, Chairman. Clerk.

Nov. 27, 1931. 1:00 P. M.

Holt County Board of Supervisors met as per adjournment. All members present except McKim and Root. Meeting called to order by the Chairman.

County Treasurer Conklin appeared before the Board in regard to the expense for postage in mailing out auto licenses.

County Attorney Cronin met with the Board in regard to the necessary procedure in Foreclosure of Real Estate for delinquent real estate tax lists of the different cities and villages of the County.

5:00 P. M. On motion, the Board adjourned until November 28, 1931. 9:00 A. M.

John Sullivan, John C. Gallagher, Chairman. Clerk.

O'Neill, Nebraska, Nov. 28, 1931. 9:00 A. M.

Holt County Board of Supervisors met as per adjournment. All members present except McKim and Root. Meeting called to order by the Chairman. Minutes of previous meeting were read and, on motion, were approved as read.

RESOLUTION

Mr. Chairman: I move you that hereafter all persons desiring or requesting automobile license plates be mailed to them, be required to add an additional ten cents to license fees to defray the expense of postage and the cost of same. And that all requests for books, printing and supplies to be mailed out by the County Superintendent to the

School Boards and School Teachers of the County be accompanied by the necessary postage to defray the cost of mailing same.

J. C. Stein,
L. E. Skidmore.

The above resolution, on being put to a vote by the Chairman, was declared carried and so ordered.

The Board spent some time in checking over the delinquent taxes on real estate in the different cities and villages in the County.

12:00 Noon, on motion, the Board adjourned until 1:00 P. M.

John Sullivan, John C. Gallagher, Chairman. Clerk.

Nov. 28, 1931. 1:00 P. M.

Holt County Board of Supervisors met as per adjournment. All members present except Root. Meeting called to order by the Chairman.

Dr. F. L. Wilson of Stuart, Nebraska, appeared before the Board in regard to the allowance of claims for medical and surgical services.

4:00 P. M. On motion, the Board adjourned until December 28, 1931, unless called at an earlier date by the Clerk.

John Sullivan, John C. Gallagher, Chairman. Clerk.

Conrad Harley died at his home 20 miles south of O'Neill Saturday last. The funeral was held Monday at the Lutheran church south east of Chambers. Frank Biglin and Leo Mullen went out from O'Neill with the Biglin funeral car, having charge of the remains. The deceased was a long time resident of southern Holt county, coming here in 1887 from Leechleg, Ont., where he was born in 1869. He was married in 1898 to Chlo Wintermote of Chambers. Ten children were born to them. They are: Mrs. Hazel Mohr of Columbus, Neb., Neta of Milwaukee, Wis., Louis, Paul, Lucille, Edna, Bernice and Vernon of Chambers, Victor of Leigh, Neb., and Mrs. Wanda Lenz of Bradshaw, Neb. Besides the children, deceased is survived by his wife Mrs. Harley and five brothers and four sisters and his mother, all of whom were at the funeral. Rev. Fricke of Chambers conducted the services. Burial was made in the Chambers cemetery.

J. C. Addison of Opportunity, a long time friend of the editors and one of the earliest of the settlers in what in the early day was known as the Minneola neighborhood, was in the city Tuesday. Mr. Addison lives on the same place he homesteaded a half century ago.

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