

# THE FRONTIER

## McCAULEY JAILED BUT IS MOVED ELSEWHERE DUE TO SICKNESS

Arthur McCauley, who was convicted some months ago of jury bribing in connection with the trial of the two Flannigan brothers, who were being tried for violation of the banking laws, and who was sentenced to six months in the county jail and whose sentence was affirmed by the supreme court, entered upon his jail sentence last Wednesday evening. Sickness prevented him from entering upon his sentence sooner.

Acting upon the recommendation of Drs. Brown of this city and Douglas of Atkinson—who made an examination of the prisoner Wednesday evening—McCauley was removed this morning from the county jail to the Starlin rooming house in this city, where he will remain for a few days under guard. He has been sick for the past six weeks or more and his condition has not improved since he entered the county jail, so the doctors suggested his removal to some other place of confinement and the sheriff complied with the suggestion of the physicians.

## ECONOMY LEAGUE COMMITTEE MEETS WITH COUNTY BOARD

The executive committee of the Holt County Economy League met with the county board at the court house last Wednesday afternoon and discussed the financial condition of the county. The following members of the committee were present: John A. Robertson, Martin Conway, F. G. Schmidt, Charles Kirkland and Robert Starr.

The committee presented the county board with the following requests:

O'Neill, Nebraska, January 11, 1933.

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Holt county, Nebr. Gentlemen:

We, the executive committee of the Economy League of Holt county, are instructed to present to your body the following requests and ask their favorable consideration.

That no new bridges be built in this county this year and only absolutely necessary repair work on bridges be done.

That no new roads be laid out or constructed this year and only necessary repair and upkeep be done.

That a better system for buying county supplies be adopted and more competition be secured for the purpose of obtaining more favorable prices for the county.

These requests are made for the purpose of improving the county's financial condition and protection of the county's credit and to illustrate what is meant we give the following comparison on purchase of supplies.

In 1919, Two Record Books.

One Trial Docket	\$27.50
Patent Book	1.00
Canvass Book	2.50
Total	\$31.50
One Miscellaneous Record	\$27.50
Patent book	1.00
Canvass cover	2.50
Total	\$31.00

In 1930 and included in judgment issued against county.

One Deed Record	\$45.00
Marginal ruling	5.00
Printed head	7.50
Canvass cover	5.00
Side titles	1.00
Postage	.40
Total for this book	\$63.90
One Marriage record	\$67.50
Double ruled, Printed index	22.50
Canvass cover and title	6.00
Postage	.39
Total	\$96.39

This comparison shows that the county is now paying two and three times as much for supplies as was paid in 1919 when all prices were high, including the prices the taxpayer received for his produce while at the present time he receives less than the cost of production or only about one fourth the amount received in 1919.

We respectfully request that you give this your serious and favorable consideration.

## EDUCATIONAL NOTES

The next State Teachers' Examinations will be held in Stuart, Atkinson, Ewing and O'Neill on Saturday, January 21st.

District No. 56 gave a Community Play during the Christmas vacation which realized them the sum of \$40.00. This money will be used to purchase new seats for the school. Mrs. Vivian Curran is the teacher.

## O'NEILL NATIONAL ELECTS

The stockholders of the O'Neill National held their annual meeting in the banking rooms last Tuesday and elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

S. J. Weekes, President.  
C. P. Hancock, Vice president.  
F. N. Cronin, Cashier.  
Ed. N. Quinn, Assistant Cashier.  
Board of Directors: S. J. Weekes, Emma D. Weekes, C. P. Hancock, F. N. Cronin and Ed F. Quinn.

The only change in the personal of the bank's officers is the advancement of C. P. Hancock from the position of cashier to that of vice president, to fill the vacancy that had existed in that position since the death of Dr. J. P. Gilligan, and the advancement of Francis Cronin from the position of assistant cashier to that of cashier.

## FIREMEN HAVE INTERESTING MEETING

The members of the O'Neill Fire Department had a very interesting meeting last Monday evening. At this meeting it was decided to increase the membership of the department from twelve to fifteen members. As there was a vacancy in the department, due to the removal of Wm. McDermott from the city, it was necessary to elect four new members. We understand that there were eighteen applications for the four vacancies. The following members were elected: Chick Calkins, Bob Davidson, Frank Clements and Howard Bauman.

Captain Ed Burge was elected assistant fire chief to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of Capt. McDermott, and Bert Gunn was elected Captain to fill the vacancy caused by the promotion of Captain Burge.

## RALPH S. TWEEDY

Ralph S. Tweedy died at the home of his son, Albert, near Wausa, Thursday, January 5th. Funeral services were held at the M. E. Church in O'Neill, conducted by Rev. F. J. Aucock. Mr. Tweedy came to Holt county in 1901 and lived here with his family until a few years ago. His wife and two daughters are buried here. He is survived by four sons and two daughters, thirty-two grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Thomas McKenzie, one of the pioneer settlers of the northern part of the county, was looking after business matters in this city Tuesday. This was the first time we had seen Tom for over eleven years, but we assured him today that he did not look a day older than he did twenty years ago, although he reached his seventy-fifth birthday Wednesday. His many friends over the county wish him much happiness on his birthday anniversary and hope that he will be in as good trim as he is today when his one hundredth birthday rolls around.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Davis left Wednesday afternoon for Waterloo, Iowa, in answer to a telegram announcing the sudden death of Mr. Davis' sister, Mrs. Cham O'Brink. Deceased was 37 years of age at the time of her death and was the mother of two daughters. Mr. Davis has not learned the cause of her death, but said that it was very sudden as he had a letter from her last week and she was then enjoying the best of health. The funeral will be held at Waterloo Thursday afternoon.

On account of the great amount of money needed for the poor and needy in Lancaster county during the coming year the board of county commissioners in preparing the budget for the ensuing year set the amount to be spent for this purpose at \$175,000, an increase of \$48,572.00 over the amount for 1932. The entire budget estimate is \$96,050.00 over that of the past year.

Vedar Headman, who lives seventeen miles south of this city was a pleasant caller at this office last Saturday and had his name enrolled on The Frontier's rapidly growing list of readers. Mr. Headman has been a resident of the county for over sixteen years and thought he should have an O'Neill paper so that he could keep posted upon the affairs of the county and selected The Frontier as the paper best suited to his needs.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our kind friends and neighbors for the kindness and sympathy extended us during the illness and after the death of our beloved little son, Robert William. Mr. and Mrs. Ted McElhaney.

## BRIEFLY STATED

Miss Grace Joyce returned Saturday from a business trip to Omaha.

Mike Rotherham, of Ewing, was visiting O'Neill friends last Tuesday.

D. Abdouch drove down to Page Wednesday afternoon on a business trip.

J. A. Donohoe returned last Tuesday from a business trip to Des Moines, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stein were looking after business matters at Bassett Wednesday.

Bernadine Protovinsky went up to Atkinson last Friday to spend the week visiting relatives.

Mrs. S. J. Weekes has been confined to her home for the past week with a severe attack of the flu.

Miss Florence Jansen left last Friday for a few days visit with relatives and friends at Fremont.

John Chilar, Carl Grant and Emmet Wertz were in from the northeast part of the county last Tuesday.

Dr. Brown reports the arrival of a daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Hynes last Tuesday.

Fred Herre, of Ainsworth, returned home last Friday after a weeks visit with his cousin, O. M. Herre.

Attorney F. B. Goudy, of Omaha, was looking after business matters in this city the first of the week.

F. J. Biglin and son, Bobbie, drove down to Sioux City last Tuesday, returning home the same evening.

Robert Starr, one of the pioneers of the south country, was a business visitor to this city last Wednesday.

Mrs. John Lydon, who had been visiting at the home of her parents at Plainview returned home last Sunday.

Ted McElhaney has recovered from a severe attack of the flu that confined him to his home for several days.

Mrs. Elizabeth McCullough and sons, Glenn and Elmer, of Yankton, South Dakota, came over last Tuesday to attend the funeral of William

## Balmy Morning, January 12th, Recalls Anniversary of Famous Blizzard of '88

(Today, January 12th, is the anniversary of the "big blizzard" of 1888, possibly the most destructive and worst storm that ever visited this section of the country, at least since the country was settled. The following account of the storm is taken from The Frontier of January 19, 1888, being the week after the storm. There are many people still living in the county who have a distinct recollection of this storm and its severity and in order that some of the younger generation may see what some of the pioneers had to go through with, this account is published.—Editor.)

## THE STORM

Thursday's Blizzard Worst for Fifteen Years—The Fatalities and Casualties Reach the Thirties.

The storm of Thursday the 12th was the worst known in this section for about fifteen years. We described it to some extent last week and will speak more particularly of its results. But first we will speak of the storm reported by our oldest settlers, the first winter many of them were here. Messrs Wisegraver, Wolf, McIlravia, Brennan, Fallon, McEvony, Hughes, Hayes and several others were here for their first winter. It was a bright clear January day, warmer and more pleasant than last Thursday morning, that the wind suddenly veered to the northwest and blew a perfect hurricane for three days, the thermometer ranging from 30 to 36 below zero. Mr. Fallon told us that it was impossible for him to see any distance at all, and that he made three attempts to reach the well from the house, a distance of not more than 25 feet; that the storm was worse than this one can easily be accounted for because the country was one vast unbroken prairie with no trees, fences, and but here and there scattering settlements to

Shaughnesy. Mrs. McCullough is a sister of Mr. Shaughnesy.

Mrs. R. N. Sauer left last Tuesday morning for Omaha, where she will spend a week visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Gatz and son left last Tuesday morning for a few days visit with relatives and friends at Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jagers returned last Tuesday morning from a two weeks visit with relatives and friends in Chicago.

Sister Eugene, of Sioux City, who had been visiting her mother, Mrs. O. F. Biglin, returned to Sioux City this morning.

Mrs. Frank Davidson and son, of Casper, Wyoming, arrived in the city last Monday for a visit with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Philbin, of Wayne, came up here last Monday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Philbin's father, W. H. Shaughnesy.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Birmingham entertained at a 7 o'clock dinner at the bakery last Sunday evening, followed by cards at their home.

L. C. McKim went down to Lincoln last Tuesday morning to spend a few days visiting at the home of his son, Verl McKim and family.

Paul R. Chilar, of Verdigris, and Miss Hilda Black, of Middlebranch, were issued a license to wed in the county court last Monday.

Mrs. Theodore Thorson, living north of this city, was a pleasant caller at this office last Tuesday and extended their subscription to The Frontier.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Dienes went down to Lincoln last Tuesday morning to look after some business matters in the capitol city and to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Harington drove down to Sioux City last Sunday afternoon on a business and pleasure trip, returning home Monday evening.

Miss Eileen Enright, who had been visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Enright, since before Christmas, returned to her home at Omaha last Tuesday.

break the force of the wind. Yet the loss of life and property was not so heavy then for the simple reason that there were few people here and not much stock, except on the large ranches.

All day Friday and Saturday we received many reports from the country of deaths and loss of stock, but they were so conflicting that little could be depended upon. Sunday we heard of the first death, that of Joseph Bellar, a Minonite living about ten miles northeast of O'Neill. He got lost near his home and drifted to the farm of Peter Dugan, where he was discovered on Saturday. Mr. Bellar was a man about forty years of age, but recently married and was well and favorably known here. His funeral took place on Tuesday.

The same evening we learned of the death of Thomas Kellar, better known as "Uncle Tommy," brother of J. S. Kellar, Shamrock. He was out the morning of the storm hauling hay for the cattle and when the storm struck him had a load on the wagon and started for the house. Just how he was lost will never be known, but it is probable that he became bewildered and could not find the way with the team and tried to go to the house near where he was hauling the hay, but could not find it. He was found next day after the storm only about thirty rods from the house (that of Mr. Dougherty's, east of Mr. Kellar's). Mr. J. S. Kellar was in O'Neill during the storm and went home on Friday. The funeral services took place on Tuesday at the house. Mr. Kellar was one of those exceptionally good men, the friend of all, and universally beloved. He was about seventy years of age, had always lived the life of an earnest devout christian, and his friends have the consolation in his death that the parting will not be forever. He leaves no family, having

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## FIRST NATIONAL ELECTS

Last Tuesday the stockholders of the First National Bank held their annual meeting in the banking room and elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

J. F. Gallagher, President.  
H. J. Birmingham, Vice president.  
Ed. M. Gallagher, Vice president.  
Ed. M. Campbell, Cashier.  
Miss Helen Biglin, Assistant Cashier.

Members of the board of directors: J. F. Gallagher, J. P. Mann, H. J. Birmingham, Ed. M. Gallagher and Ed. Campbell.

## COUNTY BOARD ORGANIZES

The county board organized last Tuesday by re-electing John Sullivan as chairman for the coming two years. The board starts the new year with two new members, John Carson, republican of Scott township, who replaced L. C. McKim, republican, and Louis Reimers, democrat, of Ewing, who replaced L. E. Skidmore, republican, of Ewing.

Chairman Sullivan announced the appointment of the following committees for the ensuing year:

Court House—James, Root and Carson.

Finance Committee—Reimer, Stein and Steinhauer.

Printing Committee—Stein, Carson and Steinhauer.

Tax Committee—Steinhauer, Reimer and Root.

Bond Committee—Carson, James and Reimer.

Bridge and Road Committee—Root, Stein and Steinhauer.

Settlement with County Officers—Stein and the entire board.

Claims—James and the entire board.

## WILLIAM H. SHAUGHNESY

William H. Shaughnesy died at his home just east of this city last Monday morning about 3 a. m. of a stroke of apoplexy, at the age of 68 years, 10 months and 14 days. The funeral was held at the residence Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, Rev. Aucock officiating, interment in Prospect Hill cemetery.

William H. Shaughnesy was born at Fredonia, Iowa, on February 25, 1865, in which state he lived until his removal to this county in 1900. During the year 1890 he was united in marriage to Miss Estella Whitaker, at Mt. Ayer, Iowa. To this union five children were born, two sons and three daughters, who with his loving wife are left to mourn the death of a kind and indulgent husband and father. The children are: Mrs. Leo J. Mullen, Mrs. C. C. Reka, Thomas E. and Harry J., of O'Neill, and Mrs. Ray Philbin, of Wayne.

Upon his arrival in this county he lived for a few years in the vicinity of Inman. About 1913 he moved to Allen where he remained for about four years, then returned to this county and purchased the farm just east of this city, where he had since made his home. Mr. Shaughnesy had always enjoyed good health and the day before his death enjoyed a visit with his daughters and grandchildren and never appeared in better health. That night, about 3 a. m. he kicked the bed clothes off and Mrs. Shaughnesy called to him and when he did not answer she got up and lit the lamp and found him breathing his last, being seized with a fatal attack of apoplexy.

Mr. Shaughnesy was a good citizen and had a host of friends in this city and vicinity. He had always taken an active interest in public affairs but never was a candidate for public office until two years ago when he listened to the urging of his many friends and became the republican candidate for supervisor from this district and made a remarkable race losing by a majority of two votes to Supervisor John Sullivan. He was a man with positive convictions on all questions, and was willing to voice them, but always granted the other man the right to his views. This county lost a good citizen when he passed away.

The funeral was held last Wednesday and was very largely attended, attesting to the esteem in which he was held in this city and community.

The many friends of the family tender their sympathy to the bereaved family in their hour of sorrow.

George Todson, of Grand Island, came up last Saturday and spent Sunday visiting at the home of his brother, Pete Todson. He returned home Sunday afternoon, being accompanied home by his wife and son, Bryce, who had been visiting at the Todson home in this city.

## EXPLOSION AT BOWLING ALLEY CRACKS WALLS AND BREAKS WINDOWS

A terrific explosion in the McNailey bowling alley last Sunday morning about 1 a. m. blew out the glass in the upper parts of the windows, in the front of the building and cracked the walls of the building in three or four different places. The fire department was soon on the scene but we understand that a little fire was discovered in the basement of the building, but very little. Parties who were in that vicinity about the time of the explosion say they saw two men running away from the building and their tracks were followed as far as the railroad tracks and there lost. The only damage to the building was the breaking of the windows and the cracking of the walls. Monday evening two of the representatives of the fire marshals office arrived in the city and have been investigating the matter all week. Their theory is that there was a fire and that the explosion put most of it out and that it was of incendiary origin. They are still investigating the matter and promise developments later in the week.

Dr. Charles McPharlin and Roy McPharlin, of Patagonia, Arizona, arrived in the city last Thursday afternoon for an extended visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James McPharlin. Dr. McPharlin is a brother of J. H. and Roy is a son of Mr. and Mrs. McPharlin. Dr. McPharlin was a resident of this city a number of years ago. While still here he took up the study of medicine and for the past twenty-two years has been engaged in the practice of his profession in Arizona and New Mexico. This is his first visit to O'Neill since he left here twenty-four years ago to enter medical college to complete his studies. He will find many changes in the old town and many new faces, but there are still many of the old timers with whom he was well acquainted still living here, who will be pleased to renew old acquaintanceship.

William Cooper, of Douglas, Wyoming, was in the city Wednesday visiting his old time friends. Mr. Cooper is the son of W. B. Cooper, of Chambers, and was raised in the southern part of this county where he lived for many years. In 1918 he went up to Wyoming and took a homestead and has made his home in that state ever since. He says that conditions are not very good in his section of the country but that they are all looking forward to an improvement in conditions the coming season. Mr. Cooper has been visiting relatives in the southern part of the county and expects to return to his Wyoming home next week.

According to the daily press, at the request of Admiral Cary T. Grayson, of Washington, in charge of the inaugural of President-elect Roosevelt, Arthur F. Mullen democratic national committeeman for Nebraska, has named a committee of Nebraska democrats to attend the inaugural. Among the number selected is James A. Donohoe of this city.

According to the officials of the Farmer's Union of Nebraska the organization lost 5,215 members during the year 1932, through the inability of the members to pay dues. This announcement was made in Omaha Tuesday at the opening session of the Union's two day annual convention. Despite this drop in membership and the slump in purchasing through farmer union channels, President H. G. Keeney estimated that the amount of patronage refunds through all phases of union activity in the state would approach a million dollars for the year.

The county commissioners of Madison county made a reduction of their budget for county expense for this year of \$27,300.00 over that of last year. Most of this reduction was made in the bridge and road funds, the former being reduced about \$15,000.00 and the latter \$10,000.00. The balance of the saving was made in the elimination of the appropriation for elections and for support of the farm bureau.

Mrs. Phil Zeimer was called to Tilden last week on account of the serious illness of her granddaughter, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Catron. The little one died last Sunday and Phil Zeimer went down Sunday afternoon to attend the funeral.