

THE FRONTIER

MULLEN REFUSES FEDERAL CIRCUIT COURT JUDGESHIP

Appointment Probably to Judge Woodrough of the Federal District Court.

J. A. DONOHUE MAY BE DISTRICT JUDGE

Last Friday President Roosevelt offered Arthur F. Mullen, of Omaha, a place on the federal circuit court bench for the eighth circuit of which Nebraska is a part.

Mr. Roosevelt sent the following letter to Mr. Mullen:

"Dear Arthur: I hope very much that you will permit me to name you to the senate as a United States District Court judge for the Eighth circuit where, I understand, a vacancy exists. Not only because of my long friendship for you, but also because of my personal knowledge of your fine public spirit and your ability, I feel that you are eminently qualified to become a member of this distinguished court."

Arthur Mullen grew to manhood in this county, coming here with his parents when he was about nine years of age. He attended the country school north of this city and later served as Deputy County Treasurer while still in his teens. He later attended the University of Michigan and graduated therefrom about 1900 then returned to this city where he entered the practice of law and was elected county attorney of this county. He remained in practice here until 1911 when he moved to Omaha where he has been very active in the practice of his profession.

A lover of a political battle, Art has always been in the front line, battling for his party and the principles they espoused. About the time he reached manhood's estate this county had about as astute a bunch of politicians, in both political parties, as there were in the state and in this environment Arthur learned all the fine points of the game and others that emerged from his fertile brain, in his numerous political contests, and is now recognized as one of the ablest political strategists in the west, if not the entire country.

One of the original Roosevelt men he was floor manager for the New Yorker in the Chicago convention and during the campaign was assistant chairman of the national committee. While the proffered appointment was offered as a reward for political services rendered, Mr. Mullen was competent to fill the position with honor and ability, but he declined the offer. In his declination he stated that he was of the opinion that he could be of more assistance to the president as a private citizen than he could in any official position.

When Mr. Mullen declined to accept the appointment, which was tendered him unsolicited, and we think it is about the first time in history that a lawyer declined an appointment to the circuit court bench, (in Nebraska at least) one of the highest judicial positions within the gift of the administration, the names of other possible appointees to that position were brought out. Among the names were that of Hon. J. W. Woodrough, now judge of the United States District court at Omaha. Judge Woodrough has served upon the United States District court bench for about sixteen years and has made a splendid record as a fearless and impartial jurist, well versed in the law and one of the hardest working judges in this circuit. His promotion would be a deserving tribute to one of the finest men that ever wore the judicial robe in this or any other state and his numerous friends throughout Nebraska hope that he will receive the appointment.

In case of the promotion of Judge Woodrough there would be a vacancy on the district bench in this state and to fill this position the name of James A. Donohoe of this city seems to command the most attention from those who keep track of current political events, and the chances for his appointment to this position are very bright.

Practically all the lawyers of the northern part of the state are hoping that Mr. Donohoe receives the appointment, as he is looked upon by the members of the profession as one of the leading members of the bar in Nebraska and one who could fill the

position with ability, dignity and honor.

Like Arthur Mullen, James A. Donohoe grew to manhood in this section, having spent his boyhood on a farm a few miles north of O'Neill. After serving a couple of terms as deputy county treasurer of this county he studied law in the offices of the late M. F. Harrington, where he remained for several years, finally branching out for himself and has been engaged in active practice in this city for the past thirty years. Mr. Donohoe has been unusually successful as a lawyer and has a large and lucrative practice. From a financial standpoint the acceptance of the position would be a loss to Mr. Donohoe as he is now in the height of his career as a lawyer and there is a constantly increasing demand for his services. But the life dream of every lawyer, worthy of the name, is to finish his legal career on the bench and if this position is offered Mr. Donohoe we are confident that he would accept the position. In Mr. Donohoe the people of Nebraska would find a worthy successor to the able and talented Judge Woodrough, and a man who would help hold the United States District court for this district in the eminent position that it has occupied in the state for this past half century.

The World-Herald this morning contained the following about the above prospective appointments:

"Nomination of Joseph W. Woodrough to the eighth circuit court of appeals is expected to be sent to the senate by President Roosevelt soon for confirmation, it appeared Tuesday night following various capital conferences at which the judgeship was discussed, according to a special dispatch to the World Herald.

"At the same time the name of James A. Donohoe, attorney of O'Neill, Neb., emerged as the leading candidate to succeed Woodrough on the federal district bench in Nebraska.

"The chances of Woodrough, who has repeatedly been mentioned for the appointment, for senate confirmation, are said to be virtually certain, the dispatch said.

"Mr. Donohoe, 56 years old, is a native of O'Neill. He was educated in the Holt county schools and attended the Fremont Normal college. Afterward he was deputy county treasurer for several years. He also taught school and studied law in the offices of M. F. Harrington, with whom, upon his admission to the bar, he formed a partnership in 1905.

"Mr. Donohoe was a member of the state senate in 1908 and in 1918 was a member of the state constitutional convention."

THE BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

The regular weekly meeting of the bridge tournament was held as usual at the Golden Hotel last Monday evening and Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Grady were the prize winners in the north and south division and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Biglin in the east and west division.

The meeting Monday night was the end of the tournament proper and the winners, or the five high couples in each division, will play next Monday night for the bridge championship of the city. Following are the names of those that will participate in the championship contest, with the scores made by each couple during the various evenings of the gift:

North and South Division.		Score
Mr. and Mrs. Pat Harty, Mrs. Mabel McKenna		4,240
Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Birmingham		3,200
Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Cronin		2,133
Miss Marjorie Dickson, Miss Helen Biglin		1,580
Miss Anna O'Donnell, Mrs. Ira Moss		1,000
East and West Division		Score
Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Campbell		5,270
Mrs. J. J. Harrington, Mrs. R. R. Morrison		4,860
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Biglin		4,770
Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Coyne		3,830
Mrs. C. E. Stout, Mrs. J. A. Donohoe		3,490

The balance of the players will play for a consolation prize Monday night, which will officially end the tournament.

MILNAR-GANS

Edward C. Milnar, of Atkinson, and Miss Hattie Regina Gans, of Stuart, were united in marriage by County Judge Malone at the county court house last Tuesday afternoon.

These young people are well known and popular residents of the western part of the county, the groom being one of the industrious farmers of that section of the county. Their many friends tender congratulations and good wishes for a long and happy married life.

BRIEFLY STATED

Norb Uhl was in Grand Island last Monday.

Ed. Adams was up from Chambers last Wednesday.

Pat Boyle was up from the south country last Monday.

William Gatz went down to Omaha the latter part of last week.

Attorney J. D. Cronin made a business trip to Neligh last Monday.

Romaine Saunders was up from the ranch in the southwestern part of the county Wednesday.

Editor Ralph Kelley, of the Atkinson Graphic, was looking after business matters in the city last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mellor drove down to Omaha Wednesday morning for a few days business and pleasure trip.

Francis Bazelman suffered a light attack of appendicitis the first of the week, but is much better at this writing.

Ivan L. Lines and Miss Gayle Tucker, both of Page, were granted a marriage license in county court last Tuesday.

Frank Smith came up from Omaha the first of the week and has been visiting friends here and looking after business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Carson and Mrs. Harry Scott, of Chambers, were looking after business matters in this city last Wednesday.

Louis Nielson, of Chambers, was a pleasant caller at this office last Saturday and extended his subscription to this household necessity for another year.

Mrs. E. M. Gallagher entertained eight young ladies with a luncheon at the Golden Hotel last Tuesday noon and afterwards with a bridge party at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Donohoe returned last Monday from Omaha, where they had been in attendance at the funeral of Mrs. Donohoe's brother, M. J. Holland.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Brown and family drove down to Plainview last Sunday and spent the day visiting friends in their old home town, returning home Sunday night.

Mrs. F. H. Butts, of Nebraska City, and Mrs. R. E. Benson, of Omaha, drove up to Omaha last Tuesday and will spend a week or ten days visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Cronin.

The Frontier mentioned last week that a large herd of Holt county cattle had been placed under quarantine for tuberculosis. On an examination and test of the herd it was found that 72 head were afflicted with the disease.

Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Brown entertained 16 guests with a dinner at the Golden Hotel last Thursday evening, then with a bridge party at their home. Mrs. Harry Reardon won high score, Miss Rose Taylor the consolation and Mrs. P. B. Harty the all cut.

Last week John Kersenbrock purchased the William Hersher home in the western part of the city. As Mr. Kersenbrock owns the home in the eastern part of the city, where he lives, he purchased the Hersher home as an investment.

George Harrington and Dr. W. F. Finley went down to Fremont last Monday where George is trying a compensation case in the district court this week. Dr. Finley was a witness in the case and returned home Tuesday night, but the case was expected to last most of the week.

The O'Neill Woman's Club will meet next Wednesday at the home of Mrs. James F. O'Donnell. The meeting will be in the evening at eight o'clock instead of in the afternoon as usual. The subject under discussion will be India, concerning which Miss Florence Leamy will give a review of Michael Pym's book, "The Power of India." Considering the importance of the Indian situation as a world problem this promises to be an interesting and enlightening meeting.

HOLT COUNTY SPELLING CONTEST IS POSTPONED

Due to the inclement weather and bad roads it was thought best to postpone the County Spelling Contest which was to have been held last Friday. The contest will now be held in the O'Neill Public School auditorium on Friday evening, April 7th, beginning at 6:30 P. M.

Mrs. Margaret Clauson returned last Tuesday night from attending the Trans-Mississippi Hair Dressers Convention held at the Fontenelle Hotel in Omaha on March 27, 28 and 29. If there is anything new pertaining to Margaret's profession she will always bring the best home to her patrons.

The daily press of Wednesday morning carried the following as a special dispatch from Bismark, North Dakota: Clark Hough, O'Neill, was arrested for reckless driving, after a collision today. Lee Haigh, 19, Bismark, occupant of the other car, is in a serious condition. Nick Vogel, its driver, suffered a scalp wound. All occupants of the Hough car, including Scott Hough, a brother, also of O'Neill, R. E. Register and Clare Register, were uninjured.

REDUCE SALARIES OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

The salaries of all government employees, high and low, will be cut a maximum of 15 per cent effective next Saturday.

President Roosevelt ordered the reduction yesterday, bringing the previous 8 1-3 per cent reduction under the Hoover administration's furlough system up to the maximum of 15 per cent allowed by the new economy act.

The cut will continue until June 30, the end of the current fiscal year, and is expected to save \$30,000,000 in this period. What action will be taken after that date will depend on changes in living costs.

In his executive order Mr. Roosevelt said he had determined that the cost of living had dropped 21.7 per cent since the first half of 1928.

All employees are affected except where specially exempted by previous law as in the case of the president himself or federal judges. The army and navy enlisted personnel, including officers, is included.

Several of the leading democrats and many others of the party in this city and county have sent telegrams and letters to Senator Anderson and Representative Slaymaker at Lincoln urging them to vote to legalize the manufacture and sale of beer in this state. The national congress has said that beer of an intoxicating content of 3.2 per cent is not intoxicating and the sale of beer could be made in this state if the legislature would amend the bone dry law and the sale of beverages containing more than 3.2 per cent of alcohol intoxicating liquor. The matter will probably come before the legislature next week and while it is said that the senate would probably favor the proposal the house is liable to be against it.

Clark Calhoun, one of the pioneer residents of the south country was a pleasant caller at this office last Wednesday and extended his subscription to The Frontier to January 1, 1934. Calhoun came to this county with his parents fifty years ago, and, with the exception of three years, has been a resident of the county ever since. He farmed near Chambers for years and made a financial success of it. He disposed of his holdings last month, intending to take things easy for a while, but Clark got so used to hustling that he just could not be idle so he expects to leave next week for Sauk Center, Minn., where he may engage in business, providing the field looks as inviting as he expects it to be. The Frontier regrets to see an old timer like Clark leave the county, but he said that he would probably be back to old Holt again, if not to live so he would have to come back every so often to visit old neighbors and friends. If he decides to enter business in Minnesota his many Holt county friends hope that Prosperity and happiness will be his in abundance. The Frontier will accompany him to his new Minnesota home to keep him posted upon the affairs in this section of the county.

Chambers Sun: Mrs. Louie Taggart and little daughter, Ann Edith, were quite badly burned Friday evening when Mrs. Taggart in some way upset a pot of hot tea. Ann Edith received a scalded right arm and Mrs. Taggart a patch on the lower left limb.

LET CONTRACT FOR EWING SCHOOL

The Ewing school board let the contract last Tuesday for the erection of a new school building there, to take the place of the one destroyed by fire last December.

The general contract was let to Harry S. Holtz of Sioux City, Ia., for \$24,715. The heating and plumbing went to E. L. Rodwell of Omaha for \$496.75. The electric wiring was let to Quolvog and Son of Norfolk, for \$1,192.80. The total is \$30,875.55.

The building will be of fireproof construction throughout with a vacuum heating system. Work on the new building will commence the week of April 3.

JAMES H. HANLEY NAMED RADIO COMMISSIONER

James H. Hanley, a member of the Omaha bar for several years, who was raised and grew to manhood on a farm a few miles north of this city, was appointed a member of the federal radio commission by President Roosevelt last Thursday. The position pays \$10,000.00 per year.

Jim has many friends in this city and county who extend congratulations upon his appointment and know that he will fill the position with credit to himself and those responsible for his appointment.

The district over which he will preside includes Nebraska, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas, Missouri, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Illinois.

The position is one of the juiciest political plums that the administration has the handling of and Nebraska democrats are to be congratulated that they had sufficient power to get a major appointment like this for a resident of this state.

AN OLD FRAUD BOBS UP AGAIN

The following appeared in Wednesday's Sioux City Journal, as a special from Ponca:

"Two mysterious letters received by two Ponca business men have aroused considerable comment here. The letters are thought to be part of an international swindle scheme and were mailed from Barcelona, Spain.

"In the letters the sender, who signs himself 'S' and begs secrecy, claims he is imprisoned in a Spanish prison on a charge of bankruptcy and pleads for his 'friend' to come to Spain and pay the register of the court the expenses of his trial and to obtain possession of his private portmanteau in which he says is a secret pocket containing two checks drawn on American banks to the sum of \$360,000 which he may cash. As a reward he offers to pay his liberator a third part, \$120,000."

An O'Neill citizen received a letter this morning, also from Barcelona, Spain, and is another of the old swindle letters that have periodically appeared in this country, most of which are from Spain. The letter the O'Neill man received is couched in practically the same language as the one above mentioned. A post script says that he is waiting patiently your answer to intrust you all my secrets. An additional postscript says: First of all answer by cable, not letter.

It has been several years since a letter of like character has bubbled up here, but the workers of the swindle evidently make it pay or they would not keep it up year after year.

A resident of Plainview, who has some reputation in his city and county as a "scrapper" arrived in the city last Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of "cleaning up" a resident of this city, in other words to beat his head off. The Plainview man tackled the job all right but soon discovered that he had taken a bite that was a little too much for him and he was convinced of that a little later as he lay on the ground suffering from numerous abrasions on his face and body, thoroughly licked, that he had tackled a man's job and was unable to fill the bill. He returns to his Pierce county home a sorer, but let us hope a wiser man.

REMINGTON-DEHART

Ralph Remington and Miss Oral DeHart, both of Chambers, were united in marriage at the Conrad residence in this city last Friday evening, March 24, 1933, Rev. D. F. Conard performed the ceremony, in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Lowrie.

The bride for several years has been a teacher in the Chambers public school and has an extensive acquaintance in the south country. The groom is one of the progressive farmers of the south country.

Their many friends tender congratulations and good wishes.

EXAMINATION OF McCAULEY SHOWS INJURIES A FRAUD

Small Hook Found In His Clothing With Which Wounds Were Made.

On account of the numerous reports going over the county, regarding the physical condition of Arthur McCauley, The Frontier decided that it was about time that the people of the county be given some inside information regarding this case.

It will be remembered that McCauley was convicted of contempt of court, the charge growing out of the bribery, or attempted bribery, of the Flannigan jury a little over a year ago. After his conviction he was sentenced to six months in the Holt county jail and to pay a fine. The case was appealed to the supreme court and the sentence of the lower court was affirmed and mandate issued under the date of December 5, 1932, received in the office of the clerk of the district court of this county on December 7, 1932, and commitment issued.

Prior to December 5th, McCauley, according to the information that we have been able to receive, was around the streets of Atkinson apparently in his usual health. But he was taken sick and the sheriff reported that his condition would not permit his incarceration in jail. So Mr. McCauley remained in Atkinson until January 4, 1933, when he was placed in the county jail here. He complained of being sick, unable to eat and when he did eat he claimed he was unable to retain food upon his stomach. Dr. Brown of this city and Dr. Douglas of Atkinson held a consultation and agreed that they would order him taken to a local rooming house and placed in the charge of a registered nurse in order to have a record of his condition from day to day. While the nurses daily report of his condition did not show any alarming symptoms, or that the patient was very ill, he kept complaining and about the middle of January, on January 17, 1933, he was taken to the University Hospital at Omaha for observation and treatment, if found necessary.

On account of the various reports that were being circulated around town regarding his condition Judge Dickson wrote the Dean of the University Hospital for him to send him a statement as to the true condition and trouble, if any, of McCauley and send him a report when he was discharged.

Under date of January 24, 1933, the following letter was received regarding the condition of McCauley.

January 24, 1933
Dr. Poynter has referred to me your correspondence concerning Mr. McCauley.

We have felt as did you, that Mr. McCauley exaggerates his symptoms and is in a way a malingerer. We found upon proctoscopic examination that he had a few small polyps and anal fissures. The polyps were removed Saturday and treatment is being directed toward the healing of the fissures. This should be accomplished in a few days following which he should be able to return for his sentence.

F. J. Bean, M. D.,
Ass't. Supt. Uni. Hosp.

Under date of January 31, 1933, the following letter was received from the University Hospital at Omaha:

January 31, 1933
Your patient, Mr. McCauley, is ready to be dismissed. Will you kindly arrange to have somebody call for him. We have been unable to find anything further wrong with this man and believe that he is undoubtedly exaggerating his symptoms with the idea of avoiding a return for his sentence.

Last Saturday we removed a rectal polyp and found two small anal fissures which have since been healing. He has been up and about several days, is on a general diet and requires no medication beyond an occasional cathartic, such as, mineral oil. Gastric analysis has been negative and there is no indication of further trouble in the gastro-intestinal tract. We believe he can safely be returned to the County jail although this is much against his will. I am sending a copy of the enclosed letter to Dr. Douglas at Atkinson at the request of Mrs. McCauley.

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