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## JUDGE WOODROUGH APPOINTED TO U. S. CIRCUIT COURT BENCH

Judge J. W. Woodrough, one of the United States District Judges for this state, was nominated last Monday by President Roosevelt to be Judge of the Eighth Circuit court and his confirmation by the senate is expected within a few days.

Judge Woodrough was appointed United States District Judge by President Wilson on April 3, 1916, and for the past 17 years he has served with distinction on the federal bench in this state. His advancement is a tribute to a conscientious, able jurist, the friend of the poor and oppressed. The "forgotten man" will have a loyal friend upon the Circuit court when Judge Woodrough takes his place thereon.

The career of Judge Woodrough should be an inspiration to all young lawyers of this country as it clearly proves what ability, unswerving loyalty and faithfulness to duty can accomplish in this great country of ours. He was born in Ohio, educated in the schools of Cincinnati and at Chickering Institute. When fifteen years of age he accompanied his mother and a brother to Europe and for the next three years studied law in Germany. Coming back to America, prior to attaining his majority, he came to Omaha, remained there a short time and then went to the great state of Texas where he entered politics and was elected county judge of one of the southern Texas counties, a position that he held for three years. He returned to Omaha at the end of his judicial term in Texas and engaged in the practice of his profession in the city of his adoption, which practice continued for nineteen years until he was selected by President Wilson as judge of the United States District court.

Judge Woodrough is one of the most popular jurists that ever sat upon the bench in any of the courts of this state and his many friends tender hearty congratulations upon the honor that has come to him and predict for him a brilliant future on the Circuit court bench.

From Washington comes the report that at a caucus of the five democratic congressmen from this state on Wednesday they voted unanimously to urge Attorney General Cummings to recommend to President Roosevelt the appointment of James A. Donohoe of this city to succeed Judge J. W. Woodrough on the United States District court bench. Representative Howard, of this district, said the appointment would be acted upon as soon as Arthur Mullen returned from New York, the latter part of this week. It is now quite generally conceded that Donohoe will get the appointment, although several democrats from the southern part of the state are urging the selection of J. J. Thomas, of Seward, chairman of the democratic state committee, for the post.

## BRIDGE TOURNAMENT ENDS

The final session of the bridge tournament was held at the Golden Hotel last Monday evening and at its conclusion of play Mr. and Mrs. Hugh J. Birmingham were the championship bridge players of the city, winning easily in the concluding game.

Arbuthnot & Reka report business picking up a little during the past week. During that time they sold two new Chevrolet cars and one second hand car, which, considering the times, is a fair week's business. Dr. W. F. Finley purchased a new Chevrolet Sedan; James M. Platt, of Chambers, purchased a new Chevrolet coach, and William Pfund, of Amelia, purchased a used Chevrolet.

## TRACK MEET TO BE HELD IN O'NEILL

The 1933 annual high school track and field meet of the Niobrara Valley conference will be held at the fair grounds in this city on Friday, May 5, 1933. The towns that will be represented at this meeting are: Stuart, Spencer, Butte, O'Neill and Lynch.

## EWING BOYS SAY LONG BEACH LOOKS TOUGH

Ewing Advocate: Dallas Butler, Guy Butler, Arthur Saiser and Charles Becaert, who left Ewing two weeks ago by auto, for the west coast, in a letter to relatives here say that Long Beach is a sorry looking sight since the 140 earthquakes they had out there. The boys had been taking in the quake section before writing home. Dallas Butler and Art Saiser left California a week ago for Washington, where they will visit relatives and seek employment.

## PRECIPITATION FOR FIRST THREE MONTHS OF 1933

The precipitation for the first three months of 1933, that is the months of January, February and March, is .31 of an inch greater than it was for the first three months of 1932. The precipitation, as measured by Harry Bowen, local weather observer was as follows: January, .70; February, .40; March, 1.80, a total of 2.90. For the same months last year it was as follows: January, .60; February, 1.21, and March, .78.

## BANK ROBBERS MAKE HAUL AT FAIRBURY

Robbers held up the First National Bank of Fairbury last Tuesday morning and escaped with \$27,643 of the bank funds. They did not get away with the funds however without a gun battle.

According to the reports of the robbery in the daily press a radius of two blocks near the bank, in the heart of the business district, bullet riddled window glass and the places on store and office buildings marred by machine gun bullets, evidenced the ferocity of the battle.

A deputy sheriff, three employees of the bank and three other persons were wounded, but none seriously. One of the robbers was struck by bullets from the gun of Deputy Sheriff W. S. Davidson as the band fled north from town in a large sedan with two women customers of the bank as hostages. The women were released unharmed a short distance from town.

Peter Johnson, Des Moines, salesman for a law officers' supply house, was shot in the shoulder as he rushed from the courthouse to aid Davidson in the attack upon the robbers. Keith Sexton, bookkeeper at the bank, was wounded four times by machine gun slugs in the cross fire between the robbers who had forced him, another employe and the two women to accompany them to their car as barricades against the officers' fire.

The cashier of the bank, William Sutherland, and a clerk, Al Spencer, were slugged by the robbers in the bank when they were tardy in stretching out on the floor with fourteen other employes and the president, Luther Bonham. E. L. Simpkins, a bystander, struck in the breast by one of the slugs, was not seriously injured.

Chief among the few clues authorities had to work on was a mysterious black brief case forgotten by the robbers in their haste in which was a set of Kansas license plates and an automatic pistol.

The bandits took Sexton and Noble to the car with them, putting Sexton at the rear and Noble at the front end. When Davidson opened fire, a bandit in the rear seat was wounded and emptied his gun deliberately into Sexton, wounding him in the chest, shoulder and stomach. His condition is critical, but he is expected to recover.

## FRONTIER READERS ARE RESPONDING

This office has been sending out statements to its readers for the past three months, urging them to at least pay a part of the amount of their subscription, so that the financial stringency around this office would be less acute. Many of our readers have responded to this appeal, but not as many as we would like to have. In the production of a newspaper these days we must pay out real money, and in order to get the money to continue in business we must have the subscriptions that are due us. If you cannot pay all that you owe, pay at least a part and we assure you that it will be appreciated. The following readers have extended their subscriptions during the past month:

Carles Ross, Dorsey; John Berger, O'Neill; Charles Richter, Dorsey; J. H. McPharlin, O'Neill; Mrs. E. B. Carter, O'Neill; Eva J. Ziegler, Salem, Oregon; Harry Radaker, Newport; Mrs. James S. Evans, Grand Island; E. H. Whelan, San Diego, Calif.; L. K. Hough, O'Neill; George Davis, Inman; Frank Riser, Friend; William Herisher, O'Neill; Dr. H. L. Bennett, O'Neill; Ernest Farrier, Chambers; F. J. Dishner, S. J. Weekes and T. J. Joyce, O'Neill; Louis Nierson, Chambers; Clark Calhoun, Chambers; John Huebert, Spencer; The Architectural Record, Kansas City; D. H. Clauson, O'Neill; A. Sutton, Atkinson; George Bay, O'Neill; J. S. Hoffman, Chambers and V. V. Rosenkrans, Dorsey.

Mr. and Mrs. Todson, accompanied by C. A. Remington, of Ainsworth, drove down to Norfolk last Friday morning where they attended a meeting of the district managers of the J. C. Penney organization. They returned home Friday evening.

## BRIEFLY STATED

J. A. Donohoe went down to Omaha the first of the week.

Charles Kirkland was down from Atkinson last Monday.

H. B. Hubbard made a business trip to Lincoln the forepart of the week.

Rev. Frazell, of Ewing, was visiting friends in this city last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mellor returned from a short business trip to Omaha last Friday.

Mrs. R. R. Dickson returned last Friday from a few days visit with friends in Omaha.

Mrs. H. D. Grady returned last Tuesday from a visit with relatives and friends at Atkinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Griffin and son, Lane, and Mrs. W. H. Harty drove to Omaha last Saturday, returning home Monday.

The students of St. Mary's Academy will put on a play, Calvary, at the Academy auditorium next Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. William Gatz and Mrs. A. V. Virgin returned last Sunday from a visit with relatives and friends in Omaha.

Mrs. Ted McElhane and daughter, Marjorie, went down to Orchard last Monday for a weeks visit at the home of her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Radaker, of Newport, looked after business matters and visited friends in this city last Saturday.

Attorneys Hugh J. Boyle, Jack Koenigstein and Webb Rice, of Norfolk, were looking after legal matters in this city last Friday.

Alex Godkin, formerly a resident of this city, but now living in Neligh, came up last Sunday and spent the day visiting old friends here.

Judge Dickson and Reporter McElhane went up to Bassett last Monday where they are holding the regular term of district court this week.

B. E. Sturdevant, who has been a resident of Atkinson for nearly half a century, was in the city last Wednesday looking after business matters at the court house.

F. C. Watson and E. M. White, prominent stockmen of the southwestern part of the county, were transacting business in this city the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mellor and H. D. Grady, who accompanied them, returned last Tuesday from a couple of weeks visit with friends and relatives at Denver, Colorado.

Harold J. Shoemaker left last Saturday for Jackson, Minnesota, where he will spend a few weeks visiting at the home of his aunt and uncle, Dr. and Mrs. L. B. Duffy.

Marion Dickson left Wednesday morning for Wayne, Neb., where she will spend the balance of the week visiting her sister, Nancy, who is a student at the Wayne Normal.

Mrs. D. H. Cronin entertained nine friends at a 10:30 brunch last Tuesday morning, honoring her house guests, Mrs. F. H. Butts, of Nebraska City, and Mrs. R. E. Benson, of Omaha.

Oral Reiken, Clifton Kurtz and Lein Wyant left last Thursday on an extended trip through the western part of the state. Before they return home they will visit Wyoming and Montana.

Miss Edna Simonson, who has been taking a course in Cosmetology at the Mohler school in Omaha, returned home Sunday night and has accepted a position at Margaret's Beauty Shop.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Childs and family, of Norfolk, spent Sunday as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Heriford. Mrs. Childs is a daughter of James Weekes, a former resident of this city and a brother of S. J. Weekes.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sullivan died last Saturday, about an hour after birth, and was buried in Calvary cemetery Sunday morning. The many friends of the family tender their sympathy to them in their hour of sorrow.

## NAVY DIRIGIBLE DESTROYED WITH LOSS OF SEVENTY-THREE

The United States Navy dirigible, Akron, caught in a sudden storm, crashed into the Atlantic last Tuesday morning, killing seventy-one officers and members of the crew. Three of the crew were rescued.

About fourteen hours afterwards, while flying to the scene of the disaster, off the coast of New Jersey, looking for possible survivors, the United States navy's non-rigid dirigible J-3 also fell into the ocean. Five of the crew of seven were rescued, but the commander, who was found in the sea, died later and the body of a member of the crew was recovered.

Rear Admiral William A. Moffett, chief of the naval bureau of aeronautics, was aboard the Akron and is missing as is also Commander Frank C. McCord, in charge of the dirigible, and sixteen other officers. Lieut. Com. Herbert A. Wiley, second in command of the Akron and the only officer rescued, declared the dirigible began to lose altitude in the storm, falling despite the release of more ballast. Then it lost its control rudder and was demolished as it hit the sea.

## NEBRASKA VETERANS LOSE HEAVILY

State Journal: Nebraska veterans compensation of all types—which has totaled approximately \$8,750,000 annually—will be sliced about 50 per cent by President Roosevelt's economy measure, according to a hurried analysis of the measure by Charles Gordon Beck, manager of the United States veterans administration for this region.

Describing the changes as "sweeping," Mr. Beck said Sunday that 7,000 veterans, nearly every one in the state, will be affected by the measure but that due to lack of definite information at this time, it is impossible to figure the exact reduction in veteran benefits for Nebraska.

Spanish American war veterans are apparently to suffer the greatest reductions. Heretofore they have been compensated from \$20 to \$60 a month depending upon the amount of disability. This figure has been cut to \$20 a month for total disability, and the fate of the rest of the veterans was undetermined by local veterans officials after a study of the brief issued by Director Hines of the veterans administration.

O. H. Meier, state historian for the United States war veterans, states that about 1,500 Nebraska men are receiving compensation under the old plan, their pensions averaging about \$35 a month. And under the new plan it is apparent that only veterans totally disabled or those 62 or over will receive the compensation, those in the latter class to get \$6 a month.

Beck stated that there are 4,425 Nebraska World war veterans receiving disability allowances totaling \$66,132 monthly. With the new plan there will be a saving of at least \$58,000 for this group, he estimated. This class includes those disabled thru nonservice causes.

Following are the monthly rates under the nonservice disability clause and numbers of Nebraska veterans who have been receiving compensation under it: \$12, 3,008; \$18, 835; \$24, 177; \$40, 205. All except those in the last class, who are all totally disabled, will be taken off the pension list. Those totally disabled will also be subject to medical examination for determination of the extent of their injuries.

In the service-connected class there are 2,935 Nebraska World war veterans who have been receiving a total amount of \$120,000 monthly. In commenting on this class, Beck said: "Men with direct wartime disabilities will continue to get something, but rates will be lowered. The disability must have been incurred or aggravated in the actual line of duty. At present, there is no way of estimating the savings in this class or the total number of men who will be affected." The veterans hospital in Lincoln will be used almost exclusively for domiciliary purposes provided for in the new act, according to Beck's interpretation of it. He made it plain, however, that definite information as to this was lacking.

However, according to its provision hospitalization will be furnished for only those disabled on line of duty. The local institution during its twenty-seven months of operation has admitted 3,459 patients only nine per cent of whom have been treated for disabilities incurred on line of duty. Domiciliary care is provided veterans without reference to manner in which disability was incurred—if they are (Continued on page 8, column 3.)

## DENY KOPP REHEARING

The Nebraska supreme court last week denied the application of Harry Kopp for a rehearing and he will have to serve the time imposed upon him by the district court. The sentence imposed on Kopp was appealed to the supreme court, where, in a decision rendered the middle of February, the court affirmed the sentence of the lower court. Kopp then asked for a rehearing and that has now been denied by the court.

On May 2, 1932, Kopp was sentenced to the Holt county jail for a period of four months and to pay a fine of \$100, on a charge of contempt of court, growing out of the trial of the Flannigan brothers a little over a year ago.

## WILL ORGANIZE FOR COMMUNITY SALES

Several of our local citizens are organizing for the purpose of holding Community Sales in this city every Thursday, at the John Quig place, just south of the C. & N. W. depot.

O'Neill had the first community sales in this section of the state and for several years it was very successful, until those having it in charge were forced to drop it on account of the press of other business. When they held them semi-monthly the attendance was always good and there was always a good bunch of stock and other articles for sale, and as a rule they brought good prices. We hope to see the organization perfected as it will be of immense benefit to this city and the people in this trade territory to have a clearing house here where anything they have for sale can be sold. We believe it would also be a good investment for those investing therein. O'Neill is well located for a sales pavilion. Highway number 20 gives this city direct connections with the eastern markets and highway number 281 with the southern markets, as well as Canada on the north, good all the year highways.

A permanent organization is expected to be formed in a short time and we are sure that if handled properly it will prove successful.

## THE CITY ELECTION

The quietest city election that O'Neill has witnessed for years was held last Tuesday when only 119 voters, out of a qualified list of over 1,000, went to the polls to cast their ballots. There was no contest on for any of the offices, which resulted in the lack of interest.

The three members of the city council, who were candidates for re-election, were re-elected. They are: Frank Phalen, First Ward; H. E. Coyne, Second Ward; L. G. Gillespie, Third Ward. For the school board H. J. Birmingham, who has been filling a vacancy on the board for the past six months, was elected to succeed himself, as was also Mrs. H. B. Hubbard, who has been a member of the board for several years.

Norb Uhl, Les Hudgel and Howard Bauman drove up to Long Pine last Saturday evening and spent Sunday trout fishing in Long Pine Creek. The boys had a very successful trip and returned home Sunday evening with thirty-six fine trout. Their success, in the first hunting trip of the spring, has caused a dozen or more local nimrods to dig up their fishing poles and scan their equipment with a view to trying their luck in the near future.

## WANT GOLD RETURNED

Last Wednesday the President again made a demand on the Gold hoarders to return the gold in their possession on or before May 1, 1933, and if not returned by that time the penalties of the law will be meted out to the obstinate ones.

The order effects only those holding more than \$100 in gold. Since the declaration of the bank moratorium on March 4, 1933, more than 600 millions of gold and gold certificates have been returned to the banks. However, on April 1, 1933, there was still outstanding \$1,303,989,559 in gold certificates, which is evidently in the possession of hoarders.

## ASSESSORS HOLD MEETING

The various precinct assessors of the county are holding a meeting today in the court house in this city. County Assessor Keyes is in attendance and discussing with the assessors of the various precincts the method of assessment for this year. Prior to their adjournment they will agree upon an average for the assessment of real and personal property in the various precincts of the county and we will be able to furnish this information to our readers next week.

## COUNTRY CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

The nineteenth annual meeting of the O'Neill Country Club was held Wednesday evening. The following were elected officers and directors: Dr. L. A. Burgess, president; R. M. Sauer, vice president; Ira H. Moss, secretary; Ed. M. Gallagher, treasurer. W. J. Biglin, P. C. Donohoe and W. J. Hammond, directors.

Dr. Burgess in his report to the stockholders of the club made mention of the increased membership during the 1932 season. The club had the largest membership of its existence during the last year and it is expected that the membership during 1933 will exceed that of the past year. In keeping with the times and with the thought that it will be beneficial to the club to increase its membership the president recommended that the associate membership dues be lowered to \$15.00 per year. The recommendation was unanimously passed. It was suggested that this reduction be published and that prospective members may then see the membership committee, R. M. Sauer or Dr. Burgess.

The program for the season was outlined by the directors as follows: Opening dance—May 15, 1933. Twelfth Annual Invitation Tournament—June 18, 19 and 20.

Fourth of July—Picnic, Sport Events, Display of Fire-works.

Bridge Parties thru the summer.

Dances during the summer with the closing dance to be held Sept. 15, 1933.

## CITY OFFICIALS USE PRUNING KNIFE

At the regular meeting of the city council last Tuesday evening the officials took cognizance of the drop in cash receipts of a majority of our citizens and reduced the salaries of the city employes for the ensuing year. The following cuts were made in the various salaries: The city attorney was reduced from \$37.50 per month to \$25; the city clerk from \$25 per month to \$15; the city marshal from \$100 per month to \$85; the city engineer from \$120 per month to \$100. The salary of the mayor and members of the council remain as they were, \$50 per year for the mayor and \$25 per year for the members of the council.

Mr. and Mrs. George Agnes returned last Saturday from an auto trip to Chicago. On their return they were accompanied by Harlan, who has been in Chicago for the past six months, and Miss Maxine O'Donnell, who has been in Chicago for several years. They will spend a few months visiting relatives here. George did not have a very pleasant trip to Chicago. On the way in he burned out a bearing and after it was replaced had to ramble along for the last hundred miles at 25 miles per hour, which is not very fast traveling, especially when you are used to stepping on it. When they arrived in Chicago George traded the old bus off and came home driving a Hudson.

## NEW HARDWARE OPENED

The Montgomery hardware store opened its doors to the public last Saturday morning. Two members of the firm, Francis and Paul Montgomery are here and were kept busy all day greeting the many customers who visited their store and presenting the ladies who called with beautiful roses.

There are still some improvements to be made in the interior but the store presents a very attractive and pleasing appearance which will be enhanced when all the contemplated improvements are made. They have a very nice stock and the owners say they are very well pleased with the reception tendered them by the people of this city and county.

## ADVERTISE NOW

"Don't give up the ship boys," is as applicable in business as in naval battles.

The tendency of most advertisers is to retrench in advertising when "business is off," and to advertise heavily when business is coming into their doors.

The fact is that more advertising is needed when "business is off" than when it is coming in the door. Harvey Firestone recently stated that while other advertisers were retrenching during the last depression his firm increased its advertising and paid off a debt of \$45,000,000 through the increased sales. "Within two months I sold 10,000,000 tires and reduced my indebtedness to \$32,000,000—in less than four years I did not owe the banks anything," said Firestone. The moral is, advertise now.