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Loses Foot In Buzz Saw

Chambers Sun: Glampe Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Watson, of Amelia, nearly lost a foot, when he went to scrape the saw-dust away from the buzz saw with his foot. He slipped, cutting the foot across the instep nearly severing it from the body. He was immediately rushed to the Stuart hospital. Our latest report was the entertainment of hopes of saving the foot.

Prairie Fire

Chambers Sun: Shortly after dinner on Friday, a fire broke out on the Charley Wright place to which they had recently moved and were building up, four miles south and west of Chambers. A terrific wind had been blowing from the southwest for 18 hours, and many responded to assist in controlling the fire, but it covered about two miles, taking hay etc. in its wake, before it was under control. The men returned to town about 4:30 thinking the fire was out.

The wind died down for a few moments only to switch to the north and came with far greater velocity, carrying such a cloud of sand and dust with it, that daylight was almost excluded. At 5:30 came the alarm that the fire was loose again. All those that were able responded to the call again and fought until 10:30; that time it took a strip about two miles wide and four miles long; taking hay, trees and fence posts. As nearly as we can learn those that suffered a loss were Everett Jarman, Charles Holtz, E. C. Hammer, John Haake, Leon Hertel, Tom Patras, John Schipman and Harry Scott.

Some report a spark from a chimney; others say a hay brooder house started the conflagration, and we don't know, as we haven't had opportunity to talk with Mr. Wright.

**Not Necessary To Seed
54 Percent Wheat Base**

Farmers who have signed wheat contracts and who have not yet seeded 54 per cent of their base acreage for harvest in 1934 are now excused from seeding the wheat, providing they secure a waiver from the county allotment committee. They will receive the full amount of their benefit payments for the year.

Waiver for the former statement in the wheat contract that the signer has to seed at least 54 per cent of his base acreage will affect Nebraska farmers who planned to seed spring wheat this spring, and also those farmers who have not seeded quite enough winter wheat.

Waiver forms will be available at offices of county wheat association before time of inspection.

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April 15 is the last day upon which contracts can be signed.

There will be no campaign, but each interested farmer should get in touch with his community committee, the county allotment committee, or the agricultural agent. Community committees will be supplied with application forms, which will be handled in the same manner as the original ones.

The county allotment committee will use the same procedure in handling the applications and contracts, except that minor changes will be made in numbering, in order to keep the new and old contracts separate.

Statements of the acreage and production covered by the new applications are to be published as were the first publications, except that in certain areas copies of the lists may be posted.

In general, yields of the new applicants must be in line with yields of those who signed up originally.

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**Water Practically
Indestructible**

With dust blowing about all over the country and everyone watching the western heavens for sign of a damp cloud, it is astonishing to find how much water there is in the world and some of the facts about the stuff.

A man who claims to know his water, says it is the most plentiful thing in the world and that three fourths of the surface of the earth is covered by it.

Should someone be able to make of the earth a nice smooth ball, rubbing the mountains down into the depressions, the water would flatten out to a depth of about three miles everywhere on the earth. So it looks that we are here only by a quirk of nature, in shaping the earth as it is.

Chemists say water is so constructed that it never is destroyed. Boil it, freeze it or do what you like, it jumps from vapor to steam, to ice or water like magic but always every drop remains so much water, hence there must be just the same amount of water here today as there was when the earth came into existence.

Vegetation, man, the animals and everything depends on water to live. It seems to be because of the great supply of water man has wasted it, shamefully, and now he is paying for his carelessness. Everywhere, from the northern outposts of Canada to the southern hitching posts of Old Mexico there is much talk of damming streams and saving water for irrigation as well as sinking much of it to raise the water levels of the earth.

In looking over the astonishing number of creeks in Holt county it is more astonishing to find this precious liquid slipping away to the ocean by millions of tons. Every authoritative opinion forecasts rain shortage over a long period of time. It would appear there is enough creek water here to irrigate enough crops to feed everyone in Holt county.

A fine way for farmers to get an earth dam constructed quickly and cheaply is to talk swimming hole to the young folks some sizzling day in June, then you can talk all you want to some withering day in July.

WHAT ABOUT MARRIAGES?

A little bird, not a bird of paradise, whispered the information that one and perhaps two dozen persons of high school age have decided to run away and marry at the first opportunity.

It must be admitted marriage is a grand institution, and it is the basic foundation stone on which rests all civilization, nevertheless the state of matrimony is so serious a union and the responsibilities so inexorable a repetition of the age old sing-song "gypsy warning" might sink in and make a troublesome problem less burdensome.

Marriage without consent of parents does not look like a square deal to those who martyred themselves to see the flower of their hearts bloom. No money, no work and no prospects, at least no assurance of intense prosperity in the near future should cause hesitation of a step which often enough proves disastrous when every advantage is present.

By waiting a few years, say two, only 24 months, very often the atmosphere surrounding a prospective marriage changes from sad to glad. It must be tough to know a premature wedding has sent darts of anguish deeply into hearts that bleed for those who have wounded them. And by waiting until minds have changed and obstacles dissolved there should be rich enough reward in untroubled conscience for those who have used their heads as well as their hearts in the good old game of forming union with someone's son or daughter.

Infatuation is a great illusion. The less experienced one is the greater the illusion and the more devastating the disillusionments that unfurl to test very union. Looking at marriage from a non-married and a married standpoint, the two should never even see each other. Love, the strongest power ever turned loose on earth, may echo of heaven itself or prove to be just another house afire.

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were that the candidate be wholly alive from head to foot, value his life at 2 cents, and the other fellow's at six for a nickel, remain out nights, find somebody to initiate frequently, raise the devil at every opportunity and never get caught at anything save taking a beauty nap.

John Horiskey, friend of every boy, was the nightwatch here at the time and he gave the members of the P. T. L.s, about 40 of them, every chance to become president of the U. S.

What P. T. L. means is another secret, but if you ask Tom Nolan, Mike Horiskey, Dr. Robert Magirl, Lawrence Skiving and others of the generation, they are sure to grin and wonder why such things are so hard to forget.

Both the A. B. Cs. and the P. T. L.s flourished here for years. None of the members did anything very bad but there always was excitement and original methods used to produce it.

The P. T. L. boys met in a vacant residence in southwest O'Neill and in an old brick bakery building north of the Scott building. The influence of girls is thought to have resulted in breaking up of both organizations, taking the boys away from enchantments of boyhood one by one.

Echoes Play Freak Tricks

The crisp atmosphere in this part of the country in fall, spring and winter, often has entranced those visiting here from other parts of the land and especially those from east of Omaha. Some of those "collectors" of rare atmospheres should have been here the night of last Thursday when several noticed a rare acoustic principle prevailing toward the southeast.

A Northwestern freight train was snorting somewhere near Ewing and the exhaust of the engine as well as crossing whistles plainly were heard at O'Neill. The train was heavily loaded and after one hour of chugging she noisily pounded the rails thru here on her way to the "Pines."

Then a queer thing happened. Surely Jim Riley's famous "ghost train" was wending across the sky, not east and west, but north and south, without rails, but well manned as it snorted and threw flame and smudge in the mysterious heavens.

As the freight passed out of town to the west it still was working in the east! That was a treat missed by those of the east and natives were astonished. They were even more astonished as a train rounded the Parker curve. It was just another train and not a freak of echoes as was at first believed.

Echoes here are a wonderful thing at certain times. It is of record, six witnesses, that once James Horton, south of Carr's pasture, was heard as plain as day speaking to his horses one fall morning at a distance of three miles, or what was estimated at three. The witnesses were duck hunting and Jim was hitching horses to a load of baled hay preparatory to heading for O'Neill.

In parts of the Swiss Alps echoes are turned to gold and they brag about this and that echo as if they were pure bred horses or bird dogs. Out here rare old echoes, often capable of banging against the hen house and to some canyon or hillside fifteen times, are left outdoors winter and summer and never bragged about unless some foreigner is at hand.

Here's One For The Dreamer

The beauty of a Holt county sunset is an elusive quantity to put in black and white. Powdered gold shot from silver canisters; the blood of innocents splattered on blue silken kimonas of milk maids slopping the path in the heavens with foamy white; pinacles of burnished brown and yellow and tufts of lamb's fleece lazily roaming before a flaming chariot slipping over mystic

mountains and hills of hammered quartz.

Litling echoes of birds of fancy and fluffy shadows of shimmering figures of imagination half visualize in the intoxicated moments of slumber slipping over the maker of warmth and good cheer.

Long ago an uncouth cowpuncher studied a sunset here and remarked to a companion: "Hell, that ain't true; I'm going back to Kansas tomorrow."

Like those of Venice, no two sunsets here are anywhere near the same in figure or coloration. A riot of molten shadows tonight and lake-like traceries of woven moonbeams tomorrow. A portal of ivory bewitchingly astir as some leaden blue cloud-god bares his breast to the powers of the unknown.

A twisting strand of star-fire on the face of dying day; a gruff voice and tears of joy carried from the mermaids of the Pacific tickle the shingles of hut and palace, the brows of hillocks, the floors of vales and plains alike.

To the wonderment of man the spectacle dissolves to the oblivion of night and the sky-gods plan another showing of blends they mix in the color pot above the mountains.

The sunsets of Venice have been daubed on canvas and sent to the ends of the earth. Those of Holt county are too gorgeous, too glorious to lend their likeness to the will of poet or artist. The sun fans its dying embers to a day-dream of fire-laden creations, then comes the quiet of another night on the prairies.

**Sioux Indians Raise Spirits
By Starting A Chicago Fire**

The Sioux Indian basketball team from St. Francis Mission, South Dakota, a team that has played here often at St. Mary's Academy, caused a furore at Chicago by practice of an old custom of their forefathers.

The boys seem to have a habit of building a bonfire just before a contest. It is presumed their fathers did this just before a battle.

At Loyala University, Chicago, where the Catholic basketball championship is being fought out, the Indians were pitted against a team from Youngstown, Ohio, so the braves continued their custom by building a campfire right in the gymnasium basement. Then they hopped into their uniforms, daubed on war paint, danced and went out to bag the scalps of the enemy.

Somebody smelled smoke and promptly turned in a fire alarm. The Indians had left the scene of the fire when the department arrived. Chicago fire boys had a good many laughs over the incident created by the brown boys from the prairies of South Dakota.

**Gamble Store Ready
For Saturday's Opening**

O'Neill's new Gamble store located on Douglas street will be opened Saturday, March 31. Jack Heitman, manager and part owner, has been busily engaged for some time getting the store set up for this occasion. The store has been freshly painted and is outfitted with new modern fixtures.

Everything is in readiness for Saturday's opening, when the people of this community will have their first opportunity to inspect the extensive lines of merchandise handled by Gamble's. This merchandise consists in part of Automotive Supplies, featuring Tires and Batteries, Hardware, Paint, Radios, Radio Supplies, Electrical Appliances and Supplies, Household Necessities, and Sporting Goods. A complete stock will be on display.

"Being a partner in this store," said Mr. Heitman, in commenting on the opening plans, "I will endeavor to see that everyone gets personal service. We believe that people like to trade in a friendly atmosphere. That's why

we have adopted 'The Friendly Store' as our slogan. We want your problems to be our problems, and any advice that we can offer in answer to your needs will be given as friend to friend. To help us get acquainted, each employee in our store wears a button bearing his name.

"Although Gamble Stores own and operate over 200 stores in twelve midwestern states, I come to O'Neill to become a member of this community. My home will be established here; I will trade here. I consider all local problems with personal interest and am ready and anxious to assume my share of civic activities.

"Each manager is a part owner in this employee and customer owned business. Associates are in training for the time when they, too, may become store managers and future partners."

This new Gamble Store should assist materially in bringing more people to trade in O'Neill, as they will be extensive advertisers.

BRIEFLY STATED

The public school carnival held last week is reported to have raised about \$60.

Carl, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, six miles west of here, is ill of tonsillitis.

Wilma Kee, of Emmet, visited here Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Van Every.

Easter vacation at the public school, according to students, is to be from March 29 to April 3.

Boycie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack

Vanderlinden, was reported as recovering after a siege of measles.

Mrs. Oliver Cromwell, of Creighton, was here Sunday visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Hough.

Railroad wild hay business here has shown further decreases because of the heavy snow and low stocks of hay on ranches.

Grading of Highway No. 281 south of here in the Elkhorn river sector was resumed Monday after a brief halt caused by the storm.

Jack Ernst and Enard Leoch hauled oats from the Ernst farm on Eagle creek Tuesday. The Ernst farm is tenanted by Will Murray.

Charles and Ray Lawrence and Clarence Cunningham sawed wood with the Lawrence buzz saw at Maurice Johnson's home here Monday afternoon.

A strong blow of wind Tuesday night brought another helping of moisture Tuesday night or Wednesday morning, amounting to .17 of an inch.

John Weekes went down to Omaha last Sunday night to spend a few days serving as a member of the loan committee of the Agricultural Credit Corporation.

Nature students may or may not know the reason for a southerly migration of crows in "black river" formation that was seen passing east of town last Saturday evening. Intense cold in Canada, snow covered food and a run to some breeding grounds have been advanced as causative agents.

A Bargain Basement

March 31, I will open to the trade a Bargain Basement. This is my forty-third year in business here, catering to the wishes of the public at all times. I have tried to give the trade the best merchandise that could be obtained for the money. This room will be stocked with high quality merchandise at a very low price. A special apartment is provided for fitting.

Enter from main street or through my store room. It is also equipped with a rest room.

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**REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF
The O'Neill National Bank**
of O'Neill, in the State of Nebraska, at the close of business on
March 5, 1934.

ASSETS	
Loans and discounts	\$ 88,638.71
Overdrafts	55.04
United States Government securities owned	195,350.00
Other bonds, stocks and securities owned	76,318.50
Banking house \$3,388.00. Furniture and fixtures \$1,680.00	5,068.00
Real estate owned other than banking house	5,000.00
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	\$201,946.02
Cash in vault and balances with other banks	69,676.09
Outside checks and other cash items	339.38
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	2,500.00
Other assets	2,287.47
Total	\$647,179.21
LIABILITIES	
Demand deposits, except U. S. Government deposits, public funds and deposits of other banks	\$228,469.20
Time deposits, except postal savings, public funds and deposits of other banks	138,811.81
Public funds of states, counties, school districts, or other subdivisions or municipalities	68,119.62
Deposits of other banks, including certified and cashiers' checks outstanding	34,353.70
Total of above four items:	
(a) Secured by pledge of loans and investments \$ 76,400.00	
(b) Not secured by pledge of loans and investments	393,354.33
(c) Total Deposits	\$469,754.33
Circulating notes outstanding	50,000.00
Capital account—	
Common stock, 500 shares, par \$100.00 per share	50,000.00
Surplus	50,000.00
Undivided profits—net	27,424.88
Total	\$647,179.21
MEMORANDUM: Loans and Investments Pledged to Secure Liabilities	
United States Government securities	\$118,000.00
Other bonds, stocks, and securities	10,000.00
Total Pledged (excluding rediscounts)	\$128,000.00
Pledged:	
Against circulating notes outstanding	\$ 50,000.00
Against public funds of States, counties, school districts, or other subdivisions or municipalities	46,000.00
Against other deposits	32,000.00
Total Pledged	\$128,000.00
State of Nebraska, County of Holt, ss: I, S. J. Weekes, President of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. S. J. WEEKES, President.	
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of March, 1934. [Seal] MARJORIE DICKSON, Notary Public. My commission expires June 5, 1935.	
Correct—Attest: Emma Dickinson Weekes, E. F. Quinn, F. N. Cronin, Directors.	
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