

**Over the County**

**EMMET ITEMS**

Mr. and Mrs. James O'Donnell and Ed and Helen attended the funeral of Melvin Mathis in Atkinson Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Luben and Esther and Bobby called at the Roman ranch south of Emmet on Sunday.

Mrs. George Pongratz and Teresa were callers Sunday afternoon at the Troshynski home.

Ralph Ernst, of O'Neill was a dinner guest at the James O'Donnell home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lowery and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lowery were O'Neill callers Monday.

Sterling Mohr, of Orchard was visiting here Sunday with relatives. Charley Strong spent Saturday in O'Neill.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Anderson and son, of O'Neill, called Sunday at the Cecil McMillan home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Farr and children, and Gladys Farr, of Long Pine, called at the Frank Sesler home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Roth and son visited with relatives here Sunday.

**INMAN NEWS**

Ernest Trowbridge, of Page, was here visiting at the Earl Stevens home Sunday.

Clarence McClurg, of Stuart, was here over the week-end visiting at the Warren McClurg and Harold Miller homes.

Mr. and Mrs. John Conard and son, Jack, were here from Emmet Sunday, visiting at the John Anspach home.

Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson spent last Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Murphy, at Page.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union met Friday afternoon with Mrs. Walter Jacox.

Lewis Kopecky, Sr., and I. L. Watson met with the other hay dealers of the county at O'Neill on Monday afternoon. County Agent Reece was in charge of the meeting.

The Inman Tigers clashed with the Stuart high school cagers here Friday night. It was a fast game and won with a score of 43 to 23.

The grades of the Inman schools will present an operetta Friday evening entitled, "In Quest of Santa Claus." The operetta will be presented at the I. O. O. F. hall free, and this will be the schools contribution to the Christmas festivities. A sacred program of music and readings will be given at the M. E. church Sunday evening.

Mrs. Jennie Wilcox returned Saturday after spending a couple of weeks at Lynch with her son George and family.

**PLEASANT DALE**

The pupils and teacher of Pleasant Dale school are working hard on their Christmas program to be given Friday evening, Dec. 21. There will also be a pie social. Everyone is welcome.

Mrs. Gus Seger enjoyed a visit from her daughter, Mrs. Verne Beckwith and baby daughter, of O'Neill Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Joseph Winkler and sons, Raymond, Charles and Leonard, visited at the Ralph Beckwith home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ernst and daughter, Evelyn, called at the Carl Lorenz home Friday.

Miss Helen Hoehne spent Saturday at the Otto Hoehne home.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Beckwith and family, Fred Beckwith and sons, Dean and Rex, were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Beckwith.

Carl Hoppe and Paul Hoehne left for St. Paul, Minn., Saturday where they will spend a few days.

Mrs. Ralph Beckwith and Donald and Myrleen visited Mrs. Ada Stahley Monday afternoon.

Naydene Kee returned to school Monday after having a seige of the measles.

S. M. Ohmart and family were callers at the Andrew Johnson home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Beckwith and daughter, Leona Fern, spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ernst.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ritts and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hoehne, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Beckwith and family, Mr. and Mrs. William Schmoher and Gladys and Walter, and Miss Helen Hoehne were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Ernst Saturday evening.

An employe of the Armour poultry plant, from O'Neill, culled several flocks of chickens in this vicinity the first of the week.

Henry Seger, of Belleville, Kans., spent Friday night at the Gus Seger home.

**MEEK AND VICINITY**

Virginia Rausch is staying with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fox for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hansen and Gerald spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Linn.

A party was held at the Mart Schelkopf home on Saturday afternoon in honor of Mart's mother, who left for her home at Geneva Sunday.

Virginia Shults spent Sunday with Laverne and Helen Borg.

Mrs. Frank Griffith spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Roy Spindler.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Kazor were guests Sunday at the Henry Krier home.

Ralph Young and children, Leonard, Edward and Thelma, were guests of Clark Young at Opportunity Sunday.

The Mariedy Hubby family drove to Atkinson Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Spindler spent Monday at Gust Johnson's.

The Will Langan children spent Sunday at Sam Shults'.

Prayer meeting and Bible study was held at Virgil Hubby's Thursday evening. The meeting this week will be held at F. H. Griffith's.

On Saturday, Dec. 15, a rather strange phenomenon occurred for this time of the year in this region. A beautiful rainbow made its appearance about 8 a.m. and remained in view for some time.

Raymond Johnson was an overnight visitor of Cecil Griffith on Saturday night.

There will be a charivari, shower and what have you, for a well known young couple near Meek in the near future. Be on the lookout, for coming events cast their shadows. A certain young man made a business trip to O'Neill last Saturday.

Ed. Crowley had his leg broken in two places Monday when a team

ran away with him. It was some time before he was found, and he was badly overcome with the cold. He was taken to the hospital in O'Neill, where his injuries were attended to.

Albert McDonald had two ribs iron loose when a rope broke while he was unloading hay, throwing him against the rack.

Raymond Johnson was helping Roy Spindler with the wood the first of the week.

A. L. Borg had the misfortune to lose one of his cows Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Mariedy Hubby and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Borg drove to Westington Springs, S. D., Friday. They made the trip after Roland Marts, Mrs. Hubby's brother, who is attending school there.

**ALPHA CLUB**

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Simonson on Wednesday night the Alpha Club gave a bridge dinner for husbands or brothers. Long tables, set in the spacious dining room, were beautifully decorated in Xmas emblems, candies and candles. Mrs. George Robertson, president of the Club, presided at the dinner which was served by Miss Helen Knapp and Miss Opal Boschart. Mrs. Robertson as toast-mistress introduced the following: "The Alpha Club"—Miss Hazel McDonald.

"Bridge"—Mrs. Art Auker.

"Christmas"—Miss Grace Lansworth.

"Husbands, On Club Day"—Mrs. Helmer Wittfeldt.

After dinner bridge was enjoyed, prizes going to George Robertson and Clarence Wrede. An exchange of Xmas gifts closed a most enjoyable evening.

Besides club members, guests were Miss Lona Cromwell, Miss Patricia Sullivan and Colmer Simonson.

**Joel Parker Makes A Hobby Of Collections**

Every now and then someone breaks into print in the dailies with an old coin 100 years or so old and the fact of possession seems to justify a detailed story. Undoubtedly there are a lot or rare coins in Holt county. Those remaining in fruit jars in gardens surely are getting rarer every day. But the kind this story is about takes in those pieces which bear an old date and are worth more than their intrinsic or face value to collectors.

Joel Parker owns a small collection that has been accumulating for 151 years according to the date on the oldest coin. This piece should delight advanced collectors. It is of copper, the size of a half dollar of the present, and is in mighty fine condition.

It is stamped "one penny" and on the opposite side is a figure of George Washington and on the reverse side is a seated woman. The date is 1783.

Other fine specimens in the Parker collection include a penny dated 1838; one cent 1803, size of half dollar; quarter dated 1828 and with "O" mint mark (New Orleans); quarter dated 1833; dime 1827; five cent piece 1833, silver; three cent

piece, silver, 1867; a Belgian piece dated 1833, and about fifty other pieces composed of iron, nickel, silver, copper and alloys from every important corner of the earth.

Mr. Parker also owns a fine collection of old stamps, some of these dating back almost to the time the first money he has struck. He has not found time thus far to make a count of his stamps or to classify them but it is certain the collection is one of the most comprehensive in Holt county.

And old guns. Joel managed to find time to pick up several that should be attractions to any lover of this article of collectiana.

There is the "big Montana" six shooter. This weapon has some mysterious history. It was found in Montana at the end of a high mountainous ledge which abruptly ended after running out and there is a sheer drop at the ledge end of several hundreds of feet. There, at the end of the trail was this gun. It is presumed some old prospector, cow puncher or Indian hunter fought it out and died with his boots on when he could go no farther. There is one load in the cylinder, perhaps intended for self destruction in case of threatened burning at the stake. It is possible the gun's owner jumped and met his death on jagged rocks below the promontory.

The revolver is stamped "made by Savage R. F. A. Co., Middletown, Conn." Patent marks include 1850-1856. And there is the notation—"H. S. North Patented June 17, 1856." and several patents later.

The calibre is about .38; it is a cap and ball firing action. There is a big ring of metal just under the trigger and this appears to be for pulling with the second finger to cock it before the second finger could be used to pull the trigger and fire the gun. The length of the gun is 14 1/2 inches and it weighs around three pounds. It was found in Montana about thirty years ago. Only a thin, worn piece of wood remains in one side of the stock. Evidently the barrel had been brass plated, possibly covered with gold.

Joel also has a "tit cartridge firing" six-hole cylinder revolver, about .32. The cartridges were inserted in the chambers backwards, at the front end, and at the back a fuse, "tit" protruded, and this fuse was struck by a sharp pointed hammer. It is presumed the shooter had to wait several seconds for the explosion.

Joe also owns an old Springfield rifle that was re-bored to a shotgun. The ramrod is missing, perhaps it was shot at some enemy in a pinch. This gun was made around 1826.

The owner of this collection always has kept his eyes trained toward watching out for articles the incessant march of civilization casts aside for something better and now he has a fine material education in accoutrements and exchange common when frontiers were rough and ready. Those who have inspected the articles commend Joe for his foresight in keeping and preserving the mementos that are worth more today in rusted and worn condition than they were the day they were manufactured—

because few specimens have been saved.

**A 2ND REDUCTION IN TOY PRICES.**

And—They've the most wonderful line-up of presents for the whole family at Gamble Stores. All the latest things—a 2nd Reduction in Toy Prices in their Final Clean-Up Sale. \$1.25 Lionel Train, 69c—Buck Rogers Pistol, 27c—25 Xmas Cards, 17c. Up to \$25 for your old radio on a new 10-Tube Coronado at \$89.50.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday School 10:00, R. M. Sauer Superintendent.

Morning Worship, 11:00, "God Incarnated." Music by the adult choir.

Evening service 7:30. This will be a Christmas Vesper service. The Young People's and Adult choirs will sing anthems and hymns. The theme of the service will be "The Coming of Jesus."

Our Christmas program will be Monday, Christmas eve. We invite you to these services.

H. D. Johnson, Pastor.

**THE CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE**

Rev. Albert W. Swanson, Pastor

Services are being held regularly each Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Sunday, Dec. 23, at 3 p. m.—Sermon, "Christmas."

"May we prepare our hearts for the coming of our Redeemer in the manger, this Christmas season." "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."—Luke 2:13.

Prayer Service held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Wilsey, 407 E. John, next Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Watch for the announcement of the opening of the Sunday school. Welcome to the house of the Lord.

**Surveying Tuberculosis Situation In Nebraska**

Thru the activities of Mrs. Florence Zulauf, official appointee of the Nebraska board of control for the state hospital for the tuberculous at Kearney, Nebraska is being thoroly surveyed on the tuberculosis situation.

At this time of the year when the Nebraska Tuberculosis Association is carrying on an extensive drive for funds to fight tuberculosis in the state next year, it is satisfactory to know that such efficient case work is being done in the state.

Mrs. Zulauf works with the doctors in Nebraska. From these she

gets the names of tuberculous patients. She also knows the name of every patient who has been admitted to the Kearney hospital for the tuberculous since 1912. She keeps a record of these cases; their where-abouts is followed by her, also whether they are alive or dead, the present condition of their health, where their families are and the condition of these families. This appointee is working for a splendid goal—the completion of a most thoro tuberculosis survey for Nebraska. She has been at this work for two years.

Before patients are admitted to the hospital at Kearney Mrs. Zulauf visits them. Later she visits them many times at the hospital. When they are improved or cured she sees them leave this institution and supervises the necessary follow-up care. Their families also are cared for by this health worker who has every member of the patients family examined by the tubercular skin tests and X-rays.

When patients are unable to pay for their treatments Mrs. Zulauf gets financial aid from the county. She reports the county commission-ers very cooperative. She lays her cases before them. They consult

with their advisory committees and thru the latter agency financial aid is secured.

The Nebraska Tuberculosis Association and Mrs. Zulauf work closely together, and when funds cannot otherwise be secured the Christmas Seal fund is used.

Practically all O'Neill merchants report having had a splendid Holiday trade during the past two weeks. All of the stores report that their volume of business is much heavier than it was one year ago. There are still three shopping days left until Christmas and the stores will probably be crowded each day with Christmas shoppers.

**Saturday Special**

FLOUR	\$1.69
Fully Guaranteed	
LAY MASH	1.15
VIM CUBES	2.00
ALFALFA—	
MOLASSES FEED	1.90
<b>O'Neill Hatchery</b>	



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**Our Best Wishes For A Merry Christmas**

**ARMOUR CREAMERIES**

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**STOP! HOLIDAY AHEAD!**

Next Tuesday will be Christmas. Everybody expects to have something extra good for dinner that day.

OUR STORE is full of good things for the dinner, and to aid you in selecting the menu we are mentioning a few of the many items to be found in our store.

Celery	Lettuce	Grapes
Cranberries	Mince Meat	Sweet Cider
Olives	Head Lettuce	Fruits
Sweet Pickles	Lemons	Sour Pickles
All Kinds of Nuts	Cabbage	Canned Foods
Radishes	Cucumbers	Tomatoes
Green Onions	Sweet Potatoes	Dates
Bananas	Oranges	Figs

**BEN J. GRADY**  
Phone 68 O'Neill, Nebr.

**HOLIDAY BARGAINS**

**CHRISTMAS MIX, Per Pound . . . . . 10c**

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<b>LADIES' PYRALIN SETS</b> <b>\$1.98</b> and up	<b>BRUSH SETS MEN'S</b> <b>\$1.50</b> and up	<b>FOUNTAIN PENS</b> Complete Sets <b>\$1.50</b> Guaranteed

**FAIRMONT'S ICE CREAM, per quart . 35c**

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Compacts . . . \$2.50	Prices on Candy!	In Boston
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Christmas Cards per doz. 29c		per pound, and up

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**25% REDUCTION** on round trip tickets for coach travel. Minimum fare \$0.50

**2c** per mile for round trip tickets—good in Pullman or parlor cars at usual charges

Tickets on sale daily Dec. 13 to Jan. 1 incl.

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Consult Agent for Details