

# THE FRONTIER

## Peter J. Claussen Dies Saturday At His Home Northwest of O'Neill

Peter J. Claussen died at his home northwest of this city last Saturday afternoon at 5:45, at the age of 28, 1886, he was in the final stages of a little over a year of ailments incident to old age, aggravated by heart trouble. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Lutheran church in Atkinson, Rev. Vahle officiating, and burial in the Atkinson cemetery.

Peter Claussen was born in Marne Holstein, Germany, on November 28, 1882. When he had reached manhoods estate he came to America and located in Lancaster county, where he lived for a few years, and on March 13, 1886, he was united in marriage at Hickman, Neb., to Miss Wilhelmina Bresewitz. Thirteen children were born of this union eight of whom, with his wife, are left to mourn the death of a kind and indulgent husband and father. The children are: Henry, of Fremont, Neb.; Charles, of O'Neill; John, William and Otto, of O'Neill; Edward, of Atkinson; Rudolph, of Emmet, and Miss Mary, of Emmet. Besides his children there are a number of grandchildren and three brothers and two sisters.

Peter Claussen was one of the old timers of this section of the state. Right after his marriage he and his young bride came to this county and located on the farm northwest of this city, where they have made their home ever since their arrival in the county. Mr. Claussen was for years one of the leading farmers of the county and had a host of friends in this section. For the past couple of years he had been in poor health and his passing was not unexpected. He was a genial and companionable man and his many friends will miss his cheery greeting and hearty clasp. The family have the sincere sympathy of a legion of friends in their hour of sorrow.

## No Chance To Sign Contract Application After First of April

April 1 will be the final official closing date for signing applications for the corn-hog contracts throughout the United States, Claude R. Wickard insisted while in Nebraska last week. In no case will the corn-hog section grant an extension of time beyond that date.

In all fairness to those who have signed up their applications at the regular time, the chief of the corn-hog section feels that no one should worry about a few stragglers who cannot get their arrangements made and their applications filed by the first day of April. If a farmer is unable to complete every detail of his application, he should at least fill it out as best he can and file it in the county office during March. A few changes and additions may be accepted if this does not inconvenience the county corn-hog association.

The important thing, Wickard said, is to take care of the farmers who have signed applications at the regular time and who expect their contracts at corn planting time. It will take several days to check, list, and summarize figures in the counties, and to submit them to the state board of review for final approval.

Approval of the board of review of the county yield figures will release the group I applications so the great majority of farmers can sign their contracts as quickly as the county office has them typed. According to present reports about 75 to 80 per cent of the contracts in Nebraska can be taken care of at corn planting time. Ten to 15 per cent of the cases will fall into another group on which the acreage should be approved. This group should be only a few days behind the first one. The remaining cases will have to have both corn and hog base established, and may be delayed for a few days.

## House Still Struggles With The Liquor Bill

The members of the House of Representatives are still struggling with the liquor law. After Governor Cochran took a decided stand against the state going into the wholesaling and manufacturing of intoxicating liquor the house rejected that proposition and are now working on a bill to permit private wholesaling and manufacture. The governor is of the opinion that private dispensing of liquor by the drink should be confined to Omaha and that the rest of the state should have sale of liquor by the package. Whether this will be the final outcome of the liquor law will not be decided for several weeks. The house will scrap and scrap rewrite it, to suit themselves and their convictions on the liquor business will probably be enacted into law.

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## Has Foot Badly Injured When Friends Shotgun Accidentally Discharged

Harold Wilson and A. Allen, both of Emmet, were out hunting last Thursday. While walking along the edge of a grove hunting for rabbits the gun being carried by Allen was discharged; the shock of the discharge jerking the gun out of his hand and it was again discharged when it struck the ground, the load entering the foot of Wilson who was a few feet in front of him.

The shot tore off his toe and part of the next two big toes. He was brought to the hospital in this city and Dr. Brown took off part of the foot. He is now getting along nicely.

## Hospital Notes

Harold Wilson, of Emmet, was brought in Thursday suffering from an accidental gun shot wound of the right foot. It was found necessary to amputate all five toes. He is convalescing as rapidly as could be expected.

Miss Doris Reiken, of O'Neill, fell down stairs and lacerated her scalp. He was sutured and she returned home the same evening.

Mrs. H. G. Asher, of Page has been a patient all week. Her condition was quite serious, but she is much improved this morning.

W. J. Kennedy, of Inman, came in Sunday evening with a fractured lower jaw. He is convalescing quite rapidly.

George Brown, of O'Neill, came in Monday morning, ill with pneumonia. He died Wednesday morning at 5:40.

Marion Clouse, of O'Neill, was run over with a load of hay last Monday evening. Several ribs were broken and he received other injuries. He is resting quite comfortably at present.

Peter Price, of St. Mary's academy, was dismissed Tuesday morning. He recovered from a severe case of pneumonia.

L. Bellinger, 3-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. David Bellinger, was operated on for emphyema Wednesday morning. He is doing fine.

## Little Results Gained In Fight With River At Dam

A crew of about 100 men is still at work on the river, far above the dam. To the observer, nothing seems to have been done with the unruly water; the river still running unhindered thru the ripped-up dike. Riprapping seems to be the order of the day, in so far as futile effort to change the water flow from the south side of the river bed to the north side, so that the hole in the dirt dike can be repaired.—Spencer Advocate.

## Mrs. J. E. Montgomery

Mrs. J. E. Montgomery, for 25 years a resident of Cleveland township, died the forepart of last week and was buried in the cemetery at Cleveland last Thursday. Deceased was 69 years of age at the time of her death. She leaves a husband and four sons, besides a large number of friends in the western part of the county to mourn her passing.

## One House Legislature Appeals To Hawaii

The leadership of Nebraska in establishing the unicameral legislature has stirred the political pot in far-off Hawaii. The economy and apparent efficiency of the one-chamber body has so impressed Hawaii's governor, Joseph B. Poindecker, that he has recommended it, in the strongest terms to the legislature. There is a bitter fight on the bill and it is doubtful if it will be enacted at this session. The territory of Hawaii carries a bonded indebtedness of \$32,505,000, which is \$85 for every inhabitant of the Island.

## WHAT'S DOING IN THE LEGISLATURE

By James R. Lowell

Nebraska's legislators are beginning to grow restless and cast longing glances homeward, now that their last pay check is in their pockets. They have their two most important problems, liquor control and the unicameral organization, yet to be solved however.

Local option and private wholesaling advocates are smiling serenely these days as the result of Governor Cochran's message to the legislature wherein these features were requested, along with speed in getting the liquor bill into operation.

The governor stressed these points in his special message: Local option on both sale by the package and sale by the drink, with sale by the drink confined to Omaha and possibly a few more communities that might demand it.

Immediate legalization of package sales in communities voting wet last fall, with suggested proviso permitting sale by the package in discretion of local governmental authorities upon petition of majority of voters, this provision to remain in force only until the next general election, however, when the question would be submitted to the people.

Set up state liquor commission of either three or five members having broad powers over regulations and control measures.

The governor declares himself as entirely opposed to the state going into either the distilling or wholesale liquor business as would happen if the Havekost-Cone bill were passed.

"It is desirable," the governor declares, "to keep the tax at a very low figure, if any tax is to be imposed, in order to keep the price down. Where the bootlegger has been able to continue his operations, invariably the tax or license fees have been too high. To combat the bootlegger, the two requirements of service, or availability, and price must be met.

After studying plans for dividing the state into 30, 42, 48 and 50 districts, the senate unicameral committee last week voted to place on general file a plan which would give the state a legislative body of 35 members. The plan was drafted by Dr. John P. Senning, professor of political science at the state university.

At the polls last November, the voters of Nebraska instructed the present legislature to fix the membership in the onehouse body between 30 and 50.

The average population in each legislative district under the 35-member plan would be 41,756. Thus Douglas county would get six members and Lancaster county three.

Renewed interest is in evidence concerning the FHA program, and the Haycock bill is making good headway in the house, making it pretty certain that banks, other financial institutions and governmental subdivisions will be authorized to invest in FHA bonds and debentures.

John Aldrich, local FHA official, declares that rural renovizing is going forward at a quickened pace as farmers are finding out that they can borrow up to \$2,000 at 5 per cent interest without putting up security or mortgage, and pay it back out of their seasonal income.

The list of work being done with FHA funds on farms includes not only seasonal requirements such as painting, roofing, and heating plants, but also remodeling and enlarging homes, installation of water, bath and electric light and power facilities, deepening or drilling new wells, building silos and enlarging barns to handle more livestock.

A farmer in Cuming county is reported to have moved his house a quarter of a mile, excavated a cellar, and remodeled the structure into a modern home, all on a loan of \$1,000.

Mr. Aldrich expresses the opinion that if crop prospects are good a month or so hence, lumber dealers and merchants carrying home furnishing lines will experience the best business in their history.

The highlight of the legislative show, aside from liquor debates,

during the past week, was the senate passage of S. F. 77 by Callan, of Odell. This is the much-talked-of state police bill, and the form in which it went to the house it would provide a 50 cent wheel tax on all automobiles to finance the force. Senator Callan wanted to make \$1 a car but modified that clause as a precaution against having the bill kicked out entirely.

The measure, which does not carry the emergency clause, would set up a force of 100 men under a superintendent to be appointed by the governor and to be responsible to a commission comprising the governor, attorney general and adjutant general of the national guard.

The superintendent of police would serve four years at \$3,600 a year.

Provision is made in the bill for a training school where prospective members of the force would be instructed in their duties and police work in general. The minimum age limit is 22 years. A pension system to protect dependents of those who may be killed or members injured in service is a feature of the bill.

Authority is given to purchase short wave radio equipment and set up a broadcasting station.

If the measure passes, it will mean that the present state sheriff's organization and state highway patrol will be absorbed in the new organization.

New proposals finding their way into Nebraska legislative proceedings during the past few days include the following:

A bill submitted by the governor to fix next spring's presidential primary as April 7 to make it coincide with the date of the Omaha city primary. Otherwise the state primary would come on April 14. The saying to Omaha if the two are held on the same date would amount to more than \$25,000.

A new plan for relieving on delinquent real estate taxes and attached as a substitute draft to S. F. 176. The measure, sponsored by Bullard of McCook, would consolidate in a "tax sale security fund" in each county all taxes on real estate which are overdue for not longer than three years, and to issue bonds against the fund for sale to private purchasers. Funds thus obtained would be used by the various governmental subdivisions in lieu of the delinquent taxes. Purchasers of the bonds would acquire tax liens against the property affected, and where the property is redeemed by its former owner within the time allowed, the money paid in goes into a fund for the redemption of the bonds.

A blank appropriation bill introduced by the governor who recommends that \$35,000 be made available to furnish feed and equipment to begin operation of the new state institution at Genoa.

A special 10-year state tax has been approved by the house finance committee to be used for modernizing state institutions. The tax would be three-tenths of a mill each year for 10 years and would be spent under the direction of a state planning commission, composed of three members of the board of control and the governor. To start the work, \$100,000 would be appropriated immediately.

Seemingly intent upon keeping the legislature from stealing the entire spotlight, the state railway commission is putting on a show of its own. Commissioner Floyd Bollen is head man in this show, but his new colleague, Will Maupin, is rounding into form.

Commissioner Maupin threatens to sue Bollen unless the latter retract an alleged statement that Maupin's primary campaign was financed by an Omaha public utility company.

Incidentally, the railway commission is under investigation by a senate committee headed by Senator Callan.

When things started to quiet down a bit Bollen injected new life into the situation by filing suit in the district court at Lincoln to enjoin State Auditor W. B. Price from turning over to the commission \$120,000 excess corn inspection fees which the legislature moved to return to the farmers. Bollen says the money should be paid out by the state treasurer.

The money was accumulated in inspection of cribs of farmers who (Continued on page 4, column 6.)

## Filing of R. H. Parker Makes Contest In 3rd Ward For Councilman

What promised to be a very quiet city election, with only one candidate in the field for each office, was changed last Thursday when the filing of R. H. Parker as a candidate for the council from the Third ward. He will oppose Norb Uhl, who was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of L. G. Gillespie, who resigned when he went to Lincoln, after serving that ward in the council for ten years.

This is the only ward in which there will be a contest at the coming election, their being only one candidate in the First ward and one candidate for the council in the Second Ward. For members of the school board there are three to be elected and there are only three candidates in the field.

## Architects Trying To Sell Their Ideas To Holt County Board

Since Holt county filed its application for a federal grant for the erection of a new court house, several architects have visited the city and more are coming, trying to interest the members of the county board in their particular style of a building.

Tuesday afternoon Walter J. Dixon, of Mitchell, S. D., was here before the board exhibiting views of new court houses that he had drawn the plans for, that had been erected in different counties of South Dakota during the past year, all of them with federal assistance.

He stated to the board that the federal government had expended \$1,000,000 in public buildings in his state during the past year. According to Mr. Dixon a very nice building could be erected for the amount of money asked by this county, \$110,000.

Of course no action can be taken by the board about a building until the application is approved by the officials of the federal government.

## Seed Loan To Be Out Soon

President Roosevelt signed the bill authorizing the seed loan last week and the forms for making out the applications are expected to be received at the Agricultural Agents office within the next few days. The loans will be available only to those who are co-operating with the AAA programs.

Since the closing date for corn-hog applications is April 1, those intending to apply for a seed loan should get in touch with their corn-hog community committeemen or the agricultural agent at once if they have not signed a 1935 application.

Additional information will be available in the near future.

## Funeral Services Held At Lynch For Thomas Crowe

A large number of O'Neill citizens drove over to Lynch last Sunday to attend the funeral services of Thomas Crowe, one of the pioneer residents of northeastern Holt, who passed away at a Lynch hospital a week ago Wednesday.

The funeral was one of the largest seen in that section of the county for many years, attesting the respect held for the deceased by the people of northeastern Holt and Boyd counties. The remains were interred in the cemetery at Niobrara.

## Congressman Stefan On Grain Imports

In January this year there was imported into the United States 1,882,283 bushels of corn, according to figures given Congressman Karl Stefan, Norfolk, by Robert L. O'Brien, chairman of the United States tariff commission.

Other imports of specific farm commodities in January follow: Rye, 1,009,155 bushels; wheat, 44,853 bushels; barley, 916,135 bushels; oats, 1,643,665 bushels; flax, 769,845 bushels; hay, 2,587 tons; potatoes, 2,237,916 pounds; beef, 68,519 pounds; pork, 34,357 pounds. This does not include the large amount of wheat in bond, Stefan explained.

Most of the wheat, barley, oats hay, potatoes, beef and pork imported in January came from Canada, but more than 1,000,000 bushels of corn came from Mexico.

There is considerable talk, Stefan said in a letter, "on both sides of the house that the president has determined to veto most any so-called bonus bill that it sent to him. "The Tydings adherents are now centering their activities on the senate side. It will be interesting to watch this piece of legislation to determine how strong the Tydings cohorts are. They had very little support in the house."

Only about twenty-four congressmen were missing when the vote was taken on the method of paying the so-called soldier's bonus, Stefan wrote. "Mr. Belgrano of the American Legion was in the front row in the gallery as he has been every day the matter was up for discussion. When the final vote was taken on the method of payment and the result was read, Mr. Vinson walked over to Mr. Patman and they shook hands. These two men are mighty good friends and during the entire fight they have been seen with their arms about each other's shoulder."—Norfolk News.

## State Senate Decides On Unicameral Body

The state senate has decided that the new unicameral legislature shall be composed of 49 members, one less than permitted under the amendment adopted by the voters at the last general election.

Following are the districts as outlined in the preliminary draft of the bill, but the chances are that there will be minor amendments made to the counties comprising the various districts, but the number will probably remain at 49. First the number of the district, the counties comprising it and the population of the counties:

1 Pawnee, Richardson	29,249
2 Nemaha, Johnson	21,513
3 Otoe	19,901
4 Cass, Sarpy	28,086
5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Douglas	232,982
13 Washington, Dodge	37,368
14 Burt, Thurston	23,524
15 Dakota, Dixon, Wayne	31,657
16 Stanton, Cuming, Colfax	33,570
17 Butler, Saunders	34,578
18, 19, 20, 21, Lancaster	100,324
22 Gage	30,242
23 Thayer, Jefferson	30,093
24 Saline, Seward	32,294
25 Platte, Nance	29,899
26 Madison, Pierce	37,117
27 Cedar, Knox	35,537
28 Antelope, Boone, Wheeler	32,279
29 Merrick, Polk	20,711
30 Hamilton, York	29,398
31 Clay, Fillmore	26,542
32 Nuckolls, Webster	22,839
33 Adams	26,275
34 Hall	27,117
35 Greeley, Howard, Garfield	31,102
36 Holt, Boyd, Keya Paha, Rock	30,247
37 Custer	26,119
38 Sherman, Buffalo	33,460
39 Kearney, Phelps, Gosper	21,642
40 Franklin, Harlan, Furnas	30,191
41 Red Willow, Hitchcock, Dundy	26,738
42 Frontier, Dawson	25,989
43 Hayes, Chase, Perkins	21,641
44 Lincoln	25,627
45 Logan, Thomas, Hooker, McPherson, Grant, Arthur, Garden, Deuel, Blaine, Loup	21,326
46 Brown, Cherry, Sheridan	27,463
47 Sioux, Dawes, Box Butte	28,621
48 Scottsbluff	28,644
49 Banner, Morrill, Kimball, Cheyenne	26,488

## Constructing Tennis Court At Ice Pond

Workmen have been busy the past few days making a tennis court on the corner of Seventh and Douglas streets, where the skating pond was last winter. There will be three courts on the ground and tennis will probably be one of the favorite sports for the younger people of the city during the coming summer.

## Farm Hand Dies Of Pneumonia

George Brown, aged 53 years, died in the O'Neill General hospital Wednesday morning, of pneumonia. Brown has no relatives in this section of the country as far as we have been able to learn. He worked for one of the Slattery boys south of town all winter and for the past few weeks has been working for William Langan, near Agee. He was taken ill and brought to the hospital Monday morning.

## Funeral Services Here For Mrs. Frank Bruzell

Frank Bruzell, accompanied by his son, Frank, Jr., arrived here last Sunday morning from Teckla, Wyo., with the body of his wife, Mrs. Anna Bruzell, who passed away at her home in Teckla last Wednesday. The funeral was held from St. Patrick's church last Monday morning, at 9:00 o'clock, Rev. B. J. Leahy officiating and burial in Calvary cemetery.

Miss Elizabeth Graves entertained fourteen of her young friends at her home in east O'Neill last Sunday evening, and an enjoyable time is reported to have been had by those attending.

## Boxing Tournament At High School Provides Fight Fans Amusement

Lovers of boxing have had an opportunity to enjoy this sport to the limit the past week. The students of the O'Neill public schools held a four day boxing carnival, which ended with the finals in the different division last Tuesday night. A fair sized crowd was present each evening to witness the sport.

Winners of divisions and exhibition boxing matches and a frame or two of wrestling follow:

Middleweight: Orville Green won over Owen Davidson.  
Welterweight: George Cook won over Walter Cole.  
Lightweight: Robert Smith won over Virgil Ott.  
Flyweight: Clayton Bellar won over Robert Gumm.  
Featherweight: Wilfred Clevenger won over William Maxwell.  
Exhibition boxing: Max Wolfe hog-tied Kenneth Bergstrom; draws—Robert Morrison and Howard Dahlstein; Ned Porter and Gerald Leach; John Luben and LeRoy Spindler; Raymond Hoxie and Edward Hanley.

Draws—Ralph Brown and Dwaine Abbott; Ralph Porter and Richard Loy, and Mickey McNamara and Jimmie Golden.

The judges were Bruce Vale, Pete Peterson and Ralph Mellor, the referee, Dick Tomlinson; the announcer, Elmer Stoltz and the timekeeper, Robert Calvert.

## Seedling Trees Will Be Shipped April 2nd

Clarke-McNary seedlings and transplants for Holt county farmers will be shipped on April 2, Agricultural Agent F. M. Reece was informed today by Earl G. Maxwell, extension forester at the Nebraska college of agriculture.

The evergreen stock will be shipped from the Nebraska National Forest at Halsey and the broad-leaf varieties from storage at Fremont. All trees come parcel post. Holt county farmers made application for 34,600 seedlings earlier in the year.

In making planting suggestions forester Maxwell says the trees should be placed in a bucket of water or thin mud upon arrival and planted directly from the bucket. The ground where the replant trees are to be planted should have been plowed last fall or early this spring. If the pines cannot be given proper care in a windbreak, he suggests putting them in the garden about 18 inches apart and transplanting later. A single on the southwest side of each tree will protect it from the hot sun in July and August.

## Miss Arbutnot Takes Charge of Relief Office

Last Monday morning Miss Roberta Arbutnot took the position held for the past year and a half by Doretha Montgomery as relief worker, in charge of the local office. Mrs. Montgomery is now a case worker for the office and it will be her duty to investigate the various relief cases in the county.

## Hold Furniture Auction

The O. F. Biglin furniture store finished a very successful auction sale, which was held in their store here the last two days of this week and the first two days of this week. During the sale over two carloads of furniture was sold and a large number of bed springs and mattresses. From the standpoint of attendance and the amount of goods sold the sale was very successful, and many of the customers secured real bargains. From the amount of furniture sold at this sale it would seem as if there would not be much demand for furniture in this vicinity for several months.

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