

THE FRONTIER

F. C. Gatz, an Old Settler in O'Neill, Called

Federick C. Gatz died at his home in this city last Friday evening at about 7 o'clock after a very short illness at the advanced age of 84 years, 6 months and 7 days. The funeral was held Monday morning at 10:30 from the Presbyterian church, Rev. William Vahle, Lutheran minister of Atkinson officiating and interment in Prospect Hill cemetery, at the side of his beloved companion of many years, who passed away last October.

Frederick C. Gatz was born on February 21, 1852, at Barton, Germany. When a young man of 18 he came to the United States and located at Baltimore, Maryland, where he remained for a few years and then moved west, finally settling at Columbus where he was engaged in operating a meat market for several years. On October 24, 1880, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Engel, of Columbus. To this union eleven children were born, seven of whom survive, three daughters and four sons, and they were all present at the funeral services.

The children are: Mrs. F. G. Clift and Mrs. J. E. Vincent, O'Neill; Mrs. A. J. Schroeder, Omaha; William E., Edward E. and Clinton J. Gatz, of O'Neill and Charles, of Niobrara. Besides his children there are several grandchildren who are left to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate father and grandfather.

Fred Gatz was one of the real pioneers of the city. Coming here with his bride in the spring of 1881 he at once engaged in business and for over a quarter of a century operated the largest meat market in the city and when he retired from that business he successfully conducted the Western hotel for several years, retiring from active business a little over ten years ago. During the early years of his residence here he was very active in the affairs of the city and community, serving the city for several years as a member of the city council and later as police judge of the city.

Fred was a good business man and unusually successful. Shortly after his arrival here he built the old Evans Hotel, now the Western, and had another building on the east that he used for his market. Several years ago this building was rebuilt, remodeled and is now occupied by the Council Oak grocery. In addition to the business places erected by him he also built couple of residences in the city and was very active in the upbuilding of the city he had selected for his home.

Fifty-five years is a long time for a man to be a resident of one city, but he lived to see the little village that he had selected for his home in 1881 that contained only a few scattered homes and less business places in 1881, become the hustling and thriving little city it is today, the best in the Elkhorn valley. During the years of its growth he had a prominent part in its development. He had many friends in this city and county, and while he lived to a ripe old age, his many friends through the county will learn with sorrow of the death of this old time pioneer. He has passed from the stage and the work of building the city started by the pioneers is left in younger hands and they have the ambition and the will to carry on.

THE BUSY HOUR CLUB.

The Busy Hour Club met at the home of Mrs. John Miller. All members were present except Mrs. Ralph Ernst and Mrs. Henry Wayman. Our visitors were Mrs. Morris Harmon and children from Scottsbluff, Nebr., Mrs. Lowell Johnson and baby from O'Neill and Miss Stella Van Every of O'Neill. The time was spent on contest games and visiting. There were three birthday gifts this month. A nice lunch of cherry salad, cake and coffee was served by the hostess. Our next meeting will be on September 24 at the home of Mrs. M. E. Gray.

The twelve-ton jail cages perched atop the court house as laborers and masons went to the job Monday morning represented an interesting piece of engineering and a week's work with a daily assembling of spectators. Nothing in connection with building operations on the hill of activity has created so much interest among citizens as this job of work getting the heavy steel structure up to its place. Cap Uhl had the job in hand and with a crew of helpers kept busy all last week fixing up the necessary rigging and hoisting the cages. It was fraught with some danger but spectators were not allowed within a danger zone should something give way and the tons of steel come tumbling.

Atkinson Doctor Is Again Sued

On August 29 there was for the second time filed in the district court of Holt county a suit for damages in the sum of \$25,000 against Dr. William Douglas, of Atkinson.

Terrance McCarthy, of Francis precinct, charges malpractice of a fractured forearm and dislocated elbow, sustained in an automobile accident September 1, 1934, and which Dr. Douglas dressed.

Some months ago a similar action was dismissed by plaintiff's attorney, Emmet A. Harmon, shortly before the hour set for trial. It was understood at that time the case was to be revived and the attorney has just now filed his papers in the second action.

No answer has yet been made by the defendant.

A heavy truck plunged to an 8-foot drop early Friday morning from a bridge on the highway in the east part of the county and was badly wrecked, but the driver, Joe Lutes, in what seemed a miracle escaped injury. A wrecker from the Chevrolet garage in O'Neill brought the smashed, twisted and broken wreckage in. According to reports, the driver had fallen asleep at the wheel.

Some splendid specimens of melons are coming from the Niobrara valley in northern Holt this season. It takes hot weather to grow good melons and that brand of weather has been on tap for some months. Very large and choice musk melons have been brought to O'Neill stores from that territory for the past two weeks. A few garden spots out that way are fixed for irrigation.

Details of the Texas Auto Death Crash

The following account of the death of Loren L. Richardson in an automobile accident in Texas is from a Texas newspaper:

"Two resettlement administration officials, injured in a highway crash near here late Sunday night, remained in a Hereford hospital for treatment tonight.

"They are T. L. Taylor and W. P. McNab, both of Spearman, who were hurt in a collision which claimed the life of L. L. Richardson also a resettlement employe in the Spearman division.

"Richardson, his body mangled badly, died instantly when the car in which he rode and that of W. C. Nix smashed about a mile west of Hereford on highway 60. He was about 46 years old.

"McNab, legal counsel for the Spearman resettlement office, regained consciousness today, after his condition had been adjudged critical. Taylor received only minor injuries. Both are resting easily, hospital attendants said.

Nix, driver of a light sedan, and his wife and two children were unhurt.

"Witnesses said the crash occurred as the Nix machine angled across the highway on a side road. The Spearman men, with McNab at the wheel, were traveling toward Hereford from Clovis.

"Their automobile struck the bumper of the Nix machine and careened more than 150 feet, tossing its three occupants clear. It was demolished, but the Nix car was undamaged except for the bumper.

Richardson's body was sent to Spearman. Funeral arrangements had not been completed tonight.

The crash victim was resettlement supervisor for four Panhandle counties—Moore, Hansford, Sherman and Hutchinson. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Gladys Richardson, and by a son and daughter, Arnold and Helen. The family had lived in Spearman two or three years."

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Oppen are spending the week with relatives at Rushville.

Marriage Licenses

August 31—Logan H. Johnson, 21, of Hastings, and Varinna Drikill, 23, of Stuart.

County officials, in charge of the old age pensions, were given a jolt when the wife of a 93-year-old citizen of the county, herself 78, handed back the pension warrants and told them they didn't want it. The pension had been granted upon the representation of others with the passive consent of the aged couple but on consideration they decline to be recipients of official bounty. The old lady, with the dauntless spirit of the pioneer—which they are—said they had made their own way all through the years and would be happy continuing to do so to the end. The couple reside on the farm today they took as a homestead 50 years ago, planting the whips of cuttings that now are great sawlogs towering to the heavens.

Making 281 Fit As Military Road

The boom of exploding dynamite charges at intervals Saturday and Sunday at the river south of town was the blowing out of some perfectly good bridges so bigger and better might be built. It is part of the program of highway reconstruction on the southern outlet. Engineers in charge concluded the bridges were not wide enough for present day traffic. A temporary structure has been put up to allow traffic through that way now, the highway having been opened after being closed for many weeks for the oil surfacing.

The completion of resurfacing, rebridging and so on south of town will find a responsive chord among the general group of car and truck drivers who have been having a sweet time of it crossing the Elkhorn at the old McEvony bridge a mile east. Nearly every day one or more are stalled in the deep sand encountered at the river on that route.

Highway 281 is made adequate for a military road. This necessitated the enlarging of bridges over the Elkhorn.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to express our heartfelt thanks to the many kind neighbors and friends for their sympathy and assistance rendered during the illness and following the death of our beloved husband and father. Your kindness to us in our hour of sorrow will ever be held in grateful remembrance.—Mrs. E. M. Marri-man and sons.

Remember the good old days when a man well dressed wore a coat and vest in July and August.

Twenty Cars Join Booster Day Caravan

Twenty automobiles loaded with boosters, clowns and musicians headed west out of O'Neill around 9 o'clock Tuesday morning to visit the towns west in Holt county to let that section know O'Neill will have a free day celebration and that the Chambers fair opens simultaneously next Tuesday. Chambers contributed a large share to the delegation. They returned to O'Neill for the dinner hour and then took in the eastern part of the county and western Antelope.

O'Neill and Chambers each contributing two humorous characters, those from the south dressed as "hay seeds," while the O'Neill pair were attired as clowns. Some clowning while all were assembling to make the trip furnished entertainment for the citizens on the sidelines. Two air planes winged in from Chambers and circled over the town and headed on to the northwest.

The O'Neill band played and loading of automobiles began. With the blare of auto horns the procession was away.

At Clearwater a heavy rain was encountered that stalled three of the cars for a time.

Ten miles west of Elgin the Archie Bowen car run into a bunch of horses as they drove over a rise in the road, the horses just ahead of them and so close Archie was unable to stop before getting in among the horses which he says he either had to strike or run into a deep ditch. One horse sustained a broken leg. No one in the car was hurt but the car had to be pushed home and it is thought to be damaged beyond repair.

The trip on the whole was a success, with O'Neill Free Day and the Chambers fair thoroughly advertised in the territory visited.

Mrs. Dora Alexander Talley, Omaha, Neb., national president of the Woodmen Circle, was chosen vice president of the National Fraternal Congress at sessions of the congress in New York city last week. Mrs. Talley formerly headed the president's section of the congress.

The fraternal congress is made up of representatives of some 85 fraternal life insurance associations throughout the country.

Through the courtesy of J. B. Mellor the news gatherer was given a ride an evening recently to the Tom Griffin place a mile north of town, where Ralph Mellor has a flock of turkeys numbering between 2,500 and 3,000. A group like that make a sight worth seeing. They are kept on feeding grounds to the northeast of the farm buildings where are also roosting quarters and such shelter as a turkey cares for. They are kept thrifty, shining coats of feathers, red tops and active by plenty of feed and water troughs and such a mob eats something.

As It Went At the Sale Ring

Report of the Atkinson Livestock Market for Tuesday, September 1.

Hogs: Receipts 800 head. Market generally 50 cents a hundred lower on all classes except some sows which were generally steady with a week ago. In the absence of any real top hogs the best price paid was 10.60. Best sows sold at 8.60 to 9.00; thin sows at 7.00 to 8.00; lightweight pigs at 6.00 to 6.50; medium weights at 6.75 to 7.50 and 90 to 110 pound pigs at 8.00 to 9.00.

Cattle: Receipts 1296 head. Market very active, with Iowa and Illinois feeders taking the bulk of the good stocker feeders at fully steady prices with a week ago. The cow market on all kinds except the cheaper grades looked from 15 to 25 cents a hundred lower. Calves and choice yearling steers 25 cents higher; 200 cows and calves from Spencer, Wyoming, sold at an average of \$46.50 a head. Choice yearling steers sold at 5.50 to 6.25; fair to good ones at 5.00 to 5.35; plain kinds from 4.00 to 4.65; heavy fleshy two-year-old steers brought 6.00 to 6.35. Yearling heifers at 4.25 to 5.00; on the stocker order 3.75 to 4.00. Best fat cows at 4.50 and 5.00; cutters at 3.25 to 3.85; canners at 2.50 to 3.00; bulls at 4.00 to 4.40.

An O'Neill cream dealer got caught by state inspectors a day last week short-weighting and was taken into justice court where he pled guilty and was assessed a fine.

Clyde Keller went to Royal Tuesday night to take Mr. and Mrs. Orval Roach to that place.

Cream Cans Stolen Going at 40-Mi. Gait

Deputy Sheriff Bergstrom went to Lincoln Tuesday with Vernon Strong and John Carl, sentenced Saturday by Judge Dickson to each serve a year in the state reformatory for men. They were convicted of or rather pled guilty to a charge of grand larceny and the sentence carried also the assessment of costs of \$8.75 each. The grand larceny charge was based on the theft of ten cans of cream belonging to the Borden Produce Company of this city, which took place some months ago.

Carl told one of the most remarkable stories ever related on the witness stand in court in this county. In all they stole 14 cans of cream. Spectacular in the extreme. A truck load of Borden Produce cream enroute between O'Neill and Page was overtaken by Carl and Strong, the latter taking a position astride the hood of their car and Carl handling the steering wheel. By fine calculation, a keen eye and steady control of the gas flow he worked the car up to the very rear of the truck when Strong climbed on the truck opened the back door and set the cream out on the rear platform of the truck, then closing the doors of the truck. Carl then drove their car up until the hood of their car was under the platform of the truck. Strong then, after closing the doors of the truck, got on the hood of the car Carl was driving and he reached up and grasped a can of cream in each hand and drew them to him as he sat on the hood. The car was then stopped and they loaded the cans in the car and shot ahead to repeat the trick when they caught up with the truck.

This was testified to and that they got six cans of cream at one time, eight at another, the truck traveling, at each time the cream was taken, 40 miles an hour.

Hospital Notes

Ray Patras, 3, was dismissed from the hospital Wednesday.

Miss Thelma Lienhart, 17, of Chambers, had her tonsils removed last Thursday and went home the following afternoon.

Gary Penisten, 5, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Penisten, had his tonsils and adenoids removed last Thursday. He went home the same evening.

Miss Clara Shoemaker left Tuesday for San Diego, Cal., for a few weeks vacation. She will also visit relatives in Colorado before returning home.

Francis Belzar, 11, of Opportunity, was brought in Tuesday, suffering from cuts received when he fell from a corn binder. He is resting quite comfortably at present.

Miss Loretta Burke, student nurse of St. Catherine's hospital in Omaha, and her sister, Mary, also of Omaha, were visiting their aunts at the O'Neill Hospital during the week. They left Thursday for their home at Coleridge for a visit before returning to Omaha.

A complaint was filed in county court Monday against Mary Bausch on a charge of abortion, the information being drawn by County Attorney Cronin and signed by Mary Sands who charges the defendant with an illegal operation upon her person. Defendant was brought into court yesterday and her attorney, Emmet Harmon, asked for a continuance, which was agreed to by the state and the court. Preliminary was set for Wednesday, September 9, at 10 o'clock and the defendant released on \$500 bond.

A. T. Crumley, living about ten miles east of O'Neill, says they harvested over 4,100 bushels of rye from 410 acres, but other crops are about a failure for him. They marketed a truck load of rye at Orchard the first of the week at 95 cents a bushel, the load bringing \$210.

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