

# THE FRONTIER

### School Room Wrecked By Pulling Up Desks and Throwing Books About

Last Friday night some vandals broke into the school house in the Garret Janzing district and proceeded to wreck the place. They upset the seats and tossed the books and papers all around the room. When it was brought to the attention of the school board they at once offered a reward of \$100 for information leading to the identity and conviction of the culprits.

It might be fun for young people to pull stunts of this kind, but they should remember that they are destroying property of the people of the district, as well as interfering with the successful conduct of one of the greatest institutions in this great country of ours, our free schools. Should the guilty ones be caught they should be punished in conformity with the seriousness of the offense committed.

### Cattle Continue Upward and Hog Prices Sagging

Report of Atkinson Livestock Market, cattle and hog auction on Tuesday, October 27:

**Cattle:** Receipts 765 head. Cattle prices generally scored further advances over last week's good upturn, showing as much as 50 cents to in some instances 1.00 a hundred higher over two weeks ago. Three loads of calves and light yearlings were bought to go to Oregon. Best fat cows at 4.75 to 5.65; good cows at 4.30 to 4.65; cutters at 3.75 to 4.00; canners at 2.85 to 3.25; best steer calves at 4.00 to 6.85; good calves at 5.00 to 6.00; choice heifer calves at 5.50 to 6.50; yearling steers good at 5.50 to 6.25; fair kinds at 4.50 to 5.25, very few selling below 4.50. Yearling heifers at 4.50 to 5.25—plainer ones on down to 3.75; bulls at 4.00 to 5.00. Plainer cattle are showing the most advance.

**Hog:** receipts 800 head. Hog prices continued to sag, all kinds and weights showing fresh down turns over a week ago from 35 to 50 cents a hundred. One load of feeder pigs was shipped to Klamath Falls, Oregon. Pigs weighing from 50 to 100 lbs sold at 4.50 to 5.75; from 100 to 130 lbs. at 5.00 to 6.75; 130 to 170 lbs. at 7.00 to 8.25; 180 to 200 lb. averages at 8.50 to 8.90. Sows at 7.00 to 8.50. Next hog and cattle sale will be held Tuesday, November 3rd. Big special horse and mule sale Monday, November 2nd.

### Federal Government Can Tax Real Estate

Numerous political speakers have asserted thruout the present campaign that the Federal government was without power to levy taxes upon real or personal property and that therefore the average citizen who owned land would have none of the present debt to pay.

Passing over the obvious fact that everyone will have to pay and pay in indirect and concealed taxes, it now appears that the Federal government under the constitution has the power to levy direct taxes upon lands and improvements and that in the past that power has been exercised. The Lincoln Journal of Wednesday, Oct. 28, contains this article:

"A reader of The Journal, astounded to learn that many very good lawyers hold that there is no bar against the federal government imposing a property tax on the holdings of all its citizens, wants to know why, if such a tax is possible, it has never before been imposed. The best answer, of course, is that the question is based on an unsound premise. It has been done before. This authority has been cited: "Ruling case law, Vol. 26, page 78, Sec. 56. Direct taxes were imposed by congress in 1798, 1813, 1815, 1816 and during the Civil war. In the earlier years the subjects of this tax were lands, improvements, dwelling houses and slaves; in 1861 the tax was levied on land, improvements and on dwelling houses." "Ruling case law, Vol. 26, Page 78, Sec. 56. In the case of *Veazie Bank v. Fenno*, 8 Wall. 533, 19 U. S. (L. ed.) 482, the supreme court of the United States in an opinion rendered in December, 1869, said: "And nothing is clearer, from the discussions in the convention and the discussions which preceded final ratification by the necessary number of states, than the purpose to give this power to

congress, as to the taxation of everything except exports, in its fullest extent." "This purpose is apparent, also, from the terms in which the taxing power is granted. The power is 'to lay and collect taxes, duties, imposts, and excises, to pay the debt and provide for the common defense and general welfare of the United States.' More comprehensive words could not have been used. Exports only are by another provision excluded from its application."

"And these citations ought to answer the question, by showing that it has been done before, and that what was done is a matter of national record. What has been done may be done again."

### Will Give Farm Operators Short Course

Designed for farm boys who find it impossible to take a regular college course, the annual Farm Operator's Short Course will open at the Nebraska college of agriculture on Nov. 16. Given over to practical study of farm management in all its phases, more than 100 boys from all parts of the state will probably enroll.

Some Holt county farm boys who have taken the course in past years are Yulan Adams, Amos Fisher, Glenn White and Jean Lambert.

Dr. T. H. Goodding, director of the short courses at the college of agriculture, says inquiries regarding the farm operator course have been greater than ever, indicating an increased enrollment. The boys are at the college for six months out of the winter studying animal husbandry, forge and woodwork, farm accounts, poultry husbandry, farm machinery and motors, marketing and various other subjects. Most of the work is done in the laboratory.

Young men who are interested in attending this short course should contact Mr. Goodding or their county agent for further information.

### Most of the Town Goes After Pheasants

O'Neill was nearly deserted Sunday forenoon and most of the afternoon. A large share of the younger folks, with a sprinkling of elderly ones, started out early in the morning hunting for the elusive pheasant. Some of them came back with broad smiles, announcing they had secured the limit in a very few hours, while others came trailing in later in the day with the announcement they had not even secured a shot. Probably the latter were more truthful in their reports of the days hunting than some of the others. Many out of town people were guests of various O'Neillites for the day and enjoyed the opening of the season.

### Two Holt 4-H Baby Beeves at Ak-Sar-Ben

Two Holt county 4-H Baby Beef club members participated in the show at Ak-Sar-Ben this week. They were Edward Grimes, of Chambers, and Vernon Landholm, of Dustin. The calves of both boys were in excellent condition and prices received were satisfactory.

Several boys and girls are quite interested at present in a cow and calf club whereby the member will raise feeder calves in place of fat calves. The high cost of grain is making this club and the ewe and lamb club more desirable for next year.

### Marriage Licenses

William L. Nelson, of Ewing, and Miss Novella Keeler, of the same city, were granted a marriage license in county court Wednesday. Ben Kindlund, of Geddes, S. D., and Miss Hattie Grenier, of Opportunity, were granted a marriage license on Tuesday.

### WOODMAN CIRCLE

A social and business meeting of the Woodmen Circle was held at the home of Mrs. G. A. Miles last Thursday evening. There were eight members present. Politics was one of the main topics of discussion. At the close of the meeting a dainty lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Miss Beryle Winchell.

### Hospital Notes

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Cronk, of Inman, Thursday evening at 9 o'clock, a son weighing nine pounds. All doing fine.

## APPLYING THE BRAKES



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### Rev. B. J. Leahy Has Pastorate at Genoa

Rev. B. J. Leahy, for many years assistant pastor at St. Patrick's church in this city has been named pastor of the Catholic church at Genoa, Nebraska, and took up his new pastorate last Sunday. That afternoon he drove to this city and visited his many friends here for a few hours then went over to Boyd county to hunt pheasants for a few days.

### Former Publisher at Niobrara Is Dead

E. A. Fry, who for the past nine years has been the editor of the *Herrick News*, passed away at the Burke hospital at Burke, S. D., on Tuesday night of last week, after an illness of two weeks, at the age of 85 years. Mr. Fry was engaged in the newspaper business at Niobrara at the time we started in the newspaper game forty-five years ago and since then has published papers in several points in Nebraska and South Dakota. He was a native of Connecticut and came west as a young man and had a prominent part in the up-building of the west. The paper Mr. Fry was publishing at the time of his death was once owned and published by Dr. Lubker, for many years a resident of this city, but who left here a little over a year ago.

### JUNIOR PROJECT CLUB

The Junior Project Club met at the home of Mrs. L. A. Carter with 15 members present and four visitors. The visitors were, Mrs. Strickland and Miss Peterson, of California and Mrs. Pace and Mrs. Simonson, of O'Neill. After the meeting lunch was served by the hostesses Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Quigg. Our next meeting will be November 11 at the home of Mrs. Knapp, Mrs. Cowperthwaite assistant.

### AROUND NORTHEAST NEBRASKA

With Your Congressman

Gene Gailey of Elgin is one of the grand old men of pioneer days in this district. Mr. Gailey, notwithstanding the fact that he is over 80 years old, is still actively engaged in the grain business. Years ago he drove the stage coach from Wisner to Norfolk before the railroad came. He was among

those who can still remember the late stage driver Barry and others. Mr. Gailey has the distinction of loading the first car of grain ever shipped out of Antelope county.

Politics is pretty hot these days. The issues are being discussed pretty freely. That there will be a large silent vote on November 3rd is noted by discussions in the various towns of the district. Many people admit that they have not made up their minds how they will vote.

Many farmers say political speakers are wrong when they state that the farmer is better off today. They admit that statistics may show that the farmer is getting more money for what he has to sell these days, but so far as a majority of the farmers in the Third Congressional district are concerned, they are not better off, for they have very little to sell. If we had a corn crop, conditions would be entirely different. Many farmers are on relief. Many cannot pay their taxes or their debts. Many have lost and are losing their farms. For that and many other reasons, the farmers in our district are not better off, and as a result, merchants in towns who are dependent upon the farmer for their trade are learning that the towns can enjoy only normal and good times when the farmer has some money or something to sell.

Amelia, Nebraska, is a friendly town and the people there all join together to make people feel at home when they visit Amelia. The town is about twelve miles south of Chambers. The old-fashioned "hitching post" is on the main street of Amelia, and there is a flowing well that offers excellent, fine cool water. It is to be found near the filling station.

Emerson people are highly elated over the completion of the new overhead pass on highway No. 9. It is well illuminated by electric lights and has added beauty and safety to the town.

August Fisher, retired Road Master of the M & O railroad, lives at Emerson, and is a great home town booster. Mr. Fisher was at one time a member of the city council in Norfolk. He is in good health and sends greetings to all his old-tie friends.

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### Terrazzo Floors In New Court House

Probably one of the most interesting phases of construction on the Holt county court house, the preparation of the terrazzo floors, is expected to get underway here within the next few days. It also will be the first terrazzo floor and base job in O'Neill.

Terrazzo consists of a process whereby a beautiful floor, resembling polished stone, is made by mixing small marble chips in cement, pouring into place like concrete and then grinding and polishing to a mirror like surface. The resulting floor is fireproof, waterproof and dustproof.

Main and branch corridors and rest rooms on all three main floors in the building are to have terrazzo floors and base. The terrazzo sub-contract which was let directly with the contractors by Holt county.

### Ambrose Rhode Council Oak's New Manager

Ambrose Rhode, who has been assistant manager of the Council Oak Store for the past two years, has been appointed manager to succeed the late Edward Gatz. Ambrose is a Holt county boy who was raised in the northern part of the county and has been an employee of the Council Oak store for the past six years. He is an agreeable young man, with a good business head and has a host of friends in this city and community and we predict he will continue to hold the store in the forefront of the business houses of the city. We extend congratulations on his promotion, which he has justly earned.

### BRUENING-AYARS

A very beautiful home wedding occurred on Wednesday of this week at 11 a. m., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Yarnell when Earl Bruening and Miss Gemisca Ayars, both of Hendley, Nebr., were united in Holy matrimony. Rev. A. J. May, pastor of the M. E. church of this city officiating, using the impressive ring ceremony.

To the strains of the wedding march played by Miss Geraldine Yarnell, the bride and groom, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Yarnell marched to their places under a canopy draped archway where the happy couple received the marriage covenant.

The bride was attired in a lovely

green dovetine with beautiful designs of persian banding. The groom appeared in a striking oxford grey.

The bride is the grand daughter of Mrs. Ida Ayars who has been a mother to her since childhood and who was present at the wedding. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Bruening, a grain dealer at Hendley.

After the wedding Mrs. Yarnell, aunt of the bride, served a lovely dinner at 12 o'clock in honor of the bride and groom and the immediate family and Mrs. Ida Ayars and Rev. and Mrs. A. J. May.

The bride and groom left that afternoon for a honeymoon trip to Sioux City, Omaha and Lincoln. They will be at home to their many friends at Hendley, Nebr., after November 1st.

Their many friends extend to them the very best wishes for a long and happy life together. xx

### Omaha Druggist Buys Beckman's Drug Store

I. W. Johnson, of Omaha, purchased the Beckman drug store and arrived in the city the first of the week and is getting the store ready for opening for business the latter part of next week. Mr. Johnson is a registered pharmacist and has been employed for several years in various Omaha drug stores. He is a genial young man and says that it is his intention to make this city his future home and it will be his ambition to make his store the leading drug store in this section of the state.

Mr. Johnson is married and expects his wife to join him in the city the forepart of next week. He is very favorably impressed with the city and its business possibilities. The Frontier welcomes him to the ranks of O'Neill business men and hopes that his fondest dreams will be realized.

### Senator Norris Speaks Here But His Former Friends Aren't Present

Senator George W. Norris was in the city last Saturday, arriving here from the west, and delivered an address that evening at the K. C. Hall to a good sized crowd. The one thing noticeable at the hotel, as well as in the audience at the hall, was the absence of many of the Senator's old time Holt county friends. The official greeters were mostly New Dealers and members of the democratic machine in this county, people who heretofore, in the thirty years the Senator has been running for the senate, never supported him, but are backing him this year, even if he is not a democrat or on the democratic ticket.

There is an old and trite saying that politics makes strange bed-fellows, and it was never more forcibly brought to mind than at the meeting last Saturday night.

### WEST SIDE PROJECT CLUB

The West Side Project Club met Thursday, October 22, for a social meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Schmohr. All of the members were present except Mrs. John Miller who was ill. The guests were Mrs. Henry Wayman, Mrs. Ed Wayman and Mrs. Martin Maloney, of Beaver City, aunt of Mrs. J. W. and Mrs. P. V. Hickey. Mrs. Otto Lorenz carried home the prize. All were treated to a delicious luncheon of sandwiches, cookies, pickles and coffee and all spent a very pleasant afternoon.

The next meeting will be held on November 19, with Mrs. Ralph Ernest.

### HAPPY HOUR PROJECT CLUB

The Happy Hour Project club met at the home of Mrs. William Druke on Oct. 21. The topic of "The Important Job of Homemaking" was discussed by the eight members present. A delicious lunch was served by the members at the close of the meeting. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. John M. Grutsch.

Irl Tolen, of Lincoln, director of assistance for the state of Nebraska, addressed a small crowd at the court house last Monday night on the assistance act. Mr. Tolen did not mention the fact that he had asked for an increase of salary of \$2,000 per year.

### EDWARD GATZ DROPS DEAD WHILE HUNTING

### Funeral for City's Outstanding Young Businessman Held Wednesday Morning.

The citizens of this city were shocked and saddened last Sunday morning when it was learned that Edward E. Gatz dropped dead that morning while out hunting with his brothers, William and Clinton, and Bob Moore and George Mickel, of Omaha, who had been here visiting Bob Moore. The boys were walking toward some favorable looking pheasant cover, being strung out to cover as much ground as possible. After going a little ways they missed Eddie and William walked back and found him lying on his face on the ground, with his gun stretched out in front of him. He was put into a car and taken to Ewing, where medical aid was sought, then to Page and on to O'Neill, reaching here a little after 11 o'clock.

Eddie had always enjoyed good health and was feeling exceptionally good that morning as he had planned for several days on having a nice outing. His sudden death was a shock to the people of this city and county, where he was widely known, respected and loved.

Edward Erwin Gatz was born in O'Neill on Nov. 1, 1896, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Gatz. He lived in this city all his life and was educated in our schools and started his business career here. When a young man he entered the C. E. Stout Drug store where he was employed for a number of years. When the Robert E. Moore stores started here eight years ago last April he entered their employ as manager, a position he retained up to the time of his death.

He was very successful in the conduct of the company's business, so much so that about a year ago they made him supervisor of their stores in this section of the state, which included stores at Atkinson, Ainsworth, Valentine, Ord and Burwell, and he made weekly trips to the various stores looking after the interests of his employers.

On April 29, 1925, he was united in marriage to Miss Mabel Morton, the ceremony being performed at Springfield, Nebr. He leaves surviving him his loving wife, three sisters and three brothers, who are left to mourn the passing of a kind, affectionate husband and brother.

His sisters are: Mrs. F. G. Clift and Mrs. J. A. Vincent, O'Neill; Mrs. A. J. Schroeder, Omaha. The brothers, William E. Gatz and Clinton J. Gatz, O'Neill, and Charles of Niobrara. All of his brothers and sisters were here for the funeral rites.

Eddie Gatz was one of the finest young men ever raised in this city or community. He had a pleasing and agreeable manner, coupled with a winsome smile that captivated all. We had known him all his life and he was an exemplary young man. He was unusually successful in business, possessing good business judgment and was in a position to become one of O'Neill's wealthiest citizens. With his brother, C. J., he was interested financially in several business properties in the city, all of which were successful. In his death O'Neill loses one of its outstanding young business men and one that will be missed from the business and social life of the city.

The funeral was held Wednesday morning from the Presbyterian church in this city, Rev. William Vahle, pastor of the Lutheran church at Atkinson, conducting the rites. The funeral was very largely attended, the services being in charge of the Masonic order of which the deceased was a member, having risen in that order to the rank of Knight Templar. In respect to the memory of the deceased all business houses in the city, as well as all the offices in the court house, were closed during the funeral services.

The Frontier joins the many friends of the family in this city and county in extending to the bereaved relatives its sympathy in the loss of their beloved one.