

**Over the County**

**SOUTHWEST BREEZES**  
By Romaine Saunders

H. L. James went to Walthill Friday after their daughter who will visit here for a time.

Mr. and Mrs. James report another grandson, born to Mr. and Mrs. Revord at St. Paul, Minn.

The ladies of the Methodist church at Amelia are planning aazaar to be held at the hall on Dec. 2.

Swan precinct will have a new member on the township board, Asa Watson being elected over Howard Berry for treasurer.

It is reported that the Gilmours over on the Graver ranch south of Inman have contracted for the Dawes ranch in southern Swan precinct.

Ed Turner has been "off the route" for a few days, while Mrs. Turner keeps up the schedule of mail deliveries between Atkinson and Amelia.

When Holt county resumes the normal production of potatoes we might send a sample of them out to Scottsbluff people to let them have a taste of real spuds.

The captains of finance come in for a large share of berating, but the principal growlers do what they tell them when the bankers come around just before election.

What is there about the word "emissaries" as I write it that looks like "nuisances"? Wall street may be a nuisance in general but it is one that will not soon be abated.

John Addison returned to his home near Opportunity Wednesday of last week after a visit at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Robinson, on the west side of the county.

The candidate for U. S. Senator rejected at the primary by democratic voters has been selected by the bosses for state chairman and national committeeman. The bosses do rule.

The teachers of the Amelia school entertained the young people of the school and community Saturday night at the school house. Games and other social features made the evening enjoyable to all.

The tabulated statement of the vote in Holt county discloses that the old time democratic majority of around 2,500 has dwindled to a measly 188 for the head of the ticket, with a republican majority for six out of the eleven candidates.

Should it find itself important, shorn of spiritual force, standing naked and ashamed the church that has abandoned the old paths for a "new gospel," against which the great Apostle Paul once threw out a warning, it will learn that a soul service, not a social service, is the thing needed to bring healing to a world's heartache.

A can of blasting powder inadvertently placed upon a live battery and the explosion resulting jeopardized the safety of three young men at Amelia a week ago. Bill Arnholt, Lawrence Standedge and Ray Smith escaped with their lives but their hides are not exactly intact. Patches and bandages on faces and heads indicate the boys had a close call.

Mike Kirwan showed me an old photograph of the interior of John Smoot's barber shop, John and Mike each shaving a customer. Charley Davis reclined in a chair while John applied the lather and Con Keys was enjoying a shave by Mike. Photography has probably advanced considerably since that picture was taken forty or more years ago but for clearness and natural result photographers now have nothing on those of that day.

Stories of the prairie wolf hunts the past week call to mind a hunt 44 years ago that left with me the last vivid picture of Barret Scott, one of the last victims of the remnants of the vengeful vigilantes. I saw him many times before and after but that day's experience brought a close-up that has stuck thru the passing years. Thanksgiving morning, 1892, ten or a dozen men—booted, spurred and mounted—rode out of O'Neill with three seasoned grayhounds and headed for the grassy reaches of Dry creek valley. Barret was with the company. Besides myself, I think the only ones now in Holt county who participated in that

chase are Clyde King at O'Neill and Fred Swingley at Atkinson. It was a merry party as the rat-a-tat of the horses' hoofs took them swiftly out on the frozen road and to the open prairie. They kept well together and sat in the big saddles like veterans of the plains. After crossing the Elkhorn the riders headed west for a few miles and then reined off to the southwest. A half mile from Dry creek a yellow-gray streak flashed out of the grass. The hounds caught sight of a fleeing wolf and the chase was on. Barret and I rode the two fastest horses, he a high-strung Pinto fleet of foot and I a bay gelding that I had raised and broken to the saddle. He would brook no horse to head him in a chase. This put Barret and I side by side, and well in the lead of the other riders. We came to the creek and I sat back on the curb bit as there was ice and I didn't know whether it would bear up a horse or break thru. Barret plunged ahead and the flying hoofs of his Pinto shattered the ice. When I got into motion again the other riders were streaming along. In the hills to the south we came upon the wolf at bay but defiant. The dogs had it surrounded but were not closing in. One of the party struck the wolf a blow on the head with a rifle and ended its existence. That seemed to satisfy the primitive lust for a kill and ended the hunt for the day. I was impressed with Scott's daring and recklessness as a rider in the chase and a leader of men who was unconscious of his leadership.

**INMAN NEWS**

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Dorlin E. Lockman on Monday, November 23, a baby son weighing eight and a half pounds. Mrs. Lockman and son are being cared for at the home of Mr. Lockman's parents at Stuart, Nebr.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Moor, Rev. E. B. Maxey and Miss Gladys Hancock attended a group meeting at the M. E. church at O'Neill Monday. Dr. W. A. Albright, superintendent of the Norfolk district of the M. E. church, was the principal speaker.

Karl Keyes drove to Omaha Sunday taking with him his father, C. D. Keyes, who entered Lord Lister hospital for treatment preparatory to undergoing an operation. The operation will be performed next week.

The Inman Extension Club met with Mrs. Hardin Anspach on Friday of last week. Most of the members were present and an interesting lesson was studied. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. J. T. Thompson.

Mrs. Howard Temperley visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kivett last week, leaving for her home at Norfolk on Tuesday. She was accompanied by Mrs. Kivett who will visit in Norfolk for a few days before going to Madison where she will spend Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Penwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Sparks and son, Donald, and Miss Doris Brittel, of Newport, spent the week end with their sister, Mrs. Dora Morsbach and other relatives.

Rev. W. A. Albright, superintendent of the Norfolk district of the Methodist church, was here Monday evening and held the first quarterly conference of the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sire and son, Jimmie, and daughter Marjorie Ann, went to Stuart Thursday to visit her parents for the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sholes and children went to Ewing Sunday and visited in the John Hawk home. Mrs. Hawk is a sister of Mrs. Sholes.

Mrs. Gene Sanford, of O'Neill, spent several days of last week here visiting her sister, Mrs. E. J. Enders and her brother, E. R. Riley.

The Misses Dorothy and Wilma Chicken and their cousins, John and Harley House, drove to Allen Tuesday and visited until Wednesday morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Roe.

The Junior play "A Meddlesome Maid" was presented at the High School auditorium Friday evening before a large audience. Leading roles were taken by Gerald Sobotka, Donna Hutton and Donald Moor who showed exceptional talent. Others in the play were Doris Stevens, Walter Rouse and Evelyn Moore and Sarah Conger.

The members of the Coffee Club held a party at the Ladies Aid parlor Wednesday evening at which time they entertained their husbands and guests. A program was given. Rev. E. B. Maxey sang two numbers, accompanying himself on the guitar. Miss Gladys Hancock gave two readings. Several poems were read by different members and games were enjoyed by all. A delicious oyster supper, supplemented by pumpkin pie was served. Everyone enjoyed the evening and the men have promised to entertain the ladies at an oyster supper soon.

**EMMET ITEMS**

Katie Mullen came up from O'Neill Saturday evening to spend Sunday with her mother.

Guy Cole was in O'Neill on business Friday.

Larry Tenborg made a trip to

Stuart Saturday afternoon.

Charles Strong spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McMillan.

Mrs. Mullen, who has been very ill, is much better at this time.

Milt Lawrence, Guy Cole and Harry Werner went to the Niobrara to hunt Sunday, but again came back without any ducks or geese.

Claussen brothers held a blue rock shoot and card party at their home Sunday afternoon. They had a very large crowd.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Allen spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Wolfe of O'Neill.

Little J. A. McConnell spent several days last week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex McConnell.

W. R. Tenborg was in Atkinson on business Monday.

Helen Anspach is spending this week with her parents in Inman.

Margaret Cuddy has returned to her duties at the Conard store after spending a week at her home in O'Neill.

Dorothy Lewis spent the week end with relatives and friends in O'Neill.

Charles Dallegge Sr., and son Charles and wife were guests Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Bonenberger.

Miss Theresa Pongratz spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Pongratz.

Miss Marion Holbert went to Omaha last week.

Guy Cole and J. B. Ryan attended a meeting of the Elkhorn Valley Hay dealers Tuesday night.

Mrs. Guy Cole was hostess to the Ladies Aid Wednesday. Mrs. John Conard helped serve.

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society will meet at the home of Mrs. Guy Cole next Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat McGinnis and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Cole and family will be guests Thanksgiving of Mr. and Mrs. John Conard.

Mrs. W. R. Dailey was hostess Saturday at a surprise bridge party held at her home, the occasion being her birthday. Miss Maxine McConnell won the cut prize and Mrs. Jesse Willis the traveling prize. Miss Viola Kellar had high score and Mrs. Clyde Allen the low.

Mrs. Dailey was presented with a beautiful what-not shelf. A delicious lunch was served, after which everyone departed wishing Mrs. Dailey many more happy birthdays.

Mrs. Fred Johring and daughter, Shirley, spent Wednesday afternoon at the Howard Rouse home.

Mrs. F. H. Griffith spent Wednesday afternoon at the A. L. Borg home.

Frank Nelson received word Saturday morning that his brother had passed away at his home in Omaha.

Those who were entertained at the Frank Griffith home on Sunday were: John Griffith, of New-

ton, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rouse, Walter, Marjorie, Walter and Marvin, of Inman; Mr. and Mrs. Guy Young and children, of Opportunity; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Young and children; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walters and children, Miss Maude Rouse, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rouse and children, Mrs. E. H. Rouse and Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Spindler and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nelson and Margaretha left Saturday for Omaha, being called there by the death of Mr. Nelson's brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walters and children were supper guests at the Howard Rouse home on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Thomas and family were guests at the Orville

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