

**Over the County**

**SOUTHWEST BREEZES**  
By Romaine Saunders

There were 17,897,169 votes Mr. Roosevelt didn't get. A sizeable crowd.

Jim Seybold of O'Neill, visited the edge of the southwest a day last week.

Amid the strife and turmoil throughout Europe all is serene with the Danes and Swedes.

Six inches of snow of two inches that fell the 17th gathered in a can and melted was reduced to one inch of water. Thus a third of an inch of moisture is added to our soil. Since the first fall of snow in October there has been probably one foot in this section. Previous snow falls, however, did not contain the moisture of the one a week ago.

The significance of a meadow lark perched upon a post during a snow fall in the southwest and winging its way to a safe distance as a passerby approaches is for the interpreter of dreams and discerner of signs to say. A lark was seen during the snow fall Thursday morning. Maybe reverting to a type of some far distant ancestor of the snowbirds or one that had got his seasons mixed.

Information comes to hand that Edgar Petersen, the popular Atkinson creamery representative at Amelia, is one veteran who has put his bonus money to good use by investing in 800 acres of the southwest's grass land, property formerly owned by the senior John Kennedy in north central Swan precinct. Lands that have been taken over by loan companies are now available at bargains not likely to ever be seen again.

Enroute to the club meeting at the E. E. Young home Thursday Mrs. George Gilman and Mrs. O'Dair experienced the shivers of their car sliding in the snow out of the road, heading into the always present ditch and coming to a stop against a wire fence. It happened in front of Riley's. There were men to help the ladies out of their dilemma by taking them over to the party in time for the dinner, excavating their car a little later.

Maurice Kennedy had his ability as a puncher tried out by a wild bovine and her progeny that got mixed with a herd on a neighboring ranch a day last week. It was a matter of getting her and the calf across that exceedingly fine strip of the terra covered by a wire fence. He undertook the job without being forked over a cow pony but a biped was a strange creature to her and only made matters worse. Eventually it took an experienced nag under a rider who has developed a real puncher's art to do the trick. Maurice can handle his boots thrust to the heels in the stirrups.

Newspapers suddenly swing from from politics to romance—or shall we say the armours—of an English we say the omours—of an English-American Venus and Adonus. Explanations, with intimations that we old foggies don't "understand," to the contrary notwithstanding, it doth appear that an American born siren with two living husbands had been playing around with Edward when he was still Prince of Wales, and not altogether clandestinely. When reproved by his father, the prince is said to have replied, "Sir, I will not be dictated to." Indications are that there has been a throwback to Henry the Eighth in British royal blood.

Nebraska will soon be trying out the one-house legislature idea. Members of that body representing one-fifth of the territory comprised in the state can control the entire group. Douglas county has seven members, Lancaster three and most of the other counties in the eastern one-fifth of the state have one member for two counties. From the coast line of Holt county on west to Wyoming the entire northwest strip has but three members of the new form of legislative body, while ten entire counties comprise the Thirty-ninth district. The cattle producing section of the state has ten representatives as against thirty-eight from the crop-producing lands.

"The living know they shall die but the dead know not anything." One by one the portals of the tomb are closing over friends of half a century. "Sliver" was a financial failure but a friend to all. I never knew him to darken the door of a

church nor wear a bank account, but he had a place in the scheme of things—a place for which it seemed there was none other. Incidents of which little note is taken yet disclosing the elements of the heroic often characterizes the lives of human failures. History takes no account of the innumerable occurrences that go to make up the sum total of our daily living. Among the many things that might be told in this column of Jim Trigg I recall today the time he stopped a runaway team at a risk none but he would take. It was one of those things of the long, long ago that come to the memory with the vividness of the present. It happened at the intersection down by the old Evans hotel on lower Fourth street in O'Neill, later known as the Potter house and which finally burned to the ground. A team hitched to a top plugging with the hit raised came blunging along the street in a wil runaway. Jim saw them coming and was galvanized into action like a bolt of lightning. He got in front of the horses in an effort to check the mad plunge but they raced on and as the buggy was passing he leaped over a front wheel, landed in the seat and gathered in the lines. The frightened team was soon under control. "Sliver" moved with the agility of a cat. Personal consequences meant nothing to him when life or property was in jeopardy. A poet speaks of our "unsung heroes." Jim is dead; yet in the memory of at least a few he liveth in those deeds of daring that sprung spontaneously from a soul which never knew the consolation of religion nor sought the refining culture of art, oratory or literature.

**PLEASANT DALE**

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Beckwith were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Linus Howard on O'Neill Friday.

Miss Marion Holbert was visiting in this neighborhood Wednesday afternoon.

Arlene Beckwith spent Sunday afternoon with Naydene Kee.

Alex McConnell and his crew are hauling hay for Chris Gathje.

The Misses Mary Bruder, Mary Ann Winkler and Armella Pongratz came home Friday evening to spend the Christmas vacation at their several homes. The young ladies are students of St. Mary's Academy.

Henry Segar, of Sutton, Nebr., made a short visit at the Gus Segar home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Murray and Elaine, Mr. and Mrs. James Murphy and family and John Ernst visited at the Ed Heeb home on Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kubicek spent several days at the John Jennings home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beckwith entertained Mr. and Mrs. Leon Beckwith and Leona Fern at dinner Sunday evening.

Mrs. John Bahl spent Wednesday afternoon at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Heeb.

The pupils and teachers of Pleasantdale are enjoying their holiday vacation this week.

A nice crowd attended the program and pie social at Pleasantdale school Friday evening, and \$12.05 was taken in from the sale of the pies. Miss Angela Pribil is the teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pongratz were dinner guests at the Ed Heeb home Thursday.

**EMMET ITEMS**

The Ladies Aid of the M. E. church will be held Wednesday, Dec. 30, at the home of Mrs. Cecil McMillan, instead of at Mrs. Boncemberger's as announced.

Mrs. John Conard, Helen Anspach, Mrs. Howard McConnell and son, J. A., and Sadie Marie and Calra Lowery were shopping in O'Neill Tuesday.

W. R. Tenborg was a business visitor in Atkinson Tuesday.

Mrs. Bob Strong and son, Leo, were in Emmet Sunday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McMillan.

Mrs. Ella Dallegge, Mr. and Mrs. John Bonenberger and son, Duane, were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Bonenberger.

Miss Geraldine Harris was in O'Neill on business Monday evening.

Clyde Allen and family, Sunday. Mrs. Joe Ziska nee Margaret Gaughenbaugh, was operated on for appendicitis at the Stuart hospital this week.

Mrs. Frank Sesler spent several days at Bassett visiting friends and doing Christmas shopping.

Clyde Allen and son, Hugh Stanley, and Joe Sesler were shopping in O'Neill Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Welsh went to Stuart to call on Mrs. Joe Ziska who is ill in the hospital there, on Tuesday.

Ed Evans, Frank Sesler and Jerry O'Connor were O'Neill callers Tuesday.

Mrs. Ella Dallegge of Atkinson was an Emmet caller Tuesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Bonenberger.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Jay of Dixon, Nebr., are expected to arrive in Emmet this week to spend Christmas with friends. Mr. Jay was minister of the Methodist church here for a year.

Miss Marion Holbert will leave this week to spend Christmas at Sedalia, Mo.

Mrs. Emma Matz and son, Ollie, called on Mrs. Joe Ziska at the Stuart hospital Monday.

Mrs. Alice Bridges is expected to arrive in Emmet to spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Guy Cole.

B. W. Wagner, of Burwell, was in Emmet Tuesday on business.

One of Walliss Tweedale's semi-trucks was wrecked near Randolph last week when the steering gear got out of order. Fortunately no one was hurt.

Milt Lawrence is in O'Neill this week working on the sale pavilion being erected there.

Mr. and Mrs. Elda Swick of Clinton, and daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Motz and daughter, Theresa, made a brief call at the W. R. Tenborg home on their way home from Meadow Grove, where Mrs. Motz lives.

**INMAN NEWS**

Keith McGraw and Marvin Youngs, students at the state university at Lincoln, are here to spend the holidays with the home folks.

The community program put on by the Inman schools will be held Wednesday evening at the school auditorium.

Miss Gladys Hancock visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Ohmart near Emmet Tuesday afternoon.

Several from Inman attended the program at the Willow Lake school house on Friday evening.

The pupils under the supervision of their teacher, Miss McNichols, gave a fine program.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Coleman have gone to Lincoln to spend Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Jerry Hare and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Keyes and children spent the week-end in Omaha with his father who is in an Omaha hospital recovering from an operation.

Andrus Pond of Craig, Nebr., was here several days of last week transacting business and visiting with old friends.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Conard on Sunday, Dec. 20, a baby boy. Mother and son are doing nicely.

Mrs. R. L. Sharp of Los Angeles, Calif., was here several days this week visiting among old friends.

Mrs. Sharp was a former Inman resident as Mr. Sharp was station agent here for a good many years. Mrs. Sharp expects to return after the holidays for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. George Thorp and Harry Thorp, all of Long Monte, Colo., were here last week visiting their sister, Mrs. George Killinger and other relatives.

Elias Brumbaugh Monday, Dec. 6th marked the passing of one of Inman's oldest pioneers, Elias Brumbaugh, at the age of 93 years, 7 months and 18 days. In spite of his advanced years Mr. Brumbaugh had maintained good health until a few days prior to his death when he suffered paralytic stroke from which he did not fully rally.

Elias, son of John and Susie Brumbaugh, was born at Mansfield, Richland county, Ohio, April 18, 1843. At the age of two years he, with his parents, moved to Kinderville, Noble county, Ind., where they resided for four years. When he was six years of age the family moved to Valparaiso, Ind., where he grew to manhood.

Mr. Brumbaugh was a carpenter by trade and as a young man was very active in that occupation.

On June 18, 1876, he was united in marriage to Miss Idilla Auten. To this union were born two children, Ezra A. of Blair, Nebr., and Mrs. Maysie Kelley of Inman. In 1881 he moved with his family to Saunders county, Nebraska, living there for one year after which they

came to Inman. In 1882 they took their homestead which is about three and one-half miles south of Inman. He has lived on the homestead continuously since, a total of fifty-four years.

When Mr. Brumbaugh and his family moved onto the place it was just an expanse of grass—no timber—just a sea of waving grass. This was a drastic change from Indiana, a state of heavy timber, flowers and birds and an abundance of wild fruits, etc.

Mr. Brumbaugh was a lover of the beautiful things of nature and at once began to make things at the homestead more attractive. Hundreds of cuttings, mostly cottonwood, were set out. Other timber and orchard followed. During the past fifty-four years the trees have grown until the Brumbaugh homestead has one of the finest groves in the whole community, many of the huge cottonwoods having a trunk circumference of 11 to 14 feet.

Mr. Brumbaugh took great pride in his farm and was a home loving man. He was a man of great honesty, his word was his bond. Warm friendliness was also a characteristic mark. He was one of the few really independent people, for he, like the blacksmith of poetical fame could "look the whole world in the face, for he owed not any man." Never was there any incumbrance on his home.

The deceased was also a great lover of music, being especially fond of the violin. So fond in fact that he made more than seventy-five of them, giving them to his children, grandchildren and friends, remarking as he presented them, "I planted the cutting, raised the timber, and made the fiddle from my own growing."

Yes, this grand old pioneer was a lover of the beautiful—nature, music, but more than that was a lover of an honorable life and the pioneer type of fair dealing stayed with him during the years of his life.

He leaves to mourn his departure his wife, Idilla Brumbaugh, his son, Ezra A., daughter, Maysie B. Kelley, fourteen grandchildren and eight great grandchildren with many relatives and a host of friends. Funeral services were at the M. E. church in Inman, Elder Charles Soderstein, L. D. S. pastor of Clearwater officiating, and burial was in the Inman cemetery. The floral offerings were profuse and beautiful.

**MEEK AND VICINITY**

Word was recently received by relatives of the death of Henry Smith at his home at Sidney, Montana. Mr. Smith lived at Paddock for years. From there he moved to Boyd county, then to Montana. He had been in poor health for a long time. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife and several children, besides many other relatives and friends.

Miss Maude Rouse, of O'Neill, spent the week-end at the Howard Rouse home.

The program and social at Meek school on Thursday evening was a success. The children acted their parts well and the teacher, Mrs. Woodward, deserves a great deal of credit. They had not worked on the program very long.

Walter Devall has been helping Preston Jones this week.

Word was received a short time

ago of the passing of Mrs. Josephine Joslyn. She lived only five weeks after her husband's death, he dying at their home at Gillette, Wyo. After his death Mrs. Joslyn went to Belden, Nebr., to live with a daughter, where she died.

The program and box social held at the Benson school and sponsored by Mabel Jones and Dorothy Moler, the teachers at the Benson school and the one west, was a success. Everyone spoke highly of it and praised the teachers and pupils.

Some from here attended services at Atkinson last Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Frank Griffith was an overnight guest of Miss Maude Rouse in O'Neill, Sunday.

In the coyote hunt of last Sunday only one was caught, some did not do as directed, resulting in some getting away.

A nice program and social is reported from the Leonie school on Tuesday evening. The children did nicely. Miss Edith Miller is the teacher.

Arthur Rouse spent Tuesday evening at Frank Griffith's.

Wm. Hubby and Ralph Rausch are again helping Hostynek Bros. bale hay.

Charlie Linn has been on the sick list the past few days with a severe cold.

Mrs. Will Langan and children and Miss May McGowan visited Mrs. E. H. Rouse on Sunday.

**Rural School Has A Christmas Program**

One of the most successful pre-Christmas vacation school exercises was given by Miss Clea McNichols Friday night at her school house about four miles southwest of Inman. The program was excellent, everyone taking part doing just splendidly.

It was one of those things that make life in the rural school different from the average school. After the program was over Santa Claus, in the person of L. K. arrived. He said that he came part of the way with sled dogs out of the far north. Then he hitched up Dunder and Blixon, the reindeer and came as far as he could with them. On account of the lack of snow and the heavy load that he carried he had to abandon the reindeer and sleigh and charter an airplane until he came into Holt county, when he encountered a heavy mountainous current of hot air, after which he dropped down to earth and chartered an automobile. With all these troubles and trials he finally arrived at the school house with his load of presents, his sleigh bells jingling and his accordion. He made a very good Santa and the kids were delighted with him and his presents.

More than one hundred friends of the teacher, and parents of the pupils were there to help celebrate. The guests from out of the district were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McNichols and girls, Jim McDermott and the boys, Mr. and Mrs. John Hickey and daughters, Lucille and Clara, Mrs. P. V. Hickey and daughter, Mary, James Carney and Mr. and Mrs. John L. Quig.

The teacher is to be congratulated on the manner in which the program was carried out. Let us hope we have another one soon.—Reporter.

**Holiday Trade Good**

O'Neill merchants report a very good holiday trade. The extra fine weather for this season of the year has curtailed the trade in winter clothing, but as a whole they say business has been good.

**State Treasurer Hall Dies**

State Treasurer George Hall, 66, died of a heart attack at his home in Lincoln last Monday evening. His present term would have expired Jan. 7, 1937. He served the state of Nebraska as state treasurer for eight years, two different terms, from 1915 to 1919 and was again elected in 1932. His deputy H. J. Murray has been appointed state treasurer to fill out his unexpired term.

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