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SOUTHWEST BREEZES

By Romaine Saunders

Ned and Miss Mildred Saunders visited at O'Neill Sunday.

Cap Addison passed this way Thursday last enroute to O'Neill.

Douglas and Lancaster counties are running the one-house legislature.

The popularity of overalls among the girls finds dad wearing his with many patches.

We understand Floyd Adams is negotiating a deal for a new car with which to traverse his mail route.

As to moral principle, what is the difference in suicide by a single act or death by the slower process of vicious habits?

A somewhat dilapidated building at the Riley ranch is being torn down. The material will be used in the erection of a corn crib.

John and Alva Baker, with Mrs. Baker, came down Saturday from the north to remain over Sunday with relatives in the southwest.

Mike Otte has departed from his winter haunts at Amelia and returned to South Dakota to look after his agricultural interests.

The D. L. Withers family got moved Friday last and the occupants of the place thus vacated, the Bernard Kennedy family have got settled.

After the failure of the past few seasons it takes nerve that a farmer only has to go at it again another spring. Or do we just not have any more sense?

Now Mr. Roosevelt desires to add another feature to the one man menagerie at Washington. Congress is asked to authorize the president to establish toll rates at the Panama canal.

The first flock of wild ducks to be seen was investigating the possibilities of a landing—or stretch of water on which to settle—Saturday evening along the little stream just back of our buildings.

Fire supposed to have been caused by a short circuit in the wiring of the car burned up the vehicle—a '36 model—and the garage at the McCarthy ranch up at Inez Sunday. Insurance will cover the loss.

What are the agitators who clamor for the adoption of a child labor amendment going to do with the 50 million under 18 who will thereby be prohibited from working? Boys and girls in my youthful days were tickled pink to get a job.

There are just about two and one-half time more saloons in operation at present than were closed by the adoption of prohibition. "We don't want the old saloon back." Ever hear that? "To reduce drinking repeat the 18th amendment." Ever hear that?

Balers were at work last week putting the hay into bales at Hall's and Bly's. The price of hay did not skyrocket as was predicted during the haying season last summer and those who have been able to get \$7 for their hay feel they have made a good sale.

The public official whose traveling expenses are taken care of by the state seems unable to see anything but gasoline to load up with taxation. Doubling the price of any commodity by taxation to finance any branch of government is unfair. Other items of commerce should share the burden.

As Art Dexter drove onto the bridge just west of the township line Saturday evening a hole opened in the dirt abutting the bridge and engulfed a hind wheel. He had forty-two bales of hay on a half-ton truck and these were unloaded before the vehicle could be extricated. And all this involved, about an hour's work, with some neighborly assistance.

Rural mail carriers, or more properly star route carriers serving this community have had assurance of a change in policy at Washington which does away with letting the routes on competitive bid and authorizes a schedule of pay deemed adequate, with all present carriers retained on the routes so long as the service is satisfactory. The department is gathering the information from the three routes out this way as to number of patrons served, amount of mail handled and miles traveled.

Unions are wanting the work day reduced to one-fourth of the twenty-four hours. Childless wives and maiden women are among the most active of the agitators for amendment to put all under 18 years of age out of all paid employment. Two ancient cities were destroyed and a fertile plain rendered a doleful and perpetual desolation by divine judgment on a corrupt people, of whom it is recorded that they had "fullness of bread and abundance of idleness."

The night sky is a picture of transcending charm thus far thru the month of March. The planet Venus, as evening star until April 17, glows with a peculiar luster. As the night advances beyond the early evening the planet illuminates the western heavens with a white light extending to the horizon. Probably those whose fascination is in being hunched over a card table with a blue haze from burning cigarettes enveloping them would have no interest in those glittering orbs of night with which the blue firmament has been lavishly spangled by the hand of Omnipotence, and no doubt regard the "star gazer" as something of a nut. Little or nothing I know of the science of astronomy, but perhaps the less one knows of science the better they can see the beauties of nature all around.

Recently my friend Ross Welton over at Mullen sent me one of his Hooker County Tribunes in which he had copied a story from this column of the hardships of the farmers in Holt county. There were times when the fare was scanty in many homestead abodes and a two-bit piece looked like a U. S. mint. Sometime after midnight in late July along about '85, at the old homestead near O'Neill, we were aroused from bed by shouts just outside—aroused and also frightened, as my mother, my younger sister and I, an irresponsible kid, were alone, father being away. It was not unusual for wayfarers, weary, lost or otherwise bewildered, to come whooping along at all hours of the night to get lodging with a settler and custom dictated the sharing of one's rude hospitality with all comers. These visitors—three men with a team and wagon—alarmed us. They were all intoxicated and wanted to put up with us until morning. Mother took the situation in hand and emphatically impressed their alcoholic minds that she had no place for them but a mile north was a place accustomed to keeping lodgers. It was only because of father being away that she did so. The men insisted on one going with them as guide. Mother encouraged this and with boyish misgivings I got into their wagon. It was only a mile and we were soon there. One of the fellows handed me a 50 cent piece.

I hopped out of the wagon and started on a run for home, not tarrying to ascertain what luck they had. That was the most welcome bit of money I ever earned, but had there been a child labor amendment at that time I would have been a desperate youthful outlaw, working under cover of the dead hours of night on a lonely prairie trail. Those still residing on the old homestead in the "Michigan settlement" will remember Long Mike Carroll. It was to his abode I guided those gents and then took to my heels.

INMAN NEWS

Mrs. Mary M. Hancock and daughter, Miss Gladys, spent Friday at the home of Judge and Mrs. C. J. Malone in O'Neill.

John Anspach spent several days of last week in Emmet at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Conard.

Miss Maud Rouse, of O'Neill, was a week end visitor at the home of her brother, Herbert Rouse and family.

Miss Dorothy Warner, of O'Neill, spent Sunday here with her friend Miss Donna Rae Jacob.

Mrs. Jennie Wilcox, who has spent several months visiting her son, George and family at Lincoln, and daughter, Mrs. Cecil Adams and family at Fairhault, Minn., returned home Tuesday night.

At a recent meeting of the board of education the entire force of Inman teachers were re-elected. Two however have not accepted their contracts for the coming year. The vacancies occur in the 1-2-3 and 4-5-6 grades. Supt. Cornish continues on a term contract issued last year. Salaries will remain about the same.

Mrs. Mary M. Hancock and daughter, Miss Gladys, were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Cone near Page, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Roe and daughter, of West Point, were here several days this week visiting among relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorlin Lockman and son, Denny, went to Stuart Saturday and visited until Sunday afternoon.

The Inman telephone office was reshingled this week, which adds greatly to its appearance.

H. W. Tomlinson, of O'Neill, was here Friday visiting his daughter,

Mrs. James Coventry and family. Lloyd Britnell and son, Pat, spent Sunday in Newport with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Britnell.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hawk and children and Mrs. Frank Hawk, of Ewing, were in Inman Friday visiting relatives.

E. L. Watson went to Lincoln Thursday for a few days visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Watson.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Laney and son Pat, of near Meek were here Sunday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Laney.

The R. N. A. Lodge met with Mrs. J. T. Thompson on Wednesday of last week.

The Inman High School pep squad entertained the basket ball teams at an all school party last Friday evening. The evening was spent playing games after which a delicious lunch was served. Letters were presented to the following members: Seniors, Lorin Keyes, Jerome Ruther and Captain Wm. Watson; Juniors, Junior Pinkerman, Walter Rouse and Donald Moor; Sophomores, Jack Lewis, Earl Stevens, Myrle Castor. The Inman team closes a very successful season having won 14 games, lost 5. Two of the games lost were by one and two points respectively. The Inman reserves were almost as successful winning 9 games and losing 4.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Finkral and sons, of Madison, and Mrs. Ben Palmer and Mrs. Wm. Reeves of Meadow Grove were here Thursday visiting at the Charles Sobotka home.

MEEK AND VICINITY

Mrs. Morris Graham and daughters, Muriel and Mary Catherine, spent Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Will Kaczor.

Mrs. Roy Spindler spent Tuesday and Wednesday with Mrs. Frank Griffith, while Roy helped with the ice.

Mariedy Hubby and son, of Atkinson were over-night guests at the Eric Borg home on Tuesday.

The Ladies Aid, which was to

have met with Mrs. Rudolph Johnson on Thursday, has been postponed a week on account of illness.

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