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NEARLY 5 INCHES OF RAIN FALL IN A DOWNPOUR HERE

Electrical Storm Preceding Rain Kills A Team of Horses And One Cow.

One of the heaviest rainfalls seen in this city in the past twenty years visited O'Neill and vicinity Wednesday night, or rather Thursday morning, as the rain started about 2:10 a. m. this morning and continued most of the time until a little after 8 o'clock. Weather Observer Bowen measured the rainfall in this city at 4.84 inches. The heavy rain covered a strip about twelve miles wide and extended from Stuart as far east as Norfolk, but not nearly as heavy in other sections of the county as in this city.

Stuart reports 1.50 inches; Atkinson 1 inch; Emmet 3 1/2 inches; Inman 2 inches; Page better than an inch and a half. We have not heard from the Ewing territory. North of O'Neill, in the Meek vicinity they received over 1 inch. West of Meek in the Stein neighborhood the rainfall was a strong half inch. In the eastern part of the county they had a good heavy shower in some sections while in the Dorsey neighborhood it amounted to about 1 inch. Not much rain fell in the vicinity of Opportunity.

The rain extended south as far as Casche creek, according to Supervisor Gibson, none falling in the Chambers section. The sky is still overcast with clouds this afternoon and it looks as if we would have some rain and it might be that the parts of the county that were slighted this morning will receive a good rain before the weather clears up.

Streets of this city were running rivers about 8 o'clock this morning, as a deluge of water pouring south from the high ground in the northern part of the city headed for lower ground. Both Benton and Clay streets between Fifth and Sixth streets were flooded to a depth of about 18 inches, and Douglas street in the same part of town was under more than a foot of water.

Several basements in the city were flooded with water, but no serious damage to goods was caused by the flooded basements. The basements flooded the worst were those of the J. C. Penney store, the bakery just west of it and the Ennis shoe shop. There was nothing in the basement of the latter, while the stock in the other basement was removed before the water started flowing in. In the J. C. Penney store basement there was about two feet of water. The water started coming into the basement a little after eight o'clock and employees soon discovered it and got several men to assist and they soon had the goods off the floor and carried up stairs. Most of the goods in the basement were on shelves about four feet from the floor. Manager Todsen says the loss will be light.

A severe electrical storm preceded the rain and continued during the first half hour of the rainfall, causing many nervous residents to stay awake most of the night. During this electrical storm lightning struck the barn on the Frank Peters farm two miles south of town, killing his best team of horses which were standing in the barn. Another horse was severely injured. The barn caught fire but the flood of water that followed kept the fire on the inside and by hard work Mr. Peters was able to save the barn. His loss was covered by insurance.

James Moore, living southeast of town, lost a cow by lightning during the storm. Last Thursday afternoon they had an inch and a half of rain at Stuart and about 3 miles south of there and some hail. The west end of the county is in good shape now and it looks as if we would have a good corn crop, as this last rain will revive the corn that had been drooping on account of the lack of moisture.

Following is the weather chart for the past week:

	High	Low	Mois.
July 22	102	72	
July 23	98	65	
July 24	95	67	
July 25	93	57	
July 26	92	56	
July 27	96	69	

July 28 87 61
July 29 4.84
Total rainfall for the month, 5.97 inch. Total for the year, 16.66 inches.

Redbird Merchant Will Soon Retire

John Wrede, who for the past thirty years has been operating a general store at Redbird, is closing out the entire store and is to retire from business. John was in the city last Saturday and left an order at this office for sale bills of a two-page size to advertise the sale thru the northern half of this county and the eastern half of Boyd county. John has been a successful country merchant and is retiring for good. In September he and Mrs. Wrede expect to leave for California where they will make their future home.

Ferris Sentenced To 3 Years In Penitentiary For Attempted Assault

Robert Ferris, aged about 21, was before the district court last Friday, charged with having on the evening of July 21, violently, unlawfully and feloniously make an assault with the intent to commit rape upon the person of a young O'Neill girl. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced by Judge Dickson to three years in the state penitentiary. He was taken to Lincoln Saturday morning by Deputy Sheriff Bergstrom.

The attempted assault took place near the public library, about 11 o'clock Wednesday night, July 21. He grabbed the girl, badly tearing her clothes but she put up such a fight and screamed for help and Ferris got scared and ran away. The young girl recognized her assailant and Chief of Police Calkins was notified and he had the attempted ravisher in custody and in the city jail within an hour after the attempted assault.

Friday morning he was confronted with the mayor and police officers and he admitted the attempt to assault and signed a confession to that effect in the presence of Mayor Kershenbrock, Police Judge Bay and Policeman Lewis. He was then taken before the County Attorney where he again admitted his guilt and was then taken before the district court where he pleaded guilty and was promptly sentenced. The local police are entitled to credit for handling this case so efficiently. For several months women and young girls have been chased on the streets of the city, during the evening hours, and the punishment of this man Ferris will probably have a good effect on others who are pursuing the same tactics, and they had better take warning from his case unless they also wish to get a few years in the big house near Lincoln.

Holt County 4-H Clubs Elkhorn Valley Feeder Calf Club

A meeting of the Elkhorn Valley Feeder Calf Club was held July 22, at the Joe Jurgensmeier home. The members were all present but one. After the business of the meeting was over, the trip to Long Pine was discussed. The members played games, after which a delicious lunch of ice cream and cake was served. Visitors at the meeting were Mrs. McNally and daughter and Jess Wills and two boys.

Elm Grove Stocker-Feeder Club

The Elm Grove Stocker-Feeder club held their regular meeting at the John Grutsch home Sunday, July 25. All members were present. Demaris Benson, who attended camp at Long Pine, told of her experiences there. A picnic lunch was served at noon.

APPRECIATION

I desire to extend my heartfelt appreciation to the people of O'Neill and vicinity for the splendid business given me since the establishment of my style shop here a little over a year ago, and I am sure that you will continue to give me and my partner, Mrs. McCartney, the same loyal support you have given me and I assure you we will try and merit it.

Mrs. Bordson.

Mrs. D. H. Cronin, Marjorie Joan and Richard, returned home last Friday night from a months visit with relatives at Nebraska city, and with friends in Omaha.

HOLT COUNTY HAS 125 4-H CLUBBERS AS STOCKER-FEEDERS

Twelve Clubs Training Boys and Girls So They Can Teach Calves to Eat Grain.

The recent organization of the Inman 4-H Stocker Feeder Club now makes a total of twelve clubs of this type in Holt county with a membership of 125 boys and girls. This means that each of 125 boys and girls in this county are the proud owners of one or more stocker-feeders calves which they will teach to lead, eat small amounts of grain such as oats or cottonseed cake or other feed by creep feeding or hand feeding and groom for selling this fall.

On October 18, they will hold their first show and sale of 4-H Stocker-Feeder calves raised by 4-H members, at O'Neill. At that time the calves will weigh from 325 to 450 pounds, just the right weight for boys and girls in eastern Nebraska and Iowa to feed out.

Similar sales will be held at Bas-set October 19 and 20, and at Valentine October 20 and 21. These will be the first show and sales of this kind ever held in the United States so far as we know.

This is a project in which there is a big future in Holt county as what could be more worth while than teaching boys and girls the fundamentals of livestock raising while they are young, rather than letting them learn from the school of hard knocks after they have grown up. These clubs are scattered all over the county and members state that they will be glad to have anyone visit their farm to see "their" calf.

Leaders who are spending considerable time in making the project a success are: Irwin LaRue, Ewing; Joe Jurgensmeier, Emmett; Coy Nelson, Stuart; A. Max Karo, Stuart; Carl Thiele, Clearwater; Glenn E. White, Amelia; Mrs. John Grutsch, O'Neill; Arthur Hiatt, Amelia; Werner Eisert, O'Neill; Mrs. Wm. Druke, Atkinson, and Lorin Keyes, Inman.

Behas Return From Visits With Children

Mr. and Mrs. William G. Beha returned home last Friday night from a two weeks visit at the homes of their children in Nebraska, Iowa and Wisconsin. They left here a little over two weeks ago accompanied by Bill, who had been here visiting, and drove to Omaha where they picked up Miss Nan and William Haley, brother-in-law of Joe Beha, and they drove to Minneapolis where they visited Joe and family for a few days. From there, accompanied by Joe and his family, they drove to Neilsville, Wis., where they were joined by Paul Beha and family, of Oshkosh, Wis., and they had a family reunion at that point, all the children and their families being at the reunion. From Neilsville they drove to Oshkosh where they visited Paul and family for a few days and started the homeward journey. William left them at Oshkosh and returned to New York, where he is attending school. Mr. Beha says they had a delightful trip and a splendid visit with all their children.

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Prices On Both Cattle And Hogs Show Good Rise At Atkinson Sale

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Representative sales:
Heavy feeding steers 9.00 to 10.60
Choice two-year-old steers at 8.50 to 9.65
Fair to good feeding steers at 7.00 to 8.00
Choice yearling steers 7.50 to 8.00
Fair to good yearling steers at 6.00 to 7.00
Choice fleshy heifers 7.50 to 10.00
Fair to good heifers 6.00 to 7.00
Best fat cows at 7.00 to 8.00
Good killing cows 6.00 to 6.50
Canners and cutters 3.50 to 5.25
Bulls all weights at 5.00 to 6.50

In the hog department receipts totaled only 160 head. The market was red hot on all kinds and weights, as much as 25 to 75 cents up from a week ago. Top on choice weights, 11.75; sows generally at 10.50 to 11.10; pigs all weights at 12.00 to 14.00 a hundred.

Next auction Tuesday, August 3.

Certified Wheat Seed List

Lists of producers having certified winter wheat seed are available at the agricultural agent's office to anyone who wishes them. This seed is all free of noxious weeds and is of the hardiest and highest yielding varieties.

John Protivinsky Takes A Forced Vacation

John P. Protivinsky and son-in-law, Claude Johnson, returned from Norfolk last Thursday evening where Mr. Protivinsky had been for medical examination. For the past six weeks he had been suffering from stomach trouble and went to Norfolk to consult a specialist. The latter informed him that there was nothing serious the matter but that he would have to go on a diet and take it easy for a time. He specified two weeks in bed and then for another four weeks he was to take it easy and keep away from the store and any business. It is rather tough during these hot days to have to stay in bed, but when the result is a restoration to health it should not be so bad. John has many friends in this city and vicinity and they hope to see him at the end of his enforced vacation back in the harness restored to his old time vigor and health.

Accidents Record

For the week ending July 17 there were 406 accidents in the state in which 346 people were injured, ten disabled and eighteen deaths. Automobile accidents were 117 in which 154 were injured, 3 disabled and 6 deaths. Other public accidents accounted for 89 accidents in which 59 people were injured, 3 disabled and 5 deaths. Agriculture accounts for 102 accidents in which 71 people were injured, 3 disabled and 1 death. Industry accounted for 36 accidents in which 21 were injured, 1 disabled and 4 deaths. Home accidents numbered 62 in which 41 people were injured and 2 deaths. These figures are compiled by the Nebraska State Press association and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

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Mrs. Bordson Sells Half Interest In Her Shop

Mrs. Anna McCartney, of Butte, arrived in the city Tuesday evening and on Wednesday closed up a deal that had been pending for several days for the purchase of a half interest in the Bordson Style Shop and will become a resident of this city and manager of the Style Shop, which hereafter will be known as the Bordson & McCartney Style Shop. Mrs. Bordson has a style shop at Spencer, which is her home, and she found it impossible to manage both shops and for that reason took in a partner. Mrs. Myrtle Doroty, who has been the manager of the local Bordson shop for the past year, is retiring and expects to leave, with her son, Oliver, in a week or so for California where she expects to make her future home. The Frontier welcomes Mrs. McCartney to the ranks of O'Neill's business circles.

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FUNERAL SERVICES WILL BE HELD FOR GEORGE A. MILES IN O'NEILL FRIDAY MORNING

Veteran Holt County Editor Dies At His Home Last Wednesday Morning of A Heart Ailment After Three Weeks Illness.

George A. Miles died at his home in this city last Wednesday morning a few minutes before 8 o'clock, after an illness of a little over three weeks, of heart failure at the age of 75 years, 4 months and 7 days. The funeral will be held Friday morning at 10:30 from the Presbyterian church, Rev. H. D. Johnson officiating and burial in Prospect Hill cemetery.

On July 2, Mr. and Mrs. Miles returned from a visit at the home of their daughter in Colorado. Mr. Miles was not feeling good when they left on the trip and the journey was tiring to him, but his illness was not considered serious. The Monday after his return he suffered a heart attack at his home and since that time he had been confined there. A specialist was called from Omaha, but he gave the family no hope and he kept sinking rapidly until the end came last Wednesday morning.

George A. Miles was born on March 21, 1862, at Belmont, Wis. The family lived there until he was nine years of age when they moved to Harlan, Iowa, where he resided until he reached his majority when he came to Nebraska and filed on a preemption claim in Brown county in 1883. He farmed for a few years and in 1891 he started a paper in Springfield, Keya Paha county, which he operated for a year, then in 1892 he purchased the Home Rule, a paper published in Ainsworth, which he edited for twelve years until he purchased the Holt County Independent in 1904, and moved to this city which had been his home since that time.

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to Miss Clara B. Shipman. Three children were born of this union, Mrs. Gladys Davies of Deertrail, Colo., G. E. Miles of this city, and Fay A. Miles of Chadron, Nebr., who with their mother are left to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate husband and father. There are also six grandchildren. He also leaves one brother, Sam J. Miles of Ainsworth, and two sisters, Mrs. Cal Gish of Kirkman, Iowa, and Mrs. Anna Knauss of Council Bluffs, Iowa.

George A. Miles came to this city and assumed the management and control of the Independent in January, 1904, thirty-three years ago last January, and since that time has been an ardent booster for O'Neill and Holt county. He always took an active interest in civic affairs and was always ready with his time and money to boost for what he considered of benefit to the city, county and people thereof. He was also active in fraternal affairs and held membership in the Modern Woodmen, Royal Highlanders and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was a member of the board of trustees having charge of the Protestant cemetery and for about thirty years he has been the manager of the cemetery, looking after its upkeep and handling the financial affairs.

In the passing of George Miles, Holt county loses one of its oldest publishers in point of service, and his passing will be mourned by all the members of the profession in the county. While some of the members could not always agree with George, they all respected and admired him and will miss him at their regular meetings of the Publishers Association, at which he was always an attendant.

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