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Prairieland Talk

# Holt County Has Good Water

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The past ten years or so there has been much talk in our Capital City of doping the city water with a drug said to prevent tooth decay. Some for it, many opposed, feeling that the Creator knew

how to make water as well as to make grass to grow. In O'Neill in the long ago the citizens had their wells of water or went to the nearest pump or water drawn from a well in a bucket to get it. Even before then they washed their feet and got a jug of water at the Elkhorn. In the 1880's there were pumps on the business streets of the town; one in front of Frank Camp-

Romaine bell's place of business at what Saunders is now Third and Douglas

streets. Campbell conducted his farm machine and wagon business in the lower room of the building that then stood there, the family living upstairs, and all in that part of town got water at the Campbell pump. In the block to the east about midway were two pumps, one on the south side of the street and one on the other side. In front of Biglins on south Fourth street was a pump' and good fresh water for all who came that way. In the block to the east water was available at the pumps in Ward's and DeYarman's livery barns. But O'Neill was expanding so must have "water works." Then the standpipe reared its lofty heights on the hill between the school house and Saint Patrick's church. Holt county has good water and plenty of it, as does our state all over. But there are always those of the genus homo that must mess things up. It will come to a vote of the citizens of Lincoln this spring. . . .

Two from Scotland, two from England, three from Germany, one from Russia and one from France-friends in my part of the Capital City that I meet from time to time. Yes, in the long ago our . . .

Mid February and spring like days. Snow faded away, the weather indicator out in front recorded at home. Another week, another day or two could be shears, razor and hair clippers. a blizzard coming our way.

- beef state related in any way to one who held forth legislature to Omaha where they were entertained and barely able to be up and about who says she date to entertain the state senators.

cousins. Our land went through its greatest period of hard times during the Cleveland administration in the 1890's, two or three cents a dozen paid farm women for their eggs, five cents a bushel for corn down in the farming communities of Nebraska, and four coming yearling calves in the cow country brought one dollar at a public sale out in the Mineola neighborhood. Of course this cultured old lady up the street didn't know about that, she being the charming sweetheart of a well to do gent in an eastern city. She lives today by herself with two daughters and their families near by. The Clevelands gone and by most of us forgotten.

and the wife of President Grover Cleveland were

The watch upon your wrist or in your pocket ticking away tells the time of day. The throbbing heart beat within counts off the hours and days as we travel life's highway.

#### . .

It was a week in February in the year 1902.—Our new Short Line railroad from Sioux City had just got going and talk of extending it on west was heard on every corner . . . Baling hay was a fast expanding new industry and Neil Brenann had the bale ties . . . Dr. Deck of Ewing was an O'Neill visitor . . . You could get your tooth pulled or your picture taken at Corbetts . . . B. E. Sturdevant of Atkinson was in the city . . . Mr. Floyd A. Bolger of Marengo, Ia., led to the altar Miss Mamie Porter of O'Neill . . . The soiree and musicale given by the Young Men's Social Club to the young ladies of O'Neill at its club rooms in the O'Neill Bank Building was a grand social success.

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The spring meeting of the State Historical Society has been set for May.7 in Omaha, when one or two notables will be there to address the group that gets together once a year to talk it over and eat a two dollar dinner. The pioneer who made history thought he was in luck if he had two bits with which dads and mothers all came from beyond the seas. to pay for his dinner at the Arcade hotel, where the KC hall now stands.

. . .

A shave and a hair cut at John Smoots or May-65 above zero the day this was written. Clear blue lon Prices barber shops on South Fourth street for canopy of heaven above, golden glow from the 35 cents. And those two tonsorial artists lived well, bright orb of day as it passes hour by hour across owned their homes and had their "horse and buggy." Prairieland, children out at play in the warm sun- A shave and haircut at any barber shop in Lincoln shine and we old guys leave our overcoats hung up today \$2.50. And the tonsorial artists owns a comb,

The City Dads of Omaha a day recently sent There may be no one in the Capital City of our over three buses to cart the members of our state in the White House at our nation's capital in recent for a time, given a good dinner and then taken back times, but just five blocks away from where my to Lincoln. Both Senator Nelson and Senator Orme typewriter is parked dwells an elderly lady, frail were in the group . . . The Ak-Sar-Ben has set a



50 YEARS AGO

M. F. Harrington of O'Neill has filed a complaint with state railway commission against discontinuance of trains between Long Pine and Norfolk Junction. . . Presbyterian church choir presents third annual song recital. . .Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Colman of Inman, an eight pound

#### 25 YEARS AGO

Charles Wrede jr., 66, a pioneer in this county, dies February 22 after illness of several months. . . Applications for old age assistance are now being taken at county assistance office. Period of extereme cold has had county it its grip 36 days, many hardships suffered. . .W. J. Froelich, who was snowbound here for several days, leaves for Chicago

#### 10 YEARS AGO

Guy Coles and John Conards of Emmet return from two weeks' trip in Texas, Louisana and Mex-.Spelts-Ray Lumber comico. pany office burglarized by transient who receives reformatory sentence. . . Overflow crowd attends 10th annual Holt County Breeders' sale with 60 head selling for \$32,750.

#### **5 YEARS AGO**

Fred O. Robertson, 70, retires from Consumers. . .Mr. and Mrs. George Pongratz of Emmet celebrate 50th wedding anniversary. Leonard Martz, 80, retired Lynch farmer, dies February 19. .Major General Guy Heninger

to visit O'Neill to inspect possible sites for national guard armory. . . Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Newhouse of Chambers purchase Wink Drug store.



#### 50 YEARS AGO

Josephine Lienhart will teach school at Lynch. . .R. J. Starr has rented part of the old Hubbard hotel and will run an implement house there. . .Mr. Wry is having his tenant house fixed over and as soon as it is finished Dr. Bernard will move in. . . Charley Graham started Monday to

Legislature's Budget Committee **Details Spending of \$7 Million** By Melvin Paul Morrison says he thinks life im-

Wilson.

sion

License Plates

Spending

prisonment is much more severe

than electrocution because it de-

prives a person of his liberty. He

said he has not been shown any

evidence that the death penalty

The governor commented after

mittee has come up with a more

detailed analysis of proposed

spending outlined by bills before

the Unicameral. The total is \$7

million, of which \$3.6 million

Spending, its relationship to the

state property tax for support of

state government and whether the

would come from state taxes.

prevents murder.

Statehouse Correspondent The Nebraska Press Association LINCOLN-The Legislatures of the future may take a good look

**Capitol News** -

at the problem of distributing bills introduced. Requests for the copies often result in a shortage of printed legislative bills for senators. State Sen. Hans Jensen of Aurora raised this question and sug-

gested that those wanting the copies pay a \$2.50 fee. He feels this would eliminate half the requests and assure that sufficient copies of bills would be available for senators. The budget committee is studying the problem. But Sen J. W. Burbach of Crofton said he doesn't think a fee

would be proper at this stage of the session but would be a good idea for "future consideration." Sen. Harold Stryker of Rising City said perhaps a solution would be that those requesting copies of bills go through their state senators. Some solons say they get a request that says: "Send me everything that is free."

There are some 1,300 individuals and firms on mailing lists who receive free copies of proposed legislation. In the 1959 session 17,300 pounds of bills alone were mailed to those on the lists, plus 7,471 pounds of copies of daiy proceedings of the Legislature.

There are 12 full time employes in the legislative bill room for the first two months of the session. This drops to seven for the remainder of the six-monthlong meeting.

Park Bill

Focal point of a lot of maneuvering in the Legislature on the question of a sales and income tax is a bill to increase the state property tax levy for parks.

This proposal was hung up in committee for some time as sales taxers successfully blocked attempts to get it reported to the floor for debate.

They tried to tie the .22 of a mill increase to a sales and income tax, thus providing it would be effective only if a sales or income tax were enacted by the Legislature. But this failed. By a 5-3 vote, the committee sent the bill to the floor where there is expected to be some more wrangling over its relationship to a

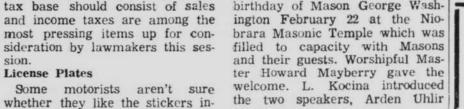
broadened tax base. The committee did amend the bill, earmarking .04 of a mill for development of a park and recreation area along the Interyear. But a Legislative commit- America, and O. W. Samuelson, tee was certain it did not like the proposed bill that would have authorized a luminescent background for license plates. Nor did the Public Health and Miscellaneous subjects committee want plates to be issued not more than once every three years nor less than once every five years. Both

bills were killed. Renewal tabs would have been handed out if the latter proposal were adapted.

## Verdigre News

By Vac Randa he and Secretary of State Frank Marsh voted to change the death sentence of Luther Wesley Wilson James J. Chalupnik, one of of Omaha to life imprisonment. Verdigre's pioneer business business men, recently purchased the Morrison said one of the func-160-acre farm from Mrs. Eliza tions of the pardon board of which he is chairman, and Marsh beth A. Walker, which adjoins and Atty, Gen. Clarence Meyer, Verdigre on the south just across members, is to equalize punishthe Verdigre Creek. Mr. Chalupments. Meyer voted against nik plans to landscape this farm and divide it into lots and small changing the death sentence for plots where they may be used to build homes. The Legislature's budget com-

A meeting was held Monday night at the Yankton Masonic temple. Attending the meeting from here and Niobrara were Dr. V. A. Walstrom, Alvin Fosterman, L. O. Marshall, Walter Dobrichovsky, Vac Randa, Kirk Snowden and Dale Jones. Ionic Lodge No. 87, AF & AM held "Guest Night" honoring the birthday of Mason George Wash-



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of Omaha. A film was shown on Lafay-

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Editorial

## Faith In Your Banker

The third bank embezzlement in recent weeks \$12 billion of gold as backing for currency in circulawas revealed last week, hitting headlines in all the daily newspapers. It was big news in each instance.

Such events shake a community to the very core. What makes them news, however, is their extreme rarity. If such events were commonplace, they would be reported in little two-inch squibs buried deep within the newspaper.

Bank officers and employees are human and as such are subject to the failings of all the rest of us. It is inevitable that some among this highly moral profession should succumb to temptation.

The fact that three such cases have been discovered in recent weeks can only be coincidence. Faith in banks is something we have developed over a period of many years. In some cases, there may be adverse feeling toward banks. We hope not.

One of the most heartening developments coming out of these events is the fact that the depositors, when their savings were returned, PUT THOSE SAVINGS RIGHT BACK INTO ANOTHER BANK!

This we believe to be a fitting tribute to the banking industry. People still have faith in them, believe in them to the degree that they will redeposit their savings immediately, in the most powerful economic force in any community-the bank

Banking in small towns is a peculiar institution. Probably no one knows you better than your banker. He is a shrewd, hard-working man who works beside you on community projects, coffees with you during the day and sits beside you in church come Sunday. It is his foresight, his faith in the future of you and your community, that gives you the confidence to go ahead with your plans.

The banker provides us with the means to build homes, factories, even churches . . . provides us with faith in our future.

The events of recent weeks has not dampened our respect for the banking institution. On the contrary . . . it has sharpened our appreciation of the importance of the bank and the people who run it. It has made us realize that in our community the banks have been here day after day for many years discharging their duties faithfully and with faith in us . . . and we have taken them for granted.

Your banker is a busy man. During the day he may be providing a loan to a businessman, farmer or rancher, making out deposit slips or helping a schoolboy start a savings account. He often spends his off-duty hours working with civic enterprises and community affairs.

But he'll be pleased if you stop by, shake his hand and express your gratitude for the faith he has had in you. Tell him of your confidence in him, his bank, his organization. Why not do it today? You'll be glad you did.

### You Can't Create Money

In the months to come it is a safe bet that much will be heard about such things as adverse balance of payments, loss of gold, the value of the dollar, prices and foreign competition, all of which to the average person will be highly confusing. Adding to the confusion is the fact that this county "went off the gold standard" many years ago. What this meant

tion. Some believe that gold should now be removed altogether as backing for the currency. This is a question that will be debated in months to come. Wrapped up in this one issue is the future stability of governments throughout the world and society in general.

About 20 years ago a book was published entitled "The Promises Men Live By." Its author, Harry Scherman, endeavored in simple language to explain the economic facts of modern life. His thoughts are pertinent today. Real money has always been-and still is-a tangible and useful form of wealth. Contrary to popular belief, government cannot create money. Money, in the thousands of years of human history, has taken strange and fascinating forms. In the early Greek world a handful of roasting spits became known as a drachma, a unit of money. In our history tobacco was used as money as were Indian blankets in the Far West. All of these things were of tangible value. While it may come as a shock, the green pieces of paper that we all now work so hard to obtain are not money. In the words of Mr. Scherman, "Even the wealthiest man nowadays own no money . . . What we handle, what we deal in, what we say we own, consists almost entirely of promises to pay money -promises made by our government or by our central banks . . . The indisputable fact about our modern world is that everything else we use as money can so be used only because it consists, at one or more removes, of promises to deliver gold in a stated weight and of a stated fineness . . . For about three thousand years . . . the use of silver and gold has been spreading over the earth until . . they have become the predominant money of all the more civilized communities."

The history of money and the rise and fall of nations and societies, makes two elemental facts grimly clear. Among private citizens the "promises men live by" in the realm of economics and money are rarely violated. The history of governments in the same area is a sadly different story. Centuries ago, rulers "clipped" and "sweated" coins to cheat their subjects. In modern times behind the intricacies of finance and credit the long-term record of government is no better. When men act in the name of government, in the view of Mr. Scherman, ordinary moral standards that govern private citizens do not apply. And he backs up his view with a wealth of facts. His advice is to make "an untiring effort to understand the economics of this world in which you live and neither be content nor discouraged until, in honesty, you can feel that your comprehension is not too unclear."

That is a large order but as the experts and the authorities expound their ideas on what to do about these strange new problems of international payments and gold, the least we can do is try.

Senator Barry Goldwater of Arizona writes: "The ivory tower visionaries who produce the blueprints for the superstate, refuse to take into account the differences between men.

"If government is to be truly the servant of the

Norfolk with a load of goods for Guy Alderson.

#### 25 YEARS AGO

Florine Marie Martensen, 5 years old, dies February 16 from burns and shock suffered when her clothing catches fire. . .County Assistance Committee passes resolution barring from all forms of public assistance all persons patronizing beer and liquor stores frequenting card rooms. . . D. Reinger, Clair Grimes and John Walter sr. are nominated at village caucus.

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state highway between Grand Island and North Platte. The game commission has put a price tag of \$1.2 million on development of the interstate

parkway. Present guesses are the .35 levy would raise \$11 million in the next 10 years to boost the state's park and recreation program. Nearly a million dollars is expected to be spent during the 10 years for a 1,500 to 2,500-acre park in the vicinity of the Mis-

souri River. Capitol Punishment.

If the Legislature passes a bill to abolish capital punishment Gov. Frank Morrison says he won't veto it. But, he says, his thinking is still fluid on the mat ter of whether he favors or does not favor capital punishmentthat is, execution of criminals convicted by courts of first degree murder.

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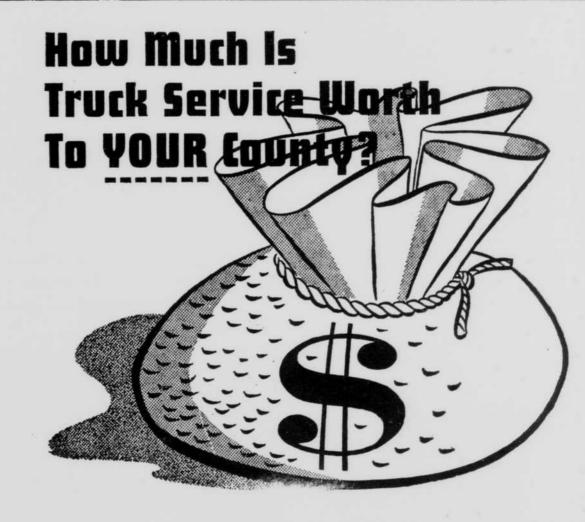
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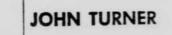
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was that private citizens were no longer able to people and not their master, we must never perconvert "paper money" into \$20 gold pieces or other mit ourselves to presume that because something is gold coins. However, government is required to hold good for one man it is good for all men."

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