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Local...

The Frontier for chattle mortgages, Corbett's best \$1.00 per dozen. 22tf

Frank Campbell went to Omaha Wednesday.

Edward Adams was up from Page Monday.

Jack McGrane was up from Stafford Tuesday.

Mike Welch is up from Scotia visiting relatives.

Editor Raker of Ewing was in town last night.

H. Zimmerman has added a kitchen to his residence.

Charley Bright was in the vicinity of Stafford Sunday.

Bail ties and wire always on hand at Neil Brennan's. 16-1f

Tyler Sciven was up from the south country Tuesday.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ed H. Whelan Wednesday.

Henry Zimmerman made a trip to Boyd county Tuesday.

Dr. Withers, Omaha dentist, will be in O'Neill May 8 and 9.

J. A. Testman rode the Short Line as far as Randolph Monday.

Mrs. Fannie Gallagher's two children are down with the measles.

Miss Rose Merithew returned home from Neligh Monday evening.

A snow storm was reported from Chadron Wednesday morning.

Bezelmans have erected a new building to store lime at their yards.

Ira Laphan has leased the Dollar a Day house and will open it soon.

Holt county has enjoyed several soaking rains during the past week.

We invite the attention of our readers to O. F. Biglin's ad on last page.

If you need spectacles go to W. E. Hamlin, the optician. At Corrigan's.

For sale or rent, small ranch three miles from town.—E. H. Benedict. 44-4

Bargains! bargains! bargains! at the old post office building, O'Neill, Neb.

WANTED—Choice, well sorted potatoes at O'NEILL GROCERY CO.

Watch repairing skillfully done by W. E. Hamlin, the jeweler. At Corrigan's.

The postoffice force point with a degree of pride to the embellished front of their building.

W. P. Lakin, a representative of the Chicago Record, was in the city the first of the week.

H. A. Polk was in from Agee Monday and renewed his subscription to this household necessity.

WANTED—A girl for general housework. Small family. Apply to Mrs. R. H. Jenness.

You can buy good flour cheap now at Keys, next door to postoffice; got to raise some money.

Will E. Lower, representing the Occidental Building and Loan association of Omaha, is at Hotel Evans.

J. A. Trommershauser was up from Ewing over night Tuesday and remained until Wednesday noon.

Mrs. James Stout went down to Tekamah Monday, being called there by the serious illness of her mother.

For teeth and photos, go to Dr. Corbett's parlors 23rd to 30th, of each month. Photographs \$1 a dozen. 30tf

Neil Brennan accompanied his daughter, Miss Sarah, to Fremont last Sunday, where she will attend the normal.

FOR SALE—Thirty head of white-faced Hereford young bulls. JACOB KRAFT, STUART, Neb.

We desire to thank the neighbors and friends who assisted us so kindly in the hour of affliction.

B. A. Johring and Family.

If you are going to paper your house this spring don't fail to see Gilligan and Stout's line of beautiful patterns now on display. 37tf.

For good service and quick time, route your freight from Chicago and the east via the C. M. & St. P. Ry., in connection with the S. C. O'N., & W. Ry. 12tf.

FOR SALE—The w $\frac{1}{2}$ s $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. 4, e $\frac{1}{2}$ s $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. 5, w $\frac{1}{2}$ n $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. 9, township 28, range 13-240 acres in all. Can you make me an offer? F. K. Fulton, Cripple Creek, Colo.

Miss Stella Shively Friday closed a term of school nine miles south of town and is now with her parents in O'Neill.

The Ditch Company has 110 head of fine yearling heifers which they will sell on twelve months' time to responsible parties. 44 1

Dr. Gilligan, Dr. Trueblood, Ed F. Gallagher and R. H. Jenness are adding valuable improvements to their residence properties.

Miss Ona Skirving visited friends in Fremont last week, returning home Monday evening in time to attend the May Day ball.

Don't you want a few shares of building and loan stock for investment? Don't you want a small loan? See Lower at Hotel Evans.

The teachers' meeting postponed from April 23 will be held in the high school room on Saturday afternoon, May 6.—L. E. Shumate, president.

Silas Smith arrived in the city Friday evening from Fitzgerald, Ga., and is looking after property interest here, and also visiting relatives.

There were seventy homestead filings at the United States land office during the month of April. Who says people are not coming to this country?

Monday was Dewey Day. A number of flags floated from O'Neill buildings in commemoration of the destruction of the Spanish fleet by the great admiral.

The Working society of the Presbyterian church meets with Mrs. Minnick Wednesday afternoon, May 10, at 2 o'clock. Good attendance is desired.

W. E. Hamlin moved his family down from Bassett last week and they are now comfortably settled in the McNichols house in the southern part of town.

The remains of Mrs. John Kloke, who died at Spencer, were taken to West Point Monday for interment. Mr. Kloke and family accompanied the remains.

This morning the funeral of Dan Kelly was held at the Catholic church. Death occurred Tuesday at the home of Paul Sullivan, a relative, living north-east of O'Neill.

W. C. Cruser, editor of the Montrose (Pa.) Democrat, was a pleasant caller last Monday. He recently acquired some property in this section and came out to inspect it.

G. W. Smith, wife and son Frank departed this morning for Missoula, Mont., where Mrs. Smith will spend some months the benefit of her health. Mr. Smith will return in about ten days.

Summer term Plainview normal from June 19 to July 29. Will open under the management of Drs. J. W. Bowls and A. W. Norton. Address for particulars A. W. Norton, Normal, Neb.

Services will be held in the Presbyterian church next Sabbath as usual; Christian Endeavor at 7 p. m.; preaching at 8, subject "What Appeared to Be a Good Choice Became Bad in the End."

Mr. and Mrs. Finnigan of Chadron, who have acquaintances in O'Neill, passed through the city Wednesday morning en route to Detroit, where Mr. Finnigan will attend a gathering of railroad conductors.

Tom Morris came up from Meadow Grove Sunday and attended the Dewey ball at the rink Monday. He returned home Tuesday morning accompanied by Mrs. Morris who had been in the city the past ten days visiting friends.

O'Neill, April 2.—Advertised letters: George W. Talbot, M. Hagerty, Door Beck, Anna Borgetkesan, W. H. Pierce, B. & Co. In calling for above say "advertised." If not called for in two weeks will be sent to dead letter office.—D. H. Cronin, postmaster.

Dr. Homer Newell returned home Monday evening from St. Louis, where he last week graduated from a medical college. He will remain in O'Neill for a time visiting relatives and may return to Missouri to practice his profession.

STRAYED—A 4-year old bay horse and yearling black mare colt, one white hind foot; both have star in forehead; from my place 10 miles south, 2 miles west of O'Neill. Reward for return or information concerning same. 44-3 John Peters.

To our friends and neighbors I wish to express the appreciation of the kindness and sympathy shown us. We have felt the truth of the proverb that "in the day of calamity a friend near at hand is better than a brother far off." The best wish we can make for you is that you may all know, in your heart and lives, that friend which sticketh closer than a brother. Charles Ingersoll.

The Frontier wants someone it can rely upon at every postoffice in the county to send in items of news for publication; correspondents who can represent their localities every week or as often as possible. To such we can offer inducements.

Greenberry Darr, who has been spending the winter in York county, returned to O'Neill last week. The Frontier acknowledges a short call from Mr. Darr. He says the winter wheat was killed in York county, extreme cold and no snow.

The Trussell Belgian stallion will stand during the season at the Wilcox farm adjoining O'Neill. A fine animal and sure foal getter. Weight 1540 pounds. It will pay you to see him before breeding. Fee, \$3 single leap, \$5 to insure and \$7 after foal. Owned by A. Merrill. 44 5

A party of O'Neill Odd Fellows went over to Spencer Tuesday to organize a lodge. Those we noticed with the best suits on were: Maylon Price, Jim Davis, R. H. Henry, J. H. Meredith, Judge Selah, O. O. Snyder, Oscar Wilcox, C. L. Bright, B. F. Cole and E. H. Thompson.

Prospective buyers will lose nothing by purchasing of those who use the newspaper columns to advertise their wares. A good advertiser always sells more goods than one who does not believe in the use of printer's ink and consequently can sell at a smaller profit. Patronize the advertisers.

P. F. McCann and sister Anna of Scranton, Pa., arrived in the city Monday and are visiting their cousins, O. F. and P. J. Biglin and Peter Toohill. Mr. McCann is a railroad engineer and is a delegate to the national convention of the Brotherhood of Railway Conductors which meets at Detroit next Tuesday.

As the Short Line train pulled out of the yards last Friday sparks from the engine set fire to some straw and hay in Charley Davis' barnyard and for a time it appeared that there would be a serious conflagration in that neighborhood. The fire spread rapidly, consuming a quantity of hay belonging to Charles Orth, a Short Line section hand. Mr. Davis attached his yard hose to a hydrant and played a stream of water upon the fire until it was extinguished, thus preventing any serious loss to anyone.

Died, Monday morning, May 1, at 2 o'clock at the home of her parents, Deretha Welheme, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Johring. Deceased was 13 years, 4 months and 2 days old. Death was the result of a severe cold contracted only five days before her demise. All of the family, father and mother, five sisters and one brother, were at the bedside when her life went out. The funeral was held at the Presbyterian church in this city Wednesday. The Frontier extends sympathy to the bereaved ones.

There was a smooth bird in the county bastle two weeks astern. Sunday night he sawed a bar and silently stole away. It was the chap, one F. C. Miller, who was caught in the act of walking off with six pairs of pants at Atkinson some weeks ago, particulars of which were elaborately set forth in The Frontier at the time of the adventure. Well, Mr. M. was given in charge of Sheriff Stewart and committed to jail on healthy rations. Sunday night he was in his cage when Jailor Bradstreet gave him his supper. When George Shively, who slept at the jail during the chap's incarceration, went to turn in for the night he found the cage empty, a bar sawed at the north side and the window near the roof open. The officers had been more suspicious than usual with such cases and thoroughly searched the fellow, and some outside party must have furnished him the means of escape. No effort has been made to locate him. If our esteemed contemporary will permit the "immoral" suggestion, The Frontier would advocate that law, ordinance or rules of the county board reach out and haul these fellows onto the streets or other public works and make them work in place of lying on upholstered cushions in the county castle and grow complacent on public feed.

Deputy E. G. Adams of the Woodmen of the World organized Schley camp 173 at Venus last Saturday. The following were elected officers: R. O. Newell, con-com; J. E. Sexton, adv.-lieut.; P. E. Sexton, banker; E. M. Hardisty, clerk; D. J. House, escort; J. E. Wellman, watchman; C. A. Brady, sentry; A. G. Anson, Louis Gossman and Edwin Butterfield, board of managers. Fruit and cigars were served after installation and a general good time was had.

PLAY BALL

We have the bats, balls, and mitts.—Gilligan & Stout, The Druggists.

FIRE CLEANS THEM OUT

Last Friday afternoon a fire which wrought death and destruction swept in furious flames over the country lying five miles to the west and south. Just after dinner volumes of black smoke were seen in O'Neill surging up from the bosom of the plain to the west. A number of citizens started out in that direction, but learned the fire was in the vicinity of Emmet and returned. Later in the afternoon smoke rolled up in increasing cloud, enveloping the heavens in blackness. People gathered on the highest pinacles to witness the scene. Not until evening, when the smoke had cleared away, was it known in town what damage had been done. Three families lost nearly everything and several others had hay, sheds and machinery burned.

The Pukett ranch, nine miles south of O'Neill, sustained the heaviest loss in point of amount destroyed, though perhaps Charles Ingersoll received the heaviest blow. The Pukett ranch is owned by Mangle Bros. of Chicago and was one of the best improved places in this section. There was a large two-story house, fine sheds and barns, windmill and other out buildings. All were consumed. L. A. Puckett resided on the ranch and sustained considerable personal loss in household good, machinery, hay and ten head of calves and heifers. A quantity of lumber which he had hauled out to erect a house on his own place just south of the ranch was also burned. The loss to Mr. Pukett and the ranch amounts to about \$2,000.

Charles Ingersoll, living five miles from O'Neill, was swept almost entirely out. Mr. Ingersoll was away from home assisting the neighbors in an effort to subdue the flames. In the meantime the fire was carried by a fierce gale to Mr. Ingersoll's place. Mrs. Ingersoll and three small children were alone. Amid the roaring flames and stifling smoke she gathered the children into her arms and with difficulty escaped to a patch of prairie that had been burned, and here in these grewsome surroundings saw their home and fireside go up in flames. The house and contents, barn, cattle sheds, hog house, windmill, farm machinery, some hay, two calves and a 1-year old heifer composed the list of property destroyed. Mr. Ingersoll's loss amounted to about \$700. A contribution from friends and neighbors partly repays him. Mr. Ingersoll has bought the house on the Cauble place down on Holt creek and will remove it to his farm and start anew.

J. B. Maring, residing about ten miles out, was the other heavy loser. Mr. Maring lost house, barn, farm machinery and six head of calves; value estimated \$600. They succeeded in saving most of their household goods. Mr. Maring will rebuild, as will also the others.

H. C. Uler's place was in the fire track and received its marks. He lost barn, cattle sheds, hay, and wagon. It comes hard on Mr. Uler as he had a big loss by fire last year.

A barn and some hay belonging to Emil Erickson were burned.

The ditch company lost 100 tons of hay.

A portion of the Emmet bridge was also burned.

These are all the losses The Frontier has been able to locate though others have been reported. The fire originated south of Emmet between South Fork and Dry creek. A strong wind blew from the south, in fact it was one of the worst days we have had this spring. About 4 o'clock in the afternoon the wind shifted and came from the northwest, thus checking the fire's progress. The country over there resembles a desert as one looks across the black waste. It is a curse this country has long suffered from and why anyone will set out fire without proper guards to control it and when he knows of the calamity it may cause is the most general expression of a problem which has been mooted in this country.

NO MIRACLE.

Strange that so many people entertain the idea that "anything will do" in the way of glasses. Using improper or defective lenses they imagine they see well or if aware their vision is below par, think it impossible for anyone to improve their sight. I have many such persons fall into my hands, who almost imagine a miracle has been wrought by simply placing a piece of glass before their eyes that entirely restores impaired or failing sight. They have failed to get such vision before, simply because they have never had their eyes scientifically examined or properly fitted.

W. E. HAMLIN,
Optician and Jeweler. At Corrigan's.

CITY MATTERS

Saturday evening the city council held a meeting to wind up affairs preparatory to the seating of the new officials. A number of claims were allowed. An ordinance compelling the clearing of sidewalks from snow and ice was approved. Though a little late for this year, it was a good move and will be effectual when another crop of snow and ice arrives.

The various bonds were fixed at the following figures: Mayor \$500, clerk \$1,000, treasurer \$10,000, attorney \$2,000, weighmaster \$1,500, chief of police \$1,000, aldermen \$100, night watchman \$1,500 and water commissioner \$5,000.

The city marshal presented a proposition that \$4.25 be deducted from the night watchman's salary for failing to make arrest, the marshal claiming that such failure cause a loss to the city of that amount. Matter was tabled.

A bill of \$105 presented by the marshal for salary was rejected. There seems to have been some misunderstanding regarding the marshal's salary. The council supposed that his compensation was \$1 for each arrest, while a city ordinance makes provision for a salary. On the strength of the ordinance Mr. Meredith says he will bring suit.

An ordinance which none claimed as their production and all opposed was presented. It furnished no compensation for mayor or aldermen and cut down salaries of other officials to a whisper. The ordinance was tabled and adjournment taken to May 1.

Monday afternoon council met in adjourned session and proceeded to wind up the business left over from Saturday night. Reports from treasurer, weighmaster and water commissioner were received and filed.

The marshal presented another salary claim for \$140, which met the same fate as the other. It will also go to suit. Other claims were allowed.

Councilman Evans was called to the chair by Mayor Davis, who moved that the mayor's salary be raised to \$100. The motion was discussed at length, while Mayor-elect Harmon withdrew. It was lost when put to vote.

Councilman Kinch moved that city attorney's salary be cut from \$250 to \$100. Motion prevailed, but on reconsidering it was placed at \$200.

Mayor Harmon, Clerk Gallagher and Councilmen Jenness and Pfund then received the oath of office.

The incoming council met Monday afternoon and adjourned until Tuesday at 8 a. m., when business was taken up.

Emil Sniggs was chosen president of the board.

Thomas Carlon was re-appointed city attorney and confirmed by the board. Attorney Carlon refused to serve under the reduced salary, and the matter of raising salary to what it was last year was continued.

Saloon license was then taken up, and occupation tax placed at \$300, payable quarterly in advance. Bonds of the following were approved and license ordered issued: A. A. Stanton, Jerry McCarthy, Thomas Campbell, William



attention

Make up your mind to give us your grocery order and you'll feel better. We have successfully treated that hungry feeling in hundreds of stomachs in the past and we are better qualified at present time to cater to your wants than we ever have been before.

Our prices will interest you and everything we sell carries with it our positive guarantee of quality.

We have added a full line of smoked meats. Prices are right. Yours respectfully,

O'NEILL GROCERY CO.
F. M. Raymond, Mgr.

Lavolette, P. C. Corrigan, Gilligan & Stout.

Following appointments were made and confirmed: Weighmaster, S. M. Wagers; Thomas Coyne, night watchman. There was quite a struggle on the latter office, there being several candidates for the place.

The name of William Lakey was presented by Mayor Harmon for street commissioner and on vote of council the matter was laid over until next meeting.

Motion prevailed to instruct clerk to collect license money on presentation of license.

Upon motion The Frontier was designated the official city paper.

A committee consisting of Pfund, Bradstreet and Hanley, was appointed to confer with Manager Minnick of the light company and ascertain at what figure the company would do the city pumping. Committee to report at adjourned meeting.

It was moved, seconded and carried that city attorney be allowed \$150 for office rent, fuel and stationary in addition to his salary.

On motion council adjourned until Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

VENUS ITEMS.

Another nice rain has helped the small grain.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grim are the parents of a boy baby.

People in this vicinity are setting out large numbers of trees this spring.

Fred Carey has purchased a team of horses. Next in order is a buggy, and then, well—

Our "village blacksmith," while clanging at the metal, received a blow from a piece of iron which slightly disfigured him, but he is "still in the ring."

A number of our citizens were at Page Tuesday to haul out trees which had been received in a consignment from Marshall Bros. at Arlington.

An item stating that Mr. John Post and Miss Bertha Strain have been married has been given in, but when and where the event took place or the size of the wedding cake we know not.

Bowzer.

We have just received a new assortment of white silk laces, Valenciennes laces, all over nets and embroideries, silk frontings, applique insertions and the latest things in wide and narrow plain and ruffled ribbons.

Our line of summer dress goods is very complete in all grades from 8c to 40c per yard. We have just added several new items, and can show you a good assortment for single skirts shirt waists.

New shirt waists just opened. If you want something nice come and see them.

Big line of new lace curtains and white curtain goods by the yard just received.

Our first lot of silk capes has been closed out and we have just received our second installment. They are beauties and in price from \$2 to \$5. Some long, some short.



New Summer Skirts
New Silk Skirts
New Fancy Under Skirts
New Calico Wrappers
New Fans and Parasols

Full line of shirt waist sets, belt buckles, collar clasps, belt ribbons, new leather belts, silk mits, etc. As cheap as you can buy from catalogues and more satisfactory.

J. P. MANN