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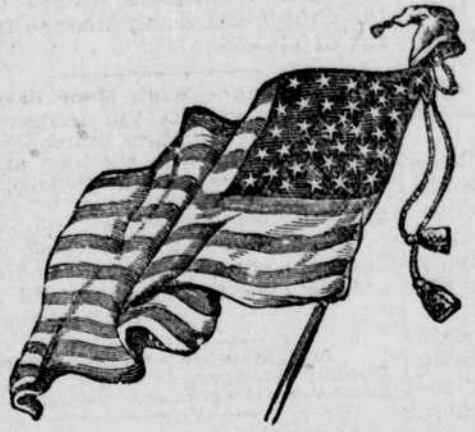
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The FOURTH In O'NEILL



THE celebration this year will eclipse all former efforts at celebration in Holt county. One of the best speakers in the state will deliver the address. More money for sports than ever before. Best display of fireworks west of Omaha. An 8-ft. flag will be given as a prize for the largest delegation from any locality in the parade. Cash prizes for best decorated wagons or buggies in parade. Cash prizes for best decorated bicycles in the evening parade: over 100 wheels in line. Don't fail to see it at 7:30.

Local...

Corbett's best \$1.00 per dozen. 22tf

Go to Mrs. Cress' for fireworks. 49-4

E. Opp is down from Stuart this week.

Joe Horresky is laid up with a sick spell.

John Carr of Stafford was in the city Tuesday.

Arthur Gwinn has accepted a position at the Derby.

Miss Kate Mann of Spencer is visiting in the city.

Willie Meals is a new clerk in McManus' grocery.

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

Miss Flora Lowrie is home from the state university.

John McNichols was down from Atkinson yesterday.

Pat McManus went to Sioux City on business Tuesday.

A. C. Crossman was down from Atkinson Tuesday.

Bill Hayes of Atkinson was in town the first of the week.

Attorney Utley was in Boyd county on legal business last week.

Come in and see our line of jewelry; its all new.—Gilligan & Stout.

Mike Flannigan is in town this week swapping yarns with the boys.

Miss Tilly Mullen went to Paze Tuesday to spend the summer vacation.

Miss Eva Burke went to Fremont last Saturday to attend the normal.

The 3-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Jones is very ill with scarlet fever.

The county board is in session this week sitting as a board of equalization.

E. H. Benedict has first-class Building and Loan stock for sale or can make you a loan. 46-tf

Janitor Cline has set out a number of spruce pine trees at the court house grounds.

Martin Cronin was up from Ewing over Sunday. Martin is employed on the Advocate.

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

Banker Smith of Page was in the city Tuesday, calling at Frontier headquarters and ordering printing.

New line of wall paper at Gilligan & Stout's just arrived. All assortments, all prices. Come and make selections.

Dr. Berry made a professional visit to Boyd county Tuesday. He was accompanied by Charles Meals.

A new Piano binder and a new Piano mover to be sold at reduced prices. 48-4 P. J. McManus.

Sheriff Stewart and son John departed Monday morning for Burlington, Io., where Mr. Stewart will attend a sheriffs' convention.

The Fourth of July is coming, and Mrs. Cress has the largest and most varied assortment of fireworks in the city. 49-4

O. F. Biglin went to Grand Island Monday to attend the annual convention of the Nebraska State Funeral Directors' association.

J. H. Daly returned Saturday from Fremont, where he has been attending the normal, and will spend the summer with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Meredith were at Sioux City from Saturday last until Tuesday, Mr. Meredith on business and Mrs. Meredith visiting.

The Ledger has a mind that Stuart ballist are the chaps what can play ball. They must have undergone transition since their last efforts against O'Neill.

Editor Henry of Atkinson spent Sunday in O'Neill. Lee's visits are frequent, but of course he has a good excuse—just to visit his parents.

N. J. Lorge, who has been visiting the family of his sister, Mrs. D. H. Cronin, the past three weeks, returned to his home at Randolph Tuesday.

Garrett Doyle departed Monday morning for Adrain, Mich., where he expects to remain for a time and will probably return west in about a year.

Call on Mrs. Cress for tinware, choice candies and fruits, tobacco and cigars, the finest ice cream in the city, and warm meals at all hours. 49-2

W. T. Hayes of Sheridan township has been elected chairman of the board of supervisors to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Hopkins.

A ball game was pulled off Sunday between the "men of family" and the young chaps. The former were awarded the game. We haven't space for the score.

The Short Line freight waited here for two hours Tuesday morning for a load of butter from Amelia. When the butter arrived it was shipped on the Elkhorn.

Col. Towle stepped off the passenger train Monday morning long enough to shake hands with a few friends. He was on his way down the road from Valentine.

FOR SALE—200 head stock cattle; yearling and 2-yr. old steers, springers, cows and calves and young heifers. Enquire at DeYarman's barn.—C. S. Wendel or B. A. DeYarman. 47-4

Alexander Laviollette, who has been visiting his brother William and family here, went to Omaha Tuesday for a few days. Mrs. William Laviollette accompanied him.

Rev. E. Grant Hutchinson will preach a special sermon Sunday at 10:30 a. m. to the children. Subject of evening discourse, "The Enduring Name." Everybody invited.

Prof. C. L. Anderson, a former principal of the O'Neill schools, drove in from Ord Tuesday and spent the week among friends here. Mr. Anderson has been re-elected principal of the schools at Ord.

O'Neill, June 15.—Advertised letters: E. M. Love, Judson Higley, L. A. Judkins, S. Stalliga, Mrs. M. Zimmerman, Eunice Neith, Robert Jacob. In calling for above say, "advertised."—D. H. Cronin, postmaster.

Rev. J. M. Bates will hold services in the Episcopal church next Sunday morning only. It will then be decided whether evening service will be discontinued in the future or not. A large attendance is desired.

On last Saturday County Judge Selah issued marriage license to Frank Hornung and Miss M. Florence Hurst, both of Webster, Io. Rev. Grant E. Hutchinson of the Methodist church performed the marriage ceremony.

Mr. McCoy, a farmer living eight miles northeast, had the pleasure on Tuesday of walking a distance into the country after his team. The team became frightened in town and ran away, piking off homeward over the hills.

John and Jim Davidson, Jim Triggs, S. Simmons and J. C. Olsen went out to the Pickadilly ranch Friday last to tin a roof and incidentally to fish in the lakes in that region. They returned with a quantity of nice bass and pickerel.

Tuesday evening the base ball enthusiasts held a meeting and perfected an organization by electing Jim Donohoe manager and Tim Hanley captain. A committee was appointed to solicit subscriptions to a fund for procuring the equipment.

The Epworth League will have a festival at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harnish Monday evening. Ice cream, cake and coffee will be served profusely; besides, lots of social entertainment. Everybody invited. Come with us and we will do thee good.

While trying to run a car into the Short Line round-house Tuesday, an accident occurred which caused a little damage. The doors stood only partly ajar and the car ran into the same, breaking them off, smashing the door posts and raising the roof.

Freddie Gaiz met with a painful accident Monday evening. While at play he stepped in a hole, turning his foot over in such a manner as to break the cords running up the side of the leg. Dr. Trueblood dressed the wound and now Freddie hobbles about on crutches.

Anyone contemplating buying either a ladies' or gents' bicycle will do well to see me before buying as I am agent for as fine a wheel as there is made in America and will sell them at prices that can't be beat considering quality. Come and see them at V. Alberts' harness shop. 48-tf Fred Alberts.

Will Mullen, who taught in the grammar department of our schools the past year, has been offered the principalship of the schools at Central City, S. D., at a salary of \$80 per month. Central City is in the Black Hills country. Mr. Mullen is a competent instructor and Central City people will not regret their choice.

A letter to Captain Cross of Company M from Col. Viquain states that arrangements are being made to get the Third Nebraska regiment together at Lincoln to receive the home-coming First from Manila. No expense is to be entailed on the part of the boys. Members of Company M are pleased over the plan.

Thursday evening the school board met and elected teachers for the ensuing year. There were but two changes in the corps of last year. Mr. Whelan is re-elected principal with Miss Schumate assistant. Mr. Kelly and Mr. Mullen retire and their places are filled by Miss Maggie Hurlid and Miss Maud Gillespie. The others are Misses Cronin, Hopkins, Burke and Mullen, same as last year.

Last Friday Supervisor John Hopkins filed his resignation as a member of the county board, same to take effect on Tuesday, June 13. The resignation was accepted and D. J. Cronin of Shields township selected to fill the vacancy. The appointing board consists of Judge Selah, Treasurer Henry and Clerk Leis. Mr. Hopkins expects to leave in a few days for Lincoln to familiarize himself with the duties of warden of the state penitentiary, which position he enters upon July 1.

Boyd county last week experienced a sensation. County Treasurer Nick Sieler was arrested at the instance of State Examiner Simpson on the charge of being short \$5,270 in his accounts. At the preliminary examination Mr. Sieler produced all the money due the county and handed in his resignation as treasurer. His arrest caused a mild panic among bank depositors at Butte and a run was made, but as all could get their deposits the alarm soon quieted. The Gazette says of the affair: "After a size-up of the situation and the movements of some of the populist leaders it was plain to be seen that a wholesale campaign thunder factory was in full blast in our midst."

The Frontier is handed a report of the Sunday school convention held last week, which report, on account of its volunuousness, we are compelled to omit. However, we give the statistical statement showing the average attendance of the Sunday schools of the county: First Presbyterian, Atkinson, 50; Maxfield Methodist, Page, 33; Bright Hope, Emmet, 35; Methodist, O'Neill,

85; Methodist, Chambers, 42; Bethany Presbyterian, Little, 60; Presbyterian, O'Neill, 50; Methodist, Page, 60; United Presbyterian, Ewing, 53; Presbyterian, Cleveland and Brodie, 25; Presbyterian, Stuart, 55; Methodist, Ewing, 55; Methodist, Inman, 35; Presbyterian, Pleasant Valley and Blackbird, 40; Presbyterian, Lambert and Page, 41; Congregational, Dustin, 7; Presbyterian, South Fork, Chambers, 45; Leonia, Blackbird, 60; Union, Ewing, 12; Union, Ray, 20; Clay Creek Union, Dustin, 21; Pioneer Union, Dustin, 12; Union, Dorsey, 30; Badger, 25. The total enrollment of the schools is considerably larger. The Methodists of O'Neill head the list with an enrollment of 145 with the United Presbyterians of Ewing next with 78. A number of schools reported verbally and no figures are given.

World-Herald, June 11: John Oakleaf, a switchman, was instantly killed last evening at 8 o'clock in making a coupling between two Rock Island freight cars in the Union Pacific yards. They were two old cars with projecting floors at either end to act as buffers, but upon which Jamey couplers had since been placed, so that when the cars came together but a hand's breadth was left between the two cars. He had just drawn a pin when the cars came together, and quick as snuffing out a candle, ended his life.

Jack Oakleaf was well known in this city, having been a brakeman on the Short Line for about four years. His numerous friends here were grieved to learn of his tragic death. He leaves a wife and four children, who reside in Sioux City.

The Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings will offer about 38,000 acres of school land for lease at public auction at O'Neill, at the county treasurer's office beginning at 9 a. m. July 10, 1899, under the following provision of the new school land law:

"If, after using due diligence to lease said land, at an annual rental of six per cent upon the appraised valuation, the Commissioner is unable to do so, he may offer the same for lease at less than the appraised valuation and lease it to the person or persons who will pay six per cent on the highest offered valuation, as annual rental, if, in his judgment, it is to the best interests of the state to accept such bid."

Persons desiring to examine the lands to be leased may secure lists of the same showing the present appraisement thereof, as well as any other information, upon application to the county treasurer or by addressing the Commissioner, at Lincoln. At the beginning of the auction the Commissioner will gladly answer all inquiries in regard to the school land business or the workings of the new law.

A LAND GRAB.

The State Journal in discussing the "reservoir act," which is making such a stir for government lands, gives out some interesting information. The act went into effect, says the Journal, without attracting any public attention, and it was only because the Broken Bow land office men noticed that ex-Senator W. V. Allen was entering two or three quarter sections of land per day in that district under the provisions of the "reservoir act" that people out in the west began to smell a rat. This act was, ostensibly, merely passed for the protection of cattle ranchmen who had gone to the trouble and expense of digging reservoirs to furnish water to their cattle. The bill, which was framed by Pettigrew, the populist senator from South Dakota, provided that they could do so in peace providing that they would not fence out the cattle of the neighbors, and in consideration of their philanthropy in providing drinking places for man and beast might have the "control" of the said reservoirs and of 160 acres of government land around it, so long as they kept the reservoir in repair under the regulations of the secretary of the interior.

But it seems, continues the Journal,

as one of the fellows, who passed this act, having lulled the suspicions of Peffer and other champions of the common people, the late senator has been showing that he knew what was what by entering already on his own behalf from sixty to a hundred quarters under the act and now "controls" some ten thousand or so acres of the common heritage for his own benefit. Instead of buying a bunch of cattle and going to some convenient spot for his ranch, and digging a reservoir for their benefit and the benefit of his neighbors, the ex-senator just enters the lands. Under the act a single man can enter a whole township or a whole county or several counties of government quarters and "control" the same for two years before making a reservoir on each quarter. Then he is monarch of all he surveys. Nobody else can graze cattle on his domain and if they cannot graze them they of course will not want to water their stock at the reservoir and the ex-senator and the others who have been locating these "reservoirs" will soon "control" the entire public domain or at least all that is worth anything for pasture, and will be in good shape to peddle the said control to others who may have an ambition to pasture some stock on government land.

Pretty soon when the western settlers get onto the snap there will be one of the biggest musses you ever saw on our frontier. Whether the act will give anybody a vested right of permanent value is problematical, but the steadiness with which that distinguished farmer, law giver and judge, W. V. Allen, is gathering to himself all the government land in the Broken Bow district has certainly surprised and even alarmed the natives.

The following is the full text of the act. It will be noticed that it neither specifies how many gallons of water the reservoir shall hold, nor limits the number of entries of quarter sections for "reservoir purposes" that "any person, live stock company or transportation corporation" may make per diem. The act reads:

Section 1. That any person, live stock company or transportation corporation engaged in breeding, grazing, driving or transporting live stock may construct reservoirs upon unoccupied public lands of the United States, not mineral or otherwise reserved, for the purpose of furnishing water to such live stock, and shall have control of such reservoir, under regulations prescribed by the secretary of the interior, and the lands upon which the same is constructed, not exceeding 160 acres, so long as such reservoir is maintained and

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water kept therein for such purposes; provided, that such reservoir shall not be fenced and shall be open to the free use of any person desiring to water animals of any kind.

Section 2. That any person, live stock company or corporation desiring to avail themselves of the provisions of this act shall file a declaratory statement in the United States land office in the district where the land is situated, which statement shall describe the land where such reservoir is to be or has been constructed; shall state what business such corporation is engaged in; specify the capacity of the reservoir in gallons, and whether such person, company or corporation has filed upon other reservoir sites within the same county; and if so how many.

Section 3. That at any time after the completion of such reservoir or reservoirs, which, if not completed at the date of the passage of this act, shall be constructed and completed within two years after filing such declaratory statement, such person, company or corporation shall have the same accurately surveyed, and shall file in the United States land office in the district in which such reservoir is located a map or plat showing the location of such reservoir, which map or plat shall be transmitted by the register and receiver of said United States land office, to the secretary of the interior and approved by him, and thereafter such land shall be reserved from sale by the secretary of the interior so long as such reservoir is kept in repair and water kept therein.

Section 4. That congress may at any time alter, amend or repeal this act.

TAKEN UP—At my place south F. E. depot, yearling heifer, red and white. 50-3 Mike Englhaupt.

TAKEN UP—On my premises 8 miles north of O'Neill, about June 1, one filly 3 years old. 1w D. J. Cronin.

STRAYED—From my place on Dry Creek about June 2, small mare 6 years old, brand 88 low down on left hip. Information leading to recovery suitably rewarded 1w John Carr, Stafford.

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