

## Local...

R. H. Jenness went to Omaha Sunday

For dental work go to Dr. McLeran 42-1f

John Brady was in from Dorsey Wednesday.

Mose Campbell war down from Atkinson Wednesday.

Mrs. R. J. Marsh was a passenger for Omaha Tuesday.

Ice cream at Weingartners restaurant, by the dish or in bulk.

Postmaster Johnson was down from Atkinson yesterday.

Dr. McLeran, dentist, office over Corrigan's drug store. 42-1f

A woven wire fence is being built around the court-house yard.

Have your teeth examined by Dr. McLeran; he can save them. 42-1f

A daughter was born Tuesday evening to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morrison.

Deputy Sheriff Bradstreet was a Sunday morning passenger for Ewing.

Frank Pixty departed yesterday for his old home at Aspin, Io., on a visit.

Ed Wagers went to Long Pine Monday. He expects to work there for a time.

Remember those cheap pants and shoes at Mann's. The discount varies from 33 1/2 to 75 per cent.

Editor Eves and Joe Mann were passengers for Atkinson on Sunday morning's freight.

The hog market was lively Tuesday morning, the north country apparently "unloading" all together.

Spencer Advocate: Miss Coffey of O'Neill, a sister of Maggie and C. J. Coffey, of this place, is visiting here.

Manns will continue their discount sale on pants shoes, summer dress goods and shirtwaist until Saturday, July 20.

LOST—Light gray coat between Irrigation ditch and O'Neill on July 9. Name, H. C. Grimes, in inside pocket. Leave at Dewey house & receive reward.

The Elkhorn Valley bank is undergoing some improvements inwardly. Repapered walls and general cleaning up makes a very great change for the better.

FOR SALE—N W 1/4 section 30, township 30, range 13; sw 1/4 section 30, township 30, range 13. Address F. J. Neasbam, Ottumwa, Io. 2-2

Rev. Richard Whitehouse will hold service in the Episcopal church next Sunday mornnig and evening at the usual hour. A good attendance is desired.

Will McNichols and sister-in-law, Mrs. M. C. McNichols of Aspin, Colo, are visiting relatives here. Will is an old O'Neill boy, but has been away for eight years.

Little Norman Campbell was severely hurt by a kick from a horse the first of the week. His face was cut open to a sickening depth and a very bad wound inflicted.

Den Hunt went to Lincoln Sunday to make arrangements to begin work for the Royal Highlanders. Mr. Hunt's health compels him to lay aside the trowel at present.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hancock of Inman were in the city Tuesday and called. Mr. Hancock says that the hot weather is not doing any damage to vegetation in his neighborhood.

I will sell at private sale my household goods consisting of parlor furnishings, bedroom, dining and kitchen sets, articles too numerous to mention. Call at Residence.—Oscar E. Beckes.

Will Mullen came in the first of week after a four week's tour of the county taken orders for enlarging pictures. Will says he is doing a land office business, yet he votes the pop ticket.

Miss Lula McKnight of Neligh is visiting in the city, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. King. Mr. King and Miss McKnight's father were members of the same company during the rebellion.

Neil Brennan keeps on hand machine oil of the best grade, Gasoline and lamp oil, stake rope and bats and will not be undersold by any one. You will save money by calling even if you dont buy. 2-3

If you want a bargain in undershirts for present or fall use call at Mann's and get prices. They are overstocked on this line and to reduce these garments are offering from 33 to 50 per cent off.

The young ladies of the Catholic church will give an ice cream social at the residence of M. F. Harrington on Thursday evening, July 25. This will be for the benefit of the Catholic cemetery funds. Every one invited to come.

For Sale—My cattle ranch on Dry creek five miles south of O'Neill; 500 acres pasture fenced; 480 acres number 1 hay land; house sheds and all good improvements for a ranch. Address H. W. Shaw, O'Neill, Neb. 2-3pd

Nothing will bring a crowd together any quicker than a fire alarm. Monday afternoon alarm was sounded and within two minutes 100 people were collected back of Pfund's store, where the side walk had caught fire from a pile of rubbish Pat McManus was burning. No damage.

William Robinson of Chambers departed on Tuesday morning's F. E. passenger for Missouri in response to a telegram that his father was not expected to live. Mr. Robinson had his wagons loaded ready to start to Oklahoma to homestead when he received word of his father's illness.

The Frontier force is indebted to Mesdames Woodruff and Plank for a treat to ice cream Monday. They took charge of the Lapham & Edwards restaurant that day and manifested a neighborly feeling by serving the tired printers to a cooling dish. It was delicious ice cream and showed that the new restauraters are no novices at the business.

All the fixtures for the bowling alley has arrived and carpenters are now busy putting things in shape. In a few days all the boys will be talking about is making a "strike," a "spare" or some other bowling term which to the uninitiated will be like Greek. The alley is regulation size and first class in every respect. Mr. Hallo expects to be opened for business tomorrow.

Ewing Advocate: J. T. Carson is experimenting with winter wheat this year. Last fall he sowed a quarter of an acre and on Tuesday brought a sample to town. He is confident that it will make sixteen bushels to the acre. Mr. Carson also brought in some samples of alfalfa and clover of twenty days' growth which will be hard to beat. The alfalfa measures twenty-three inches in height and the clover fifteen inches.

Stuart Ledger: Boyd Robinson who has for more than a year acted as assistant night operator for Mr. Sears is now working for the agent at O'Neill. The Indians pitched their tepees near town this week. There were twenty wagon loads of them and their Indian village gave a typical western tone to Stuart. This is their annual visit at which time they return to the reservation with their rations of 50,000 pounds of flour.

One of the most remarkable proofs of the amazing growth of that vast region of our country commonly called the Northwest, with its numerous sisterhood of States and its population of more than seven million people, is the fact that it is only a little more than eighty years since the first white baby was born there. The child was a girl, the daughter of a regular army officer, and she is still living. A fascinating account of her eventful life, the early years of which were spent among soldiers and searages, will appear in an issue of The Ladies' Home Journal.

Rev. O. E. Beckes returned last Thursday evening from Auburn, N. Y., where he went a few weeks previous. The friends of Rev. and Mrs. Beckes will regret to learn that they will leave O'Neill permanently. Mrs. Beckes is now in New York and her husband expect to join her there the first week in August. Her health is not good in Nebraska and they leave on that account. The Presbyterians have not yet secured a pastor for the vacancy caused by Rev. Beckes' departure, but they expect to secure a minister at once and continue the regular church work.

The two sides of a person's face are never alike says an exchange. The eyes are out of line in two cases out of five, and one eye is stronger than the other in seven persons out of ten. The right ear is also, as a rule, higher than the left. Only one person in fifteen has perfect eyes, the largest percentage of defects prevailing among fair-haired people. Short sight is more common in town than among country folk, and of all people the Germans have the largest proportion of short-sighted persons. The shortest intervals of sound can better distinguished with one ear than with both. The nails of two fingers never grow with the same rapidity, that of the middle finger growing the fastest, while that of the thumb grows slowest. In fifty-four cases out of 100 the left leg is shorter than the right.

Rev. Bertley Blaine of Page was in the city Tuesday. Rev. Blaine is one of the old familiar characters of Holt county and a man with whom it is always a pleasure to meet. The writer's first remembrance of him is as superintendent of public instruction of this county. He was afterward pastor of the Methodist church in O'Neill but for many years has lived near Page, retiring from active ministerial work four years ago. Rev. Blaine says the crops in his neighborhood are in fine shape and corn never made a better showing than it has the past ten days. Small grain, he says, may be damaged a little, but withal is going to be a fairly good crop, now beginning to ripen.

"Sidewalks that are made of plank Makes our heart light to travel, But our mayor is having more pipe dreams Of sidewalks made of gravel.—Bock-beer."

Nothing short of brewed "bock" could ever inspire man or devil to toss upon the literary public lines like the above. They are probably meant for poetry, but the spirit of the gentle muse fails to flow through the pen of the author. "Sidewalks that are made of plank makes our heart light to travel." It doesn't make traveling with the feet on planked walks any easier. "Makes our heart light to travel." The writer's head must have become light, too. The slight decrepitude in the rhythmical fragrance of "plank" and "dreams" would never be noticed. If the writer of the above has any more lurking in his brain, please wait until the hot weather abates.

The state of Nebraska with John Carr complaining witness begun action in county court Monday against William Sardeson alleging the shooting of two head of cattle. Through a blunder on the part of the able county attorney in making out the complaint, the case was dismissed upon motion of defendants attorney, E. H. Whelan. The able county attorney squared himself around after being warped about by a lawyer fresh from school who was handling his first case and rectified his error and began over. Meanwhile the tax payers foot the bill of costs which the able county attorney incurs. The case is the outgrowth of trouble between Sardeson and Carr, the latter having a fence on the homestead of the former, who is charged with shooting cattle trespassing on his place. Defendant was bound over to the district court in the sum of \$200.

W. F. Carpenter of Wyoming township was in the city last week preparing for a sale at his place four miles west of Amelia and twenty-one miles south of Atkinson on July 22. This will be one of the largest sales that has taken place in Holt county for many years, perhaps the largest ever held. While only a part of his property he intends to sell, Mr. Carpenter calls special attention to seventy-five head of Shorthorn cattle—35 milch cows, 20 steers, 30 hifers and 1 thoroughbred bull. While not registered, the cattle are all bred up to a grade equal to thoroughbreds. Special care has been given to the herd to breed up to the pure strain and parties desiring this grade of cattle should attend the sale. For further particulars see bills or write Mr. Carpenter at Amelia.

The board of supervisors went over to Whiting's bridge on the Niobrara river Tuesday and in conjunction with county board of Boyd county will examine the bridge with a view of ascertaining the extent of the damages and repairs needed. The center span was damaged during the high water in June and the bridge rendered unsafe. The Niobrara bridges are costing the two counties a good deal of money to keep in repairs and it looks like the tax payers of Holt and Boyd would gain in the long run by abolishing the three bridges and building one or two good steel structures. It doesn't pay to have cheap bridges. The least high water throws them out of line or wrecks some of the timbers and they are unsafe. A bridge the size of the Niobrara river bridges can never be permanent unless made of steel. The only fortunate thing about the bridge business on the Niobrara is that both counties bear the expense. In the Platte river country the counties on the north side of the river build and maintain the bridges. The two counties had better put \$5,000 into a good bridge than to be troubled with the present bridges continually.

How to Keep cool in O'Neill. Sit on a chunk of ice and smoke the Shamrock, a 10c cigar for a nickel. Sold by all dealers. 32

I will be in O'Neill every Friday and Saturday with my Draft stallion and Spanish jack, at Mellor & Quilty's barn.—J. H. McAllister. 47-1f

"Balduff" Ice Cream at Gilligan & Stout's.

## SETTLING A DEFUNCT BANK.

### How it Was Done by the Pops in the Affair at Atkinson.

Consternation something like what follows the exploding of a bomb was felt among O'Neill pops when Tuesday's Nebraska State Journal came out of the postoffice. The Journal had a long article about Bartley being paroled and matters of political significance to this part of the state. We quote in part from the Journal article:

Secretary Roysse of the state banking board who has been corresponding with various parties in regard to the supervision of receivers of state banks, a work which was imposed upon the banking board by the last legislature, has been peering into several defunct concerns. He has unearthed some new information concerning the Exchange bank of Atkinson, which was Mr. Bartley's bank before it went under. The state had \$55,000 deposited in this bank and only \$8,000 was realized after the receiver finished his work. The work of the receiver, Samuel B. Howard, fusion candidate for state treasurer last fall, may be further investigated.

Whether this movement is connected with a general movement started by Bartley to collect in money which may be due him, or whether it is merely a coincidence, will develop with time. Friends of Mr. Bartley have always contended that he had loaned money to men who were unable to return it when he was called to account for state funds. Without uttering a word, Bartley was convicted of embezzling \$201,000, the proceeds of ore state warrant.

"I would not be suprised," said a politician yesterday, "to find that Bartley and his attorney have already collected quite a large fund from persons who had the use of state funds. It is certain that an effort will be made to collect much of the shortage, and no doubt the decision of the supreme court in the Ben Mills case will greatly accelerate collections from such sources, as no borrower of state funds will care to face a decision of that nature. Whether that decision is applicable to person who secured money from Bartley may be doubtful, but no one desires to test it. As to Bartley's telling anything, I do not believe he will utter a word."

**Bartley's Bank.** In looking into the affairs of receivers and broken banks Secretary Roysse of the state banking board, has just discovered that Receiver Howard's final report has disappeared, rendering it impossible for any one to tell what disposition he made of the assets. The files were taken from the office of the clerk of the district court one year ago by Receiver Howard and have never been returned. Judge Westover's order approving the final report of the receiver and all actions taken by the receiver and also discharging the receiver and releasing his bondsmen was supposed to be among the missing files. This order was returned to the clerk of the district court six weeks ago by Judge Harrington, another judge of the district. Judge Harrington said he found the order in his office.

**The Deal in Detail.** The manner in which the state's interests in this bank were looked after may be gleaned by the following, taken in chronological order:

May 6, 1897, Bank Examiner Code reports that the Exchange bank of Atkinson is in an insolvent condition, not having 15 per cent of its deposits in available cash.

May 7, 1897, state banking board orders bank closed, and attorney General Smyth files petition in district court at O'Neill asking for the appointment of a receiver with authority to "compromise bad assets and convert all property into money as speedily as possible."

May 10, 1897, Judge W. H. Westover, who lived 219 miles from the proposed scene of operations, appointed S. B. Howard as receiver, on a bond of \$2,500 ordering "said receiver to report his doings in permisses to this court from time to time as required by law."

May 17, 1897, Receiver Howard applies for a authority to employ an attorney. Two days later Judge Westover grants the request and Howard employs J. J. Harrington, since made district judge.

July 3, 1897, Attorney General Smyth files petition stating that Bartley had \$55,000 deposited in the bank, which properly belonged to the state.

July 6, 1897, county attorney of Holt files a petition stating that Bartley was indebted to Holt county on certain judgments amounting to \$8,000.

July 9, 1897, attorney general files claim of \$55,000 against the assets of the bank, and says the state "repudiates the act of Bartley in depositing the money, and refuses to ratify or be a party to the act."

August 25, 1897, petition of H. K.

Bennett and other depositors that their attorney, Mike Harrington, and the receiver go to Lincoln to confer with the state officials, the expenses to be paid from the assets of the bank. The application promptly allowed by Westover Expense bill of this trip is still concealed.

August 25, 1897, petition by Mike Harrington that if claim of the state is allowed the individual depositors (and their attorney) will get nothing.

February 5, 1898, offer of the depositors to take certain notes and an overdraft as one-half their claim, the balance to be paid in cash; state that the individual deposits amount to \$10,955, and that the receiver now has in his hands \$11,000 in cash.

March 17, 1898, settlement effected by Mike Harrington for depositors, they taking as their claim in full certain notes and securities amounting to \$20,429.79, and \$2,750 in cash. Later evidence that Harrington paid the depositors 75 per cent of their claims and kept the securities.

August 5, 1898, Howard files notice that he has on hand \$7,500 to divide between the county and state.

August 18, 1898, Judge Westover, having waited until Harrington had taken his pick of the assets, decides that the bank and Bartley owes the state \$55,000 and the county \$6,000. On this same date Howard filed another notice that he had \$7,500 to divide, and the state and county filed notice that they had agreed upon a pro rata settlement.

November 20, 1899, Howard filed notice recommending the sale of all the assets of the bank at public sale.

**How Assets Were Sold.**

On the same date Judge Westover issued an order that the assets be sold at public sale on December 16, 1899, and that the sale be continued from day to day until all were sold, "said assets to be either sold separately or collectively as the receiver shall believe to be to the best interests of all concerned."

This order plainly gave the receiver free swing. There is not another scratch of a pen on file in the district clerk's office to show the result of the sale, but oral evidence is that the receiver bargained off all the best assets of the bank to the chairman of the populist county committee for \$40 without allowing anyone else a chance to bid. This was done by "adjourning" the sale.

There are occasional flings on the record to show that certain debts were compromised at low figures, so that at the time of the \$7,500 divide with the county and state the receiver must have had in his hands two or three thousand dollars more than that amount.

One stroke of business which was performed in March, 1899, was never recorded in the district clerk's office. The bank at Atkinson had a fine building which was bought in 1894 at \$7,500. It was well fitted up and besides the vault had a safe which cost \$1,500. The property was carried on the bank

books at \$10,000, and after the collapse there were a number of people ready to buy if given a chance. Howard, however, had other plans. On February 23 he notified Judge Westover at Rushville that he had an offer of \$1,000 for the property, "and after diligent effort" could find no better bid. Westover promptly ordered him to sell and the deal was made.

The bank building, safe and fixtures were sold to Ed Gallagher of O'Neill for \$1,000, and a rent bill owned by Gallagher for \$210 was applied on the purchase price, so that the property went for \$790. Other parties who would have paid four or five thousand dollars and had notified Howard of that fact, were given no chance to buy. The transaction was kept in concealment so far as the district court record at O'Neill is concerned, but copies of the application and permission to sell were filed in the office of the county clerk two days after the sale was made.

The bank was closed up for political purposes and a judge 219 miles away appointed a politician as receiver at a nominal bond, which bond has never been seen. The receiver went ahead "compromising" claims and slaughtering assets without making any public report. The Harrington brothers, prominent populist bosses, acted as attorneys for everybody. They settled the claims of the individual depositors by taking twenty thousand dollars' worth of notes and \$2,750 in cash. The depositors received less than \$5,000 for their claims. The other assets were eased down into the hands of political favorites. The state's interests suffered at every hand and no record of the expenses, receipts or operations, and no detailed report of assets has ever been placed before the public.

### When the Bank Closed.

The report of the bank published March 23, 1897, showed that the bank had loans and discounts, \$28,308.13; over drafts, \$608.91; stocks, bonds and judgments \$7,228.82; banking house, furniture and fixtures \$10,000; due from other banks, \$6,882.59; cash on hand \$3,861.35. The capital stock of the bank was \$30,000, and the deposits were, \$70,934.46.

On August 26 1898, the state received \$6,762.30, and on June 15, 1900, it received \$1,442.81. This last payment was made after Howard had his badges printed announcing his candidacy for the state treasuryship; According to the records at O'Neill he must have been carrying the money just seven months, the date of the final sale of assets for cash having been December 16, 1899.

Strayed—From pastures of Elkhorn Irrigation Co., four horses, one sorrel gelding, one roan gelding, one brown gelding with white hind foot and one black mare. Suitable reward for information leading to recovery. 2-2 Sam Deitrick.

"Balduff" Ice Cream at Gilligan & Stout's.

## Special Sale

In order to get ready for our large stock of Fall Clothing we will place on sale on

**Saturday July 13, about 100 pairs of men's pants, at a discount of 33 1/3 per cent.**

This sale will be continued until the stock is reduced.

We are also slaughtering the prices on about 200 pairs of Shoes that we are anxious to close out before placing our new fall goods on sale.

The cut on these goods ranges from 33-1-3 to 75 per cent. Call and look these goods over before making purchases in these lines.

# J. P. MANN