

Legislative News.

The legislature has not been in session the past week, but the special committees for the framing of a revenue bill have been very busy, and accomplished a great deal.

One of the important points which has committee is the change in the assessor system. There seems to have been a unanimous agreement that the present system of elective precinct assessors is defective, and the cause of many of the present ills.

The question of valuation does not seem to have yet been entirely settled. It was agreed by the committee that the present system is no system at all, and some desire to assess all property at its actual cash value.

siderable discussion when the bill gets into the two houses.

The disturbing question of local taxation of railroad terminals will not be handled by the revenue committees, they having decided by vote that this question should come up in connection with the bill proposing changes in the Omaha charter.

In the preparation of the new measure much care is being taken in the matters relating to the collection of taxes, and the committee is said to unanimously favor the provision for a seal for county treasurers, so that good tax deeds may be given after a reasonable length of time, instead of making it necessary to go the old circuitous and expensive way through the courts.

It is evident at this time that while the committees have been industrious, working night and day on the new measure, they have not had sufficient time to complete their work, and that at least all of the present week must be allowed them in the preparation of a successful bill. There will be a tendency on part of some members of the legislature to hurry them or to show impatience because a bill has not been framed in one week, but those who find fault have little conception of the amount of work necessary, not only in the discussion of means and measures, but in the actual drafting of the bill in proper and legal language after the main points have been agreed upon.

EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK

As Gleaned by the Frontier Reporter on his Daily Rounds About the Town

EVERYTHING THAT OCCURRED Is Recorded Here, If Not It Escaped the Anxious and Tireless Search of Our Reporter

Frank Dohney, of Stuart was down the road Saturday.

Stephen McDermott, of Stuart, visited O'Neill Saturday.

See the beautiful line of new Valentines at Gilligan & Stout's.

B. A. Deyarman house and barn for sale. DICKSON & CO.

Mr. and Mrs. Maret, of Stuart, attended the dance here last night.

Cosgroves Orchestra is the best what is. Tuesday, Feb. 17th, at the rink.

Elmer Selix, of Swan, was in the hub Monday and filed on a homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Stanton returned from Bonesteel, S. D., Tuesday.

R. R. Dickson will pay \$5 for the return of his black and white Pointer dog.

Coming! Best entertainment on the road, Cosgrove Orchestra, Tuesday, Feb. 17.

The donation by O'Neill citizens to the Finland famine fund amounts to over \$25.

J. T. Tavener of Inman come up Tuesday and was transacting business at the hub.

A. J. Fleming, residing near Page was in town Tuesday on business at the local land office.

Jake Kramer, and Fred Rippe, came down from Stuart Monday on business at the local land office.

The sheet and pillowslip dance at the opera house last night was a success in every particular.

J. E. Harding dropped a few dollars into the contribution box of the Frontier the first of the week.

John Maring, west of Amelia, was in O'Neill the first of the week on business at the court house.

Grand ball follows the program on Tuesday, Feb. 17th. Music by the famous Cosgrove Orchestra.

Thomas Howard, residing northwest of Stuart was down to O'Neill making proof on his homestead.

For Rent—Ninety acres of farm land one-half mile northeast of this city. D. H. CRONIN.

Will Purdy, C. A. Auten and Charles Fowler were up from Inman last Saturday.

J. Adler has a car of apples on the Elkhorn tracks, also apple cider in kegs. He will be here the balance of this and next week.

Valentine Day is just a week off, Feb. 14. Make some one happy by sending them one of those beautiful Valentines at Gilligan & Stout's.

Thomas Waldron, one of Graton township's prosperous farmers, called Saturday and ordered his name enrolled upon our ever increasing subscription list.

For Sale—One bay mare six years old, weight 1000 pounds, work single or double. Mare is now driven by Arthur Gwinn on his dray. Inquire of Major Due.

The Norfolk Daily news says that the 170 acres of sugar beets raised by the Elkhorn Irrigation and Land company, south of this city last season, netted the company \$30 per acre.

Buggies, buggies, buggies—A car load of the nicest and best that ever came to O'Neill; if you want a snap now is your chance to call and get your pick.—Neil Brennan.

John Welsh, a prominent retail grocer of South Omaha, is in the city renewing acquaintance with oldtime friends. Mr. Welsh formerly resided about eight miles northwest of this city.

Walter Stingley, of Laurel, Nebraska was in O'Neill this week and while here called on ye scribe. Mr. Stingley says business is good in his part of the county and that most every body is prosperous and happy.

I have lots of good flour and feed to exchange for grain or cash but no more credit to anyone. I will turn my books over to a collector next week. He may do some good on Saturdays.

Con Keys.

Christopher Casey, arrived in the city the middle of the week, after an absence of twelve years, most of which were spent in the southern states, for a couple of weeks with his father and sister, Lawrence Casey and Mrs. James Brennan.

Get your eyes fitted with Dr. Jacobs. He is an expert in his profession and visits the town every month. Call and see his new X Rays, the latest invention for testing eyes. Consultation free. Will be at the Dewey house, Saturday, Feb. 14.

Here is a story going the rounds of the press that is not from Kansas, but from our own Nebraska. A man in Custer county named Burst, gave the full names of his children to the census enumerator as follows: John Wood Burst, Nellie May Burst and David Will Burst.

Having sold out the McCafferty hardware stock I would ask people owing bills to come in and settle same as we have debts to pay ourselves and must realize on the book accounts which we have retained. Thanking our friends and patrons for past favors and prompt settlement of outstanding accounts. M. A. McCafferty.

J. Dwyer, one of the leading members of the bar of Pithian, Ill., was in city last Saturday and Sunday visiting his cousins, John and James Carney, north of this city. This was Mr. Dwyer's first visit to Nebraska and he was so well pleased with Holt county that he contemplates making this section of the state another visit next fall with a view to investing in Holt county real estate.

At the regular meeting of Holt Camp No. 1710 Modern Woodman of America, held last Tuesday evening, the following delegates and alternates were elected to attend the county camp which meets in April to select delegates to attend the state camp. Delegates: C. W. Hagensick, H. Zimmerman, O. F. Biglin, Neil Brennan, S. F. McNichols. Alternates: P. C. Kelley, E. McBride, R. H. Mills, A. S. Merrill, J. P. O'Donnell.

Mrs. John E. Sullivan, died at her home, four miles northeast of this city, this (Friday) morning at 2 o'clock after an illness of several months, of cancer. Deceased was one of the pioneer residents of the county having moved to Holt county from Michigan in the spring of 1879. She leaves three sons to mourn her demise. The funeral will take place Sunday to leave the home of the deceased at 10 o'clock a. m.

Emil Sniggs moved his shop to the corner lots south of the post office which he purchased last summer and now has a force of carpenters enlarging the building. The building now being erected is 48 feet wide and 164 feet long with twelve foot posts. One end of the building will be used for his blacksmith and wagon shop, the rest of the building as a warehouse

or his farm machinery. He estimates the cost of the building at \$4000.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Birmingham entertained twenty of their friends at their home Tuesday evening, the occasion being the sixteenth anniversary of their wedding day. Progressive high-five was the order of the evening. At midnight lunch and refreshments were served, as the host and hostess know how to do all things, right. All present spent a most enjoyable evening, and when parting wished their entertainers many happy returns of their wedding anniversary.

Good Showing For 1902.

The business at the local land office during the calendar year of 1902 shows that the people yet have faith in the ad saying that "Uncle Sam is rich enough to give us all a farm". During the year 1902 there were 619 original homestead entries made in this land district, covering 82,602 acres of the public land. During the same time there were also 291 final homestead proofs covering 42,504 acres, also 25 Timber culture proofs and 317 commuted homestead entries.

There were 55 contests heard before the local office during the same time. All of which shows that Uncle Sam is doing considerable business in this part of our great and growing country.

Public Sale.

We will sell at Philip Heckel's farm 10 miles southwest of Lynch, Neb., and 2 1/2 miles east of Blackbird postoffice on Monday, Feb. 23, 1903.

The following described property: Team of blacks 10 years old, team of brown mares, both with foal, 8 years old; black mare 8 years old; gray gelding 10 years old; bay mare 4 years old, with foal; black team 7 and 8 years old; sorrel driving horse 6 years old; buckskin driving horse 8 years old; gray gelding 4 years old; 2 gray geldings 2 years old; sorrel gelding 2 years old; bay mare 3 years old; sorrel mare 12 years old, in foal to imported Norman; bay Hambletonian mare 8 years old; stallion, Shire and Clyde; bay mare colt Kentucky whip and Morgan; sorrel mare colt; sorrel horse colt; gray mare 7 years old; gray draft mare, 10 year old; bay gelding driver 8 years old; bay mare driver 8 years old; 3 mules coming yearlings. 12 milch cows all with calf, 7 head bred to full-blood Short Horn 30 steers and heifers coming yearlings. Case thresher 32x50; 14 horse power steel frame Woodbury; 6 nose Keystone corn sheller with 14 horse Woodbury power; feed grinder; Sampson windmill; 6 wagons 2 top buggies; spring wagon; riding lister; two row Eli; corn planter and checker; riding stirring plow; Champion mower; McCormick mower; walking cultivator; McCormick 10-foot rake; 12-foot Standard hay rake; 2 sweeps; A A stacker; 5 sets of harness; engine tank pump, 20ft of suction hose and 16 feet discharge hose; 100 bushel speltz seed; 10 bushel cane seed; 100 bushel of oats; cooking stove and other articles too numerous to mention.

HECKEL & PETERMAN, 10 miles southwest of Lynch, Neb.

The Market.

[Special market letter from Nye & Buchanan Co., Live Stock Commission Merchants South Omaha, Nebraska.]

South Omaha, Feb. 12, 1903.

53,000 cattle in Chicago for three days this week and 15,000 in South Omaha keep the market on its downward course, and with corn advancing the cattle are likely to be rushed in and break the market still further. Better hold then back and stop the break.

We quote best beef steers \$4.30 to \$4.65, good \$4.00 to \$4.25, warmed-up \$3.50 to \$3.90; choice cows and heifers \$3.00 to \$3.50, fair to good \$2.60 to \$3.00, canners \$1.50 to \$2.50. Stockers and feeders in limited supply, good demand choice \$3.85 to \$4.25, fair \$3.25 to \$3.75. Bulls slow sale at \$2.00 to \$3.25; veal \$4.00 to \$6.50.

Hog receipts getting heavy. Market weaker. Range \$6.50 to \$6.90. Sheep receipts fair, with few feeders. Market active and steady.

Killers \$5.00-\$6.00 Yearlings 4.80-5.40 Wethers 4.00-5.10 Ewes 3.25-4.25 Nye & Buchanan Co.

For Sale Or Rent.

My farm one and a half miles east of O'Neill, on Elkhorn river, consisting of 520 acres; 120 acres under cultivation; will cut 250 tons of hay. Pasture for 100 head of cattle, with running water; good house and barns, or chard, etc. Will rent for one year or longer.

MICHAEL GALLAGHER, O'Neill, Neb

Great Northern Railway W. & S. F. RY.

Through daily service to Minneapolis and St. Paul with direct connections for all points in Minnesota, North Dakota and west to Pacific Coast. Through sleeping car service. Apply to any agent for rates, folders and descriptive matter.

FRED ROGERS, Genl. Pass. Agt.

Commissioners Meet.

O'Neill, Neb., Jan. 23, 1903.

Board called to order at 9 o'clock by O. F. Biglin, chairman pro tem.

Present, Biglin, Grimes, Howard Keefe, Samar and Moler.

Minutes of session of Jan. 24th read and approved.

The board then went into committee of the whole with W. P. Simar in the chair, for the purpose of continuing settlement with county officers.

The committee arose at 5 o'clock p. m. at which time the board adjourned until 9 o'clock Tuesday morning.

E. S. Gilmour, O. F. Biglin, Clerk. Chairman, pro tem.

O'Neill, Neb., Jan. 24, 1903.

Board called to order at 9 o'clock a. m.

Present, Biglin, Grimes, Howard, Keefe, Moler, Simar, and Chairman Phillips.

Minutes of yesterday's session read and approved.

The board then went into the committee of the whole with W. P. Simar in the chair, for the purpose of continuing settlement with the county officers.

The committee arose at 5:00 p. m. which time the board adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m., Jan. 28, 1903.

E. S. Gilmour, F. W. Phillips, Clerk. Chairman.

O'Neill, Neb., Jan. 28, 1903.

Board called to order at 9 o'clock a. m.

Present, Biglin, Howard, Grimes, Keefe, Moler, Simar and Chairman Phillips.

Minutes of yesterday's session read and approved.

The board then went into committee of the whole with W. P. Simar in the chair, for the purpose of continuing settlement with the county officers.

At 5 o'clock p. m. the committee arose, at which time the board adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m., Jan. 29, 1903.

E. S. Gilmour, F. W. Phillips, Clerk. Chairman.

O'Neill, Neb., Jan. 29, 1903.

Board called to order at 9 o'clock a. m.

Present, Biglin, Grimes, Howard, Keefe, Moler, Simar and Chairman Phillips.

Minutes of yesterday's session read and approved.

The board then went into committee of the whole for the purpose of continuing settlement with the county officers.

At 12 o'clock m. at which time the board adjourned until 1 o'clock p. m.

One o'clock p. m.

Board called to order. All members present.

The resignation of Fred Schindler

as justice of the peace of Deloit township was read.

On motion the resignation was accepted and Geo. M. Davis was appointed to fill the vacancy.

The following petition was read: O'Neill, Neb., Jan. 17, 1903.

To the Board of Supervisors of Holt Co., Nebraska:

Gentlemen—The undersigned respectfully represents that he paid the personal tax of Mrs. Sarah Marley in Inman precinct on Jan. 9, 1903 for the year 1901 and that Mrs. Marley paid the same tax on Jan. 10, 1902. The receipts therefor are heretofore attached.

Your petitioner requests that he be refunded to the amount of \$2.50

Signed, Elijah Babcock.

Referred to committee on tax and tax titles.

Petition was read from John M. Stewart asking that the assessment of one fire proof safe assessed to him in Atkinson village for the year 1901 be stricken from the tax list for that year for the reason that he did not own said property.

Referred to committee on tax and tax titles.

The following report was read: To your committee on settlement with county officers beg leave to report as follows on settlement with County Judge J. M. Morgan.

Fees recd in probate court \$ 683.05

Fees recd in county court 371.75

Fees recd in miscellaneous 40.50

Fees recd for marriage license and ceremony 260.50

Total receipts \$1,355.80

Credit by salary \$1,355.80

W. P. Simar, Chairman.

On motion the report was accepted and ordered spread upon the records.

The following report was read: We your committee on settlement with county officers beg leave to report on settlement with Superintendent of Schools T. V. Norval as follows:

Bal on hand Jan. 9th, 1902 \$224.12

Amt recd for certificates issued 149.00

Amt recd for institute enrolling 124.00

Total \$497.12

Expenses.

Paid instructors at institute \$275.00

Paid lecturers at institute 80.00

Paid for printing 19.25

Paid for janitor at institute 15.00

Paid for incidentals 5.00

Bal on hand Jan. 8, 1902 102.87

Total 497.12

W. P. Simar, Chairman.

On motion the report was accepted and ordered spread upon the minutes.

The following report was read: (Continued on editorial page.)

To the Business Men and Citizens of O'Neill.

It has come to our notice that there is an erroneous conception placed on the motives of our recently organized mechanics union. Our purpose and intention is to protect the employer as well as the employed, and if any doubt this let them come to me and read our constitution and by-laws. Instead of raising wages we intend to maintain them where they should be. Everyone knows that the cost of living has increased at least one third in the last few years, but the mechanics wages have not increased accordingly, but everyone also knows that the wages of the common laborer has been

raised from \$1.25 per day to \$2 per day. Under our by-laws a man must be capable of earning the price he charges for his work, otherwise he is designated as an apprentice, and must not work alone but with a mechanic and for less wages. As to hours, any man knows that if a mechanic can't do it in ten Our other motive was to promote good-fellowship, stop all petty spite work and work with each other in harmony. If this is not plain and explicit enough we will answer any and all questions which anyone wishes to ask very cheerfully.

M. F. Kirwin, Secretary Mechanics Union of O'Neill.

The O'Neill National Bank

No. 5770. REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF The O'Neill National Bank At O'Neill, in the state of Nebraska, at the close of business, February 6, 1903.

Table with columns for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES. RESOURCES includes Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, U. S. bonds, Premiums on U. S. bonds, Stocks, securities, etc., Banking house, furniture and fixtures, Due from state banks and bankers, Due from approved reserve agents, Checks and other cash items, Notes of other national banks, Fractional paper currency, nickles and cents. LIABILITIES includes Capital stock paid in, Surplus Fund, Undivided profits less expenses and taxes paid, National bank notes outstanding, Due to state banks and bankers, Individual deposits subject to check, Demand certificates of deposit.

State of Nebraska, County of Holt, ss. I, James F. O'Donnell, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JAS. F. O'DONNELL, Cashier. Correct—Attest: M. Dowling Thos. H. Fowler, H. P. Dowling, Directors. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of Feb., 1903. J. H. MERRITT, Notary Public. (My commission expires March 27, A. D. 1907.)

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