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TELLS OF TOPEKA FLOOD

Son of E. B. Hatch Writes Graphic Description of Experiences

PERSONAL LOSS AMOUNTS TO \$1200

He and Family Driven From Their Home by High Water

E. B. Hatch of Agee shows The Frontier a letter from his son, O. B. Hatch, which gives a detailed and dramatic description of the recent devastations at Topeka, Kan., by the combined elements of floods and fire. Mr. Hatch and family were among the flood sufferers and estimates his loss at 1200. He was running a barber shop and most of his furniture and fixtures were destroyed as were also their household furniture. He says of their escape to safety:

"Going to the house from the shop to see how things were I found twelve inches of water over the side walks and twenty inches in the street. I concluded to get a rig and take the family to higher ground. I was gone about thirty minutes and when I returned the water in the street was within two inches of the top of the buggy box. The water was rising rapidly and we had to hurry in order to get out before our way of escape was cut off. At one place on the route to higher ground the water was over the buggy box with a current that nearly carried us away. We left so suddenly that we only got a few clothes for the children. After having the family in safety I returned to assist several neighbors, and had some hairdressing experiences. The last trip I took a neighbor woman in the buggy and after going two blocks we had to get on the horse's back and cut the buggy lose. We progressed slowly in that manner until we plunged into a sewer which had washed out, immersing us in eight feet of water. We abandoned the horse, swam, scrambled and struggled; and how I ever got that woman out alive I don't know, but we finally landed on top of a fence, and later made our escape to dry land."

Mr. Hatch tells in his letter of many life and death experiences; how many mothers and fathers with little ones in their arms passed long nights up in trees with wind and rain beating on them from above and dark and threatening floods rolling beneath. From Mr. Hatch's account the newspaper stories have been none over drawn.

The Market.

South Omaha, June 18.—Monday brought the heaviest cattle receipts of the year followed by nearly 7000 Tuesday, and the market was hammered to a finish, showing a decline of fully 30 to 50c. Wednesday only brought 2800 but with pens all full from previous receipts market was slow and dragging. There is no evidence as yet that the supply in the country is becoming exhausted.

We quote choice steers \$4.65 to \$4.80 fair \$4.40 to \$4.60 warmed-up \$4 to \$4.35; choice cows and heifers \$3.85 to \$4.50, fair to good \$3.35 to \$3.75, canners and cutters \$2.25 to \$3.25. Good light stockers and feeders are selling at \$4 to \$4.40 fair \$3.75 to \$3.90, stocker heifers \$3.15 to \$3.40. Bull \$3 to \$4.25; veal \$5 to \$6.25.

Hog receipts heavy; market nearly steady. Range \$5.85 to \$6.10.

Sheep receipts light; market unevenly lower.

Nye & Buchanan Co.

Advertised letters.

The following letters remain uncalled for in the O'Neill postoffice for the week ending June 13, 1903:

C. L. Granger, Gro. Lidgett, David McAllister, C. V. Carbaugh, Charley Greenman, John Metcalf, Roscoe B. Moor, Garrett V. Mott, F. H. Wilson, Wm. Ferguson, G. I. Dyson, Max M. Young, P. C. Campbell, Harry E. Chapman, Mrs. May Worley, Charley Schullenberg, John Reed, Annie Carr.

POSTAL CARDS.

Max M. Young, Ed. Maughn. In callip for the above please say "advertised." If not called for in two weeks will be sent to dead letter office.

D. H. Cronin, Postmaster.

Mid-Summer Festival.

For the mid-summer festival at Sioux City June 29 to July 4 the William and Sioux Falls railroad will sell excursion tickets O'Neill to Sioux City and return at the following low rates: Tickets on sale June 29 to July 3, with final return limit July 6, \$5.45. On July 1 and 2 we will sell ticket good for return day following date of sale at one fare for round trip, \$4.10. See posters for attractions and amusements. For further information call on W. E. West, agent.

Sherwin-Williams prints for sale by Galena Lumber company. 51tf

Local Matters

Galena Lumber company deals in paints, oils, etc. 51tf

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tierney, Sunday June 14, a daughter.

Ernest Henry came in from his homestead fifteen miles northeast today to make final proof.

Hon. M. P. Kinkaid went to Lincoln Sunday to look after some important cases in the supreme court.

D. Clem Deaver was in Garfield county Sunday viewing a ranch he recently acquired in that county.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Hicks left for Tracy, Minn., Tuesday morning where they will spend a few weeks visiting relatives.

Arthur Hammond was passing around the cigars Monday in honor of the arrival of a son at his home Monday morning.

I have got to the fork in the road and can't move a wheel till those that I gave my flour to come and pay for it.—Con Keys.

Lincoln Star: Mrs. Pauline Stuckey of O'Neill, mother of Mrs. J. G. Maher, will spend the summer in Lincoln with Mrs. Miner.

Parnell Golden is home from Lincoln, and after several years of hard work is the legal and rightful owner of a certificate of graduation from the state university.

Dr. Will Mullen went to Spencer, yesterday to open up a dental office, he having decided to cast his fortunes among the good people of that thriving village. The Frontier wishes him success.

Edward Slattery, who was tried the fore part of this month for the murder of H. W. Shaw last March, and at which trial the jury failed to agree, was admitted to bail today in the sum of \$2,500.

Mrs. F. J. Wescott, (nee Maggie Kearns,) and baby, arrived in the city last Sunday evening from Salt Lake City, and will remain during the summer the guest of her sister Mrs. J. A. Testman.

Mrs. James Jenning and daughter arrived in the city from Park City, Utah, Wednesday afternoon and will spend the summer in the city visiting Mrs. Jenning's parents Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marsh.

R. R. Dickson went to Omaha on Monday's early train to appear as attorney for Postmaster Erb of Slocum in his trial for shortage before the federal court. Mr. Dickson then went to Lincoln to attend to matters before the supreme court.

Omaha Bee, June 16: Menno S. Erb, postmaster at Slocum, Neb., pleaded guilty yesterday afternoon in the United States district court to falsifying his accounts and the unlawful use of postage stamps. He was sentenced to pay a fine of \$50 and costs.

Miss Tessie Dykeman announces she will give a social and entertainment the 26th of the present month for the benefit of a public gymnasium and hopes to enlist the interest of the public in general in the matter of physical culture. Details will be given later.

The county board of supervisors continue in session this week working on the assessors' books. Chairman Phillips says owing to some minor errors in all of the books the board has been compelled to continue its present session a week longer than it would have otherwise done.

P. J. Donohoe returned from Lincoln Sunday night. P. J. graduated from the law department of the state university last week and is now seeking a suitable location to hang out his shingle and enter upon the practice of law. Pat is an energetic young man and we predict will make a successful lawyer.

Miss Maggie A. Sullivan, a niece of M. M. Sullivan, accompanied by a friend, Miss Conway, both of Taunton, Mass., arrived in the city last evening and will visit the family of Mr. Sullivan for a month and then go to Butte for a month's visit with relatives. Mr. Sullivan says he had never seen his niece, but recognized her the moment she stepped off the train.

John Carton received a telegram from the chief of police of Trail, B. C., last Tuesday afternoon stating that his son, John, was seriously injured in a mine disaster at that place that morning. A few hours later another telegram was received announcing his death. Mr. Carton came home two years ago, after an absence of about sixteen years, and remained here until last fall when he returned to British Columbia. Mr. and Mrs. Carton have the sincere sympathy of their numerous friends in their bereavement.

RAILROAD POSSIBILITIES

Great Northern and Burlington Designs Under Discussion

INVOLVES SHORT LINE EXTENSION

Connection Schemes of the Two Roads Are Still Alive

There has been considerable said from time to time concerning the schemes, plans and moves of the Great Northern and Burlington railroads, and much interest is manifest in this section in what is going on for the reason that an extension of the old Short Line, now terminating at O'Neill, is involved. A recent issue of the Omaha Bee is credited with the following:

'President James J. Hill of the Great Northern, the official head of that road the Northern Pacific, Burlington and Erie, the founder of the Northern Securities company, of doubtful legality, the man who is said to own more newspapers than any other railway magnate, with the possible exception of Senator W. A. Clark, the Samson of western railroad kings, has shied his castor into the arena once more, and served implied notice on his "friends the enemy," President Thomas Lowry of the Soo road, that he cannot, with impunity, proceed with his plans of linking Nebraska and surrounding wheat fields to Canada and ultimately through Canadian co-partners, to the Atlantic seaboard. Hill is going to cut into the same territory and form a direct outlet to the ocean.

"The Hill plan, the report of which is said to emanate from a reliable source, is simply this: The Burlington, in conjunction with the Great Northern, means to tap Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming and even adjacent territory with a line that will connect them with the lake and eastern rail routes, forming a direct outlet to the Atlantic seaboard. This line will extend from Sargent, Neb., on the Burlington main line to O'Neill on the Sioux City branch of the Great Northern. This will establish a through line from the Burlington territory to Duluth, head of the lakes, thus opening up to the business men of the middle west, an outlet through the Zenith City that they have never had before, as well as affording Mr. Hill a splendid means of competing with Lowry on the transportation of wheat and other products from this section. Such facilities have been sought by the middle west for some time. They represent a big saving in tariffs.

President Lowry has been thoroughly understood to be systematically planning on the construction of a line into Nebraska and adjacent territory, primarily for the purpose of feeding the four mills of the great northwest and then shipping this flour out through the Canadian Pacific. He and the Canadian Pacific have tied up on a scheme to unite the Soo and the Canadian road. The latter is to extend its line south from Winnipeg as far as the northern Minnesota boundary and Lowry is to project his Soo road north to meet the Canadian Pacific. This juncture having been formed the combined line then is to run down to Nebraska.

"For years Hill and Lowry have been keeping close tab on each other; they have not been close bedfellows. The spirit of rivalry is accentuated by time. Their competitive aggression is said to have been a fine thing for the northwest and so their latest schemes will not be coldly received in the middle west.

"The Hill scheme of forming a direct outlet through the Duluth gateway will however, strongly antagonize other western roads by tending to divert traffic from them to the new route, and it is evident that these roads will have to adopt some very potent means of overcoming this plan if they are to succeed in retaining or upbuilding their business. Some time ago the Northwestern, which lay a prior claim to part of the territory Hill means to enter, caused it to be said that it would do some building if Hill did not moderate his aggression through the Burlington. The Northwestern may now decide to execute some of its plans."

Have you attended our auction sale? If not you have missed opportunity to secure some first-class goods at your own price. Our entire stock is to be sold at auction and we have a splendid line of jewelry. The sale commenced Wednesday at 2:30 and will commence at that hour each afternoon and at 7:30 each evening until the stock is disposed of. Come and attend these sales and get some of the bargains that are going.

F. B. Cole & Son.

Supervisors' Session

O'Neill, Neb. June 8th, 1903.

Board called to order at 10 o'clock a. m.

Present. Messrs. Biglin, Howard, Grimes, Keefe, Moler, Simar and Chairman Phillips. Minutes of session of April 21 were read and approved.

On motion the following bonds were approved.

Bert Freed, road overseer district 32 M. Gonderinger.....28
Patrick Barrett.....26
August Eppenback.....19
Henry Willey.....23
A. C. Moler.....43
Eli Hershiser.....44
Ed Fleck.....52

On motion adjourned until one o'clock p. m.

One o'clock p. m. Board called to order. All members present. Messrs. Temple Reid, Stephen Bowles, J. P. Mann and others appeared before the board in regard to the resolution of the board of Sept. 18, 1902 relating to the obstruction of the roads in road district No. 46 and 32.

The following petition was read: To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Holt county, Neb. The village of Stuart having control of and desiring to purchase of the State of Nebraska for cemetery purposes the platted tract of land hereinafter described hereby request your honorable body pursuant to section 4905, compiled statutes of 1901 to appraise the tract bounded and described as follows to wit: Commencing at a point two rods east of the northwest corner of the southwest quarter of section 20, 31, 16, in Holt county, Nebraska running thence south 38 rods, thence east 28 rods, thence north 38 rods thence west 28 rods to the point of beginning, containing six acres and 104 square rods.

A plat of the land applied for is hereto attached and marked exhibit "A."

Signed: Barnhard Farmer.

Chairman board of trustees village of Stuart.

The following petition was read. To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Holt county, Nebraska. The German Catholic church of Stuart, Neb., having control of and desiring to purchase of the state of Nebraska for cemetery purposes the platted tract of land hereinafter described hereby requests your honorable body pursuant to section 4905 compiled statutes 1901 to appraise the tract bounded and described as follows, to wit: Commencing at a point two rods east and 38 rods south of the northwest corner of the southwest quarter of section 36, 31, 16, in Holt county, Neb., running thence 28 rods south, thence 28 rods east, thence 28 rods north, thence 28 rods west to the point of beginning containing four acres and 144 square rods.

A plat of the land applied for is hereto attached and marked exhibit "A."

Signed: Rev. C. Breitkoph, Pastor. John Steinhouser.

On motion the prayer of the above petitions were granted and Messrs. Simar, Biglin and Howard were appointed a committee to appraise the land.

On motion the bond of E. F. Fisher, justice of the peace for Atkinson township was approved.

The following petition was read:

Stuart, Neb. June 8, 1903.

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Holt county, Neb.

Gentlemen—The undersigned respectfully represents that on the 22 day of May, 1901, they purchased of M. J. N. Haskens the north 21ft of lot 6, block 5, village of Stuart. That the balance of said lot was at that time owned by James Skirving and is now owned by John Skirving. That in paying the taxes on said lot for the years 1893, 1895, 1896 1897, 1898, 1899 and 1900, they paid the taxes on the whole of said lot. We therefore ask for a refund of two-thirds of the amount of taxes paid on said lot for the above mentioned years amounting to \$123.96 we hereto attach the tax receipts.

Signed: Reuben Taft.

Of the Firm of Thomal & Taft.

On motion the above petition was received and referred to the County Attorney for his legal advice.

The following petition was read:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Holt county, Neb.

Gentlemen—The bridges across the Elkhorn river on section lines between river 2 and 11 and 11-12-30-16, just southwest of the village of Stuart are inadequate to carry the water of said Elkhorn river in times of high water, only about one half of the water being able to get through the bridges the balance like a mighty flood rushing across the north east of section 11, has entirely carried away over forty rods of grade and makes it

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NEBRASKA FIELD TRIALS

Coming Meeting at O'Neill Promises to Eclipse All Others

\$1,000 PURSE ATTRACKS MANY

Correspondents to American Field Express Opinions of this Section

From present indications the coming meet of the Nebraska Field Trial Association will be one of the most successful events of the kind ever pulled off in this country. The \$1000 purse that the Association has guaranteed has attracted widespread attention among handlers and sportsmen everywhere and the best dogs in the United States will be here to compete for the money. Trainers recognize in the country tributary to O'Neill splendid training quarters and Er. Shelly, of Edmore, Mich., with eighteen dogs; W. D. Gilchrist, of Courtland, Ala., with eighteen dogs; and A. S. Cady, of Holland, Mich., with eighteen dogs, have arrived and will train their dogs here until the meet, August 18. Several other handlers are expected to arrive during the next two or three weeks and it is expected that there will be three or 400 dogs here by the time set for the trials.

The two following articles, taken from the American Field, the leading sportsmen's journal, shows the opinion the handlers have of this country as training quarters and the hospitable inhabitants of old Holt:

Editor American Field: Owing to matters which will require my personal attention at home this summer, I have abandoned the idea of attending any of the chicken trials, but as I have only missed one of these meetings held in this country the past five years, I think I can give a little information that might be of benefit toward any of the handlers looking for training quarters.

I have been over all the best grounds in Iowa and both Dakotas, but I have never seen anything to approach the training grounds that can be found about O'Neill, Neb. There are no fences to contend against and one can drive all day long over the vast prairies and never once come nearer than six or seven miles to a house, and as the places of habitation are as a rule occupied by ranchers, a falling watering jug can always be replenished, with a standing invitation to call again.

In the Dakotas a handler can never tell what moment an exasperated farmer will be after him, likely armed with a pitchfork or a large club, and unless one can produce a large size bottle and hand it over to the fellow townsman for about five minutes he is liable to make a hasty and ignominious retreat.

I had the pleasure of attending the Nebraska meeting last year, and although it was their first venture in the way of field trials, still, I never before attended any trials where everything was so methodically conducted, and their system of doing business clearly showed that the officers of the association were the right men in the right place.

This year I see the fat purse of \$1,000 is hung up; take a crack at it, gentlemen, and if any of the "long green" doesn't come in your direction you are still the winner, for you will not only have the pleasure of meeting the best lot for of sportsmen on earth but you will learn an object lesson in the way how a field trial should be conducted. William Elliott, Selma, Ia.

Editor American Field: As I was the first handler to reach O'Neill, a great many have expressed themselves as anxious to learn through the columns of the American Field how I find prospects in this vicinity. For the benefit of those who contemplate summer training I will say that, in my opinion, the facilities offered here cannot be equaled in any place in the United States: There are miles and miles of unfenced prairies and old prairie chickens are here by the hundreds. The entire country is cut up by small running streams of clear, cool water, and to my surprise they abound in rainbow, speckled and mountain trout. There is plenty of water here and it is the best in the world. The Nebraska Field Trial Association is composed of a most worthy lot of energetic business men. They are now busy looking up locations for the handlers and others who are coming here to train. The first place they took me to suited me exactly, and I am informed they have secured a dozen or more places fully as good. This being the case, everyone coming to O'Neill may rest assured that they will be cared for and have a place to their liking. The Nebraska Field Trial Association deserves great credit. It is the

youngest club holding trials on chickens to-day, yet they offer the biggest stakes ever competed for on prairie chickens, and, if I am not mistaken, its \$1,000 purse is the largest ever offered by any field trial club with a \$15 entrance, starting fee. Nebraska is game to the core. Its facilities for holding trials on prairie chickens cannot be equaled by any state, and the chances are that its second annual trial will be the biggest event ever held on the prairies.

Er. Shelly, O'Neill, Neb.

Flynn-O'Sullivan Wedding

Last Tuesday morning Rev. M. F. Cassidy performed the ceremony that united in marriage two of O'Neill's most prominent young people, Dr. P. J. Flynn and Miss Tess O'Sullivan. M. R. Sullivan was groomsmen, and Miss Helen O'Sullivan, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid. This happy young couple are well and favorably known in this city and county and have a host of friends who wish them a long and happy life.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. J. B. O'Sullivan and is one of the most popular young ladies in O'Neill. For the past four years she has been a teacher in the O'Neill public schools, a position she filled with honor and credit.

The groom has been a resident of O'Neill the past four years, coming here shortly after his graduation from the medical college, and has, since his arrival, followed the practice of his profession. He is a studious, industrious young man with numerous friends in this city.

After partaking of an elaborate wedding breakfast, at the home of the home of the bride's mother, Dr. and Mrs. Flynn took the morning passenger for Omaha and Neola, Iowa, where they will visit relatives a couple of weeks. The Frontier hopes their journey through life will be as clear and free from clouds as was their wedding morn.

At the Opera House.

Madison Chronicle: The Dale Theater company, now playing a week's engagement at the Hein opera house, has been doing a nice business throughout the week. This is due to the fact that the company is composed of capable actors and actresses.

It is without doubt one of the strongest repertoire companies that ever visited our city, and they should be greeted tonight by a large audience as well as each night during their stay here. Mr. Burleigh Cash, the leading man, easily wins himself into the hearts of his audience—he never fails to please. He takes his part with a vim and vigor that shows that the stage is his home.

Mr. James Barbour, the villain, is one of the best in that role that ever appears before an audience here. He shows in a masterful way to what extent a man will go for love and gold. Too much can not be said of his clever work in Wednesday night's play, "Southern Folks," his portrayal of Harold Richmond was simply immense and the same good word can be said for each of the personnel of the company. The company is deserving of good patronage whenever they appear. Mrs. Burleigh Cash is an exceptionally fine pianist, and her renditions add much to the entertainment of the audiences.

This company will be in O'Neill June 29-30 and July 1. Tickets 15c, 25c and 35c.

Summer Excursions.

Are now on to all points north, east and west, via the Great Northern line, especially low rates being made this year for summer travel. Tickets sold daily to St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth, Fishing resorts in Minnesota. Tours to Buffalo and Chicago via the Great Lakes. Montreal, Quebec, Boston, Portland and other summer resorts in New England and Canada. If you intend making a trip this summer full information regarding rates, routes, limits, etc., will gladly be furnished by any agent, or by Fred Rogers, general passenger agent, Sioux City, Ia.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

OF THE
Inman State Bank

Charter No. 622
Incorporated in the state of Nebraska
At the close of business, June 9, 1903

RESOURCES
Loans and discounts.....\$15,121 95
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured..... 249 43
Banking house furniture & fixtures 1,000 00
Current expenses and taxes paid..... 647 83
Checks and other cash items..... 30 82
Due from national, state and private banks and bankers..... 4,368 18
Cash—Currency..... 188 00
Gold..... 1,000 00
Silver..... 174 45
Nickels and cents..... 7 34 1,391 70
Total.....\$22,719 11

LIABILITIES
Capital stock paid in.....\$ 4,000 00
Surplus fund..... 1,000 00
Undivided profits..... 1,518 81
Individual deposits subject to check.....\$10,098 10
Demand certificates of deposit..... 2,698 20
Time certificates of deposit..... 1,000 00 14,896 30
Total.....\$22,719 11

State of Nebraska, County of Holt, ss.
I, E. J. Mack, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is correct and a true copy of the report made to the State Banking Board.

Attest: Ed F. Gallagher, T. J. Birmingham, directors.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of June, 1903.
J. F. GALLAGHER, Notary Public.
(Seal)—Commission expires May 24, 1907.

No indebtedness of officers or stockholders to the bank.