

A Merry Christmas to All

This year we are better prepared than ever to look after the wants of everybody, for our assortment of

HOLIDAY GOODS

is complete in every detail. We have presents enough for all, and then some.

CHINA GOODS

This year we are making a specialty of fine China—the best that can be bought.

- Salad Bowls, Nut Bowls
- Cracker Jars
- Plates, Cups, Saucers
- Bon Bon Dishes

In fact a complete assortment of these goods at all kinds of prices, from 5c to \$10.

TOY DEPARTMENT

No Christmas is complete without remembering the little folks. We have been very generous in this respect, as a few minutes spent in our Toy Department will convince you.

DOLLS, 1c up

Just the thing for the little girls. Then we have Doll Carriages, Go-carts, Toy Trains, Wagons, Clowns, Beds, Dishes, Trunks, and the new and latest toys on the market.

JEWELRY

Watches, rings, cuff buttons, charms, stick pins, chains, broaches, bracelets, etc.; these are the best goods the market affords, and we are going to sell them cheaper than you can buy them at wholesale in Chicago. Come in and get your choice while they last, for they must go.

We have a complete assortment of Albums—all kinds, all prices; Dressing Cases, Manicure Sets, Military Sets, Infant Sets, Fancy Ink Wells, Books of all kinds from Fairy Tales up to the latest Fiction on the market; Collar and Cuff Boxes, Work Boxes, Shaving Sets, Gentlemen's Smoking Sets, and everything that goes to make up a first-class line of Holiday Goods.

Come in and look around before you buy; it will cost you nothing to look.

GILLIGAN & STOUT

The Druggists

THIEVES ARE OPERATING

Several Depredations Reported During the Past Week.

LODGES MAKE ANNUAL ELECTIONS

Woodmen of the World and Ancient Order United Workmen Select Their Officers.

Petty thieving is becoming a little too prominent for the safety of the offenders. Tuesday night some large footed man who could easily be taaeked in the snow stripped about \$15 worth of clothing from Mrs. Cress' clothes line. They were mostly new garments that had reach the clothes line for the first time.

Many kinds of bold highway robberies are on record, but nothing just like what happened to Steve McNichols the other day had come to our notice before. While Steve's delivery wagon stood in front of a house as the driver was delivering some goods, some bold chap sneaked up and purloined a sack of flour from the wagon.

Frank Bain got hit hard the night before Thanksgiving. When he awoke that glad morning he discovered that some despicable cuss had rifled his turkey coop. The detached heads of thirty-two handsome turkeys lay strewn about the premises and not a

turkey left for his Thanksgiving dinner. It was a most disreputable piece of work and a heavy loss to Mr. Bain, and it is to be hoped the thieves will be apprehended.

Lodges Elect Officers.

At a meeting of Ash Camp No. 160, Woodmen of the World, the following officers were elected: George Shively, council commander; J. Maring, advisor lieutenant; C. C. Reka, clerk; F. C. Gatz, banker; M. F. Cronin, escort; Drs. Gilligan and Trueblood, physicians; J. A. Harmon, manager three years; R. Ashton, watchman.

The following were elected as officers of O'Neill Lodge No. 153, Ancient Order United Workmen, for the ensuing year: Frank Campbell Jr., master workman; P. J. Biglin, foreman; Wm. Fallon, overseer; J. V. Owens, financier; L. G. Gillespie, recorder, B. McGreevey, receiver; R. T. Williams, guide; P. F. Thompson, inside watchman; N. Brennan, outside watchman; A. Boyd, trustee three years; T. V. Golden, trustee to fill vacancy; Drs. Trueblood, Gilligan and Flynn, Medical Examiners.

Babe Smothered

Word comes from Atkinson of the death by smothering of the two months old babe of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Johnson of Butte. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson drove from Butte to Atkinson enroute to Kearney and their child was heavily wrapped up to protect it from the cold. When the parents unbundled the babe at Atkinson it was dead.

Come Quick.

If you want a bargain, I have for sale: One mare, one mare colt coming 4 years old, one mare colt coming 2 years old, not a blemish on either, good hardy stock; also a strong, 2-seated buggy, set of harness, and a sewing machine with all attachments, almost new. Will sell cheap to close out.

T. A. Pickering.

Notice to Royal Highlanders.

The fair ladies and clansmen of Dalkeith Castle No. 93 are requested to be present at our next regular meeting, December 8, 1903, there will be initiation of candidates, and election of officers, after which refreshments will be served. A good attendance is desired.—E. Kline, secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Maher departed Tuesday for Platte Center for a visit with Mr. Maher's mother.

BOYS ESCAPE FROM JAIL

Young Hagerty and Boardwell Make Get-Away on Eve of Trial.

HAGERTY IS TAKEN AGAIN

But Makes Another Break for Liberty on Sunday Night and is Nabbed up Once More.

Neil Hagerty and Elmer Boardwell, the boys arrested last week for shooting into a dwelling house in the eastern part of town and drawing a gun on Jerry Sullivan, made a break for liberty on last Thursday night, and one of them, Boardwell, is at this writing still at large. With the aid of a wrench evidently handed in by some friend on the outside, the boys effected an escape from the jail by removing bars from a window. The escape was made on the eve of their hearing in court.

Friday the Hagerty boy was retaken and given a hearing, but it is the Boardwell boy that was wanted the most, as he is said to be the one who did the shooting and gun pulling. He is supposed to be at the home of his parents near Bristow, Boyd county. The sheriff has been awaiting word from there before going over.

The boys will probably both be sent to the reform school. This is the decree in respect to Hagerty, and with this prospect staring him in the face young Hagerty made another bold attempt Sunday night to evade the administration of the law. He was suffering from the effects of a bad cold and out of compassion for his condition and in consideration of his years, Sheriff Hall took the boy to his home to doctor him up. He was around the house all day Sunday. By night he began to feel better. Sheriff Hall, his little son Bryan and the Hagerty boy were seated in a room at the sheriff's home in the evening when a member of the family opened an outside door in an adjoining room and a cat came into the house and into the room where Sheriff Hall and the boys were sitting. Hagerty picked up the cat, took it to the door and put it out, coming back and seating himself as before. Presently the cat began scratching for admittance and both boys went to the door and shortly the Hall boy returned alone to the room where his father was sitting. Sheriff

Hall asked: "Where is Neil?" "He has gone to the closet," was the response. The sheriff waited a few moments and then went out to find that young Hagerty had flown. A vigorous search was started and kept up all night for the wily juvenile, but not until sometime Monday was he found over in the Redbird country, some eighteen miles northeast, at the home of a farmer.

He will now occupy a cell of the county jail until further developments.

Local Matters

Jim Selah, the Ewing druggist, was up Saturday.

All firemen are requested to attend the meeting tonight.

Ryan & Milligan are building an addition to their hay barn.

Miss Julia Sullivan went to Fremont Monday to attend the normal.

Mrs. E. R. Adams departed Monday morning for Erie, Pa., on a visit to relatives.

Miss Grace Ryan of Neligh spent Thanksgiving in the city, the guest of Miss May Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. West of Rushville visited with Mrs. Cress and family last week.

WANTED—Position by trustworthy young man; competent for office or general store.—F. G. Morran, Box 59, O'Neill.

The person that was seen stealing clothes from the line of Mrs. Cress, please return and save further trouble.—Mrs. Cress.

Some improvements on the interior of Frank Brittell's meat market have been made this week, replacing the plaster with lumbered ceilings.

Bill Laviollette, Bob Marsh, J. H. Meredith and Tom Quilty formed a chicken hunting party Monday, returning late with one lone grouse.

Messrs. Walker and Green and the Misses Donohoe, all of Creighton, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Mullen on Thanksgiving.

Ira Lapham is erecting a commodious barn at the rear of the Dewey hotel, the long walks to his barnyards west of town becoming monotonous this winter weather.

Lynch Sun: M. T. Elliott moved into the rooms in the Catlin building Monday, lately vacated by Pete Carroll. It will be some time yet before they can move into their new home.

JUMPS FROM A TRAIN

Insane Act of Former Resident of This County.

GREAT NORTHERN BUILDS SIDING

For Accomodation of Hay Shippers Along the Route Between O'Neill and Page.

Edwin Just, an insane man who was being brought by his brother Monday morning to the asylum at Lincoln, jumped through a window of a Northwestern train near Wahoo in an effort to make his escape. Although the train was moving at the rate of forty miles an hour he was unhurt when picked up a few minutes afterward, except for a cut on the side of his face made by the glass of the window. The conductor gave the alarm as soon as the man jumped and the train was stopped and taken back about a quarter of a mile, where Just was found sitting on the roadbed with a smile on his face.

The above incident occurred near West Point instead of Wahoo. It occurred one day last week. The man mentioned was formerly a resident of Holt county, living northeast of O'Neill. His home now is in Boyd county.

Builds a Side Track.

The Great Northern has put in a side track some three or four miles east of town to accomodate hay shippers in the vicinity of Inman. Cars now can be run in on the siding and loaded with hay, making quite a saving in distance in hauling for the shippers. Agent West says during the month of October he billed out 110 cars of hay from here. There was not nearly so much shipped during November, however, owing to a decline in prices. During the past month there has been about thirty cars of hay sent out over the Great Northern.

Perhaps not in the history of Holt county has there been the improvements in roads and bridges as has taken place the past summer. At each session of the county board the past year official action has been taken for the establishment of anywhere from one to half a dozen roads and the construction of many bridges. The increased population of the county has made these changes and additions in roads and bridges necessary.

Weingartner Restaurant

The name is the same and the location the same, but a change in the management. I have bought the George Weingartner restaurant and invite the public to a continuation of their patronage. Meals and lunches at all hours, day or night. Dining accomodations for either ladies or gentlemen. Oysters in any style served on short notice.

PHILLIP WEINGARTNER

James Liddy.

Died in O'Neill, on November 17, James Liddy, age 18 years and 2 months, after a long sickness of diabetes. His death was a sudden one to his friends and relations; he leaves a mother and father, two brothers and five sisters to mourn their loss.

A CARD OF THANKS.

We give our thanks to our kind friends and neighbors who assisted in the sickness and death of our beloved son.

Mr. and Mrs. John Liddy.

The Thanksgiving ball Thursday evening was largely attended and was one of the most pleasant social affairs of the season. The next event of this nature billed now is a New Years ball.

New Lunch Counter

I am now prepared to serve the public with lunches and meals at all hours. Oysters as desired, steak, or any thing you want served quickly.

Candy, fruit, nuts, cigars, etc. Special attention given to the holiday trade in these lines.

Grant Hatfield

TOYS

FOR Boys & Girls

For the holiday season I will have a complete line of well assorted toys for boys and girls, and will make prices that can't be beat anywhere.

Christmas Candies, Nuts and Fruits.

MRS. CRESS