

FARM HOUSE IS BURNED

Peter Clausen Meets With Loss From Mysterious Fire.

COUNTY AND COUNTRY PROSPER

The Independent's Attention Called to Some Facts by a Reader of The Frontier.

Peter Clausen, living 10 miles northwest of O'Neill, met with a heavy loss by fire on last Thursday evening, when his house and all of its contents went up in smoke.

The origin of the fire is a mystery to Mr. Clausen. The family were in the house at the time, Mrs. Clausen cooking supper and Mr Clausen being seated in another room reading. At the complaint of his wife that the stove was smoking Mr. Clausen went to the kitchen where she was cooking supper to investigate when he discovered smoke coming up through the floor from the cellar. The door to the cellar was outside and he rushed out and opened the door at once and was nearly suffocated with a cloud of smoke rolling out. There was no show to save the place as the fire had too much of a start, when discovered.

How the fire got started in the cellar they could not tell. It soon had the building, a comfortable farm house, burned to the ground. The loss was partly covered by insurance.

We understand Mr. Clausen has begun the erection of another house on his place.

Evidence of Prosperity.

Your local cotemporary is much agitated because of the lack of prosperity. If he will ride ten miles north of O'Neill, taking the road running directly north from the cemetery and return by the road one mile west, he will find that new barns have been erected upon a majority of the farms he will pass in this twenty-one mile ride. The permanent, substantial improvements upon the farms in Holt county during the last six months, undoubtedly exceed the improvements made during the four years prior to the McKinley administration. This is one of the best tests of prosperity and proves that we are passing through a period of unusual financial progress. It may be that the mortgages placed upon farms in this county are as great as seven years ago, but it is because now farmers have no difficulty in securing money upon Holt county land, while eight years ago it's value was so problematical and financial conditions so uncertain that a new loan could not be secured and if a loan became due, it must be paid or the security forfeited.

Another occasion of complaint with the independent is that the cotton mills of New England have reduced the wages of their employees. Cander should lead him to explain that during the last few years, cotton manufacturing has grown up in the South, where the cotton is raised, and as there wages have always been much lower than in New England, and the expense of living much less, it is doubtful if all the New England cotton factories, will not have to run upon a lower scale of wages or be converted into other lines of business. The recent progress of the South in manufacturing involves a readjustment in New England, in no way related to national finance or political parties.

Court Dates.

Judge Harrington furnishes us a card with the following arrangement for court in the Fifteenth district for 1904:

Sioux—March 21, July 21; September 26, July 26.

Box Butte—April 18, July 19; October 10, July 11.

Dawes—April 11, July 12; November 28, July 29.

Sheridan—March 28, July 29; November 14, July 15.

Holt—March 21, July 22; November 14, July 15.

Boyd—April 4, July 5; September 19, July 20.

Rock—March 14, July 14; October 3, July 3.

Brown—April 18, July 18; October 17, July 17.

Cherry—May 16, July 17; December 6, July 6.

Keya Paha—May 9, July 9; September 12, July 12.

Half Rates to Portland, Oregon, and Return.

Via the North-Western Line. Excursion tickets will be sold Jan. 6 to 9, inclusive, with very favorable return limits, on account of convention of National Live Stock Association. Apply to Agents Chicago & North-Western R'y.

Attorney Dickson went to Niobrara Monday on legal business.

Invent'y Sale

20 to 50 Per Cent Off



on the various lines I handle. A large selection in the following lines: Ladies tailor suits, cloaks, skirts and mackintoshes, misses' cloaks, suits, skirts and mackintoshes; night robes for men, women and children; men's clothing and overcoats, boys' suits and overcoats, 25 fur coats odd pants, all lines of underwear, gloves mittens, caps, sheepskin lined duck coats, blanket lined coats, trunks and valises; entire stock of rubber shoes, complete with all sizes; large stock of men's, boys', women's and children's shoes must be sold; outing cloths, calicos, dress goods, fascinators, Shetland floss, Germantown yarns, table linens, napkins, towels and toweling, all dress gloves and mittens, flannel lined shirt waists, bed spreads, lace curtains, tapestry, portiers, table covers, pillow shams, commode scarfs and all of our house furnishings; all ladies' and children's furs at one-half off; dressing saques.



This sale will close on January 25th

as I expect to close my inventory on that date. The above discounts demand cash as I need the money at once

O'Neill P. J. McMANUS Nebr.

NATIONAL BANKS

old Their Annual Meetings and Elect Officers and Directors. Little Changes.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the O'Neill National bank on Tuesday the following directors were elected: M. Dowling, H. P. Dowling, T. H. Fowler, T. B. Purcell and J. F. O'Donnell. At the meeting \$5,000 was carried to the surplus fund, \$1,500 to undivided profits. The close of the year found the bank in excellent condition and everything satisfactory to the stockholders, a most encouraging growth in business being the record since the institution was established some three years ago. No change is reported in the banks management. M. and H. P. Dowling of North Bend were present at the meeting.

The First National bank held its annual election of officers on Tuesday, re-electing the old officers and directors. The First National is one of the solid financial institutions of the state and is always well manned to care for its large business.

Game Law is Valid.

A Lincoln telegram says: "The game laws of Nebraska are valid and game wardens may confiscate the guns of illicit hunters. In the appeal of D. B. McMahon of Boone county the supreme court takes this view of the matter. In company with W. E. Harvey and P. E. McKillip, McMahon was arrested on charge of having more than the legal number of prairie chickens in his possession. Arms of the party were confiscated and an appeal was taken by the defendants, attacking the validity of the law. The court affirms the decision of the lower court and sustains the whole act."

The Best He Ever Husked.

A late issue of the Orange Judd Farmer, the leading agricultural publication of America, contained this flattering item:

"A gentleman who has owned farms in Michigan and Kansas and for 37 years lived in Illinois and Iowa, said the corn he had husked this year in Holt county was the best he had ever husked in his life."

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses have been issued by the county judge:

Frank J. Schmeisser of Ewing and Cora M. Edwards of Burt county, Nebraska.

John Dlugosh and Mary Kuetel, both of Stuart.

Daniel Kearney and Bertha Anderson, both of Inman.

M. T. Sanders and J. L. Fisher, both of Ewing; had business in town Saturday.

LOCAL MATTERS.

Dr. Mullen was up from Creighton over Sunday.

O. W. Baker visited relatives at Elgin last week.

E. E. Adams of Chambers was in the city yesterday.

County attorney Mullen had business at Ewing Tuesday.

Tom Campbell and Dr. Douglas of Atkinson were in the city Sunday.

Supervisor Grimes had bridge business in the Inman country Monday.

I have a car of fresh buckwheat flour that I am selling at cost.—S. F. McNichols. 20-1f

John Donlin, sr., departed yesterday over the Northwestern for a visit at Pittsburg, Pa.

A broken pipe in the water main at the Laviollette corner is being replaced with new pipes.

Mr. and Mrs. James F. O'Donnell are the parents of a young daughter, born Sunday night.

Miss Susie Gillespie went to Omaha Monday for a visit with her sister, Mrs. H. O. Jackson.

Earl Corbett, son of Dr. Corbett, is in the city, at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Coykendall.

Miss Nellie Skirving went to Stuart Monday evening, having accepted a position with the Krotter company.

A. W. Scattergood of Alnsworth and A. M. Morrisey of Valentine were two legal lights in O'Neill Sunday.

William Morrow, Charles Foltz, W. L. Klocke and P. J. Handley were a party from Spencer in town Saturday.

John Hubby was in from the Blackbird country Wednesday and called, renewing his subscription to January 1, 1905.

Frank Moore, of Atkinson, was in the city Wednesday and made this office a short call, renewing his subscription to the "old reliable."

I have started a bakery and can furnish you with bread, pies and cakes, home made; call and see me, three doors north of P. O.—G. C. Hatfield. 28-1f

Spencer Advocate: G. A. Steele and wife were over from O'Neill Monday. Mr. Steele is working up a scheme of a township map for Boyd county.

Henry Howard of Page, one of the retiring members of the board of supervisors, has been appointed by the board as janitor at the courthouse to succeed E. Kline.

Agent West of the Great Northern says a new grain freight schedule to Minneapolis goes into effect over his line on the 15th. Wheat has been lowered from 24 cents to 22 cents, oats, barley and corn from 20 cents to 19 cents. He also says he secured a reduction of 60 cents on the ton on the

hay rate to Duluth, which took effect January 5.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Garrigan of Sioux City will deliver a lecture in St. Patrick's church Sunday evening, January 17. Subject: "Ideals in Education." Admission free.

The state university at Lincoln announces it will conduct classes for the benefit of farmers, giving instruction in judging corn and life stock, from January 22 to February 1.

A minstrel show hasn't been in town for a long time, but a colored company presenting this brand of amusement is billed for Friday night of this week at the opera-house.

The Alabama Ministerals the 15th at the opera-house have one of the finest concert bands that ever toured this state. They will be heard in a free street concert at O'Neill on Friday, January 15.

Clerk of the Court Harmon has been instructed by the presiding judge to notify the twenty jurors to be present in court the morning of the 20th. Court convenes the 19th and it was understood that the jury would be called that day.

Taken up at my place one half mile north and two miles west of O'Neill on or about Dec 28, one red cow with white spots on forehead; white spots on each flank. Owner can have same by proving property and paying expense. 29-2 G. F. Cole.

The bald heads should take note of this item: A learned Egyptologist has just found a remedy for baldness inscribed in an Egyptian papyrus. It was used by the mother of King Chata, the second sovereign of the first dynasty, 4000 B. C. Here is the recipe: A mixture of dogs' paws, dates and asses' hoofs, ground up and cooked in oil. The head is to be rubbed vigorously with the preparation.

The republican state central committee has been called to meet next Wednesday at 2 o'clock p. m., in the committee rooms at Lincoln, for the purpose of arranging for the state convention, or conventions, if it should appear desirable that two should be held. There still is a great deal of discussion of this matter and the committee will settle it only after giving the question careful study.

M. F. Harrington has begun suit in county court against Michael P. Jordan and the Northwestern railroad company for \$500, fees alleged to be due. Jordan was injured on the railroad and employed Mr. Harrington to prosecute his case against the railroad company. Settlement was made out of court between Jordan and the railroad company, the former it is alleged, claiming that he was paid \$1,500, and the latter saying they paid him \$2,100. Mr. Harrington brings suit against both parties for his fees.

THE MARKETS

Heavy Receipts at South Omaha and Chicago Cause a Slump in Cattle Prices.

South Omaha, Jan.—Special market letter from Nye & Buchanan Co., live stock commission merchants.—Heavy receipts here and unusually heavy in Chicago broke the market Monday 15 cents to 25 cents. Tuesday the run was heavy again but prices held about steady. Wednesday with a moderate run there was a little reaction for the better which shows a healthy condition of the market.

We quote good corn-fed, \$4.60 to \$5.20; fair short-fed, \$4 to \$4.50; choice feeders, \$5.50 to \$3.75; yearling steers, choice, \$3.60 to \$3.75; others, \$3.40 to \$3.60. Common cows, \$2.50 to \$3.25; good fat cows and heifers, \$3.50 to \$3.75; choice, \$4; stock heifers, \$2.60 to \$2.75; canners, \$1.50 to \$2.50; milkers and springers, \$20 to \$35. Steer stock calves, \$3.75 to \$4.10 heifers, \$1.00 less; veal, \$4.50 to \$5.50; bulls \$2.65 to \$3.75.

Sheep market strong. Killers: Lambs, \$5.25 to \$5.85; yearlings, \$4.50 to \$5.00; wethers, \$4.40 to \$4.60; ewes, \$3.25 to \$4.00. Practically on feeders in the market.

Hog market stronger again. Range \$4.45 to \$4.80.

Minor Mention.

Dr. Corbett will be in his dental office and gallery from the 23d to 30th of each month. 17-1f

The Frontier understands that John Carton has sold his farm north of O'Neill and expects to take up his residence in town.

Mike Keefe was a pleasant caller Thursday last, renewing for The Frontier. Mr. Keefe had been down from Atkinson attending the supervisor session and just completes four years valuable service to the county as a member of the board. He retires from that body and is succeeded by Henry Reuting.

Sheriff Hall was at Lincoln Monday as one of the pall bearers at the funeral of Col. Vifquain, whose remains were buried that day amid funeral and military pomp. Col. Vifquain was one of the leading military men of Nebraska and held in high esteem all over the state. After the retirement of Mr. Bryan from the command of the Third Nebraska regiment during the Spanish-American war, Col. Vifquain took command. It was this regiment with which Charlie Hall's company was connected.

Back Number Wanted.

The publisher wants one copy of The Frontier of the issue of May 3, 1900. It is needed to complete our file of that year and is wanted very much.

TALK EXTENTION AGAIN

Committee of Sioux Cityans Confer With Mr. Hill.

RAILROAD STORY FROM ST. PAUL

Rumors Revived of Great Northern Extending O'Neill Line to Connect With Burlington.

St. Paul Dispatch: That the Great Northern intends to strengthen its position in Nebraska by adding new connection with the Burlington at certain points, and also getting an outlet to Denver, is evident from many indications.

The latest indications is a conference held today between a committee of citizens from Sioux City and President Hill, General Manager F. E. Ward and General Freight Agent Fred Rogers of Willmar & Sioux Falls. The Sioux City committee consisted of G. D. Perkins, C. A. Knapp, John Hornick, Matt Flinn and O. J. Moore. The committee met Mr. Hill and Ward at the Great Northern building. None of the members would give any information for publication.

It is understood that the proposed extension of the O'Neill line, from O'Neill southwesterly to a connection with the Burlington at Brewster, Neb., is under contemplation. Louis W. Hill, assistant to the president, and Mr. Ward, general manager, recently drove over this district.

The Dispatch, from another source, gleaned the following respecting the visit of the Sioux City men:

"They have come at the wish of James J. Hill. They do not know exactly why Hill wants to see them, but know that it is in connection with plans for development of the Great Northern in their section. The Great Northern lease of the Union Terminal property expires March 1. This is the only possible terminal at Sioux City, and it has been expected Mr. Hill would attempt to buy the property, being held at about two million. In connection with the expected Burlington connection from Ashland, Neb., to Sioux City and possible extension of the O'Neill short line, owned by the Great Northern, to Burlington and Missouri or Denver connection, it would be of great advantage to the Great Northern to own these terminals, and may have something with building the connection."

Advertised Letters.

The following letters remain uncalled for in the O'Neill postoffice for the week ending January 9, 1904:

Frank Day, Henry Burt, Alfred Smith, (2) Theodore Traver, Rev. T. J. Hanaran, Howard Johnson, S. L. Tetley, J. J. Griffin, Frank Fleming, Mrs. Lydia Haener, Amos J. Lane, G. A. Hall, Mat F. Kirren, Michael Nemor, Willie C. Nelson, Mrs. L. J. Speer, Mrs. Nellie Smith, Chas Cole, S. D. Woods, Geo Manning, M. J. Moran, T. J. Desckell.

POSTAL CARDS.

John B. Tetus, Miss Catherine Coughlin, Elmer Smith, W. O. Nelson, (4).

In calling for the above please say "advertised." If not called for in two weeks will be sent to dead letter office. D. H. Cronin, Postmaster.

Important Notice.

Office of County Treasurer, O'Neill, Nebraska, December 30, 1903.—To Whom It May Concern: All delinquent personal taxes for 1903 and all prior years must be collected by distress after the 1st day of February, 1904. Under the provisions of the new revenue law, I have no discretion. Distress warrants must issue unless poverty affidavits are filed. Please look over your receipts and see that all your personal taxes for 1903 and all prior years have been paid. If in doubt write the office. Prompt payment will save costs. 27-4 D. J. Cronin, County Treasurer.

Grass Land to Lease.

I have in fee simple, unencumbered, the following described lands in Holt county to lease for grass the present year:—

	Sec.	Town	Range	Acres
NW 1/4	16	30	16	160
SW 1/4 SW 1/4	36	31	10	40
SE 1/4 NW 1/4	14	27	10	80
SW 1/4	12	27	10	160
SW 1/4	34	28	10	160
NW 1/4	36	28	12	160

I will be pleased to correspond with any one desiring such leases.

F. M. Bookwalter, Springfield, Ohio. 29-2

Excursion Tickets to Fremont, Neb.

Via the North-Western Line, will be sold on January 18, 19 and 20, limited to return until January 22, inclusive, on account of Nebraska Volunteer Firemen's Association Annual Convention. Apply to Agents Chicago & North-Western railway.