

## Merry Christmas to All

Again we greet our friends and patrons at this glad season with an unusually choice assortment of Holiday Goods. Special attention is called to the pretty things we show in china and cut glass. Nothing nicer in salad bowls, nut bowls, cracker jars, plates and cups and saucers can be found anywhere. We have a complete assortment of these goods, ranging in prices from 5c to \$10.

Albums, dressing cases, manicure, military and infant sets, fancy ink-wells, books of all kinds, collar and cuff boxes, shaving and smoking sets and everything that goes to make a complete assortment of holiday goods



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

**DOLLS AND DOLL CARRIAGES, GO-CARTS, TOY TRAINS, WAGONS, CLOWNS, BEDS AND DISHES, TRUNKS, COMMODES, AUTOMOBILES AND FIRE ENGINES, DRUMS, HORNS, AND EVERYTHING TO PLEASE THE CHILDREN.**

❁ Come in and look around before buying; it will cost you nothing ❁

## GILLIGAN and STOUT

“THE DRUGGISTS”

### PINES WERE DEFEATED

Greatest Games of Football Ever Seen Here.

SCORE—O'NEILL 15; LONG PINE 5

Warm Game But Cold Weather and Many Hair Raising Incidents to Heat the Spectators.

The greatest foot-ball game ever witnessed in western Nebraska took place at the new fair grounds on Thanksgiving day when the sturdy gridiron athletes from Long Pine met O'Neill's stalwart eleven. On a field swept with icy boreal blasts and tempered to steely hardness by the frigid breath of winter those twenty two grim gladiators waged stubborn warfare; matched brawn against sinews and speed against swiftness. In a game marked by skillful tackling, nerve thrilling end runs, and awe inspiring mass plays the home team demonstrated its superiority over the visitors and won by a score of 15 to 5.

The weather was far from agreeable but despite its harsh inclemency; despite the somber, threatening aspect of the sky; despite wind and snow and cold, the beauty and gallantry of O'Neill crowded the grandstand and marched up and down the sidelines cheering their favorites on to victory. Promptly at 3:30 p. m. the shrill notes of the whistle sounded through the frosty air.

Long Pine kicked off to O'Neill, the pork-rhined oval described a graceful parabola and the game was on. Then followed an exhibition of straight football that is seldom surpassed.

The O'Neill boys smashed through Long Pine's line, gaining ground at every play while the boys from the tall timber receded with stubborn reluctance before the terrible onslaughts or the natives of the metropolis of Holt county.

Steadily down the field the struggling players moved while the rooters on the sidelines yelled themselves hoarse. First Grosvenor, then Melvin, then Troummehauser, then Coyne dashed through the swaying Pines towards the goal line. The five yard line was reached, then Grosvenor broke through the phalanx of the five

and scored a touchdown. At this point a member of the "Alfalfa Club" became excited and so far forgot the ethical principles upon which the order is founded as to make a wager of two to one that O'Neill would win the game.

Both teams lined up for another kickoff. This time the natives of the center of culture and refinement—the Athens of western Nebraska—kicked off to the denizens of the forests of evergreens with long excurrent trunks, and the game was on again. Long Pine tried a series of line bucks without success. Then Mahonie the fleet-footed was called and tucking the pig skin fondly under his sinister fin he skirted O'Neill's left flank and sped northward towards the goal. Sullivan, Coyne and Melvin started across field to head him off and the spectators held their breath in an agony of suspense. O'Neill's goal line was 60 yards away when they started. Melvin was distanced at the 50 yard line and the race was left to three. On they sped straining every muscle while the distance grew less and less. On they sped, past the 40 yard line, 30 yard line, past the 20 yard line, and Sullivan dropped out of the race. "He'll get away!" shouted a voice from the crowd. "No! Coyne will head him off," cried another in response. They were at the ten yard line and Coyne was but a few feet from the flying Irishman. A hush spread over the multitude and the players stood stock still in mute expectancy. The excitement grew intense. The harsh winds had ceased to rage and the lull that followed added to the suspense while the lurid sun guarded by two fiery sentinels gleamed forth through a rifted cloud, lighting up the striped field with an unnatural hue and marking the flying figures in bold relief against the dun cloud-heaps in the eastern sky. Coyne gathered his reserve forces for a desperate leap and Mahonie drew a deep breath for the final spurt. Coyne was eager to sustain the reputation of O'Neill, while Mahonie trembled lest the medal which his great grandsire had won at the Donybrook races in the days of Brian Boen should be tarnished by defeat. They reached the five yard line and Coyne lunged forward with arms outstretched but the wily Hibernian stepped aside, evaded the clutches of his pursuer and crossed the goal line.

Then again the excited member of the "Tame Hay" club spoke up offering to lag a wager of two to one that Long Pine could not score again. The half closed with a score of 5 to 5.

In the last half it was only a question of how many touchdowns O'Neill could make in 15 minutes, for "Muggins" and "Montana Jack" tore great gaps in the opponents line for Troummehauser, Coyne and Grosvenor to push through. After five minutes play Coyne rolled over the goal line hugging the spheroid and lashing his flukes like a stranded whale. The ball was kicked off again and mass plays were repeated till within five yards of Long Pine's goal, when Grosvenor hurdled the lines and scored the final touchdown for O'Neill.

It is difficult to say who played the best on either side. Sullivan, Trommerhauser, Melvin, Grosvenor and Coyne were the best ground gainers for O'Neill, while Mahonie, Scofield, Moody and Sullivan, the ward healer from Anaconda, Mont., starred for the village in the woods.

The players and spectators were unanimous in pronouncing the game the cleanest they ever witnessed, and the O'Neill team feel that it has vanquished a worthy opponent.

The line up was as follows:  
Long Pine  
Kernan.....center.....Duffy  
Dingman.....right guard.....O'Donnell  
Scofield.....right tackle.....Dwyer  
Moody-Thurber.....right end.....Sullivan  
Fitzpatrick.....left guard.....Hagenseik  
Ryan-White.....left tackle.....Coyne  
Mayhood.....left end.....Bain-Biglin  
R. Keith.....quarter back.....Horiskey  
Mahonie.....left half.....Melvin  
Desilva.....right half.....Trommerhauser  
Sullivan.....full back.....Grosvenor  
H. Keith.....referee.....Kline  
Strelou.....time keeper.....Campbell

### Pettijohn and Towle Removed.

The following is the sequel to a story published a few days ago connecting the officials of the Valentine land office with alleged land frauds. A. L. Towle was formerly an official of the O'Neill land office.

Washington, Dec. 5. — President Roosevelt has removed from office James C. Pettijohn, register of the land office at Valentine, Neb., for participating in alleged land frauds in that state, and has demanded the immediate resignation of Receiver Albert L. Towle.

### A LIGHTING PROPOSITION

J. P. Connolly Files His Bill of Particulars.

WANTS A 25-YEAR FRANCHISE

Also Warranty Deed of Property In Which to Install a Plant and City to Take Street Lights.

The proposition of J. P. Connolly, of Omaha, for an electric light plant at O'Neill, was presented to the city council on Monday evening, but no action was taken. The council felt that they wanted to take no hasty action, but would give all the citizens a chance to express their views on the proposition. For this reason the matter was deferred until the January meeting that Mr. Connolly's proposition might be set before the public in the meantime. The Frontier publishes the proposition, and the council would like to have the citizens express themselves freely to them on the subject or come out to the meeting in January, when the matter will again be taken up.

Mr. Connolly proposes as follows:  
First. That if I, the under signed, will erect and equip, an up-to-date and first-class electric light and power plant, sufficient for your city, that in consideration of the same, the Mayor and City Council, shall grant me or my assigns the right to use the streets and alleys of your said city for the purpose of erecting pole line or lines for the purpose of transmitting light, heat or power over the same.

Second. That the Mayor and the City Council enter into contract with me or my assigns for a period of twenty-five years, beginning January first, 1906, and ending December thirty-first, 1930, that the said City of O'Neill, Nebraska, shall use not less than eight arc lights for street lighting purposes, and it is agreed that the said city will pay me or my assigns the sum of \$8 per month for each of said eight arc lights so used.

Third. That in consideration of my installing said electric light and power plant, that the City of O'Neill through its proper officers, execute to me, a warranty deed, free of encum-

brance, for the property formerly used as an electric light plant, said deed to be placed in escrow until such time as me or my assigns, shall have installed the said electric light and power plant, said deed to be delivered to me within ten days after the first lighting of the said eight arc lights.

Fourth. The price to be charged for commercial or house lighting purposes will be fifteen cents per one thousand watts, for ten thousand watts or less a ten per cents discount will be allowed, if paid on or before tenth day of the following month, and for 10,001 watts or over, a discount of fifteen per cent will be allowed, if paid on or before the 10th of the following month.

Fifth. It is understood and agreed between both parties, that all of said arc lights used by the said City of O'Neill, shall be known as a mid-night service, and the power shall be closed off at 12:30 a. m. of each day.

Sixth. It is also understood and agreed by both parties, that the City of O'Neill will pay or cause to be paid to me, on or before the tenth day of each month, the sum of \$8 for each arc light so used by said City of O'Neill for street lighting purposes during the life of said contract, and it is further agreed by both parties that for any and all other additional arc lights to be used for said City of O'Neill for street lighting purposes during the life of this contract, the same shall be paid me or my assigns by said City of O'Neill at the rate of eight dollars per month.

James P. Connolly.

### NEW RAILROAD.

Talk of Line From Chambers Northwest into Keya Paha County.

Eastern Keya Paha and Rock counties and southern Holt are excited over the prospects for a new railroad. It is supposed to be an independent company building to the northwest. It will run in a northwesterly direction, say the reports, from Chambers, in this county, crossing the Northwestern at Newport, thence to Carns and Springview.

A corps of surveyors is reported in the field between Newport and Carns, and many regard the road as a certainty.

Loans on farm and city property.—E. H. Benedict.

### NEW RIVER HAS FORMED

Strange Appearance of a Stream That is Working Southeast.

FED BY SUBTERRANEAN FLOW

Rivaling In Extent the Large Rivers of the State, With Cool, Fresh and Clear Waters.

Valentine, Dec. 4.—A wonderful geological event has recently taken place in the sand hills of Nebraska; a great new river of clear water, rivaling the Niobrara, the Elkhorn and the Platte rivers, has suddenly sprung into existence, and is even now working its way southeastward to the Missouri river. Already the new river is more than 150 miles long, and its waters are slowly going forward to an outlet to the gulf. In some places New River, as it is called, is half a mile wide, while in others it is only a few rods; its depth varies from a few feet to 50 feet.

The water by which the stream is fed is supposed to come from the great underground flow of water from the Rocky mountains eastward to the Missouri. The phenomenon has attracted a great deal of attention from scientific men in the state and the University of Nebraska is preparing to make a thorough and exhaustive search into the reason which led the underground stream to burst forth.

New River takes its rise in the eastern part of Cherry county and flows toward the southeast, passing through Brown, Rock, Holt and portions of Wheeler and Antelope counties. At present it has reached a point in north western Boone county and is slowly creeping eastward toward the Missouri river.

Very little rain fell in the sand hills except during the spring, and the cattle which roam over the hills must be driven far to water unless there happens to be an artesian well nearby. It is the great cattle range of Nebraska. So, when James Wilson, one of the great cattle kings of Cherry county, made the discovery last summer that the spring rains had almost filled a deep depression in the range, where his cattle roamed, he saw prospects of

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