

DISMISS MCGREEVY CASES

Judge Westover Takes Hand In Long Delayed Criminal Cases.

MULLEN SAYS ITS THE FINISH

Depositors Go Begging While Bank Wrecker Goes Free.—Defense Negotiated Settlement.

In the discharge of Bernard McGreevy, by Judge Westover of the district court, last Saturday, the depositors of the defunct Elkhorn Valley bank once more see their hopes of retribution for the loss of their money go glimmering.

McGreevy was president of the defunct Elkhorn Valley bank which closed its doors on November 24, 1904. A few days previous to the closing of the bank McGreevy fled to Arizona where he assumed the name of J. A. Bryan and remained in hiding until apprehended, arrested and brought back from Phoenix, Arizona, by Sheriff Hall in December, 1904. Complaints were filed against McGreevy at different times by the following depositors: Peter Kelley, J. A. Cowperwaite, James Coyle, H. A. Polk, Margaret Bissey and Mary Golden, all charging McGreevy with receiving deposits in an insolvent bank. Patrick Hughes also filed a complaint charging him with making a false statement to the state banking board.

Last February Judge Westover granted a change of venue to McGreevy in all the depositor cases, on the ground that public sentiment in Holt county was such that McGreevy could not get a fair trial here and setting the cases for trial at Basset. On the 14th of this month Judge Harrington granted McGreevy a change of venue on the complaint filed by Mr. Hughes and this case was also set down for trial at Basset on the 16th inst. McGreevy was taken to Basset by the Sheriff on Saturday evening the 14th and returned to O'Neill Sunday morning the 22nd in company with his attorney, M. F. Harrington, two or three admiring friends and County Attorney Mullen, he having been made a free man by the dismissal of all the cases.

And thus another chapter has been added to the farcial fiasco of the pretended prosecution of one of the most accomplished wreckers that ever graced a bank counter.

The incidents of the tragical-farce, carefully staged and pulled off at Basset, as related to us by three of the prosecuting witnesses and depositors, who were in attendance, are as follows:

The jury was empaneled and one witness called for the state on the complaint filed by Mr. Polk. The court then took a recess on request of M. F. Harrington, attorney for McGreevy. It was then Harrington got busy and renewed his overtures for a settlement with some of the depositors present. He made a number of propositions to settle with them, all on a basis of a small per cent of the claim in cash, some Clipper mining stock and his personal guarantee of the balance to be paid within one year. While the settlement negotiations were being pressed by Harrington the court again convened and at the request of Harrington Judge Westover granted another recess of one hour and negotiations looking toward a settlement were continued. The three depositors present would not accept Harrington's terms and at the expiration of the hour adjournment court again convened, and quite to the amazement of the prosecuting witnesses and others present, the court announced that it had come to his knowledge that the prosecuting witnesses had been talking settlement with the defense and was thereby trying to make the criminal court a collecting agency, and by reason of the settlement negotiations had weakened the prosecution to such an extent that a conviction could not be had at the hands of the jury. Judge Westover then and there dismissed all the cases filed against McGreevy, notwithstanding that in three of the cases the complaining witnesses were not in Basset and had taken no part in any scheme concocted by Harrington for a settlement of the cases.

It had always been understood since the first complaint was filed that the defense was trying to effect a settlement and it was generally known in Basset that the defendant was trying to effect a settlement with the depositors present. The court, because three of the depositors were sought after by the defense during the pendency of the eight cases to make settlement, dismissed all the cases and permitted the prince of bank wreckers to go free. Attorneys say that the fact of a jury having been drawn and a witness called the defendant's liberty was placed in jeopardy

and the dismal of the cases makes as complete an acquittal of McGreevy so far as the case on trial is concerned as if the twelve jurymen had brought in a verdict of not guilty. County Attorney Mullen has made the statement since returning from Basset that he will not prosecute or permit the filing of any more cases against McGreevy. If this plan is adhered to, coupled with Judge Westover's acquittal, it makes him as free and immune from prosecution as a new born babe.

We are surprised at the termination of these cases. We did not believe and it is yet difficult for the outraged depositors and citizens of the county to realize that McGreevy would be accorded his liberty without a trial. It was known that the defense was trying to effect a settlement with some of the depositors and it was the duty of the prosecuting attorney to call the trial courts attention to this fact and resist the request of the defense for a recess. As to the reluctant, listless, supine manner in which County Attorney Mullen has acted in the prosecution of these cases we are not at all surprised. Since the arrest of McGreevy nearly eighteen months ago The Frontier has charged that he did not want to see McGreevy prosecuted or sent to the penitentiary. The recent fiasco only confirms our charges and predictions. If Mullen's association with McGreevy is so delicate and close that he can not consistently prosecute him, he should at least have the decency and regard for his oath of office to either resign or step aside and permit someone else to prosecute.

The county attorney's statement that no more cases will be instituted against McGreevy may be the means of defeated justice and keeping Barney safe for a time, but we mistake the sentiment of some of the depositors and law-abiding citizens of this county if he does not yet get his just deserts, even if they have to wait till Holt county has a prosecuting attorney who will do his duty.

Not only was McGreevy a party to robbing 130 unfortunate depositors, many of whom were poor old men and women who had their life's savings in the institution, and two or three of whom it is thought will soon become public charges on this community, but plundered the school fund and it is claimed destroyed some of the district records to cover up his knavery. Not only all this, but more. In the trial of the Whittemore bank examiner case it was shown by both Mullen and Harrington that there were notes in the defunct bank amounting to \$20,000 or \$30,000 that were forgeries. The president of the institution that did that kind of work is the man who now Mr. Mullen says he will not further prosecute!

Citizens of O'Neill, taxpayers of Holt county, what do you think of it?

School Banquet.

On Tuesday evening, the Junior class of the O'Neill high school, gave a magnificent banquet in honor of the Seniors at Golden's hall. The room was beautifully decorated in the Seniors colors cardinal and cream, and the color scheme was further carried out in the table decorations which consisted of red and white carnations. During the luncheon between the courses, many appropriate toasts were given by instructors Juniors and Seniors which added much to the merriment of the evening.

The fellowship between the two classes is remarkable and the Seniors dread the time when they must part from such loyal schoolmates as the Juniors. The school spirit was aroused early in the year, and has been steadily increasing and such demonstrations of it add much to the value of school life by breaking the monotony of school studies.

The banquet was thoroughly enjoyed by all present and the remembrance of it will ever live in the minds of all, especially those of the Seniors.

Many Wolves Have Been Killed.

Holt county hunters have killed off many of the pesky coyotes thus far this year. The state bounty of \$1.25 on each wolf makes it a more or less attractive business from a pecuniary point of view.

Since January 1 last 156 wolf pelts have been shown at the office of the county clerk and certificates issued by the clerk for the bounty.

At \$1.25 each this makes \$195 paid to hunters of this county in four months for killing wolves.

Notice.

I have for sale six registered 2-year-old Short Horn bulls, weighing from 900 to 1400. Price from \$60 to \$100. Must be sold.—John Miskimins. 41-1f

Mystic flour for sale by all Grocers. 44-2

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I want 20 head of horses to pasture. W. F. Gielish. 43-tf

Wanted—Girl for house work.—Mrs. Gilligan. 43-tf

C Downey for Insurance. Farm and stock a specialty. 38-tf

The Frontier has a stock of good typewriting paper.

16th to 30th of each month are Dr. Corbett's O'Neill dates. 44-tf

William Dickerson of Atkinson was an O'Neill visitor yesterday.

Frank Leahy and Hugh McKenna went to Bonesteel Saturday last.

For sale—A gasoline range, as good as new. Jerry McCarthy. 44-tf

F. J. Hale, a merchant of Atkinson, had business in O'Neill on Monday.

Miss Rose O'Fallon is visiting friends in Sioux City, Ia., this week.

A package of flower seeds free to each customer at the Racket Store. 41-f

R. H. Mills has added the improvements of a new fence to his premises.

Miss Marie Churchill went to Ashland, Neb., this week to visit friends.

Ed F. Gallagher departed yesterday on a business trip to Emerson and Omaha.

J. M. Thomas left this morning for Monmouth, Ill., on business. He will return Tuesday.

Miss Zink has been at Stuart and vicinity several days this week looking after school matters.

Fred Addison was a Page visitor on Monday, making the journey there and back on a bicycle.

Next Sunday evening the Rev. T. W. Bowen will preach on "Leaving Matters in God's Hands."

2000 packages of flower seeds to be given away at the Racket Store, one package to each customer. 41-tf

J. M. Champ and family departed yesterday for South Dakota, where they will make their home.

John Winslow, a brother of Mrs. E. S. Eves, is here from Missouri on a visit to his sister and family.

Rev. Mead asks us to announce that Dr. Caldwell will fill the appointment at Eden Valley Sunday at 3 p. m.

Wanted—About 50 head of cattle to pasture. Living 4 miles east and 1 mile south of O'Neill. John Bredt.

G. W. Smith has had the appearance of his residence improved by freshly painting the same and putting on new roofs.

For Sale—A church organ in good condition, can also be used as a school or cottage organ. Inquire at G. W. Smith's Temple of Music. 35-tf

For Rent.—The Carlon farm adjoining O'Neill, Neb., running water good pasture and meadow, etc. Write Thomas Carlon, Court House, Denver, Colo.

"Home Missions Among Foreigners in America," is the subject for Endeavor, at the Presbyterian church next Sunday evening at seven o'clock. Lila Jones and Pearl Roberts, Leaders.

The Frontier is in receipt of a business letter from Emil Zimmerman who is aboard the "Rhode Island" at the Charleston navy yard at Boston. Emil says he expects to visit O'Neill in June.

The church and convent property of the Catholic congregation is being spanned and laid out with cement sidewalks, making substantial and commendable improvements in that part of town.

Mike Flannigan of Minneapolis, one of the early settlers here, was in town the fore part of the week. Mike, though for many years a resident of Minneapolis, still retains interests in this county and visits here frequently.

As is usual, many were in from the country Monday to do business at the banks and court-house, but found those places closed. Monday was Arbor Day a holiday in Nebraska.

County officials and bankers always observe the holidays.

Bloomfield Monitor: Misses Phoebe Mullen and Mamie Morrow, the former a niece of Dr. Mullen, arrived in the city Monday and visited at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Mullen until Thursday, when they returned to their home at O'Neill.

The Presbyterian Sunday-school elected officers for the ensuing year: David B. Grosvenor, superintendent; Mr. Woodruff, assistant superintendent; Ruth Meredith, secretary; C. L. Pettijohn, treasurer; Edna Moler, organist. Sunday-school at 12 p. m.

Rev. Mead, pastor of the Methodist church, has been honored by being selected to represent the north Nebraska conference at the commencement exercises at Garret Biblical Institute at Chicago, which will be held next week. Rev. Mead tells us he will attend.

Rev. Dr. Caldwell has been engaged by the people of the Cain school-house neighborhood, two miles east of town, to preach for them each Sunday afternoon at two o'clock. Dr. Caldwell is a minister of more than average ability and the people out there may expect to hear something worth going to each Sunday.

The O'Neill band, which has just recently been reorganized, has fitted up a practice room and general headquarters just west of the Golden furniture and hardware store, where they meet to toot the horns and beat the drums. The boys should receive any encouragement the public can give.

John Carr was up from Stafford Monday. He has just returned from Council Bluffs, where he had been in Mercy Hospital for about a month recovering from an operation. The operation was performed by Dr. B. McDermott, of the hospital staff and was successful. Mr. Carr speaks very highly of the treatment accorded him by the hospital management and their attendants.

At a regular meeting of the O'Neill fire department held Tuesday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: R. J. Marsh, president; P. J. Biglin, vice-president; C. C. Reka, treasurer; James Davidson, chief; foreman of hose cart No. 1, S. Simmons; foreman of hose cart No. 2, John Mechale; foreman of chemical engine, Frank Howard; foreman of hook and ladder, C. C. Reka.

License to wed was issued the 18th to Louis Strache and Sarah N. Paine both of Stuart. They were married at Stuart the 19th. Selmon Tissue of Springfield and Teresa K. Stanley of Norden took out license on the 21st and were married by Father Cassidy. William H. Hartland and Martha A. Mellor of Steele Creek and Casper Pribel of O'Neill and Anna O'Donnell of Stafford have also taken out license.

Thomas Griffin of O'Neill and Miss Bridget Glynn of New Haven, Conn., were united in marriage Wednesday morning by Rev. Cassidy, pastor of St. Patrick's church. The groom is an industrious young man of exemplary habits who lately came into this community. The bride is a stranger here, but nevertheless is welcomed into the community. Mr. Griffin erected a new house on a farm two miles north of town this spring where they will make their home.

Following is the program for the next meeting of the Tuesday Club, which will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Evans Tuesday, May 1. Piano solo, Winona Younklin; biography of Tennyson, Mrs. J. J. Harrington; criticism of "In Memoriam," Mrs. Adams; "Guinevere," Mrs. Smith; vocal selection, Mrs. Flynn; "Crossing the Bar," Mrs. A. F. Mullen; story of "Enoch Arden" Mrs. Dr. Gilligan; the lyric "Blow Bugle, Blow," Mamie Morrow; roll call to current events.

A six weeks session of kindergarten and summer school work will open June 4. Children from three to seven

years of age according to their maturity will be received in the kindergarten. The kindergarten session will be from 9 to 11 A. M. Children from the primary room to the fourth grade work will be received in the afternoon session. Each child will pay a fee of \$3 on entering either departments. All parents desiring to send children must register them with me before May 30 in order that materials may be ordered. Laura Fields.

B. A. Powell, postmaster at Minneola, was a Frontier visitor Monday. Mr. Powell informs us that a local telephone company has been organized in his neighborhood to construct a line which they hope ultimately to connect with all the nearby towns. Officers have been chosen as follows: H. R. Henry, president; E. D. Henry, vice-president; B. A. Powell, treasurer; J. M. Hunter, George Tomilson and Frank Oberly, trustees. Subscribers enough have been secured to establish the line and something over \$300 has been paid over to the treasurer, or enough to purchase the poles, which will soon be secured and work on line commenced. Mr. Powell says it has not yet been definitely determined with what town connections will be made first, but that they have inducements from both Page and Lynch.

Superintendent's Notes.

There were forty-five applicants who wrote on one or more subjects at the examination in Holt County last Friday and Saturday. This makes a total of ninety, who have written in this county under the new law. Of the twenty-three who have completed the examination, twelve have been granted Certificates.

Summer school will open at Wayne, June 18th and last eight weeks. Certificates showing the purchase of tickets from June 18th to June 25th will entitle the holders to one-third fare for return up to August 14th. These should be secured of the agent at the time the tickets are purchased. The certificates are good provided one hundred are filed. These rates apply to Nebraska, South Dakota, and Western Iowa. We will print rates to other schools in next week's paper.

First registration for summer school at Peru is Tuesday, May 28th, second registration Wednesday, June 5th. This summer school will last ten weeks.

Valentine Junior Summer Normal opens June 11th and holds until August 17th.

The wheat and potato contests are closed but seed corn may be obtained until May 20th. With regard to this contest the Nebraska Farmer of April 19th gives the following: The Nebraska State Board of Agriculture has appropriated \$150 to be distributed as follows: To the boy under 18 years of age growing the largest yield of corn on one acre of ground, \$50. To the boy growing the second largest yield, \$40. To the boy growing the third largest yield, \$30. To the boy growing the fourth largest yield, \$20. To the boy growing the fifth largest yield, \$10. The following specifications and requirements to govern in this contest: The entire labor of preparing the ground, planting, cultivating and harvesting of this acre of corn to be performed by the contestant, who has entered the contest by recording his name in the office of W. R. Mellor, secretary of the state board of agriculture, not later than May 20th, 1906, said acre to be measured, husked and weighed in the presence of three disinterested freeholders, residents of the county in which the said acre of corn is located, said committee to forward their affidavits as to their weights and requirements of specifications in this acre of corn under their inspection to the secretary of the state board of agriculture not later than November 1, 1906. The contestant to file also with the secretary a full detailed account of his method of performing the work, fertilizers used, if any, and the character of the soil on which the crop was grown. A sample of ten ears must be exhibited by the prize winners at the office of the secretary, Lincoln.

In order to give us more time to look over the papers, the date of the eighth grade examination has been changed from May 17th and 18th, to May 10th and 11th.

Florence Zink, Co. Supt.

Ready to Build a Bridge.

Spencer Advocate: It will be noticed in the supervisors proceedings that the Boyd county board carried a motion to notify the Holt county board that Boyd county was ready to build its half of a bridge across the Niobrara at what is known as Parshall's crossing. Upon this motion Reed, Peterson, Kenaston and Severs voted yes. Lynn, Couch and Long voted no. This bridge will no doubt be a benefit to Boyd county although not located in the best place.

HELEN E. HOWE SUICIDES

Takes Carbolic Acid Because She Feared Being Returned to Asylum.

ADJUDGED INSANE LAST AUGUST

Came to O'Neill and Stopped at Hotel Where Deadly Dose Was Taken. County Buried Remains.

Mrs. Helen E. Howe committed suicide at the Dewey hotel in this city Friday last by drinking a quantity of carbolic acid. She died almost immediately after drinking the deadly poison.

The woman was the wife of C. H. Howe, living in McClure township, this county. In August of last year she was sent to the asylum at Lincoln at the instance of or on complaint of her husband. She was about sixty-three years of age and came to the county something over a year ago and was married to Mr. Howe.

It is not known when she was released from the asylum, but it seems that she had been at Ponca, this state, for a time, coming to O'Neill on Wednesday of last week. She put up at the Dewey hotel, acting strangely previously to taking the fatal dose. She manifested a fear of being taken back to the asylum. One of the hotel girls discovered the woman and the empty bottle just after she had swallowed the poison and asked what she had done. The woman indicated that she had taken the poison, saying that "they were not going to take her back to the asylum." She expired soon after.

Coroner Flynn was called and found her dead. He empaneled a jury and an inquest was held, a verdict of suicide being returned.

The remains were taken in charge by Undertaker Biglin, who located relatives of the woman, beside her husband, at Ponca. From advice from these and also the woman's husband, the remains were buried on Saturday at the expense of the county.

\$100 FROM CITY TREASURY.

Aid for the Homeless at San Francisco Promptly Sent from O'Neill.

Last Friday a telegram was received for Mayor Doyle from Governor Mickey asking that the town make what ever contribution it could for the fund and supplies being raised by the state for the people of San Francisco who had been left homeless foodless and shelterless by the appalling disaster which befell that section of California last Wednesday, when practically the whole city of San Francisco was destroyed by earthquake and flames and many other cities and towns in the neighborhood suffered nearly as much loss, thousands of people being killed.

Mayor Doyle was not at home at the time and Col. Neil Brennan was delivered the governor's message, he being president of the council and therefore acting mayor in the mayor's absence.

Col. Brennan consulted each of the councilmen and several of the business men. It was the mind of all that whatever was done must be done at once. City Treasurer James Gallagher was instructed to send Governor Mickey \$100 of the city's funds by telegraph and within two hours after the governor's message was received there was \$100 in his credit in the First National bank of Lincoln from O'Neill. Governor Mickey has acknowledged receipt of the same in the following letter:

State of Nebraska, Executive Office, Lincoln, April 20, 1906.—Col. Neil Brennan Acting Mayor, O'Neill, Nebraska. My dear Sir: Your telegram just received and I note that you have wired the First National bank of Lincoln one hundred dollars to my credit for the use of the San Francisco sufferers. This money will be transmitted through safe and proper channels and will be used to the very best advantage. I wish to thank you on behalf of the people of San Francisco for this noble contribution. Yours very truly, John H. Mickey, Governor.

Fireman Killed.

Newport Republican: Freight train No. 116, due here going east at noon, was wrecked near Merriman between one and two o'clock last Monday morning, killed the fireman and injuring the engineer. The accident was caused by a washout into which the engine plunged, followed by nine freight cars. The dying man lived about five minutes after being taken from the wreckage and shaking hands with his friends, bad them goodbye.

Mystic flour not the cheapest but the best. 44-2