

ADMINISTRATION BEGINS

Mayor Gallagher and Other Officials Are Installed.

ONE CHANGE IN APPOINTMENTS

Five Saloon Licenses and Two Druggists' Permits Granted.—Occupation Tax Same As Last Year.

The new city administration took charge of affairs on Tuesday, when the mayor and council met in the council chamber and organized. The first business of the meeting was the approving of the bonds of those elected to office at the last election. Each one elected qualified and their bonds were approved. Col. Neil Brennan was then again chosen president of the council. Mayor Gallagher then named the following committees:

Judiciary and finance—Cowperthwaite, Biglin and Fallon.

Streets and alleys—Brennan, Zimmerman and Hanley.

Waterworks—Biglin, Brennan and Fallon.

Fire department—Hanley, Cowperthwaite and Zimmerman.

The appointive officers were named by the mayor as follows: Marshal, street and water commissioner, Benet Martin; nightwatch, John Kane; weighmaster, William Gordon; poundmaster, J. L. Palmer. Each of these appointments were confirmed. A motion was passed fixing the salary of the marshal, street and water commissioner at \$60 per month, including a horse and wagon. The motion also carried with it a provision to allow this officer no extra help, only of course at such time as it might be absolutely necessary.

The matter of a city health officer was then brought up by the mayor, who spoke upon the necessity of having the numerous unsightly and unsanitary heaps of manure and rubbish about town disposed of and inaugurating a general clean-up. For the position of health officer the mayor said he had in mind a man who would see that this work was done and he appointed Dr. J. P. Gilligan for such health officer. This appointment was also confirmed by the council.

The matter of issuing saloon licenses and druggists permits was then taken up. A motion prevailed fixing the license the same as last year, \$500 occupation tax and \$500 state tax. The petitions and bonds of the two drug stores and five saloons being found regular the licenses and permits were granted.

All matters that required immediate official action being quickly disposed of the council adjourned after a short session to meet again at the call of the mayor.

Five Couples Wedded.

Cupid has been active the past few days among the young folks whose "minds lightly turn to thoughts of love." Three couples have went to the altar and two more are ready to pledge their affections and unite their interests.

Asa J. Fouts and Geneva Perrin, both of Chambers obtained license at the county Judges office and were married at Chambers Saturday last, Rev. Griffith of the Methodist church there officiating.

John E. Buckmaster of Brodie and Miss Mary L. Gill of Stuart were married at the Merchants hotel on Monday, Rev. T. W. Bowen of the Presbyterian church officiating.

Thomas F. Donohoe and Miss Elizabeth McNichols, two well known and highly esteemed young people of this community, were joined in the bonds of wedlock at the Catholic church on Tuesday morning of this week.

Edward Dale Zink and Miss Blanche Gallagher, both of Stuart, and Mrs. Vill Green and Louis Burr Howard, both of Exeter, Neb., were granted license yesterday.

Railroad Building in Canada.

Railroad building is so active in Canada that the local steel mills are unable to supply the demand for rails, and large orders are accordingly being turned to the United States. But the present Canadian duty on steel rails is high enough to make importations expensive, and so the Grand Trunk Pacific company has petitioned the government to remit the duty on the ground that it was imposed purely as a protective measure and the local mills cannot meet the demand.

Has Sailed 2,000,000 Miles.

Captain Alexander Simpson, an English master mariner, recently completed his seventy-first voyage from London to Australia and back, having been in that trade for over forty years. Altogether he has covered 2,000,000 miles without serious mishaps.

LOCAL MATTERS.

Dave Moler was at Stuart Tuesday. Mystic flour guaranteed to be the best. 44-2

Mystic flour for sale by all Grocers. 44-2

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

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

Wanted—Girl for house work.—Mrs. Gilligan. 43-1f

The Frontier has typewriter paper in stock.

R. R. Dickson was in Omaha a few days this week.

C Downey for Insurance. Farm and stock a specialty. 38-1f

The Frontier has a stock of good typewriting paper.

Tie up your stock, clean your yards and fix your sidewalks.

16th to 30th of each month are Dr. Corbett's O'Neill dates. 44-1f

For sale—A gasoline range, as good as new. Jerry McCarthy. 44-1f

J. R. Thomas of Disney arrived home Sunday from a trip to Illinois.

A package of flower seeds free to each customer at the Racket Store. 41-1f

W. E. McRobert entertained his old soldier friends at a birthday dinner yesterday.

A. L. Cowperthwaite went to Omaha Sunday with two cars of fat cattle for market.

The Great Northern depot has been made to shine with a fresh coat of paint.

Dress making work done at rooms over racket store.—Misses Jennie and Theresia Ulrich. 45-1pd

William Lockard is having a new cement walk laid in front of his jewelry store on Douglas street.

The Frontier has on hand a nice line of commencement programs. Call and see them and get prices.

For sale: A team of 8 year old horses, for \$80, Clyde F. Polley, Caldwell ranch, 4 miles north of O'Neill.

Father Dolan came up from Omaha Tuesday night and spent Wednesday greeting his many friends in this city.

Lyman Waterman was down from Newport Tuesday, that afternoon selling his office furniture at auction.

Mrs. Grant arrived in the city Tuesday evening from LaCross, Wis., where she has been for several months.

Health Officer Gilligan says that all rubbish in the back yards and alleys must be cleaned up. Get busy and clean up your yards.

Bishop Scannel, of Omaha, was in O'Neill Wednesday and confirmed a class of 219 at the Catholic church Wednesday morning.

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. 35-1f

Mrs. L. C. Chapman and little daughter started for Minneapolis Sunday, Mrs. Chapman being called there by the illness of her mother.

"God's Salvation" is the Rev. T. W. Bowen's subject for next Sunday evening; music, "Crossing the Bar"—Piccolomini.

Miss Kay, who taught in the O'Neill schools the past year, has been elected to the position of superintendent of the Atkinson schools for next year.

Wanted—To rent a house. To sell, lots of the best flour in state cheap. Chop 90c a sack. I buy anything from a cowhide up.—Con Keys. 45-1pd

Births have been reported this week as follows: F. E. and Bridget Swanson, a son; George and Elizabeth Conrad, a son; Oscar and Elizabeth Lind, a daughter.

The new Methodist Episcopal church at Inman will be dedicated May 20, at 11 o'clock a. m. Dr. Thomas Bithell will have charge of the service. All former and neighboring pastors, and every one, invited to come and worship with us.—B. H. Murten, Pastor.

An exchange says: A cloth duster in a mixture of alcohol and sweet oil will make an ideal dusting cloth. It will not only take up every bit of dust, but will leave the furniture bright and clean. In using a dry cloth, or a feather brush as a duster, the particles of dust fly about the room and soon settle again, so the room does not show that it has been dusted.

James Sullivan tells us that he has received a card from his two sons, Dan and Jack, since their arrival at Athens, Greece, to attend the Olympian games. Both of the boys went from Montana, Dan as a representative of that state to enter the various athletic contests and has his expenses paid, while Jack pays his own expenses. Mr. Sullivan says the boys will stop here on their return some time in June.

M. DOWLING, President JAS. F. O'DONNELL, Cashier

CAPITAL & SURPLUS \$55,000.00

O'NEILL NAT'L BANK

5 Per Cent Paid on Time Certificates of Deposit

This Bank carries no indebtedness of Officers or Stockholders

A BOLD, BAD HOLD-UP

Stranger Told Tale of Blood-Freezing Experience.

DECEYED TO A LONELY SPOT

County Attorney Asked to Chase Down the Desperate Desperadoes and Recover Money.

A stranger who claimed to be from one of the counties down east of here reported to the county attorney last Thursday evening that he had been held up and robbed. He wanted the purloiners of his purse arrested for their bold deed, but could not establish definitely enough how much had been stolen or whether he was unlawfully short in any amount to satisfy the county attorney that there was a case for him to prosecute. The man first claimed that \$35 had been taken from him, but investigation developed that he was short but \$5 from the amount he had received on a draft at a local bank in the morning. He said he came to this community for the purpose of buying land and had run across two fellows in town who claimed to be "land agents" and that they induced him to go with them to a place south of the Northwestern railroad track and southeast of town, which is generally supposed to be the Carlon farm. Here, the man claimed, the robbery took place. According to his story the two bold, bad highwaymen secured his purse in regulation holdup style and that the purse contained some \$135 or \$140.

While this amount of money was a great temptation to the desperate desperadoes, the thought of prison bars perhaps deterred them from their purpose as he says they backed down after getting the bulky roll of currency and gave it back to him. However, the stranger claimed to be at least \$5 short at last and the county attorney thinks if there was a hold up at all he did not lose more than that amount.

The story appeared a little remarkable to the guardian of the peace and dignity of this section of Nebraska, and this, together with the further circumstantial evidence of a heavily liquored breath escaping from the respiratory organs of the complaining witness caused the county attorney to state to a representative of The Frontier that "there was nothing to it."

District Court Items.

In district court on Monday Mary J. Sage was granted a divorce from William H. Sage, the cost of the suit, \$13.20, being taxed to the plaintiff. The defendant did not file an answer or appear in court.

Flora A. Tuller and Nelson Tuller have commenced suit against the Galena Lumber company of Atkinson. This is for the purpose of having the lumber company remove a coal shed and fence which the plaintiffs complain of as obstructing an alley leading to the Tuller livery barn.

Lizzie Gatz vs. Sam Thompson and Eber Leek came up for trial Tuesday. This was a suit to settle a dispute over the possession of the Gatz meat market. Thompson and Leek allege to have a lease which entitles them to the possession of the same for one year. The plaintiff alleges that the defendants are insolvent; that they had kept the meat market locked and had not paid the rent, and that therefore the lease terminated. The case has been continued until Saturday.

On Thursday, May 30, 10 o'clock, a. m., Coburn Post No. 251, Grand Army of the Republic, and Woman's Relief corps No. 142, will observe Memorial Day at the Marquette chapel at Leonia. A general invitation is extended to Sunday-schools, soldiers not members of the Post and their families are especially invited to attend. Judge C. J. Malone will deliver the address. Music by Fullers Quartette. R. E. Bowden, com., T. Simonson, adjt.

MAKE A BIG REDUCTION

Officials of School District Have Cut Down Indebtedness.

SPLENDID RECORD IN 17 MONTHS

Financial Affairs of District in Good Shape and the Indebtedness About Whipped Out.

That there has been a cleaning up of old indebtedness against the O'Neill school district and general retrenchment within the past 17 months is evident from figures given us by the school treasurer, Dr. J. P. Gilligan.

At the time of the general eruption in local financial affairs in the fall and early winter of 1904, after the closing up of the Elkhorn Valley bank and the departure of former school Treasurer McGreevy, it was found the school district was badly in debt. Dr. Gilligan was appointed to fill the vacancy in the treasurer's office and on December 20 of that year it was found that there were warrants outstanding against the district to the amount, with estimated interest, of \$22,183.33.

This indebtedness has been reduced during Treasurer Gilligan's incumbency to a very flattering degree. On May 2 of this year the total outstanding warrants against the district, with estimated interest, was \$8,684.75. It is expected that this amount will be largely reduced by the time of the annual school meeting on June 25th. There is no bonded indebtedness against the district.

Since the retirement of some of the frenzied financiers of this community and the application of business methods and honesty to the administration of affairs conditions are becoming more satisfactory to the tax payers.

Notice To Stock Owners.

Owners of live stock will take notice that the provisions of Ordinance No. 15A of the city ordinances will be enforced. This ordinance makes "it a misdemeanor to permit any live stock to run at large within the corporate limits of the said city of O'Neill, Neb., or to picket out any animal or animals in said city in such a manner as to enable the same to go upon any street, alley or public highway." This ordinance imposes a fine of \$1 to \$5 and costs of prosecution and empowers the marshal and pound master to take up any stock so running at large or picketed so as to go upon any street and provides that the owners shall pay such officers \$1 per head for such stock so impounded.

Notice is further given that the provisions of Ordinance No. 28A prohibiting the discharge of firearms in the corporate limits of the city will also be enforced.

The marshal and pound master have been instructed to act in accordance with this notice after the publication of the same. Ed F. Gallagher, Mayor.

I don't like the strenuous life, observes the Kansas editor. I hate to get into contests where it is pull and haul against my neighbor to hold my own. I know that all men who have made a success in life—or at least most of them—have had hard fights. A man doesn't amount to much unless he has someone fighting him. The fellow who can be pushed this way and that way never amounts to much, either in business or politics. When I look around town I notice that the big guns are the ones who have always been in the thick of some fray. But they have been wise enough to fight only what was about right. The man who fights for anything and everything, whether right or wrong, is as big a fool as the man who will never fight for his rights. The world loves a righteous fighter. But all the same I don't like the fighting life. I hate to lose friends and if you fight that is bound to come.

The Frontier for job work.

MINOR MENTION.

For sale or rent, a good six-room house.—R. J. Marsh. 45-10

Alex Searl of Atkinson had business in district court here Monday.

J. T. Walker of Page was an O'Neill visitor Monday.

Joseph Winkler of near Atkinson had business in town Monday. Mr. Winkler was a pleasant caller at this office, renewing for The Frontier.

The California exhibit cars on the Northwestern tracks yesterday and today have drawn a good many people thither to see the display, which is very fine.

The Ladies of the W. C. T. U. will hold a mother's meeting on Wednesday May 9th, at 3 o'clock p. m. at the home of Mrs. Selah. All ladies cordially invited to attend.

"Among the Wheat or Tares; Where Am I?" is the Senior Endeavor subject next Sunday evening at the Presbyterian church. Time 7 o'clock. Ida Schwinck, Leader.

The Frontier learns that Lee W. Henry, formerly editor of the Atkinson Plain-Dealer, is here from California on a visit to his father and other relatives, who live in the Minneola country.

Mr. J. C. Hayes, of Park City, Utah, arrived in O'Neill Tuesday evening to spend a few weeks with her mother, Mrs. J. J. McNichols, who has been quite sick the past month, but is now much improved.

Lew Chapman's friends were wondering what had become of the umbrella he used to always carry. Lew explains that he no longer needs it since adopting the white hat and tan shoes. Lew thinks color has much to do with shedding the heat.

Last week O. O. Snyder sold his team of greys to Mr. Welsh of Dorsey, for \$390. This is the highest price paid for a team of horses in O'Neill for many a day and impresses upon the minds of horse breeders that it pays to raise good horses.

Clara Murphy, the 13 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel D. Murphy, residing about six miles northeast of O'Neill, died at the residence of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Dwyer, in this city last night, after an illness of less than a week of acute Brights disease.

The announcement of the marriage of Mr. Oscar Wilcox to Miss Louella E. Mundell of Ada, Mich., has been received by a friend of the groom in O'Neill. They were married at South Bend, Ind., on April 26th. The groom is an O'Neill boy, the Wilcoxes being among the early comers to this community. They removed from here some years ago to Michigan. Oscar is a fine young man and has many friends here who congratulate him on securing a helpmate.

The Elkhorn river got dangerously near the high water mark during the recent prolonged and heavy rains. The bridge just south of town was not endangered but some of those farther east were rendered unsafe. Travel has become dangerous over in the South Fork country, we are told. Where roads are graded approaching bridges, with deep ditches on each side, the ditches, grade and all are flooded with water, making it dangerous to attempt to follow the grade.

A special from Spencer to the Norfolk News contains this matrimonial item: Arthur Parker, eldest son of Sanford Parker, and Miss Martha Somerfield were married last Tuesday at the Catholic parsonage, Rev. Father Kroupa performed the ceremony. Those from out of town who were here to attend the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Cam Tinsley of Norfolk, Clarence Parker of Fremont, Maud Hoeger of Norfolk, Mrs. Soni Storm of Butte, Mrs. Wm. McClintock of Verdel, and Mrs. W. F. Louis of Herrick, S. D. The wedding dinner was prepared by Mrs. Sanford Parker, who is an expert in the culinary art. This estimable young couple start life together under favorable circumstances.

Dell Baker, for several years the efficient clerk of the government land office here, is preparing to remove to Bismarck, N. D., where he takes a position in a land office there similar to the one he leaves here. Mr. Baker has given entire satisfaction during his connection with the land office here and the officials regret to lose him, as well as the citizens of the town dislike to see himself and family move away. It seems to be the intention of the department of the interior to have the office conducted here without the assistance of a clerk, but the officials of the office have made a showing to the department whereby they hope to retain a clerk. The office at Bismarck, where Mr. Baker goes, requires several clerks and the work of the office is more extensive and permanent than the one here.

WITHDRAW BIG REWARD

Supervisors Pull Down \$1,000 Offered for Hagerty.

NO PROSECUTION, WAS FEARED

Action of Board Comes As Result of Dismissal of the Cases Against McGreevy.

The county board has withdrawn the reward for the arrest of Patrick Hagerty. This action was taken as the result of the dismissal of the cases against McGreevy in the district court of Rock county on April 21. The sleuths may now call off their dogs and the former cashier of the defunct Elkhorn Valley bank can retire to his nightly repose without the fear of a mercenary minion of the law disturbing the same or circulate in daylight unmindful of detectives or sheriffs.

There was a reward of \$1,000 offered by the county for the apprehension of Hagerty. Last Saturday at a session of the board of supervisors the reward was called off and the funds turned back into the treasury of the county. This was not done because the board does not believe in prosecuting those against whom criminal charges are preferred, but because they take the position that the county can not afford to spend that much money and run the risk of having prosecution against Hagerty terminate like the McGreevy cases. The board also felt that some friend of the former bank cashier might take advantage of the present state of affairs and have Hagerty returned for the purpose of claiming the reward.

Inasmuch as there is reason to believe that there are persons here acquainted with the whereabouts of Hagerty this is not an unlikely conclusion. It will be remembered that his signature was secured at one time since his departure from O'Neill for the transfer of property. With the example of the former bank president's escape from prosecution before them the county board feared it might act as an incentive to some one more interested in making money than criminal prosecution to bring Hagerty back and then claim the reward.

But what looks strange to many people is the probability of the officials of this defunct bank escaping prosecution in the face of the forgeries disclosed at the trials pulled off in the court-house in O'Neill within the past few months in which the affairs of the bank were somewhat aired and by which many believed there were clear cases against the officials.

And in this connection the comment is frequently observed that our community is keeping pace with the tendency elsewhere to exonerate the big thief while the lesser ones serve prison terms. Very recent local history records one young man serving a term in the penitentiary for forging a check for a small amount on which he did not obtain a penny. In the two trials in district court here in which Elkhorn Valley bank affairs figured, it was shown by competent testimony that \$30,000 in notes besides an official bond were forgeries. In the first instance, the young man was on the road to the penitentiary within a few days of the attempted transaction. In the latter instance the public is still waiting.

Superintendent's Notes.

Eighth grade examination will be held May 10th and 11th in the following districts: Dist. No. 7, O'Neill; No. 21, Atkinson; No. 44, Stuart; No. 29, Ewing; No. 2, Page; No. 115, Bliss; No. 137, Chambers; No. 50, Middlebranch; No. 22, Dustin; No. 115, Bliss; No. 20, Emmet; No. 150, No. 80, Agee; and No. 100, Dorsey.

It has been our plan to give the examination in those districts where eighth grade pupils have been reported or in districts near enough that they need not be deprived of the privilege of taking the examination.

Eighth grade pupils have the privilege of taking the examination at the nearest point regardless of what district they reside in.

The examination is for the purpose of letting pupils know how they rank in thoroughness in the common branches and determine whether or not they are ready to leave them and enter the high school.

It will give the parents and school boards an opportunity to determine whether the right kind of instruction is being given in these branches.

All papers except those from schools organized under the high school will be graded by the county superintendent. Florence Zink, Co. Supt.

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