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MARTIN FUNERAL LARGE

Community Pays Its Respects to Departed Pioneer.

ODD FELLOWS TAKE CHARGE

Long Procession Follows Remains to Final Resting Place.—Many From Other Towns.

The funeral of Bennett Martin was held on Sunday last at the Methodist church. The high esteem in which the deceased was held was evidenced by the great outpouring of the people of the community to pay the last tribute to the memory of one of our pioneers. The church was entirely inadequate to admit all and perhaps half of those who came remained without.

The funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Odd Fellows, members of which order were in attendance from adjacent towns and the country around. The procession from the house to the church and thence to the cemetery was the longest witnessed here in many years. It was formed at the house at two o'clock and moved forward in the following order: Mounted police, ladies of the Rebekah lodge, Odd Fellows, carriage with officiating clergyman, city officials, hearse accompanied by the pall bearers, relatives of deceased, and a long line of carriages and buggies following.

The services at the church opened with a hymn by the choir. The pastor, Rev. A. M. P. Abbott, read a portion of scripture and offered prayer. The sermon, preached from the text found in the Apostle Peter's first epistle to the "strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Capadocia, Asia and Bithynia," the twenty-fourth verse of the first chapter, "For all flesh is as grass and all the glory of man as the flower of grass," was prefaced by a brief biography and a few personal allusions to the life and character of the deceased, with whom, he explained, he had become acquainted only recently. In quoting one who had known the deceased many years his character was aptly described as a "diamond in the rough." With something of the rough exterior, Bennett had a warm heart and a deeply sympathetic nature and was always ready to alleviate distress or comfort those who mourned.

Mr. Martin was fifty-nine years of age. He was a native of New York state, but came to Nebraska in the early days, first to Cedar county, and then to Holt county in 1878, where he settled on a homestead in Paddock township. Some eighteen or twenty years ago he removed to O'Neill with his family and they have ever since resided here. For the past ten years Bennett had been the city marshal and superintendent of the waterworks, being reappointed year after year. The deceased is survived by his wife, four sons and three daughters, Merritt J. of Douglas, W. Frank of Burwell, Neb., Berl of Bonesteel, S. D., Walter of O'Neill, Mrs. Ope Chambers of Herick, S. D., Mable and Goldie of O'Neill. The children were all here to attend the funeral.

The deceased was a member of the Odd Fellows, Mason and Woodmen lodges, having \$2,000 insurance in the latter.

Advertised Letters.

The following letters remain uncalled for in the O'Neill postoffice for the week ending March 16, 1907:

Henry Roth, Patrick O'Fallon, Will Woolsey, Miss Lauretta Wilson, Miss Martha Jensen, Miss Angela Morse.

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.

BRIDGE TO REPLACE

May Pat Steel Expansion at Site of Historic Whiting Bridge.

Holt and Boyd counties are up against another bridge proposition. The historic Whiting bridge that had withstood the battering ice and pressure of floods for many years at last gave way under the tremendous flood of water and ice this spring. A picture of this bridge was printed by The Frontier on the anniversary of the recovery of Barret Scott's body just below the bridge.

No action has been taken by the Holt county board of supervisors as yet looking to replacing the bridge other than to call for an opinion from the county attorney as to whether an emergency exists, in which event a bridge may be built without going through the legal form of advertising for bids, which consumes considerable time.

The Boyd county board are expected over today to enter into conference with the board of Holt relative to replacing the bridge. It is the sense of the Holt county board that if any bridge is built it should be a steel expansion bridge. This would probably cost in the neighborhood of \$8,000.

Atkinson Oratorical Contest.

T. V. Golden and Ed Whelan went to Atkinson Friday evening to act as judges of the high school oratorical contest. Mr. Whelan, in speaking of the participants, says that it was quite difficult for the judges to arrive at a decision, there being several excellent declamations, and no two judges had selected the same candidate for first honor.

After considerable discussion they agreed upon Earl Stilson, for first; Ethel Sweet, second; and Henry Purdy, third. Edna Boluss, Miss Brook, Miss Jarvis and Roy Griffin were also honorably mentioned.

Mr. Stilson will represent his school at Norfolk in the district contest, while to those awarded the second and third places were presented with substantial prizes.

Fred Bazelman Arrested.

With reference to the disastrous fire at Bristow last week, a special from that town to the Norfolk News yesterday says:

Fred Bazelman, of the Bazelman Lumber company of this place, was arrested yesterday by the town board, charged with the setting of fire to his own and other buildings.

Bond was placed at \$6,000. Not being able to give bond, he accompanied the sheriff to Butte, Neb. Trial was set for April 4.

Mr. Bazelman sent over for Attorney Harrington to defend him. His friends here hope he will be able to prove his innocence of so serious a charge.

Take Notice.

The person who took the overcoat made of brown Russian calf at Mellor & Quilty's barn and left another coat in its place on Sunday, March 17, is hereby notified to return the same to the place whence it was taken and get their own coat instead. My coat is easily identified from the one left in its place. On the inside pocket is the maker's guarantee and is made from material quite different from the coat substituted. Ernest Stien.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our fraternal brothers and sisters and to the many dear and sincere friends, who by practical aid and sympathy sustained and comforted us in the saddest hour of our bereavement through the loss of our loved and loving husband and father.

Mrs. Augusta Martin and Family.
Have The Frontier print it for you.

LOCAL MATTERS.

For first-class printing see The Frontier.

A son was born Wednesday last to Mr. and Mrs. Saunto.

Latest things in visiting cards at this office.

Postmaster Woods of Ewing is in the city today.

Dan McClellan departed Tuesday for a trip to western Wyoming.

Miss Hudspeth of the Stuart Ledger was an O'Neill visitor Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kelley of Atkinson were Sunday visitors in the city.

Dr. Corbett, Dentist, in O'Neill 2nd, 3rd and 4th Mondays, 4 days each week.

Miss Margaret McCarthy was up from Randolph over Saturday and Sunday.

For Rent—A farm one and a half miles east of O'Neill. Enquire of A. F. Mullen. 39-1pd

Rev. Mr. Wells will conduct services in the Episcopal church next Sunday at 11 a. m.

Wanted—At once, competent girl for house work; good wages.—Mrs. H. P. Dowling. 39-tf

Wedding announcements and invitations furnished in the latest styles at this office.

George Henry of the Boyd County Register, published at Butte, was in the city Sunday.

D. C. Shull, an attorney of Sioux City, had business before the county court here Monday.

If you want good flour cheap, or grain, feed or hay, come to me next to postoffice.—Con Keys.

A hundred envelopes with your name and address printed on them for 50c at The Frontier.

I have 300 bushels of first-class seed or cooking potatoes for sale.—B. H. Johring, O'Neill, Neb. 39-4pd

Representative H. R. Henry was up from Lincoln to attend the funeral of Bennett Martin Sunday last.

The ladies working guild will meet with Mrs. Fred Clift Thursday, March 29, at 2 p. m. All are invited.

I have about 500 bushels of good clean seed oats for sale at 33 cents per bushel.—Peter McMonigle. 39-1pd.

John Walmer was up from the Gallagher-Birmingham ranch the first of the week and took out a load of lumber with him.

Frank Heenan, city marshal of Spencer, Neb., and Thomas Coleman, sheriff of Boyd county, were over from Boyd county last Sunday.

Salesmen wanted to look after interest in Holt and adjacent counties. Salary or commission. Address the Harvest Oil Co. Cleveland, Ohio. 39-1

Arch Henry moved up from Omaha this week and will return to farm life. His brother, E. D., was in from the Minneola country Tuesday to haul out his household goods.

R. E. Bowden was up from Norfolk last Saturday. R. E. retains his old time interests in politics judging from the fact that he is the republican candidate for engineer at Norfolk.

L. G. Gillespie went to Sheridan county Tuesday to be gone two or three weeks. Mrs. Gillespie and little daughter will visit with relatives at Coleridge during his absence.

J. D. Scott of Rushville, court reporter for Judge Westover, was in the city this week assisted his brother, C. B. Scott, in the voluminous amount of work piled up for the reporter in the Frey case.

The Rev. T. W. Bowen will preach his farewell sermon in the Presbyterian church next Sunday evening at 7:30 p. m. "The Responsibility of the Christian Ministry," will be the subject of his sermon.

"Things You Have Learned From Noble Men and Women Outside the Bible" is the Christian Endeavor subject for Sunday evening, Mar. 24, at 6:30.—Miss Pearl Roberts, Leader.

Edison records are the best and so near like the singer or band that one thinks he is listening to the singer or band and not to a machine. For proof call at Lockard's jewelry store and hear them. 34-tf

For Sale—A six year old Percheron Stallion, sired by a registered horse and a grade mare. Sound in every way and broke to work; weight 1600.—Ab. Wilcox, Ray, Neb. 39-4

Shortly before midnight Tuesday fire was discovered at the Spittler meat market. The alarm was given and the firemen responded. The fire was in the ice box and was quickly extinguished. The damage done was slight.

Sam Berge tells us of the sad death of his brother-in-law, Will Walmer, formerly of O'Neill, at Brownbrook, N. J., on March 12. He was laying shingles on the roof of a two story building from which he fell and was instantly killed.

Mr. Edwards, secretary to Judge Kinkaid, arrived in the city Monday.

The junior normal bill, which passed the senate several weeks ago, passed the house today.

Eber Leek is acting in the capacity of marshal and superintendent of water works at present.

O'Neill people paid the customary respects to St. Patrick's day last Sunday by a liberal adornment in green.

Boyd County Register: Miss Pearl Peeler of O'Neill, who is teaching in the Green district across the river in Holt county, was a Butte visitor Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Zink tells us about twenty teachers and others are planning to attend the teachers' meeting at Atkinson next Saturday from O'Neill. It is hoped arrangements will be made whereby those attending from here can go to Atkinson on the morning freight.

According to the Spencer Advocate, indications of oil have been found in Boyd county. The supposition that oil wells underlie the hills and dales of Boyd is based on the report that a parcel of ground about five acres in extent has sunk on the farm of one Littig near Gross and odors of oil fill the air therefrom.

I. R. Smith, who has been at Deadwood for several years past, returned to O'Neill last week and will again make his home on his farm south of town. I. R. says this community suits him better than anything he has seen since leaving here and is glad to get back among old friends.

O. O. Snyder is extending his compliments to friends and patrons in the shape of a neat little bill book so arranged with ribbons on each flap as to afford absolute security from bills losing out. It also makes an interesting puzzle studying out the mechanical principle upon which the ribbons operate.

M. B. Dailey of Swan, who was called to O'Neill on the regular jury panel, orders The Frontier sent to his address. Mr. Dailey is one of the Kinkaid homestead settlers that are developing that section of the county, he having come here from Iowa some three years ago. He is a pleasant gentleman to meet and is interested in keeping posted on the progress of the county.

The annual Easter sale and exchange by the ladies of the Presbyterian church will be held in the west room of the Golden Furniture Co., Saturday, Mar. 30, commencing at 10:30 a. m. Aprons from many different states will be for sale. Cakes, bread, pressed meats, salads, timbales cases and a good variety of cookery will be offered for sale. Come early and make your selections.

Sixty-two new members were taken into the Knights of Columbus lodge here last Sunday. The occasion was made a notable one. It brought together 225 K. C.'s, including candidates. They assembled at Golden's hall and marched to St. Patrick's church in a body to attend high mass at 10:30. In the afternoon the initiation took place in the court-house. In the evening an elaborate banquet was spread at the opera-house and an entertaining program of "responses" carried out. The order is fast becoming numerically one of the strongest in this section.

Congressman Kinkaid arrived from Washington Thursday last and is now at home to his friends and constituents at his usual headquarters. Though congress has adjourned, the judge is busy looking after the affairs of the Sixth district. Monday he was sending out telegrams to forestall a plan on the part of the Wyoming delegation in congress to promote the work in Wyoming on the government irrigation system in that state and this to the detriment or neglect of the Nebraska portion of the system. Congressman Kinkaid got into communication with the department as soon as he learned of it, and also called attention of Senators Burkett and Brown to the situation, the former being at Washington and therefore able to act personally with the department.

William Weller, one of the three defendants in the suit brought by John Furgeson alleging that seven hogs were stolen from him, has been a boarder at the county jail for a week, he having failed to furnish the required bail. Frank McShane is his co-defendant, John Dibble also being a party to the suit as the one to whom four of the alleged stolen hogs were sold. The preliminary hearing will be had today. A motion was filed with Judge Malone asking him to raise the bond of both Weller and McShane from \$300 to \$1000, and the latter was brought into court yesterday. The judge did not entertain the motion but committed McShane to the custody of the sheriff until the preliminary hearing.

Educational Notes.

Prof. A. E. Davisson, superintendent of the state university school of agriculture, at Lincoln, will deliver two lectures before the Holt County Teachers' association, Saturday, March 23. His evening lecture will be "More of Life" while in the afternoon he will talk on "Education and Interpretation of Life."

Both of these lectures will be given in the Methodist church in Atkinson. Programs for the twenty-first annual meeting of the North Nebraska Teachers' association have been mailed to all teachers in the county. This meeting will be held at Norfolk.

Some of the principal speakers secured for the meeting are Senator J. P. Dolliver, an orator of national reputation, on Thursday evening, April 4; superintendent Henry Houck, deputy state superintendent of Pennsylvania, an educator of national prominence, on Friday evening, April 5; our own favorite State Superintendent McBrien, whose advanced educational ideas have done so much for the state; President A. O. Thomas of the state normal at Kearney; Prof. J. W. Searson of the state normal at Peru; Superintendent C. F. Garrett of Sac City, Iowa, a specialist in applied agriculture, and Superintendent E. B. Sherman of Columbus, one of the authors of Sherman & Reed's Essentials of Teaching reading.

Railroad rates of one and one third fare will be allowed to each person who takes a receipt from his local agent and has it signed by the railroad secretary, F. C. Marshall, at the time he pays his enrollment fee of 50 cents.

The annual contest of the North Nebraska Declamatory association will be held in the Norfolk Auditorium Wednesday, at 8 p. m., Holt county will be represented in this contest by Atkinson contestants.

The dates of the meeting are April 3, 4 and 5.

Florence E. Zink, County Superintendent.

Happy Wedded.

Fred Cronk of Page and Miss Carrie M. Finch of O'Neill were united in the bonds of matrimony on Saturday last.

The groom is one of the prominent and successful farmers of Verdigris township and a young man held in high esteem in the community in which he lives. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Finch, who reside one mile east of town, and is a young lady of many charming qualities. She has been identified with educational interests as a teacher in the county and has made many friends and admirers in that capacity.

The Frontier understands the young couple will make their home in Verdigris township.

Two Funerals Today.

Two funerals were held today at the Methodist church. At noon the services over the remains of William F. Smith were held. Mr. Smith died at St. Joseph hospital in Omaha on Tuesday, he having been there taking treatment. The remains were brought home for burial, accompanied by his wife. The deceased resided on a farm north of town, and was a man of excellent character and held in high esteem by all who knew him. He was 57 years of age.

The funeral of Mr. Hoxie, the aged father of Henry Hoxie, was held at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Spring arrived previous to the schedule time. According to the appointment of time and seasons, the gladtime spring-time was formerly ushered in today, but the weather for a week or more could not be classed with the winter brand.

Mr. Cowperthwaite, who cried the George Graham sale one day last week, tells us it was one of the largest attended sales this year. Everything brought high prices, especially live stock, all kinds of which is in great demand.

AWARD PLAINTIFF \$2,000

Jury In Celebrated Liquor Case Assesses Small Damages.

ASKED \$30,000 OF THE BREWERS

Long and Hard Fought Suit Over Death of Former Stuart Saloon Man.

The jury in the Frey case brought in a verdict yesterday morning for the plaintiff, fixing the amount of damage at \$2,000. The jury deliberated about twenty-four hours, or from Tuesday morning until Wednesday morning. The verdict was an evident disappointment to the prosecution, who were hoping for something big. The amount of damages asked was \$30,000.

The case was generally conceded to be the most important civil suit in the history of the county. It was unusual because many liquor dealers were being sued for the death of one liquor dealer. It was therefore watched with keen interest by the public, vigorously prosecuted and determinedly fought by the defendants.

The case was called a week ago last Monday and the arguments were finished at 11 o'clock Monday night this week. The jury went into the jury room Tuesday morning and returned a verdict Wednesday morning.

The history of the case has been published before by The Frontier, with a list of the many defendants. Elizabeth A. Frey of Stuart, widow of the late John Frey, brought action through her attorneys to recover \$30,000 from numerous wholesale and retail liquor dealers for the death of her husband last September, he being a saloon keeper and said to have died of alcoholism. Recovery of the large amount of damages was asked from the brewers and wholesale liquor dealers of whom he bought goods and also a number of Omaha saloon keepers in whose places Frey is alleged to have drunk beer.

All last week and up to Monday noon of this week was consumed in drawing a jury and examining witnesses. Monday afternoon the arguments began, the court-room being crowded from that time until the close with men and women. A. F. Mullen lead out with the opening plea for the plaintiff with a first-class temperance lecture. I. J. Dunne of Omaha, one of the attorneys for the defense, followed with a plea as strong and stirring as ever made to a jury in the Holt county court-house and held the profound and rapt attention of all in the court-room. Mr. Dunne spoke for over two hours and while he had not the advantage of the sympathetic side of the case displayed marked ability as an orator and deep legal learning. Adjournment of court was taken until 7 p. m. at the conclusion of Mr. Dunne's plea.

When court reconvened Mr. Dickson took up the argument for the defense and dwelt at length on the various phases of the case. Mr. Harrington then closed for the plaintiff.

The verdict for \$2,000 is against each of the defendants individually. Judge Harrington stated to the jury in his instructions that should they find for the plaintiff the court would fix the amount each of the defendants were liable for. It is understood the case will be appealed, though this has not been official announced.

Another Damage Suit From Stuart. Stuart also furnished another damage suit at this term of court. It is the action of Margaret Faith against John F. McGrew asking \$3,000 damages. This case was taken up immediately after the conclusion of the Frey case. The plaintiff alleges to have sustained damages to the amount of \$3,000 by reason of alleged misrepresentations in a trade with McGrew, wherein she traded a farm for live stock and machinery. The live stock, the petition alleges, was not as represented.

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