

## TAFT GOES BY SUNDAY

Secretary of War Goes West to Inspect Forts.

### MET BY NEBRASKA CONGRESSMEN

Kinkaid and Boyd Arrange to Accompany Him Over Portion of the Route.—Return Tuesday.

Secretary of War Taft will go through O'Neill on the Northwestern at 10:20 Sunday evening, June 16, instead of coming to O'Neill on the Great Northern the 15th as previously announced. The secretary will go to Norfolk from Sioux City over the Omaha and thence over the Northwestern to Fort Mead, S. D. Returning, he will pass through O'Neill on Tuesday morning at 10:40. The members of congress living in North Nebraska are arranging to accompany Mr. Taft on a portion of the trip through Nebraska. Congressman Kinkaid met Congressman Boyd of the Third district yesterday at the train to make partial arrangements for the trip. Mr. Boyd was returning from a fishing trip in the vicinity of Long Pine and arranged to have the congressman here meet him at the train.

They expect to meet Mr. Taft either at Sioux City or Norfolk on Sunday. Mr. Boyd will probably accompany the party as far as his home town, Neligh, and Mr. Kinkaid to O'Neill. On Tuesday they will meet the secretary on the return trip probably at Long Pine and come on east with him.

Some arrangements may be made for a short speech by the secretary at the train as they pass through here Tuesday.

### Educational Notes.

Junior Normal begins at O'Neill June 17; registration begins June 14. We expect to give a printed list of those in attendance next week.

All teachers in the county should use this opportunity to raise their certificates to "with honor" or "with credit." We have not more than thirty such certificates in this county. Where other qualifications are equal I believe a teacher attending summer school this year will be able to earn \$5 more a month next year than one who does not and when asked to do so shall recommend such teacher as in my estimation is trying to improve her qualification as an instructor.

The annual school meeting will be held June 24th this year. The tablets of supplies for the year were sent out from this office to all directors in the county Monday, June 3. A revised copy of the school laws will be sent to each director in the county before the annual meeting. There are seventeen revisions and new laws in this edition and are as follows:

- S. F. 217. Free high school law.
- H. R. 247. Normal training in high schools.
- H. R. 356. State aid to enable weak districts to have at least seven months of school.
- S. F. 226. Repeal of the state school tax.
- S. F. 231. Junior normal schools.
- H. R. 72. School libraries.
- S. F. 267. Institutions authorized to grant teachers' certificates.
- S. F. 259. State normal entrance requirement.
- S. F. 270. School tax levy in joint districts.
- S. F. 309. Vote in district to which transferred.
- S. F. 50. Compulsory education law amended for city and metropolitan city school districts.
- H. R. 429. School district boundaries in districts having three sections or less.
- S. F. 178. School district bonds in districts having 150 or more children of school age.
- H. R. 221. Condemnation of ground for school house site, and right of eminent domain for city districts.
- S. F. 151. Time for holding county institute.
- S. F. 376. County high school.
- H. R. 115. Dissolution of school district.

Of the new laws the one which effects all districts alike is H. R. 72, which provides that all districts set aside annually ten cents per pupil for the purpose of purchasing library books.

Perhaps the one next in universal importance to this county is H. R. 346, which provides for aiding weak districts. A district voting twenty-five mills and not being able to run a seven months school will be aided by the state to such an extent as will enable it to hold seven months. Districts wishing to take advantage of this law should vote the limit of taxation and vote for seven months school at the annual meeting.

Florence E. Zink,  
County superintendent.

# SPECIAL SALE!

We are going to offer our complete line of  
**Belts, Bags, Combs and Jewelry Specialties**  
**AT ACTUAL COST**

Which means a Discount of from 25 to 33 1/3 per Cent.

This is not a small line of odds and ends that we are going to offer, but a well selected line of the latest novelties, such as Veil Pins, Barrettes, Back Combs, Wash Belts, Leather Belts and Silver Belt Pins.

Don't miss seeing the line of Hand Bags that we going to offer at 50c, 75c and \$1.

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SENATOR E. J. BURKETT

Senator Burkett will give an address in O'Neill Tuesday evening next.

### Partakes of Prosperity.

Peter Clawson of Emmet was a caller Monday and extended his subscription to March 1, 1908. Mr. Clawson is one of the old timers, having moved to Holt county twenty-one years ago and settled on a quarter section of school land about eleven miles northwest of O'Neill. When he came here in 1886 everything was prosperous and things were booming and he was convinced that he had found the poor man's El Dorado. But in a few years came the hard times, hot winds and crop failures and many a Holt county farmer pulled stakes and went east to their wife's folks. Mr. C. says the only reason he remained through the dreary days of '93, '94 and '95 was because he did not have the money to take him and his family away. But the dark days have passed and he is now on easy street financially. He owns 640 acres of good Holt county soil worth \$30 an acre; has 120 head of cattle, 20 head of horses and 125 head of hogs, nearly all of which has been accumulated during the past ten years of republican progress and prosperity.

### Stardevant Recommended.

B. E. Stardevant of Atkinson has been recommended for the appointment as register of the O'Neill land office, to take the place of S. J. Weekes, resigned.

Mr. Weekes' resignation takes effect July 1, when the new register will be installed. Mr. Stardevant is one of the old and esteemed citizens of Atkinson. He is thoroughly competent for the place and will make a good official. The selection of a man for the place was left to the congressman of this district by Senators Burkett and Brown.

For Sale—The southeast quarter of section 34, township 31, range 11. Address O 126 south 4th street, Norfolk, Nebraska. 46-tf

### READY FOR THE JUNIOR.

Committees Appointed to Look After Teachers, Instructors, Etc.

At a meeting of the citizens of the city of O'Neill, Tuesday evening, arrangements were made for a committee to meet teachers and others coming here for the summer school, at the depot and direct them to the court house where their rooms will be assigned. It was also arranged to hire a man to deliver baggage and trunks to the various lodging houses without any expense to the teachers.

Another committee will look after the lecturers and entertainers. It is planned to banquet United States Senators Burkett and Brown and State Senator Patrick. Every effort is being made on the part of O'Neill citizens to make the normal a success. Miss Zink has been tireless in her endeavors to this end, and tells us the outlook is encouraging for a large attendance.

### Mrs. Gatz and Daughter in Wreck.

O'Neill people are having their share of experience in railroad wrecks. Mrs. F. C. Gatz and daughter, Mrs. F. G. Clift, are two more ladies from here to go through a railway smashup. Returning from Columbus last Saturday the fast train on the Union Pacific on which they were riding was ditched three miles west of Fremont. All but two coaches went off the track, but no one was seriously injured. The coach in which Mr. Gatz and Mrs. Clift were riding went front end downward into the ditch but did not turn over. They escaped with a large amount of fright and no injuries.

### Skidmore Gets Out.

The arrival of yesterday afternoon's mail brought the necessary documents from the supreme court at Lincoln for the release on \$1500 bonds of Joseph Skidmore, convicted of complicity in the Atkinson hog stealing deal and sentenced by Judge Westover to a five year term in the penitentiary. Skidmore was at once released from the county jail.

Skidmore is released from jail pending a review of his case on an application for a new trial.

### Advertised Letters.

The following letters remain uncalled for in the O'Neill postoffice for the week ending June 8, 1907:

James M. Coutts 2, Henry Fielding, Lizzie Grady, W. W. Hobbs 2, J. D. Norton, Geo. M. Mather, Joseph B. Marfeld, Frank Nama 3, Ed. Thurlow, Geo. D. Wilch, Rev. Brown, Clem Wright, Wm. H. Traver, C. J. Barnhann, Martin Walsh.

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

R. J. Marsh, Postmaster.

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

### Eleven-Year-Old Boy Murderer.

Special to the dailies from Basset June 10: The supposed accidental shooting of Mrs. Thomas McCoy, in the northwest part of Rock county, by her 11-year-old son, proved to have been a case of deliberate murder, the boy having confessed to County Attorney Douglas and later to several other persons that he shot his mother because she had punished him severely.

The shooting occurred Friday, Saturday the officers went out to hold an inquest, at which it was developed that the shooting was intentional and the coroner's jury returned a verdict accordingly.

The boy had claimed that he shot his mother accidentally while shooting at a meadow lark, but he confessed to the county attorney, and later to several persons, that he shot her intentionally, and gave as a reason the fact that she had been in the habit of punishing him severely. In his confession he stated that he got the gun in the house while his mother's back was turned, placed loaded shells in three empty chambers, put the weapon in his inside coat pocket, followed close behind her to the field where she was going to plant some beans, and while she was getting the seed ready for planting he, at a distance of about ten feet, drew the gun, and deliberately aiming it at the back of her head, fired and killed her instantly.

After she fell he shot her again in the side and then dropped the gun and ran to where a couple of his brothers were working in the same field.

The weapon used was a five-shot double action thirty-eight-caliber revolver.

Mrs. McCoy was a widow and was living on a Kinkaid homestead. She leaves five young children. The boy is under arrest.

### Party at Meek.

A very pleasant surprise was had at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Rouse on Friday last, the occasion being the seventy-third birthday anniversary of Mrs. Rouse. All of the children and grandchildren were present. At noon a bountiful repast was served to which all did justice. All join in wishing her many more as enjoyable anniversaries.

I will offer for sale for a limited time all my household goods, including piano, one mahogany bed room suite with brass bed, one birdseye maple bed room suite with iron bed, one sectional book case, etc. This is all high grade furniture and is in first class condition. Parties desiring bargains in furniture and rugs will do well to call at once.—S. J. Weekes. 48-tf

For Sale—A mule 15 hands high, 4 years old, sound. Want to buy or sell to match. For further particulars inquire of W. F. Conrad, Inman, Neb

### Minor Mention.

Will Purdy of Inman was in town over night Tuesday. He says the prospects for a corn crop in the vicinity of Inman have gone glimmering since the recent heavy downpours, as the soil is so thoroughly water soaked that the seed planted cannot germinate.

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Brennan of South Omaha arrived in the city last Saturday and will spend a week visiting relatives and old-time friends. M. P. has been in business for himself in the "magic city" the past four years and seems to be enjoying his share of the general prosperity.

The remains of the father and infant son drowned with two others at Wunder's lake last week were brought to O'Neill last Thursday, accompanied by the bereaved wife and mother, and her father and mother, who came up from Tecumseh. They took the remains to Tecumseh for burial Friday.

Sam Wolverton returned Sunday evening from a three weeks visit with his mother and brother at Ault, Colo. He was on the second section of the train that was wrecked near Fremont Saturday, running about fifteen minutes behind. On account of the wreck he was unable to make connections with the Northwestern at Fremont and had to remain there until Sunday afternoon.

Indianola, Iowa, Record: Senator Burkett of Nebraska gave the class address of Simpson College. His address was a good one, and contained a lot of good sense as well as a lot of good practical advice. He was funny, serious and oratorical, and had his audience with him from start to finish. He is the youngest member of the United States Senate, and has a bright future before him.

Miss Violet E. Payne is home from a year's study at the Peru normal. Her sister, Miss Colista R. Payne, who graduated from the O'Neill school in 1902, was a member of the graduating class at the normal and ranked up among the first in a class of 150. In addition to her diploma she was given a certificate entitling her to teach in the public schools of the state for life. Miss Payne says her sister is the first teacher from this county to graduate at the normal.

"The Girl and the Stampede" which will appear here June 22, is looked forward to by the patrons of the theatre with a great deal of pleasure as it will undoubtedly be one of the cleverest shows of the season. Miss Grace Lambert, the well known comedienne, has surrounded herself with a strong company and in the part of Bess Crabtree, the star role in the "Girl and the Stampede," she has found a part that suits her admirably. Miss Lambert has a fine figure, a pleasing voice and personality that is winning for her favorable comment where ever she appears.

## CONTEMPT PROCEEDINGS

Supreme Court Directs Action Against O'Neill Attorney.

### SAID TO HAVE ALTERED RECORDS

Want W. R. Butler to Explain Interlineations in Transcript in Knox County Land Case.

State Journal: Attorney William R. Butler, of O'Neill, must purge himself of the charge of contempt of the supreme court of the state of Nebraska or take what ever punishment that court desires to impose. The court yesterday ordered an information filed against Mr. Butler and in the course of time he will have an opportunity to present his defense to that court and abide by the judgment rendered. He is charged with contempt of court for filing a false and mutilated record in the court.

The order of the supreme court for an information to be filed against Mr. Butler was issued only after a preliminary investigation made by County Attorney J. H. Berryman, of Knox county, where the suit originated in which Attorney Butler was interested.

Falsifying records filed in a court is a charge that if substantiated may result in almost any punishment that the court of jurisdiction may desire to impose. Mr. Butler was called before the supreme court to explain May 2, when a motion was before the court to strike the transcript in the case of Rothwell vs. Fry, a suit involving a land deal, an appeal from Knox county. It was charged that several interlineations had been made in the record and as a result the motion to strike from the record the transcript. Mr. Butler appeared before the supreme court at that time and explained that he did not know how the interlineations had occurred. The motion to strike was taken under advisement and in the meantime the court asked County Attorney Berryman, of Knox county, to investigate. He did so and reported that according to the evidence the changes were made by Mr. Butler, that the handwriting appeared to be his and the changes had been made after the clerk of the district court had certified to the correctness of the record. The investigation brought forth a letter from Mr. Butler in which he appeared to make contradictory statements. He said in the first instance that he had at first assumed that he had inadvertently made the changes, later that he believed someone had tried to imitate his handwriting, and that the interlineations were not material and that he had not tried to deceive the court and that he could not have gained anything by making the changes and last that he did not make the changes and had no intention of deceiving the court and he did not know how the changes had been made.

The supreme court later confirmed the motion to strike the transcript from the record and also affirmed the decision of the lower court in the appeal case. Then the order for an information against William R. Butler was issued.

In reference to the above, Mr. Butler says he has explained to the court all he knows concerning the matter, and that while he realizes that it places him in a somewhat unfavorable light before that tribunal, the alleged alterations were of no benefit to him or injury to anyone.

### A Fence Swindle.

Sheldon Clipper: It keeps the farmer pretty busy keeping posted on the various schemes that are gotten up to swindle him, but if he reads the papers and keeps in mind the injunction "beware of strangers," he can usually hold his own. The latest swindle that is being operated in the rural districts is the fence swindle. The sharper calls upon the farmer and offers to put up an eight wire fence with iron posts for eight cents a foot. No cash is required, but before the fence is set up he gets a promissory note from the farmer agreeing to pay eight cents a foot as soon as the fence is up. Later it transpires that that means eight cents a foot for each wire, making sixty-four cents a running foot for the fence, and the note turns up in the local bank after the fellow has gone.

Indianola, Iowa, Herald: The Senator seemed to be perfectly at home among college people, being a college graduate himself. He spoke as he would before any audience of common people, saying good things in an easy off-hand way without the help of notes or manuscript. He does not lack for words, as they seem to be ever present with him. We enjoyed that speech from start to finish, mainly because of the way it was put, and its lack of that dusty, dried material, so often used over and over in such orations.