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K. C. BUILDING A BEAUTY

New Structure Is Now Nearing Completion.

JANUARY 17 THE OPENING DAY

New Opera-House a Fine Specimen of Architectural Beauty.—Stage Fittings Expensive.

Through the courtesy of O. F. Biglin a Frontier representative was shown through the Knights of Columbus building, now nearing completion. Within and without the building is a fine specimen of architectural beauty, durability and utility. The various apartments are all light, airy and commodious. The first story, fitted off as an auditorium, is ideal in construction for that purpose. The stage, extending the full width of the building at the rear, is constructed to accommodate any modern theatrical production and none better can be found even in large cities. The stage equipments are not yet up, the curtains and scenery being now in the course of construction at St. Paul, Minn. The outside curtain will be painted with the scene of the "Landing of Columbus."

Below the stage apartments are partitioned off from the basement for dressing rooms, which lead to the stage by a flight of stairs on the left. The stage and auditorium are floored with maple. A gallery extends across the building just above the front entrance, the ticket office, toilet apartments, and a small private room on the right of the entrance with a hallway and the stairs to the gallery to the left.

The second story is reached by stairs both outside and inside the building. The north end of the upper story is furnished off for a lodge room, with anti-rooms, toilets, cloak and parlor rooms adjoining. In the south end of the upper story are three large, well lighted and finely finished rooms that will be furnished at some future time for club rooms. Between these and the lodge apartments on the north are several smaller rooms and toilet apartments. The building throughout is finely finished and is something those responsible for its construction may well feel proud of. It will cost all complete, with auditorium and stage fittings, about \$19,000. The scenery for the stage will cost about \$450 and seating the auditorium about \$500. The funds have been raised by the members of the Knights of Columbus lodge, assisted some by citizens who took a small amount of stock.

January 17 is the date set for throwing the new opera-house open to the public, when the Knights will give a ball.

TWO FROM HOLT

Atkinson Professor and County Superintendent Made Officers of State Teachers' Association.

The State Teachers' association, which met at Lincoln, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week, honored two Holt county educators by making them officers of the association for 1908. County Superintendent Florence E. Zink was elected secretary of the county superintendent section of association work and Prof. Charles Mohrman of Atkinson was chosen as secretary of the high school section.

Those in attendance from this county at the meeting were: Prof. J. G. Mote, Miss Zink and Miss Celia Gorby of O'Neill, Prof. J. F. Powers of Stuart, Prof. Charles Mohrman of Atkinson, Prof. Robert Hill of Ewing, Leonie Mulford of Stuart, Marie, Bessie and Grace Alderson of Chambers.

Chancellor Andrews of the state university was elected president of the association.

Last week's Butte Gazette says: "Mrs. Mary Ellen Carns died at her home eight miles southwest of Butte on Sunday, December 22, 1907, at the age of fifty-six years, nine months and sixteen days. She was born in Canada, Township of Starlington, was married to Rpbert Carns in Sac county, Iowa, in 1871, and to this union were born nine children of which four are still living to survive her. She was a member of the Free Methodist church and her last words were in praise of the Lord. The funeral was held from the Free Methodist church of Butte, Tuesday afternoon, Rev. C. E. Carter officiating, and the remains were laid to rest in the Butte cemetery." Mrs. Carns will be remembered in O'Neill as the mother of the Carns boy who was killed near Badger, this county, and for whose life Myron Irwin was twice on trial in district court. Mrs. Carns and her husband were in O'Neill all through these trials.

LOCAL MATTERS.

Dell Akin was down from Atkinson Monday.

Jake Kraft was down from Stuart Thursday.

C. W. Deuel of Page was in the city Thursday.

J. C. Flanigan of Stuart was in the city Monday.

Harry Campbell was a Neigh visitor Wednesday.

Nels Tuller was down from Atkinson last Sunday.

H. A. Allen of Atkinson had business in the city Tuesday.

R. R. Dickson is confined to his home with a severe cold.

J. K. Lenox, a real estate dealer of Allen, is in the city today.

Highest cash price paid for hides and furs at McKeen's harness shop, 28-5

Five fresh milch cows for sale.—Richard Koch, twelve miles north of O'Neill.

Mrs. J. C. Addison and two children of Page visited in the city a few days last week.

T. J. Murphy is a new name added to The Frontier's subscription list the past week.

A. L. Rouse of Blackbird was a pleasant caller at these headquarters last Monday.

The Presbyterian exchange will be held at Mann's store Saturday afternoon, January 5.

Mrs. Lizzie Cochran, (nee Lizzie Graham) of Stockton, Cal., is the mother of a ten pound boy.

T. T. Waid expects to be able to move next week to the farm he bought down the river about a month ago.

A new light double harness, spring wagon and top buggy for sale on terms to suit purchaser.—G. W. Smith.

Garrett, Jansing left last week for a visit with his mother at his old home in Germany. He expects to be gone until about April 1.

Having sold my farm I will sell my choice dairy cows, fresh with calves by their sides.—William Flavin, four miles north of O'Neill.

John Enright and John Carney left last Monday morning for O'Gden, Ill., where they will spend three or four weeks visiting relatives and friends.

I have a few organs that I will sell at factory prices on terms to suit purchaser. Also some pianos on same terms.—G. W. Smith.

A. F. Rouse was in from Blackbird Monday and left enough coin of the realm at these headquarters to push his subscription up to January 1, 1909.

O. F. Biglin, A. F. Mullen, Jack Sullivan, James F. O'Donnell, W. J. O'Connor and J. E. Spittler went down to Ewing this morning to attend the funeral of John A. Trommershausser.

Baby girls are reported at the homes of C. J. and Mrs. Smith at Emmet, and Joseph and Mrs. Sheehan at O'Neill, the former coming as a Christmas gift on December 24 and the latter the 28th.

Fred Cronk, an old-time Frontier reader from Verdigris township, was a welcome caller at these headquarters last Saturday, renewing his subscription to this disseminator of current events.

I have 36 tons of the best Illinois coal, from the Dugan mine, at \$6.50 for 2000 pounds, weigh on city scales. Also a lot of good flour, \$2.50 for best patent, \$2.15 for straight grade. Come in and load up coal.—Con Keys.

Newton and James Carson of Dorsey, A. C. Purnell of Atkinson, John Bellor and Albert Roseler of O'Neill, are Frontier readers who started the New Year right by renewing their subscription to this household necessity.

Discount sales are a thing of the past. Go where you can get shoes and clothing at wholesale prices, which means what the goods cost at the factory. That is the price we charge you for goods.—Sullivan & Co. 25-3

Lonely maids who are trudging life's journey alone are given another leap year opportunity to capture a husband. There are several matrimonial prizes around O'Neill that should be picked up by hustling girls during the year 1908.

Go to Bazelman Lumber company for the celebrated Lincoln nut and lump coal at \$5 per ton and Kemmer nut coal at \$9 per ton; West Virginia Split coal at \$8.50 per ton, the best. Illinois coal at \$7 down to \$6.50 per ton. 25-4

J. H. Riggs was up from Waterloo, Douglas county, the first of the week, visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. J. H. Meredith, and renewing old acquaintances. Jim is always a welcome member around this sanctum, where he presided several years. He returned home Wednesday.

CVT PRICES

on all Dry Goods in the house

20 per cent Discount

on all

Underwear, Outings, Blankets,

Dress Goods, Furs,

Fur Coats, Caps, Mittens, Etc.

Come and get the discount—It will save you money

J. P. GALLAGHER

BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Vital Statistics for Past Year Show Satisfactory Condition of Birth and Death Rate.

The vital statistics record of O'Neill for the twelve months from January 1, 1907, to January 1, 1908, shows a total of fifty-two births and thirty-five deaths. These figures do not include deaths that occurred away from home and the remains shipped here for burial, but only those which occurred in town and vicinity. A number of such deaths have occurred the past year, which would run the total up to about forty.

It is noted from an examination of the statistics that while the death rate among males has been nearly double that of females, only four more males have been born than females.

The following is the record for the twelve months:

Deaths.		
	Male	Female
January.....	1	3
February.....	4	3
March.....	2	1
April.....	2	—
May.....	4	—
June.....	4	2
July.....	—	1
August.....	3	—
September.....	—	2
October.....	2	—
November.....	—	1
December.....	1	—
Totals.....	22	13

Births.		
	Male	Female
January.....	3	2
February.....	4	5
March.....	3	2
April.....	3	—
May.....	3	4
June.....	3	4
July.....	1	1
August.....	—	1
September.....	2	—
October.....	—	1
November.....	3	—
December.....	3	—
Totals.....	28	24

It Was Up to Him.

Love's tender passion is seldom referred to in discussing the practical propositions of politics. To illustrate that women are cleverer in some things than men and therefore should be given the ballot an enthusiastic suffragist relates an incident.

"I used to know a pretty girl," runs the little love story, "whom a young man was courting timidly. One afternoon in the garden the young man scraped up courage enough to ask in a tremulous whisper for a kiss.

"The pretty girl looked at him gravely. 'A kiss,' she said. 'You ask me for a kiss. Now, applied to the hand a kiss signifies respect; on the forehead it denotes friendship; upon the lips it indicates—all things—or nothing.

"She paused pensively, then went on: 'Yes, Herbert, you may, since you wish it, kiss me. You may express yourself in one kiss. Proceed.'

"The timid Herbert, red and confused, pondered. 'I mustn't lose her,' he thought to himself. 'Where, then, shall I kiss her? The forehead, the hand? Through respect and friendship love may eventually be gained, but if I am at the start too bold—'

"Suddenly his meditations were interrupted by a thrill of divinest melody. It was as if a nightingale were singing. The young man looked up. The girl was whistling, her red mouth puckered into the shape of a rosebud. Her hat was pulled down over her eyes, hiding her forehead completely, and her hands were thrust up to the wrist in the pockets of her jacket."

High class printing at this office.

LEAVES FORTUNE

Dead Hermit Said to be Sister of Holt County Woman.—Worth Around \$100,000.

A special from Belgrade, Nebr., December 31, says:

A. Hogness, an aged man who lived the life of a hermit near this place, was found dead in his hovel by Charles Fox, a near neighbor.

He was about 70 years of age, and a native of Norway, and though quite wealthy preferred to live alone and in a manner hard to believe a human being could endure.

He was thought to be worth at least \$100,000, and had lately sold his farm, on which he died, for \$7,500, and had purchased his father's estate in Norway, paying \$50,000, and had made arrangements to go back to the old country and spend the remaining years of his life.

He also had first mortgages on a great many farms in Boone county, Nebr. He came here about thirty years ago, and settled on the land on which he died.

A daughter, Mrs. Gus Berry of Holt county, Nebraska, survives him, and with her husband came here to take charge of the remains, and as no will can be found she will succeed to the estate.

Hogness had evidently been dead a week or more when found, and no trace of his money or valuable papers could be found. It is known that he had several certificates of deposit in Belgrade, Cedar Rapids and South Omaha. It is thought that he had a secret place for his valuables which may be discovered later on.

Inquiry discloses no one at O'Neill, so far as we learn, who knows the Mrs. Gus Berry spoken of as being a resident of this county.

The Markets

South Omaha, January 1.—Special market letter from Nye Schneider Fowler Co.

Packers are not killing anything today and there is no change in the market. Receipts thus far this week have been moderate and prices are a good 10 cents higher. The demand for butcher stock especially showed a marked improvement and a much better tone than for some time. Buyers are still a little slow to take hold of the feeders on account of the condition of the fat cattle market for past few weeks, but we look for better demand soon. The general market may be called a quarter higher than a week ago.

We quote: Choice dry lot beef, corn fed \$5 20 @ \$5 75
Fair to good..... 4 60 @ \$5 10
Others down to..... (a) 3 50
Choice range beef..... 3 75 @ 4 50
Choice cows..... 3 85 @ 4 50
Fair to good..... 2 75 @ 3 50
Canners & cutters..... 1 75 @ 2 75
Veal calves..... 4 00 @ 5 50
Bulls, stags, etc..... 1 75 @ 3 75
Choice stockers and feeders 3 85 @ 4 35
Fair to good..... 3 30 @ 3 75
Common down to..... (a) 2 40
Stock heifers..... 1 85 @ 2 50

Hogs have been making a gradual advance but were 15 to 20 cents lower on Tuesday which makes it about steady with last week. Bulk \$4.25 to \$4.40.

Sheep and lambs have been gaining in value for past week. Receipts are light but are expected to be heavier after New Year.

For Sale.

Good thoroughbred Duroc-Jersey boars cheap. Also some pure bred barred Plymouth Rock Chickens. Come see them. J. H. McAllister, 27-2 Agee, Nebr.

The local hog market is brightening up. Buyers have been paying \$4 per hundred the past week, which marks an advance of seventy-five cents per hundred over the price paid a few weeks ago.

MINOR MENTION

Bryan A. Reed of Kansas City and Miss Katie Ostenon of Glencoe, Oklahoma, were married at the county judge's office in this city Monday. The bride was visiting a sister at Orchard, from which place the couple came here to be married.

The first snow of any consequence came the first of the week and has been allowed to lie without drifting. Snow fell nearly all day Sunday covering the earth with a blanket six inches deep. The ground has been unusually dry this fall and winter, which makes the snow a welcome thing.

Sheriff Hall left last Saturday for Belle Fourche, S. D., after Ira Willey, the young man wanted here on a charge of seduction preferred by a young girl living in the eastern end of the county. The sheriff went to Rapid City, thence to Pierre to secure the governor's approval of the requisition. He arrived home this morning with the prisoner, who was placed in jail.

Mrs. E. Benson, living a mile east of town, had a horse crippled while in town a week ago. An automobile from Spencer was passing up the street and frightened her horse which was tied to a post. The animal became frantic at the sight of the auto and injured itself in plunging around to get away. Mrs. Benson put the horse under the care of Veterinary Fouts and it may come out all right.

Miss B. H. McCafferty entertained at a 7 o'clock dinner on Monday, December 30, at which fourteen covers were laid and as many young people made happy by the gay art and grace of the charming hostess. The event was in honor of her visiting friends, Miss Mabel Graham of Omaha, and Miss Dorothy Testman of Grand Island, two very accomplished young ladies who are spending the holidays in town.

Postmaster Marsh informs us that hereafter he will insist on better order in the postoffice during the distribution of the mails. He says that with good order mails can be handled much faster and he is determined to enforce section 268 of the postal laws which are as follows: "Postoffices must not be allowed to become resorts for loungers or disorderly persons, or the scenes of disputes or controversies. Smoking will be prohibited in the lobbies whenever necessary. Postmasters should call on the civil authorities to preserve order and if they refuse to do so the office should be closed."

John A. Trommershausser died at his home in Ewing last Tuesday, after an illness of but a few days, the remains being interred in the cemetery at Ewing Thursday. Deceased was one of the pioneer residents of the county, having resided in the village of Ewing about twenty-five years. He was a progressive citizen and done much for the advancement of the county in which he lived a quarter of a century. He leaves a wife, a son, J. N., and two daughters, Mrs. Geo. A. Baker and Mrs. L. P. Sorenson to mourn his demise and they have the sympathy of numerous friends throughout the county in their sorrow.

Norfolk News: A Christmas party was turned into a Christmas wedding in the Bishop block Wednesday evening, when Miss Eva Mihills surprised her guests of the evening by retiring suddenly and reappearing in bridal costume. Rev. J. C. S. Wells, rector of Trinity Episcopal church, also appeared at the psychological moment, performing the ceremony that united Mr. Richard H. Kilmurry and Miss Mihills. About a score of friends present at the party had no intimation of the party's intended climax. Mr. Kilmurry formerly lived in O'Neill but is now employed as a painter by H. A. Haley. The young people will live in Norfolk.

In this profane age it is somewhat unusual to see a person whose reverence for the deity forbids him taking a legal oath. In subscribing to a legal document it is customary to take the oath, "I do solemnly swear," etc. All duly elected officials are required to make oath that they will support the constitution of the state and nation. Certain elements of Christian believers look upon the ordinary legal oath as profane, hence the law provides that the word affirm may be substituted for swear in administering the oath of office to those who object to "swearing." An instance of this kind occurred at the county clerk's office recently when a township official took the oath of office. His religious belief forbade him subscribing to the ordinary oath, and at his request the word "swear" was substituted by "affirm." This view probably comes from the words of Christ, who said: "Swear not at all; neither by heaven for it is God's throne: nor by the earth: for it is His footstool."

WILL START CREAMERY

Chicory Factory Leased by R. W. McGinnis for That Purpose.

NOW OVERHAULING BUILDING

General Agent of Northwestern Railroad at Lincoln Believes This Is Natural Dairy Country.

The old chicory factory building that has stood idle and vacant just west of town for the past ten or eleven years is to be put to use as a creamery. R. W. McGinnis of Lincoln, general agent of the Chicago & Northwestern railway, has leased the building of the owner, R. V. Smith of Omaha, and now has men at work overhauling the same and putting it in shape to use as a creamery.

Mr. McGinnis was a caller at The Frontier office Tuesday and said that while there was not much to do in the way of butter making they would get things in readiness for the opening of another season.

"We are not coming here to put the cream dealers out of business," said Mr. McGinnis, "but rather to encourage the dairy industry in what appears to me to be a natural dairy country."

Mr. McGinnis now operates a creamery at Amella, in this county, and asked if he contemplated moving the machinery from there to O'Neill, replied:

"Oh, no. We can't go back on those people down there. The creamery there will be operated just the same. If a creamery pays at an inland point that distance from the railroad it ought to pay in O'Neill with the shipping facilities offered here. I can't tell just when we will be ready to start up as it takes considerable time to convert a chicory factory into a butter factory."

The creamery project has been brewing for several weeks. The fore part of last month Mr. McGinnis was in town and made a proposition to the business men to put in a creamery here. The enterprise was taken up by a committee of business men who secured some \$800 as a bonus for Mr. McGinnis.

The site and building selected is a good place for a creamery and puts to use a building that was going to waste and destruction. It was built in the early nineties as the result of enthusiastic ideas that chicory was the coming table beverage and this the coming chicory producing country. A company known as the German-American Chicory company was organized, built and equipped a mammoth factory and operated the same for a time, G. C. Hazelet, at one time county clerk of this county, being the general manager of the company and chief organizer of the enterprise. It never paid as an investment and the company was forced into liquidation during the hard times of 1894 and 1895. The building has since stood idle.

TAKEN SUDDENLY ILL

John A. Harmon Taken With Attack of Hiccough and Has to Go to Hospital.

John A. Harmon, clerk of the district court, was taken with a violent attack of hiccough on Monday evening which continued all night and at the advice of his physician left on the early train Tuesday morning for a hospital at Omaha, all efforts to stop the hiccough having proved fruitless and an operation being deemed necessary.

Mrs. Harmon tells us this morning that her husband is very low and too weak to stand an operation. D. A. Doyle left for Omaha this morning to be with Mr. Harmon and Mrs. Harmon expects to go tomorrow.

"Joshua Simpkins," a four act New England play, will be presented at the opera house, Monday evening, Jan. 6th. The climax of stage realism, it is asserted, has been reached in the presentation of this stirring saw-mill scene in "Joshua Simpkins," and will be presented in this city by a peculiar mechanical device which has never been introduced here before. This saw-mill scene is claimed to be a vast improvement over any attempts in a similar line. The company also boasts of a splendid orchestra, which is carried complete by the organization, to aid in the proper presentation of the play, which is said to abound with musical and dancing specialties of a high order. To assist "Joshua Simpkins" in popularity, a band of music is also carried, and a concert is given which is said to be far above anything usually heard with a travelling organization. The parade will leave the theater at the usual time and take the usual route, making a burlesque parade. Prices, 25, 35 and 50 cents.