

## BUTTER WEIGHTS TO BE INFLATED ALSO?

High Prices Alure Producer to Increase Avoirdupois of Churning.

### ONE DROP OF LIQUID DOES IT

Subject for Consideration of the State Food Commissioner.—Holt County Man Wants to Know.

With butter selling at 35 cents a pound, and scarce at that, some enterprising Holt county citizen evidently intended to increase the number of pounds in each churning and sought information as to the method as is evidenced by the following clipping from the Lincoln News:

"Somebody in Holt county has written to the state board of health inquiring about a preparation which a firm at Kansas City is reported to be offering for sale guaranteed to make a pound of butter weigh nearly two pounds. The formula for doing this is to take a pound of ordinary butter, a pound of water and ten or twelve drops of the liquid, putting them all inside of a receptacle and agitating it like a churn. The process, according to a newspaper clipping which was enclosed with the letter, results in the particles of butter and water adhering to one another, so that the solid mass, when worked together contains both ingredients in an inseparable mixture. Four ounces of the emulsion cost 25 cents, the article says. The writer who wants to find out does not disclose his occupation, but it is supposed he may be a farmer who has butter to sell. Secretary E. A. Carr of the state health board will report the matter to the board of secretaries at its next meeting and recommend that it be referred to the food commissioner's office for an investigation as to whether or not such stuff is being sold in Nebraska, and if so whether its use is in violation of the law. The mixture was lately reported to be selling in Kansas, and the secretary of the health board for that state will be asked to furnish any information he can give about it."

### The Ground Hog.

Yesterday was ground hog day and if he emerged from his hole before 10 o'clock a. m., he did not see his shadow but at about that hour, the sun came out and shone brightly the balance of the day, so if you believe in the old saying get ready for six weeks more of winter.

The introduction of the groundhog into the traditions surrounding the 2d of February is an American innovation, and is said to have originated with the negro superstitions of "ole Virginny."

According to their stories, the groundhog wakes up from a long sleep and comes out on the 2d day of February to see if the winter is over. If the day is clear and bright so that the sun throws a shadow on the snow the groundhog takes fright and returns to his hole for six weeks more. If it is a cloudy day, however, he remains out over night and as a consequence warm weather commences immediately and the farmers prepare for an early spring.

### Advertised Letters.

The following letters remain un-called for in the O'Neill postoffice for week ending Jan. 29, 1909:

B. McMillan, F. A. Watkins, T. Roga, George Roberts, Eli Nafziger, Master Albert Heck, Master Harry Heck, Carl Friedrich, Mrs. Wm. A. Burke, Maude S. Evans, Kate Edana, W. B. Bonekemper, Wade Brown, Lizzie Merritt, Mrs. Gertrude Feller, Johann Hetterl, Thos. J. Casey, W. S. Wollard.

In calling for the above please say "advertised." If not called for within fifteen days they will be sent to the dead letter office.

R. J. Marsh, P. M.

The annual township meeting will be held a month earlier this year. The last legislature changed the date from the first Tuesday in April to the first Tuesday in March. On account of the scarcity of the new statutes this fact is not generally known to the public and is published for the information of township officers and electors. The new law requires the same notice as to the time and place of meeting as formerly.

E. H. Whelan, County Attorney.

Strayed—From my place four miles north of O'Neill one 5-year-old Herford cow, branded No. 11 on the right hip, underbit in each ear and a dulap. Please notify Gustav Weirich, O'Neill. 31-tf

# Big Sale of New Spring

## CLOTHING

I now have on display full lines of the best Spring Clothing for 1910

Suit in the latest effect 18.50 to \$30.

New hats, latest shades and shapes, \$2 to \$3.

Large selection dress gloves, Moka 1.50, 1.75 and \$2; Dent's imported kid \$2 and 2.50.

Very dressy shoe, calf or kid upper, 2.50 to 3.00; most remarkable value in kid or calf 3.50; high grade patents this season 4.50; ivory gunmetal in new shapes and very dressy, 4.50; also the Pingree standard shoes in kid, calf or gunmetal, at \$4.

A Large Shipment of Ladies' Dress Skirts Just Received  
New ideas worth looking for and the best makes on the market, \$5 to \$10. Shirtwaists 1.25 to 1.50. Oxfords The new strap sandal in the latest effects 2 to \$4

# P. J. Mc Manus

### LOCAL MATTERS

Farm Loans. See R. H. Parker. Hides bought at Davidson's harness shop. 23tf

Up-to-date job printing at The Frontier.

Try The Frontier for merchants' counter pads.

Subscribe for The Frontier, only \$1.50 per year.

Rooms to rent.—Enquire of Mrs. John Skirving.

P. J. Urganhart of Coleridge was in the city Monday.

Remember Keunel's sale on Monday, February 14.

Fred Martens was up from his Holt creek ranch Monday.

Get some oyster shell chicken feed at J. C. Horiskey's. 32-2

Rev. M. F. Cassidy made a visit to Omaha the first of the week.

John Robertson of Stuart was an O'Neill visitor Monday last.

K. W. McDonald of Plainview was a guest at the Evans last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Lyle of Royal were guests at the Evans Monday.

Oyster shells, excellent to feed chickens, for sale at J. C. Horiskey's. 32-2

List your farms for sale with J. J. McCafferty, office opposite post office. 32-tf

Bob Brittell returned Sunday evening from a two week's visit with relatives and friends at Neligh.

All those owing The Frontier on subscription will confer a favor on us by remitting the amount due.

Dr. Corbett Dentist, in O'Neill every Monday (except the fourth one in each month) four days each trip. 14tf

William O. Black and Miss Martha E. Bander, both of Brunswick, were united in marriage last Tuesday by County Judge Malone.

I have for sale 20 head of horses consisting of 13 yearlings the rest light work horses.—Wm. Lenehan. Inquire of L. L. Mandeville. 32-4

C. S. Kennel, who sold his farm seven miles northwest of O'Neill a couple of months ago, will have a public sale of all his personal property on Monday, February 14.

Joseph Sorensen and family left this morning for South Omaha where they will make their future home. The best wishes of their O'Neill friends will accompany them to their new home.

Julius Duft, one of Grattan's prosperous farmers, will hereafter keep posted on local affairs through the columns of The Frontier, having had his name enrolled upon our subscription list Tuesday.

The smile of a rose should bring joy to the saddest heart, buy your wedding ring of Graves. 29-5

I have some Eastern Money to loan on Farms and Ranches in Holt county. See R. H. Parker, O'Neill. 31-6m.

C. S. Kennel will hold a public sale at his place, eight miles northwest of O'Neill, on Monday, January 14, 1910. See small bills for particulars.

V. Alberts have installed a gasoline engine in their harness shop, the power from which they will use to run their machines. With this added equipment this popular firm will be able to nearly double their output.

The Farm Implement News gives the following advice to retail implement dealers: "In time of peace prepare for war. If you can't secure any more sleighs to sell, why not lay in a supply of boats and be ready for the spring floods."

M. T. Elliott, the hustling auctioneer, was in from Red Bird Monday. Mose says that he has a large number of sales dated for this spring and says that those he has had already this year has been very satisfactory, everything bringing good prices.

Divine worship will be conducted on next Sunday, the 5th inst., morning and evening at the Presbyterian church. Sunday school will follow the morning service. A cordial welcome is hereby given to everybody to come out. Time of morning service is 10:30, sharp.—Pastor

Mellor & Quilty have purchased a Berg touring car for use in their livery business and when the snow goes off Jess will endeavor to navigate the machine. He is of the opinion that he will be an expert chauffeur after a few lessons but most of the boys are from Copenhagen.

County Assessor Skidmore was up from Ewing the first of the week getting things in shape for the 1910 assessment. Mr. Skidmore says there will be 60,000 acres of land added to the Holt county assessment call this spring. This is land upon which final proof has been made since the 1909 assessment.

Anna L. James has filed a petition in the district court praying for a divorce from Ira N. James, to whom she was married at Thedford, Nebr., on September, 30, 1893. In her petition she alleges that although defendant is an able-bodied man capable of earning from \$50 to \$75 per month he refuses to work and spends his time drinking and carousing and compels her to work to support him and their four children. He is also accused of cruel and inhuman treatment and making threats against

plaintiff and her children bodily harm. She alleges that he has no property and she asks an absolute divorce, and custody of their four children.

M. C. Coffman, who lives on the old Killmurry place a mile and a half north of town, will have a public sale there next Thursday, commencing at 12 o'clock sharp. Mr. Coffman is going to leave the state and will dispose of all his personal property.

James Carney and J. J. Houlihan returned Monday night from a prospecting tour through Oklahoma. The boys went down to look over the country with a view to locating and while they did not invest in any Oklahoma soil they were very favorably impressed with the country.

Drs. Gilligan and Wilson this morning amputated the left leg of Henry Hossie, which was fractured and torn in a hay baler some two weeks ago. After the injury the fractures were set but one of the bones refused to knit and amputation was necessary, the leg being taken off a couple of inches below the knee.

E. W. Hunt of Syracuse was a guest at the Evans Sunday last. Prof Hunt was superintendent of the public schools of this city about twenty years ago and has many friends in this city who are always pleased to meet him. For the past three or four years he has been located at Alliance looking after the agricultural experiment stations in western Nebraska.

Jerry Sullivan arrived in town last Sunday evening from Philadelphia and will spend a few days visiting at the home of his mother. Jerry is on his way to San Francisco where he expects to make arrangements for his brother, Jack, to meet a few of the western topnotchers in the roped arena. Jack is still in Philadelphia raking in the coin meeting eastern puns in six round bouts in the Quaker city.

J. H. Chapman of Kearney, and old-time friend of the editor, was a pleasant caller at these headquarters Tuesday. Mr. Chapman was engaged in the newspaper business at Ansley, Nebr., for many years, but quit the newspaper business about eight years ago and has since been engaged in the grain business. Mr. Chapman says politics are beginning to warm up in the southern part of the Sixth district and that considerable pressure is being brought to bear upon F. E. Beeman of Kearney to get him to enter the race for the republican nomination for congress. With two avowed democratic candidates, one populist candidate and at least two republican candidates, politics promise to be exciting during the coming summer.

### MINOR MENTION

Last Tuesday R. H. Mills purchased the confectionery and grocery of Mrs. Moore located in the building next to Weingartner's restaurant, taking possession Wednesday morning. Mr. Mills expects to increase the stock and run an up-to-date grocery and confectionery store and will handle all kinds of fruit in season. Mr. Mills has been a resident of O'Neill for about twenty years and prior to his injury—in falling from a windmill last spring—had a splendid windmill and pump business but, on account of his injuries was compelled to retire from that line of work and his many friends predict a successful career for him in the grocery business.

Gust Weinreich was a caller at these headquarters yesterday and announced that he was again the owner of Holt county soil having, that day, purchased the Knopp farm—the old Arthur Barrett homestead—which is the southeast quarter of the same section in which Mr. Weinreich's former farm was located. The price paid was \$40 per acre for 240 acres. The Frontier is glad to see Gus decide to remain in old Holt as he is a No. 1 citizen and a hustling, progressive farmer.

Mayor Cooper of Crawford, the members of the city council and three saloonkeepers of the city have been arrested charged with breaking the 8 o'clock and Sunday closing law. The arrest came about through the work of a detective, who passed as a horse trader. He trapped the prisoners by going with the mayor and others into saloons and getting drunk on Sundays and after 8 o'clock at night.

T. J. Murphy has been appointed carrier on rural route No. 1 out of the city to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Henry Grady. A bill is now before congress raising the pay of rural carriers and if it is enacted into law the carrier on this route will then receive about \$1,480 per year. This amount would make the job worth holding.

John Phalen arrived in the city last Friday evening from a months visit to his old Wisconsin home and will visit his brother, Frank, for a few weeks before going to South Dakota.

Come and see our big, fine Barred Plymouth Rock chickens. Roosters for sale.—J. H. McAllister, Agee, Nebr. 33-2p

Henry Martfeldt was down from Newport the first of the week.

Fresh groceries and confectionery at Mills' Grocery.

For fresh bread call at Mills' Grocery. 33-

## EXAMINATIONS FOR CENSUS ENUMERATORS

Will Be Held Saturday at the Local Postoffice.

### COUNTY HAS FIFTEEN DISTRICTS

Some Fifty Applicants for Jobs for Taking Census in Holt County and Only Fifteen Needed.

Saturday, February 5, at 2 p. m., examinations will be held at the postoffice in this city for applicants for census enumerators for this county. About fifty applications have been filed from this county with the census supervisor for the Sixth congressional district, Joseph Pigman of Broken Bow. The county is divided into fifteen districts, one enumerator for each district. The districts are as follows:

- District No. 125—Atkinson, township and village.
- District No. 126—Chambers, Only and Shamrock townships.
- District No. 127—Cleveland, Dustin and Sand Creek townships.
- District No. 128—Deloit and Lake townships.
- District No. 129—Ewing township and village.
- District No. 130—Emmet and Grattan townships exclusive of city of O'Neill.
- District No. 131—Fairview, Swan and Wyoming townships.
- District No. 132—Francis, Green Valley and Sheridan townships.
- District No. 134—Inman and McClure townships.
- District No. 135—O'Neill city, wards 1, 2 and 3.
- District No. 136—Paddock and Saratoga townships.
- District No. 137—Pleasant View, Rock Falls and Shields townships.
- District No. 138—Scott, Steel Creek and Willowdale townships.
- District No. 139—Stuart township and village.

The examination papers will be transmitted by the postmaster to the supervisor of census who will pass upon them and appoint the enumerators.

### Stuart Has Another Fire.

Stuart was visited by another fire last Saturday which resulted in the Checkered Livery barn, owned by George Robertson & Co., and serious damage to F. C. Horak's ice house, which stood at the rear of his meat market, just across from the barn. D. W. Stuart's general merchandise store and it was thought for a time it would be impossible to save it and the contents of the building and also that of Shearer's harness shop, adjoining, was moved into the street. As it was the heroic work of the fire department succeeded in preventing the spread of the fire. Three horses were burned in the barn. The fire is said to have originated from a lantern that had been used by a mail carrier in harnessing his team, and had been left in a remote corner of the barn. Loss, \$2,000; insurance \$1,000. This is the second fire Stuart had during the month of January.

### Ruling of Postoffice Department

Postmaster Marsh has received the following communication from the post office department:

"In view of the extent to which the practice of placing loose coins in boxes by rural patrons has grown, and the delay in the delivery and collection of mail and the hardship imposed on rural carriers incident thereto, you are informed that, commencing February 15, proximo, rural letter carriers will not be required to collect loose coins from rural mail boxes. Patrons should enclose coins in an envelope, wrap them securely in a piece of paper, or deposit them in a coin-holding receptacle, so they can be easily and quickly taken from the boxes, and carriers will be required to lift such coins, and, where accompanied by mail for dispatch, attach the requisite stamps."

The base ball enthusiasts of Bonesteel, Dallas, Spencer, Lynch, Creighton and Norfolk are talking of organizing a base ball league. Part of these towns were in the league which was organized on the Bonesteel line five years ago, and while the game was an expensive one for the "magnates" they provided a better class of ball than they could have done as independent teams. The promoters of the league will endeavor to have a meeting at Norfolk next week to discuss the advisability of organizing.

For watches, musical instruments including pianos, and first class jewelry go to Graves' the Jeweler—Watch repairing promptly attended to. 30tf