

### ONE LAND OFFICE TO CLOSE

O'Neill and Valentine in Scrap to a Finish Over Retention of Office.

The Lincoln news of the 15th contains the following account relative to the moving and consolidating the land office here with the one at Valentine:

Washington, Aug. 15.—Nebraska is about to lose a land office. The interior department is considering a consolidation of the land offices at O'Neill and Valentine, and each of the two towns is making strenuous efforts to be chosen headquarters. The interior secretary, Hitchcock and Representative Kirkwood are standing on the side lines watching the fight and taking no part other than to refer to the department the various arguments that are being submitted. Senator Hitchcock let a part of the record he made public today. It consists of a letter from C. H. Cornell of Valentine, in which he ridicules the claim which O'Neill has made. "O'Neill has but one thing that Valentine has not," writes Mr. Cornell to Senator Hitchcock in a letter which the Senator has referred to Secretary Lane, "namely a vault. Valentine has only one thing that O'Neill has not, namely, government land subject to homestead entry."

Mr. Cornell submits, however, that the government land is near Valentine and claims this to be an unanswerable argument for his town. Furthermore, he says that while O'Neill claims to have a public building, it has none that the Valentine Commercial club will not duplicate for the same rent of the building now used at O'Neill.

An inspector of the Cheyenne land office, A. Baker, favors O'Neill. Mr. Baker says it is because his financial interests are there, and he married a lady there and has social interests there also.

It is understood that mysterious visits that Arthur Mullen has made to Washington this summer have been in the interest of O'Neill in this matter. It is said he claims that within a few years all land offices in Nebraska will be abolished except two, one at Lincoln and the other in the Sixth district. He wants the other to be O'Neill. It is not certain when the matter is to be decided.

### The Cattle Situation.

Only a few years ago we were accustomed to talk about the greatness of our western range and to boast that we not only consumed more meat per capita than any other civilized nation but that we had surplus big enough to satisfy the demands of Europe. We had some excuse for boasting, for in 1901 we exported 495,000 cattle and 352,000,000 pounds of fresh beef. By 1908 our exports had fallen to 350,000 head of cattle 201,000,000 pounds of fresh beef while in 1912 we exported only 105,000 head of cattle and 15,000,000 pounds of fresh beef. Our dairy exports amounted to \$9,500,000 in 1901 and less than half that amount in 1912. The indi-

cations are that this year's exports of beef will be less than last.

During the year that our beef exports have decreased our imports have increased from 92,000 head of cattle in 1908 to 318,000 in 1912. The value of the dairy products imported during the same period increased from \$5,000,000 to more than \$10,000,000.

In 1909 there were over 71,000,000 cattle in the United States. At the present time there are 56,500,000. It is a story of decreasing herds and decreasing exports, of increasing imports and increasing population.

The agriculturist of the University of Nebraska are firmly convinced that in the face of the above figures no Nebraska farmer should sacrifice his breeding cattle because of the present shortage of forage. The cattle market is high now, but we have every reason to believe that it will continue to be high, and that the farmer who sells his breeding stock now will not only lose his natural increase but will have to pay as much or more for similar stock when feed becomes more plentiful.

In practically all parts of the state there is sufficient feed for the winter if it is properly conserved. Much of the injured corn can be cut for fodder and the silo is the means of saving feed which otherwise is an almost total loss.

### The Live Stock Market

South Omaha, Neb. Aug. 21.—From the Standard Live Stock Commission Co.

Cattle receipts are coming very liberal this week and values are on the decline and can be quoted 10 to 25c lower on all grades of killers, butcher stock and fleshy feeding steers. Good quality light grade stockers are about the only thing on the list holding steady. There is not much prospect of prices the balance of this week.

We quote: Choice beef.....\$8.30@8.90 Common Beef down to.....7.25 Choice Cornfed cows.....6.25@7.40 Good butcher grades.....5.25@6.20 Canners and cutters.....3.25@5.20 Veal calves.....6.00@8.50 Bulls, stags etc.....4.75@8.85 Good to choice feeders.....6.75@7.85 Common grades down to.....5.75 Stock helters.....4.75@6.50 A wide range still prevails in hog values, but receipts are easing up and the tendency is higher. Bulk \$7.70 to 7.75, top 8.35.

Sheep receipts are lighter than expected this week with fat lambs showing an average of 15 to 30c, feeders steady.

Atkinson Graphic: Miss Anna Cross returned from Omaha on Friday night where she has been in a hospital for some time. She is much improved in health.

### KILLED BY LIGHTENING.

Richard O'Malley Instantly Killed by Lightning Last Saturday.

Richard O'Malley son of Mrs. Michael O'Malley, who lives about eight miles northwest of this city, was instantly killed by lightning in Mellette county, S. D., last Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mr. O'Malley was working in a field when the storm came up and he hitched his four horses to the wagon and started for home. He was not very far from home and thought he could make it easily before the storm broke. It was a very sharp electric storm and was not raining at the time he was struck. The bolt followed the lines, his right shoulder and side being severely burned and he was thrown from the wagon and was undoubtedly killed outright.

The remains were brought to this city last Sunday afternoon, accompanied by Harry Sterling, for whom Mr. O'Malley worked while holding down his claim, Mr. McGreevy, county treasurer of Tripp county, Nic McEaley and Miss Olive Prichard of Witten. The funeral was held Monday morning from the Catholic church and was largely attended, the remains being laid to rest in the Catholic cemetery.

Richard O'Malley was born on December 1, 1881, on the farm north of this city where his mother still resides. When the Mellette county land was thrown open for settlement, Mr. O'Malley registered for a claim at Chamberlain and drew No. 6, thereby securing one of the most desirable claims in the county and would have made final proof upon his farm next April. While holding down his claim he was working for Mr. Sterling who owned land in Tripp county close to the Mellette county line.

Dick O'Malley was a big hearted man and everyone that knew him was his friend. He was born on the old homestead in Shields township where he resided until he went to Dakota two years ago. His tragic death is a sad blow to his aged mother, sisters and brothers and they have the heartfelt sympathy of the people of this section in their hour of sorrow.

### Gospel Mission

The series of Revival meetings being held at Mineola M. E. church are still holding the interest of the people. The meetings continue until Sunday night.

On Friday the Rev. Garriet Jansen will deliver his lecture on "Onesimus" and as it is of especial interest to foreigners and teachers we should be glad to see a good number present. On Sunday morning Rev. George Almond will open the doors of the church to receive all who care to become members of the church.

A Baptismal service will also be held. Come and bring a friend and we will do you good.

### Cole-Ernst

Walter Roy Cole, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. George Cole, and Maude Ernst, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Ernst, were united in holy matrimony at the brides home, on Wednesday afternoon last, August 20th.

The home was tastefully decorated for the occasion, and a sumptuous supper immediately followed the ceremony, which was conducted by Rev. Harold J. Armitage, M. E. church, O'Neill.

Those who witnessed the marriage were just the parents and brothers and sisters of the bride and groom.

All friends of Mr. and Mrs. Cole will wish them a very happy and prosperous, long life together.

### Silage Worth \$75,000,000

According to advices received by the state board of agriculture the silage in the state of Nebraska is worth \$75,000,000. Just how farmers may utilize the dry corn stalks for nutritious stock food will be explained at the Nebraska state fair at Lincoln Sept. 1-5. By conserving the supply of grain and using the ensilage for the feeding of stock experts declare that farmers will realize as much cash as would be assured by an average corn crop in the field. Pit silos have been recommended in some states. It has been found that a large per cent of the ensilage rots and the task of taking the silage from the pit is not easy. However, the plan is well worth trying. It is recommended that the pit be lined with boards if possible.

### LOCAL MATTERS

P. J. McManus left last Monday morning for Chicago for his regular buying trip.

Another nice rain the first of the week that has put pastures in splendid condition for fall feed.

Rev. M. F. Cassidy and niece, Miss Cullen, returned last Friday from a six weeks visit in southern California.

The Elkhorn Valley is the garden spot of Nebraska this year and Holt county is one of the brightest spots in the garden.

W. M. Lutter and Miss Barbara Schaar, both of Stuart, were granted a marriage license by County Judge Carlon last Monday.

Dr. E. T. Wilson left Wednesday morning for Chicago, where he will spend the next three weeks visiting relatives and friends.

John A. Hamilton of New Virginia, Iowa, and Miss Edna Chandler of Emmet were granted license to wed by Judge Carlon last week.

Work on the new school building is progressing rapidly and when completed O'Neill will have one of the finest public school buildings in the state.

The rush of work the past two weeks is responsible for The Frontier being late again this week. By next week, however we expect to be on time again.

Ferris E. Webb of Webster City, Iowa, and Miss Sylvia Robertson of Atkinson, were granted a marriage license by County Judge Carlon last Monday.

Mrs. Frank Bowen and son, Archie, left this morning for Utica, New York, where the latter will enter a conservatory of music for a couple of years of study.

The race meet last week was one of the most successful ever held in the county, both in attendance and interest and a nice balance will be left in the treasury after paying all debts.

The village of Emmet is once again numbered among the wet towns of the county. The village board granted license to a saloon there last week and it opened for business a week ago Saturday.

M. F. Harrington returned Wednesday evening from a three weeks trip to Atlantic coast states and in the sunny south land. He says that crops are looking as fine in this section as in any part of the country that he visited.

One of the largest crowds that has ever attended an Old Settlers picnic gathered in Martin's grove north of this city today to help celebrate the thirteenth annual picnic and everyone present thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The Empire state is well equipped with governors these days, having two men who are trying to perform the duties of chief executive. Governor Sulzer was impeached but refuses to turn the office over to the lieutenant governor.

At the special election last week to vote upon saloons or no saloons the village of Atkinson went wet. We understand that the dry voters ignored the election entirely claiming that the election was not legal, as they settled the question of saloons or no saloons at the regular city election last April.

Harry Thaw, the murderer of the New York architect, Sandford White, occupied the center of the stage in the daily press the past week. He escaped from the New York state insane asylum, where he has been confined the past seven years, last Sunday morning. It undoubtedly cost him a few thousand to make his get-a-way.

John Mathis and Miss Nellie M. Farley, both of Atkinson, were united in marriage by County Judge Carlon at the county court room this morning. Mr. Mathis is one of western Holt's most enterprising real estate men who has many friends scattered throughout the county who will wish him and his bride happiness and prosperity.

Mr. Sanders of Norfolk, district manager of the Nebraska Telephone Company, was in the city last Saturday and met with some members of the Commercial Club that evening, when the proposed increase in telephone rates were discussed. The citizens at the meeting were nearly all unanimous in opposition to an increase in telephone rates and went on record as favoring a decrease in rates, as it was the consensus of opinion that the present rates were too high, that the property was paying too large dividends, as the local people who sold it to the Nebraska people say that the property earned 20 per cent. The Nebraska people withdrew their application for an increase of rates but they will probably file another application in the near future.

The O'Neill High School has been designated by the state superintendent as one of the state agricultural schools, created under the Shumway act passed by the last legislature. There will be a special instructor who will have charge of the agricultural department and the school board will rent a few acres of ground where the pupils will secure practical knowledge.

### WEDDING BELLS.

Two Prominent O'Neill Ladies Wedded the Past Week.

Married, at the residence of the brides mother in this city Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock, George M. Henry of Dallas, S. D. and Miss Mabel G. Martin of this city, Rev. Longstaff of the Presbyterian church officiating. The happy young couple left on the 10 o'clock train for Omaha and will visit friends and relatives there and in Iowa before returning to Dallas where they will make their future home. Both the bride and groom were raised in this county and are quite well known over the entire county. For the past six or seven years Mr. Henry has been making his home in South Dakota, where he has a responsible position with an electric light company. The bride is one of O'Neill's most charming young ladies and is well known and admired by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. The best wishes of all their Holt county friends will accompany them and wish them a long and happy wedded life.

### Keene-McHugh.

Married, at the Catholic church last Tuesday morning, August 19, 1913, Max Andrew Keene of Buffalo, S. D., to Miss Loretta McHugh of this city, Rev. M. F. Cassidy officiating, in the presence of a large number of the relatives and friends of the contracting parties. The bride is one of O'Neill's fairest young ladies the daughter of Mrs. C. C. McHugh and has grown to womanhood in this city. She is a charming young lady and has a host of friends in this city and surrounding country. The groom is a stranger to O'Neill people but that he stands highly in the estimation of the people of his own home is attested by the fact that he is occupying the position of clerk of the circuit court in his own county. The young people left for their future home at Buffalo Tuesday morning and carried with them the best wishes of the people of this city for a long and happy journey upon the matrimonial sea.

### The Value of Your Farm.

The August publication of Wallace's Farmer contains the following explanation by Prof. C. G. Hopkins of the University of Illinois, on the yield and value of your farm: "If it cost \$4 an acre to raise corn, 5 cents a bushel to harvest and market the crop, 9 cents a bushel to maintain the fertility of the soil, and one-half of one per cent on the value of the land for taxes, then if money is worth 5 per cent, land that produces 20 bushels of 40-cent corn is worth \$21.81 an acre. On the same basis what would land be worth that produces 40 bushels of corn and equivalent values of other crops? At first thought one might say \$43.62, but this answer would be far from the correct one, which is \$116.38. And if we again double the yield, making it 80 bushels an acre the value of the land becomes not \$87.24; but easy computation will

show that the gross receipts from an 80-bushel crop will pay \$7.20 an acre for soil enrichment, \$4 for raising the crop, \$4 for harvesting and marketing, \$1.53 for taxes and 5 per cent interest on a valuation of \$305.45 an acre."

### Gold Medal Contest.

At the double contest to be given in connection with the W. C. T. U. convention at O'Neill, the selections to be given by the Matron's Gold Medal Contest class are "The Result of a Fathers choice," "Cost of a vote" by Edna Jackson Howck, "The March of Civilization" by Geo. R. Stewart, also one other selection by winner at Newport, August 22. Mrs. Della B. Eby will give "The Court of Last Appeal." The vocal solos are "Tis a Drunkard's Home Today," "Will It Pay?" and "The Child at the Door." The O'Neill orchestra will render some beautiful numbers and the girls will also sing. Date of contest Friday, Aug. 29, at the Opera house. Admission 10-15-25c. The contest must commence at 8 sharp as the contestants leave on the 10:30 train west.

### Elkhorn Valley Doctors Here.

The annual meeting of the Elkhorn Medical Society was held in O'Neill last Wednesday and was attended by about thirty five members of the profession, some being present from Omaha and as far west as Chadron.

The members were treated to novel entertainments and the citizens of this city were voted expert entertainers by the members of the profession. A blue rock shoot was one of the entertainment features provided for their entertainment during the afternoon and in the evening after an automobile trip around the city a smoker was furnished at the K. O. Hall where the members of the profession met the citizens of the city.

The meeting was voted one of the best ever held by the Elkhorn Valley Society and the people of our city hope that they will again decide to meet with us.

### Supervisors Proceedings.

O'Neill, Neb July 18th, 1, o'clock, p. m., 1913.—Board met pursuant to adjournment all members present except Hubbell.

Mr. Chairman: We your committee appointed to view the bridges in the supervisors districts 5 and 4 beg leave to report that we would recommend that a steel bridge and concrete abutments 18 feet long be constructed where the bridge washed out across a branch of the South Fork 4 1/2 mile west of Chambers. And the supervisor of Dist 5 is hereby instructed to do the necessary work in said Dist. 5. M P Sullivan Th D Sievers O A Fauquier

Upon motion report of committee was adopted. On motion board adjourned until July 30, 1913, at 10 o'clock. S F McNichols, county clerk Th D Sievers, chairman.

Many Holt county people are figuring on attending the state fair, which commences in Lincoln next week. The management does not believe that the attendance will be materially affected by the crop shortage.

## Out-of work and no money



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S. S. Welton, President. O. F. Biglin, Vice President

# A Carload Peaches & Grapes!

I will have a mixed car of Missouri Peaches and Grapes on track at O'Neill about

Wed., August 27th

This fruit is hand picked, of good quality and will sell: Peaches \$1.50 per bushel. Grapes 25 cents per basket.

O. W. STEWART