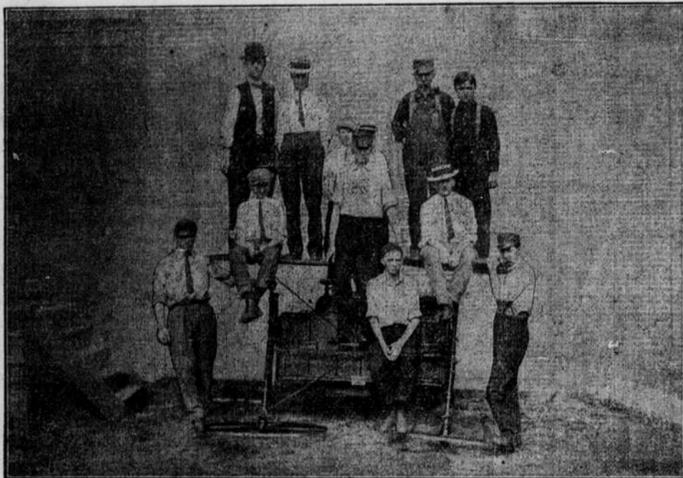
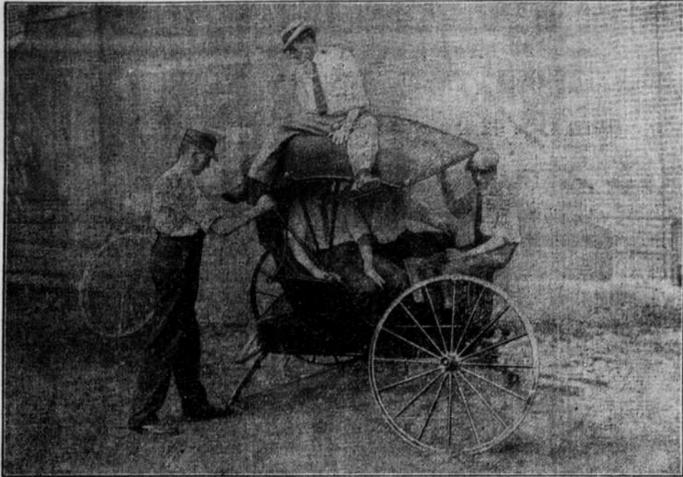


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Here's a Lister that has always made good. The user takes no chances in putting in his corn right if he uses a Rock Island. Everyone knows that. Why not get the old reliable and

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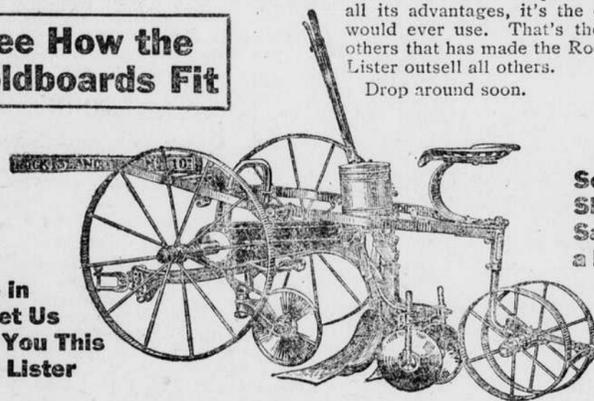
right and left moldboards are so fitted together that there is no crack. An end of scouring trouble and a saving to you in wear. You should examine the manner of making and fitting the Rock Island Lister Bottom. Best in the world.

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**See How the Moldboards Fit**



**See the High Share That Saves Buying a New Bottom**

**Come in and Let Us Show You This Great Lister**

**To the People of O'Neill.**

Dear Friends: I esteem it an honor as well as a great privilege to be permitted to contribute to this particular issue of The Frontier, and it is with pleasure that Mrs. Watson and myself extend hearty greetings to our many friends in and about O'Neill.

Having served the Methodist church in your city, as pastor, for four delightful years, the very thought of O'Neill brings up so many pleasant memories that it is not easy to decide what to say to you all, now that the opportunity is ours to improve. I do wish to say, however, that, to my mind, the fact that you are planning to build a new Church indicates a spirit of progress and advancement and we trust that your fondest hopes, and brightest anticipations may be realized in the near future; and that the new edifice may mean to all of you, a new and enlarged opportunity for service. We rejoice to hear of the recent increase in interest and the goodly number of accessions to your membership, and trust that the good work may go on for many years to come.

Mrs. Watson and myself often speak of the good people of O'Neill and we are promising ourselves a visit to that place one of these days. Then we hope to meet and greet our many friends, not only of the Church, but of the town as well.

In closing, let me once more assure you all of our very best wishes for your good influence spread until, like leaven of the Scriptures, it shall have leavened the whole lump.

Very sincerely yours,  
T. S. WATSON.  
Hartington, Neb., March 5, 1914.

**Holt County Rural Schools.**

The Holt county rural schools are supplied with well qualified teachers as a result of normal training in three of our high schools, and the work of the O'Neill Junior Normal.

The majority of teachers endeavored to follow the course of study and secured good results giving us the largest class of eighth grade graduates in the history of the county.

State aid to weak districts has been a wonderful help to the few districts who have received aid. It will be

needed for some time to come in districts where the indebtedness is large.

Among the noticeable improvements in rural school conditions are the improvements in school buildings and grounds, the installing of heating and ventilating systems and the sanitary drinking fountains.

Nearly every school has its library. Most schools have maps, globes and many have an organ.

For several years during institute week an exhibit has been held which has been very successful. These exhibits from the rural schools have been of good quality, including papers in penmanship, maps, drawing, nature study, etc. At the state fair last fall, Holt county won a number of prizes and many rural schools won prizes at the county exhibit.

Most of the schools of the county observe the special days with appropriate exercises and much interest has been displayed in the school by reason of this.

The normal training course has afforded us many teachers that are doing excellent work. However, there is a decided lack in practical training, to especially fit teachers to an understanding and appreciation of rural conditions and environment. We certainly need teachers practically trained to meet conditions as they exist, to comprehend these conditions, and thus better them. We cannot hope to have our rural schools provide the kind of education needed by the farmer's son and daughter to fit them for better, fuller and happier living, to lead them to an appreciation of their environment and its possibilities, so long as our rural school course is arranged with the sole purpose of fitting these same sons and daughters for the high school, when only about ten per cent of them ever get any education beyond that afforded them in the country school.

The country school should offer a practical course in agriculture, domestic science, business, (of the farm and home) should teach good reading and create a taste for the best in literature, should teach writing, practical arithmetic, language, etc. How can we hope to do this without special trained teachers?

When we provide these the rural

school problem is solved. And why should we not do this when the vast majority of our population is the rural population? There is a crying need for practical education throughout the country, and only those who are closely in touch with rural needs and rural conditions appreciate what this means.

We believe that the condition of school matters in Holt county are in a progressive condition. A strong cooperative spirit prevails among school officers and generally speaking, our teachers have been enthusiastic, conscientious and capable.

MINNIE B. MILLER,  
County Superintendent.  
O'NEILL PUBLIC LIBRARY.

By S. J. WEEKES,  
Member Library Board.

Second only to the Public School building, the most important improvement made in O'Neill during the past year is the Public Library. This is a brick structure, thirty-seven by sixty-four feet, with tile roof, steam heated and modernly equipped throughout.

The main floor is all in one large room and will be used for library purposes proper. In the basement, in addition to the furnace room, storage room, closets, etc., there is a large room to be used for public meetings, such as city council and township meetings.

The building was erected at a cost of \$10,000.00, all of which was donated by Andrew Carnegie. A nominal levy is made each year against the taxable property of Grattan township and O'Neill for maintenance purposes.

The Library Board, consisting of Judge R. R. Dickson, J. J. Harrington, J. A. Donohoe, O. F. Biglin and S. J. Weekes, have announced that the building will be opened two days each week, which is customary in towns of this size, on Wednesdays, from 1 p. m. to 5 p. m., and Saturdays from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. The first installment of books have been ordered and it is expected that the building will be opened early in April.

The Library Board wish it understood that any citizen of O'Neill and

Grattan township should feel free and at liberty to use the library whenever and as much as they desire.

**THE GOLDEN HOTEL.**

"The Golden" Hotel was opened to the public on May 10, 1913, under the management of Evans & Evans (Wesley T. and Ralph P.) veteran hotel men well and favorably known to all, including the traveling public. The management has spared no labor or expense in making it attractive by elegant furnishings and ornamentation.

This is a modern fire-proof building containing forty-six sleeping rooms, very spacious lobby, dining and writing room. The kitchen and other rooms are well arranged. All rooms are well ventilated and are heated by the McGinnis Creamery Co. from their central plant. There being no furnace in the building safety and cleanliness are insured.

This building was erected and is owned by T. V. Golden an old and well known resident of this city at a cost of approximately \$50,000.00 whose faith in the future of our town and surrounding country prompted him to take this first step toward making a bigger and better O'Neill.

Its central location, its distinctive appointments, that bespeak comfort, and its unique and up-to-date facilities and service make it second to no other hotel in the state. Evans & Evans and Mr. Golden deserve congratulation and thanks.

Taken from the Holt County Independent, M. E. Church issue, of March 15, 1901:

"We learn from the Basset Eagle that Dennis A. Criss, formerly assistant agent at O'Neill and Atkinson, but who now has the station at Basset, is very sick. His parents passed thru O'Neill the other day enroute from Petersburg to Basset to be at his bedside. Dennis was a general favorite here and his many friends wish him a speedy recovery."

We are glad to state at the present writing that Mr. Criss is still alive and well and is now the agent for the Chicago and Northwestern railway at this point and resides with his family in the western part of our little city.

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**Frank Campbell**