

# The Frontier

Published by D. H. CRONIN

One Year . . . . . \$1.50  
Six Months . . . . . 75 cents

Entered at the post office at O'Neill, Nebraska, as second class matter.

Every subscription is regarded as an open account. The names of subscribers will be instantly removed from our mailing list at expiration of time paid for, if publisher shall be notified; otherwise the subscription remains in force at the designated subscription price. Every subscriber must understand that these conditions are made a part of the contract between publisher and subscriber.

### ADVERTISING RATES:

Display advertisements on Pages 4, 5 and 8 are charged for on a basis of 50 cents an inch (one column width) per month; on Page 1 the charge is \$1.00 an inch per month. Local advertisements, 5 cents per line, each insertion.

Address the office or the publisher.

## BAZELMAN'S

### For Your Money's Worth

"An opportunity once lost is never regained." The people of O'Neill and surrounding country are beginning to realize that and coming to our Store to get bargains. We claim that we have as good, if not better bargains, than any store in town. We have goods and prices so attractive that people who come to look will stay and buy. We want you to come in and look over our stock, even if you do not buy we will gladly show you anything you wish to look at. We have a full line of Suits which we will sell at a discount. We also carry a fine line of Women's Goods such as Skirts, Shoes, and have a full line of the Alberts Corsets.

Week before last we sold \$160 worth of bacon; last week we doubled that amount and still run short. So you see this is the place to come and take home the bacon. We noticed last week we got quite a compliment on our display of advertisement. When some certain guy who had more time than money seemed to be jealous because he was not invited to join the sucker family on their pleasure trip.

This week we will sell  
Granulated Sugar at \$8.20 per sack.  
8 Boxes of Matches for 25c. If you had heads like these matches you would buy some of them.

Why not raise a dust when you can buy brooms at 30c.

Picnic Hams at 18c per pound.  
We still have that price on shoes; it would pay you to come down and look them over.

We have a new supply of Corn Flakes which we will sell at 5c a package.

Are you hungry. Everybody eat

## At Bazelman's

WATCH OUR ADS.

### Weather Report.

	Max.	Min.	St. of W.	Rn.
August 2-95	69	Clear		0
August 3-97	70	Pt. Cl. yd.		0
August 4-96	73	Cloudy		.09
August 5-98	71	Clear		0
August 6-95	63	Cloudy		.10
August 7-84	54	Clear		0
August 8-89	57	Clear		0

MORE THAN A SCORE OF THE wealthiest patrons of fashionable Palm Beach, Florida, appear in the early chapters of "Gloria's Romance," the new motion picture novel from the pen of Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Hughes, in which Billie Burke is being featured. The unusual opportunity of both appearing in a motion picture production and acting as a supporting cast for so famous a star as Billie Burke, appealed to the millionaire colony at Palm Beach as a great lark. The film is the feature at the Star Theater on Thursday's.

### Holt County the Goat.

Dr. C. V. Crook, who has been making headquarters at Stuart for several months, was declared a dipsomaniac by the county insanity board Friday and taken to the dipso hospital at Lincoln Saturday morning. The doctor, a former resident of Fremont, has been making Valentine, Cherry county, his residence for a number of years, and has been engaged in the practice of his profession there. More than a year ago the doctor was declared a dipso by the Cherry county officials, but not sent to the asylum. Perhaps because of the expense to the county, Holt county foots the bill.

**Bellevue College**  
Classical, Literary, Scientific, Teachers' Certificates, Bible, Art, Piano, Voice, Violin, Public Speaking, Dramatic Home Economy, Physical Education, Gymnasium, Swimming Pool.  
Seven Buildings, City and Country Advantages. Campus view a delight forever. Health, Thought, Skill. Bellevue (Omaha) Neb. Box 22 Fremont, Neb.  
David B. Keet

### EARLY DAYS IN O'NEILL.

(Continued from page one.)

storm had ceased and although it was very cold, I think 30 or 40 degrees below zero, we managed to get into town in good shape. I think then that I would never again get into another blizzard, but I did get into another one much worse than this, but that is another story, and did not occur until some eight years afterwards, when Clyde King was my side partner and fellow sufferer.

I have been thinking of the very many hunting trips I have made, and while a few of these were after big game, the ones that really afforded the greatest pleasure were those in Holt County. This will apply especially to the first few years, say from 1880 to 1886, when the country was but sparsely settled. This seemed to be the natural home of the prairie chicken, and the winged fowls, were also numerous in season. From the elusive and erratic little Jacksnipe up to the Mallard and goose, there was an abundance. The chicken, however, was the bird decidedly the favorite, possibly because the most numerous and easily found. One could start out from town in any direction, either early or late in the afternoon, with a good dog and gun and return in a few hours with any where from a dozen to fifty or even a hundred young chickens. This sport never palled on me. I was as anxious late in the season as I was in the commencement, and each succeeding year only increased the pleasure. While I have hunted with parties of a number of shooters, I recall with the keenest gratification the trips Mrs. Mathews and I made. I do not think we ever went without meeting with some measure of success, and in many instances have returned at dark with a buggy box full of birds and the tired dog lying on top of this soft cushion he had so nobly aided in providing. Of course we could not use all the chickens killed, even though many a time we invited in the neighbors to partake of a big chicken meal. It was my habit to drive around to the doors of my friends and throw out a mess for each. I have done this scores and scores of times. I have no doubt that there are numerous freinds still living in O'Neill who will remember this.

During these first few years I think I killed as many or more chickens than any other man in the county, but I want to say that none of them were wasted. I did not mean to be a hog or to be considered unportmanlike, but it was to me such great fun that I could not resist the temptation.

Next to the chicken hunting the most interesting, (in fact it was greater sport) was the wild duck shooting over on Dry Creek and up the Elkhorn. We also organized parties and went into the lake country among the sand hills in the southern country, remaining several days and of course having lots of sport.

I must here refer to the fact that one of the most companionable men who used to hunt with me during the first and second seasons was Father J. T. Smith, at that time the priest in charge of the O'Neill church. Father Smith was an ardent sportsman, a very good shot, and with all one of the most interesting men in conversation I ever know. I learned to love him like a brother, and I believe he felt largely the same way towards me. During our trips we had many opportunities to discuss various topics and I know that from him I absorbed many good thoughts and ideas. Of course we discussed among other things religious matters, and while we did not agree in all ways, there was never any semblance of bitterness in our talk. The fact is that Father Smith elucidated so many questions that to me had been hard to understand, that I formed a very high regard for the Catholic religion and the Catholic people, and these impressions were so forcibly impressed upon my mind and conscience that through all these years I have been very thankful I could say I held no prejudice against and had only the highest regard for this, the oldest branch of the Christian religion.

It is brought forcibly to my mind that in looking back over these early days, that had it not been for the great influence and control that this good man had over his flock, the conditions would certainly have been chaotic, and that there would have been a considerable disregard for the laws. I could relate many incidents where the influence of Father Smith curbed impending outbreaks of men's passions, but will not do so for fear of hurting the feelings of someone, and certainly in these articles I want to avoid anything of that kind.

There was a great scramble during this summer and fall of 1880 to secure the best lands, and the new comers depended largely on the locating agents. These were men who kept posted as to the vacant lands and of the tracts also that were not being taken care of as the law provided, being subject to contest. Naturally considerable bad blood was engendered in many cases and very often the land men or locating agents were blamed, sometimes justly, but often very unjustly. The man who located more people in the north part of the county than anyone else was Bennett S. Gillespie, who was not only a competent surveyor, but kept well informed in his line of work. Gillespie did something, just what I do not now recall, that excited the wrath of a number of settlers living ten or fifteen mile north of town, and the climax of this was most deplorable. One dark night, I think it was in October, a mob of men quietly assembled in the woods at Gillespie's house. Their evident intention was to get hold of Gillespie and probably inflict severe punishment. Gillespie was in the house with his wife and children and was aroused when an attempt was made to force the front door, and a demand made for him to come forth. Gillespie was then a comparatively young man, rugged and strong, and having lived on the frontier for many years felt able to protect himself under any circumstances. He did not stop to dress but grabbed a gun and gave warning that unless hostilities ceased he would fire. He did fire, and at the same time escaped out of the rear door in his night clothes, remaining out in



## Samuel H. Sedgwick

of York, Nebraska

Candidate for Re-election for

Judge of the Supreme Court

PUBLIC SERVICE—

District Judge four years, Court Commissioner two years, Judge of the Supreme Court thirteen years—nineteen years of honest endeavor to administer equity and justice.

Why Should Any Change Be Deemed Necessary?

the woods until daylight. The result of that shot or shots, was the death of a young man whose name I believe was Keys. As I recall it now, this young man was really an inoffensive fellow. It was somewhat in the nature of the innocent bystander receiving the punishment.

I do not think any complaint was ever made against Gillespie. He went before a Justice of Peace and after an examination of facts, was exonerated. Nothing further was done on either side, and the affair soon was apparently forgotten. Mr. Gillespie was afterwards elected judge of the county and moved to O'Neill. He was also (years afterward) register of the United States Land Office, and was succeeded by the writer. There were of course a good many rows over land, resulting in very bitter feeling at times between the contestants, but I believe this was the only killing that resulted directly from this cause.

Yesterday, July 16, 1916, I made a great find, and I am inclined to think that the old settlers of Holt county will be as much pleased over it as I am. It was Sunday and I took occasion to dig up out of the rubbish in the attic a box in which I knew was stored a lot of old letters and other documents of various character. I carried the box to the sleeping porch (as it was pretty warm, also utilized the electric fan) and during the greater part of the day, reveled in this ancient collection. There were many letters that were of great interest to me, but the find referred to consisted of two copies of The Frontier printed in miniature form. I mean that these two editions were gotten out at a time when owing to the severe storms the regular edition of the "patent insides" failed to come from Omaha. These little papers were printed on the job press and the pages are about eight by ten inches, three columns to the page. One paper is of four pages and the other is of two. While small, there is a whole lot of stuff in them that to me is very interesting, and I am going to quote quite copiously, for as I said before, I know you will enjoy the reproductions therefrom and the references thereto. These little papers were evidently gotten out to make legal the land notices and other legal advertising. As the files of The Frontier for the first three years were destroyed by fire, I almost believe these two little copies are the only ones in existence. At this time I will only refer to the one dated November 11, 1880. Owing to the diminutive size the editor placed under the heading of The O'Neill City Frontier the word "Weakly" evidently intending to be funny in spelling the word "weekly" instead of "weekly."

On the first page we find the report of the result of the election, giving the official count, showing that "contrary to prediction, Holt county rolls up a nice little Republican majority," and the heading adds: "Val leads the Van with the slick majority of 180."

The recapitulation shows that the total vote cast for electors was 718 of which 334 were republican, 309 democrat, and 75 greenback, a majority for the republicans over the democrats of 25.

For congress Valentine received 326, North 146, Root 75. This gave Valentine a majority of 180 over his democratic opponent and of 105 over all.

For governor, Nance received 323, Tipton 307, Williams 75. Nance's majority over Tipton 16.

For district attorney 633 votes were cast, of which McNish received 337, O'Day 296, giving McNish a majority of 41.

For state senator the total vote was 701, of which Campbell, dem. received 351, Perkins, rep. 293, Ailey, gb. 57, thus giving Campbell a majority of 1 over all and 57 over Perkins.

For representative the total vote was 697, of which McClure, rep. received 229, Everton, dem. 256, Hayes gb. 108, Darr, independent, 104. Everton majority over McClure 27.

For county commissioner the total vote was 695, of which Ewing, rep. received 322, Townsend, fusion of dem. and gb. 373, giving Townsend a majority of 51.

For coroner, Brennan, rep. received 327, McClellan, dem. 286, Darr, gb. 81. It seems there was a vote had for a special tax, about which I do not now



To Warner & Son O'Neill, Neb.

## Warner & Son.

Will save you money, if you buy your Furniture NOW. Notwithstanding the fact that Furniture has been steadily advancing at the factory for several months past, and is still rising, we have just received a carload of the latest designs of Davenport, Buffets, Cabinets, China Closets, Dressers, Chiffoniers, Dressing Tables, Dining Tables, Chairs and Rockers. This is absolutely the finest line of Furniture ever shown in O'Neill and we are sure that we can satisfy you both in price and quality.

We also have a large quantity of the latest patterns in Rugs. If you intend to furnish or refurnish your home,

Do It Now.

## You Can Fence

With our American fence for it will give you satisfaction and my prices are lower now than they can be later.

Let me quote you prices on what you need.

Neil P. Brennan

## Better Than Cash

Money invested in a Certificate of Deposit in the Nebraska State Bank is better than cash.

Why? It is much safer from theft, fire, loss or unwise expenditure.

It draws 5 per cent interest.

It is negotiable but not attachable.

Protected by the Depositors State Guarantee Fund.

This is a favorite form of banking for many shrewd men of Holt County.

## Nebraska State Bank

## Light Transfer==Delivery

Will deliver to any part of town and to and from depots. Use the Phone.

J. U. YANTZI, Phones 280-298

d.; judges J. L. Smith, r., J. S. Axtell, r., H. Gordon, r.; justice R. Khun, r.; clerks E. H. Doty, d., C. C. Gray, d., constables F. Spear, r., E. T. Clark, r.; overseer John Bennett, r.

Steel Creek—Assessor D. Cook, r.; judges M. D. Hazard, r., Jacob Davis, r., H. H. Knight, r.; clerks J. W. Wertz, r., Daniel Cook, r.; overseer Jacob Davis, r.; constable E. Crosson, r.

Iowa—Assessor H. Perkins, r.;

judges G. W. Jones, r., J. A. Cronk, r., W. S. George, r.; clerks F. M. Phelps, r., W. H. Park, r.; overseer W. S. George, r.; justice A. B. Smith, r., J. Thompson, r.; constables C. Hough, r., Wm. VanConet, r.

Besides the election returns this little edition of The Frontier contains some local paragraphs under the head of "Caught-on-the-Fly" and also some correspondence from different points,