

LOCAL MATTERS.

Mrs. Hombach made a short trip to Omaha the latter part of last week.

John Car, the land baron of Stafford, has been in the city the past few days.

Michael O'Loughlin of Omaha attended the O'Connor funeral Wednesday.

M. P. Brennan of Omaha arrived Tuesday morning to attend the O'Connor funeral.

Mrs. Julius Duft returned Monday evening from a week's visit with relatives at Bloomfield.

Miss Bernice Golden returned from a short visit with friends in Lincoln last Saturday.

Mrs. J. W. Shaw of Butte, Mont., arrived last evening for an extended visit with her mother, Mrs. F. J. Ratliff.

Miss Edna Barnard returned Sunday night from a week's sojourn with relatives and friends in Sioux City, Omaha and Decatur.

Earl Faulhaber returned from Lincoln last Wednesday night having spent the past month with relatives and friends in the Capitol.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McAvoy of Omaha, who were called to O'Neill by the death of William J. O'Connor, returned to their home Thursday.

Mrs. Neil P. Brennan left the latter part of last week for a month's visit with her parents at Albia, Iowa. Mr. Brennan will join her for the holidays.

Lyle S. Smith of West Point, who formerly ran the City Meat market in this city, came up Thursday for a few days visit with relatives and old time friends.

Andy Gallagher of Laurel and J. F. O'Connor of Sioux City were among the many from abroad who attended the funeral of W. J. O'Connor Wednesday.

Miss Bernice Golden entertained the Whist Whackers club in their spacious home last Tuesday evening. The evening was spent playing cards Miss Helen Mullen emerging victorious.

Mail your Christmas packages now, is the urgent suggestion put forth by Postmaster McCarthy. Although Christmas is but ten days away very few parcels have been mailed, says the postmaster.

Charlie McKenna, Mable Meredith, Florence McCafferty, Mary Stannard, Grace and May Hammond went over to Gregory and other South Dakota towns Saturday afternoon for a little auto trip, returning Sunday evening.

Ambrose Biglin left Saturday evening for Casper, Wyoming, where he has accepted a position in the Casper National Bank. Mr. Biglin has had several years experience in the banking business and should prove a valuable man to the Casper people.

Thomas Carlon has announced his intention of opening an office for the practice of law upon the expiration of his term as county judge, January 4, specializing in probate matters. Judge Carlon has had nine years experience, as a judge, with this class of cases and is no doubt exceptionally well qualified.

Engine trouble, between Omaha and Fremont, delayed the arrival of Northwestern passenger, No. 3, due here Monday night about 11 o'clock until 5 o'clock Tuesday morning. It was necessary to procure a relief

engine from Council Bluffs and to change train crews at Norfolk for the run to Long Pine, owing to the sixteen hour law.

Government Highway Engineer W. A. Wonder, who superintended the laying out of the O'Neill-Chambers road this spring and who made the estimates and plans under which the road now is being built, has been made chief engineer of government highways for the district including Nebraska, North and South Dakota, western Iowa and Kansas. Mr. Wonder's headquarters will be at Omaha.

County Supervisors Sullivan, Hubbell, Hayes and Hubbard, and County Clerk P. C. Kelley are attending the annual convention of county officials at Alliance this week.

John E. Freeman of the local land office is the latest of O'Neill youngsters to enter the practice of the legal profession. Mr. Freeman, who is a living demonstration of the fact that a man only is as old as he feels, is fifty-eight years young and last week passed the bar examination before the supreme court at Lincoln with honor.

The basketball team of the local high school made a clean sweep of the games held with the Stuart high school in the local gymnasium last Friday night, the girls winning by a score of 27 to 5, and the boys 28 to 24. A good crowd was in attendance composed of both Stuart and O'Neill people.

Klas H. Friessen, residing about nine miles northwest of this city, died this morning, (Thursday) after an illness lasting but eight days. Mr. Friessen was but thirty-seven years old, and was born in York county, Nebraska, from which place he moved to Holt county with his family about a year ago locating northwest of this city. He was an industrious hard worker and a successful farmer and his sudden death was a shock to his many friends and neighbors. He leaves a wife and seven children, besides an uncle, also residing out north, and relatives in his old home to mourn his demise. His body will be shipped to Henderson, Nebraska, Saturday morning for burial.

Holt County Forever.

Rather a life of singleness and solitude as one of Holt county's tenantry than of marital blessedness as a landlord in Platte county.

Such is the viewpoint of Patrick H. Smith, according to a divorce petition filed against him down at Columbus by Mrs. Josephine Smith. That Pat is so enamored of Holt county that he refused to move from his rented farm here, to an eighty acre tract owned by Mrs. Smith down in Platte is one reason she desires a separation, she says.

The Smiths were married in Platte county in May 1890. Mrs. Smith set forth in her petition that in 1909 while they were living on a rented farm in Holt county, she inherited a good eighty acres in Platte county, but her husband would not come with her to make their home on it. She asserts that for more than two years past he has willfully deserted her. She asks for a divorce and for the custody of the one child who is still a minor.

We have always known that Holt county is considered by many leading scientists to have been the original location of the Garden of Eden, and that Platte county is pretty punk. We have refrained, however, from mentioning just how bad Platte county is,

because of our regard for Edgar Howard and Chris Guenther, but we never imagined it was so awful down there that a man would sacrifice family ties rather than be listed as one of its permanent citizens.

Some Winter Temperatures.

Twenty-one degrees below zero was the minimum temperature at O'Neill during the present cold snap up until 7 o'clock Thursday morning, as recorded by the local government thermometers. The temperatures are recorded by self-registering instruments, which are read at 7 o'clock each morning for the preceding twenty-four hours. Following are the maximum and minimums since 7 o'clock Sunday morning:

Day	Max.	Min.
Sunday	44	17
Monday	22	0
Tuesday	23	2
Wednesday	12	-20
Thursday	13	-21

Hotel Golden To Be Enlarged.

Another story is to be added to the Golden hotel, making it when the improvements are completed, a four-story completely fireproof structure throughout. The foundations of the building originally and purposely were made substantial enough to carry one or two extra stories, which T. V. Golden, owner, contemplated adding as the growing reputation of O'Neill as a good hotel town demanded. Under the able management of Proprietor W. T. Evans, the Golden rapidly has come to be one of the best of its size in the west and traveling salesmen and others now arrange their routes so to either Sunday or spend the nights here. As a result the hotel now generally is taxed to its capacity. Work on the improvements which will include an elevator probably will begin in the spring, says Mr. Golden.

Germany Would Talk Peace.

With the submission by Germany and her allies, Tuesday, of peace proposals, prospects of a cessation of hostilities in the near future have become bright and it is probable that the great European slaughter may be discontinued at least while views are being exchanged.

The peace proposals were formally made when the German chancellor, through the ambassadors of the United States and other leading neutral nations and through the Vatican, submitted notes to the governments of the allies. No direct replies to the notes have yet been made by the allies.

Advices from Berlin to the German embassy at Washington indicate that Germany's peace terms, in general measures propose the restoration of the status quo before the war with the exception of the establishment of independent kingdoms of Poland and Lithuania.

They are understood to propose the complete restoration of occupied portions of Belgium and France in return for Germany's captured colonies and to dispose of the Balkan situation, because of its extreme complications, in the peace conference.

Death Halts Pursuit of Elopers.

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Sheriff Peterman, who happened to be in that district, accompanying Bruce, who was serving papers. The funeral we understand will be held at the Catholic church Saturday. The car with the exception of the wind shield was undamaged.

N. R. A. Qualification Courses.

The following courses have been adopted tentatively by the National Rifle Association of which the O'Neill Rifle Club is a member.

ANY RIFLE may be used.

ANY KIND OF SIGHT, peep, open, or telescopic, may be used. The use of the peep sight is recommended.

USE OF SLING is authorized.

COACHING IS PERMITTED. There should be a coach at each firing point.

EACH COURSE MAY BE REPEATED as often as is desired. Qualification entitles you to advance to the next course. The names of those who qualify are recorded in the War Department (National Board for Promotion of Rifle Practice.)

DECORATIONS will be awarded to those who qualify as Expert Riflemen.

TARGET "B" is used for all firing. Hits in the bull's-eye count 5; the white disk marks a 5; the red a 4; the white and black a 3, and the black a 2. A miss is indicated by waving a red flag. Hits on the wrong target count as a miss. (The instructor will illustrate on an actual target with disks, the method of marking, the use of spotters and the meaning of the expression "o'clock".)

IN SLOW FIRE the target is marked after each shot and a spotter indicates the exact location of the hit.

IN MAGAZINE FIRE the target is exposed 30 seconds. Five shots are fired during the exposure. If there are more than 5 hits on the target the score is not recorded and another string is fired. (The expression 'rapid fire' is no longer used because the idea is to fire deliberately instead of rapidly.)

MARKSMAN COURSE. Fired at 200 yards. No rest is used. Slow fire—5 shots prone, 5 kneeling, 5 squatting, 5 standing—total 20 shots. Magazine fire—5 shots prone, 5 kneeling, 5 squatting, 5 standing—total 20 shots. Necessary to qualify: Aggregate score of 150 or total score in Magazine Fire of 75.

SHARPSHOOTER COURSE. Arm, hand or rifle must touch post or standing parapet. (Slow fire—200 yards 5 shots standing from post rest, 300 yards 5 kneeling from trench, 400 yards 5 sitting or squatting from trench, 500 yards 5 prone from trench—total 20 shots. Then one skirmish run of 20 shots. Necessary to qualify: An aggregate score of 150 or a total score on skirmish of 75. On ranges where posts and parapets are not provided, the firing may be from the prescribed positions without the rests.

THE SKIRMISH begins at 500 yards 5 shots are fired at each of above distances and positions. Targets exposed 30 seconds for each range and down 1 1/2 minutes for each advance. All advances are at double time. A coach accompanies each skirmish. Score taken at end of run. If there are more than 20 hits on target run must be repeated.

EXPERT RIFLEMAN COURSE. Fired at 500 yards. No rest used. Slow fire—5 shots prone, 5 kneeling, 5 squatting, 5 sitting—total 20 shots. Then four strings of changing position fire of 5 shots each. Necessary to qualify: An aggregate score of 140 or a total score of 70 on changing positions fire.

CHANGING POSITIONS FIRE: Target up 5 seconds, down 5 seconds. One shot at each exposure. Sequence of positions for each string: Prone, kneeling, squatting, kneeling, prone.

—Official. Fred H. Phillips, Jr., Secretary, National Rifle Association of America, Assistant Recorder, National Board of Promotion of Rifle Practice in the United States.

TEN YEARS AGO.

A happy event occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Boyd on Tuesday evening when their youngest and only surviving daughter, Helen C., was joined in the bonds of matrimony to Floyd J. Kelly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kelly of this city. The couple left over the early train Wednesday for a visit at Omaha and probably in Iowa.

Sam Howard is assisting Clerk Harmon in the district court clerk's office.

The Page Reporter contains this item: "E. Babcock picked forty-eight rows, fifty rods long, which made 100 bushels in nine hours; how is that for a pick in Holt county?" That is pretty good picking no doubt, but a better estimate of Mr. Babcock's speed might be made if the Reporter would tell us what he "picked."

TWENTY YEARS AGO.

The editor and wife are rejoicing over the arrival of a ten pound girl at their home last Monday.

L. P. Roy, of Fairview, died last Sunday morning about 11 o'clock, of heart disease. Deceased was in the city last Saturday and appeared in the best of health. Sunday morning while sitting in a chair reading, he died. The funeral was held Tuesday, the remains being interred in the cemetery at Chambers.

Joe Mann was over from Spencer Sunday.

Mrs. W. T. Evans and daughter, Ruth, are visiting relatives at Neenah, Wis. They will be absent three or four weeks.

THIRTY YEARS AGO.

Married, at the office of the county judge, that worthy officiating, Mr. James Trigg to Miss Jennie Cash, both of this county. Jimmy wears the honors of his new station in life with becoming dignity. We join with many friends in congratulating the happy pair.

The railroad company has adopted mountain time from from Long Pine westward. It is about an hour slower than standard time.

John Cook purchased J. N. Slocum's house and lot. Consideration \$175.

Gus Doyle has purchased Gene Cress's interest in the meat market of Newcomb and Cress. Gus is an honest, reliable man, and The Frontier welcome him to the business circles of O'Neill.

The commercial house changed hands Monday. Mr. O'Neill has leased it to Wm. Laviolette, who will no doubt guide its future destinies with entire satisfaction to his patrons and profit to himself. That veteran hotel man Roscoe Coughlin is in charge.

N. C. Augier of Stuart has patented a bedstead that is a marvel of simplicity and ingenuity. It is a bedstead with spiral springs and can be changed into a wash stand and writing desk.

P. C. Carney, living on Dry Creek about ten miles south east of town, has his stable and about thirty feet of cattle sheds burned just before the term. He lost several head of horses and several tons of hay as well. He succeeded in saving enough shed room to protect his cattle during the storm so none were lost.

Grant, Arthur, Hendricks, McClellan, Hancock, Seymour and Tilden have all passed away within a few months. Quite a record of mortality among great men who have been conspicuously before the American people for years.

William J. O'Connor.

Another of the leading citizens and old time residents of O'Neill and Holt county passed to the great beyond this week, when William J. O'Connor died Sunday evening at 9 o'clock. His death, which was the culmination of an illness of almost ten years duration, the last four of which were severe, was peaceful, and to the last he retained his brightness and was able to recognize the loved ones gathered at his bedside. But a few moments before he died he asked that his head might be raised so that he could gaze for the last time upon his friends.

With him at the time were his brothers, Edward and Charles of Wilkesbarre, Pa., and his sister, Mrs. Thomas F. Dougherty of New York City; his nieces, Grace and Millie O'Malley, and his nephew, Arthur O'Malley. These and a brother, Arthur O'Connor of Nantiock Pa., survive him.

The funeral was held from the residence and St. Patrick's Wednesday morning. Burial was at Calvary cemetery.

The pallbearers were: M. R. Sullivan, M. H. McCarthy, J. F. O'Donnell, P. F. Duffy, J. J. Thomas and Arthur Ryan.

William J. O'Connor, or "Billy" as he was affectionately known by those privileged to enjoy his acquaintance and friendship, was born September 3, 1866, in New York City. When but a child two and one half years of age he removed with the family to Scranton, Pa., and in 1878, at the age of twelve years he came to O'Neill with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thaddeus O'Malley, and since has made his home here. He was married to Miss Emma O'Laughlin of Omaha, November 3, 1910. Mrs. O'Connor died November 30, 1914.

During the days of his boyhood and young manhood and later his years in business in O'Neill he made a legion of friends; who now will be lonely without him. But it truly may be said that the world is better for his having lived.

Kola Items.

Frank Thompson, with the help of John Bruner, took his herd of pure bred Herefords to Emmet to be shipped to West Point, Nebraska, his former home.

Rodell Root and family, E. Lee and family and Miss Agnes Kennedy spent Thanksgiving day at Kola with the J. Pfund family.

P. J. Kennedy and family attended church in Atkinson Sunday.

E. Lee and children and Miss May Pfund went to Atkinson to have dental work done and to visit with the Misses Kennedy and Root from Friday until Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Welton and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Welton made a flying trip to O'Neill and back last Thanksgiving day in their auto.

A. O. U. W. Attention.

The annual meeting of A. O. U. W. No. 153, for election of officers and selection of a representative to the grand lodge, which will meet in Omaha January 4, will be held Tuesday evening, December 19.

S. F. McNICHOLS,
Master Workman.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to thus express our heartfelt appreciation to the many kind friends for their sympathy and assistance during the hour of our great bereavement in the loss of our beloved husband and father.

Mrs. L. L. Mandeville and Family.

HAVE YOU PLANTED THESE SEEDLINGS?

You cannot build a wall without single bricks. You cannot put up a barn without single boards. You cannot raise corn without planting single grains. You cannot build a Bank Account without single dollars. If you despise the little things you can never attain to the big things. Bear that in mind for yourself. Teach them—learn yourself—by beginning a small account for your children and yourself at this Bank.

It has been well said that little things make up the sum total of life—and little habits that of character. They are the seedlings of character.—Mosaics.

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O'NEILL MARKETS.

Grain.	
Wheat\$1.50—\$1.55
Corn75c—80c
Hay\$5.00—\$7.00
Rye\$1.20
Oats48c
Live Stock	
Hogs\$8.50—\$8.85
Steers\$6.50—\$7.00
Cows\$3.50—\$6.50
Produce.	
Turkeys12c—14c
Chickens11c—12c
Eggs35c
Cream38c
Country Butter35c
Creamery Butter37c
Potatoes\$1.75—\$2.00
Cabbage4c
Onions4c

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