

LOCAL MATTERS.

Joe Burnick was up from Chambers Tuesday.

Andy Gallagher of Laurel, was in the city Wednesday.

Willis Wrede made a business trip to Chambers Wednesday.

F. E. Foreman was down from Emmet Tuesday looking after business matters.

D. L. Jouvenat, of Atkinson, was in the city Tuesday attending to some legal matters.

Wm. Remington of Chambers, was attending to business matters in the city Wednesday.

Rev. M. F. Cassidy went down to Omaha Wednesday morning on a short business trip.

Hugh J. Boyle was in Atkinson and Stuart Wednesday looking after some of the county's legal business.

Mike Froelich returned from Omaha Monday night, where he had been on a combined business and pleasure trip.

Wm. O'Brien, formerly a resident of this county, now living in Omaha, was in the city the fore part of the week.

A. A. Driggs left Monday morning for Lincoln to attend the meeting of the several associated agricultural societies.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Mullally left Friday morning for a business and pleasure trip to Chicago, Sioux City and Omaha.

D. J. Kelley of Superior, Wis., who has been here since the death of his brother, C. J. Kelley, returned to his home this morning.

Jim Fallon and sister, Miss Tressa, were visitors at the home of their sister, Mrs. Dr. Zimmer, at Norfolk, the first of the week.

Erwin Simonson has joined the ranks of the photographers having purchased a "Henry" from J. B. Mellor the first of the week.

Last Monday County Judge Malone officiated at the wedding of Guss Gilbert Fuller, of Blake, and Miss Emma A. Thompson, of Amelia.

Judge J. J. Harrington has been in Ainsworth the first part of the week trying several cases in the district court which is in session there.

Z. G. Bullard will have a public sale of farm stock and machinery on Friday, January 26th, on his farm northeast of O'Neill. Watch for bills.

John Nolan, accompanied by his son Tom, went down to Omaha Monday morning, where he will undergo treatment for his eyes from an eye specialist at that place.

Mrs. P. C. Donohoe returned Sunday evening from Petersburg where she had been visiting her sister, Mrs. Arthur Duffy. Miss Marie Duffy accompanied her for a short visit.

Monday night George Tomlinson of Mineola returned from Omaha, where he had been in attendance at the Farmers' convention, and visiting relatives in South Omaha over Sunday.

Assistant State Engineer Swanson, who is inspector on the Redbird state aid bridge now under construction, has been re-appointed assistant state engineer by the state board of irrigation.

M. F. Cronin, former editor and proprietor of the Chambers Bugle, is considering an offer from the Sioux City Printing company and may decide to enter the South Dakota newspaper field.

Sister Bernedette, Ellen Keys, came up from Omaha Monday night to be with her mother, Mrs. Ellen Keys, who is very low. For some years past she has been in St. James' orphanage at Benson, conducted by the sisters of Mercy.

Sanford Parker of O'Neill has disposed of a fine residence property north of the Highland Inn, at Spencer, to Wood Brothers of that place. They will erect a new garage on the property, giving them three garages in Spencer.

H. E. Coyne, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis at St. Joseph's in Omaha, came up from there Tuesday night. While still a little weak Hugh is able to walk around and should regain his old physical vigor in a few weeks.

John L. Quig has recently received a spotted Shetland pony, which was imported into this country from the Shetland islands. The little horse is a beauty, and will be very popular with the "kids."

Miss Mary Stannard enjoyed the honor of, this week, entertaining the Martez club which she did in her most gracious manner. The evening was spent at cards Miss Mae Hammond winning the prize.

Wm. F. Fiske, of York, and Miss Clara M. Hart, of Atkinson, obtained a marriage license from County Judge Malone Monday, and were married by the Rev. H. E. Wells at Atkinson the following day.

Chris Jordan, claimant of the World's middle-weight championship wrestling belt, and our own Fred McNally have been matched for a go, at the Star theatre, on Thursday, February 1. The match is to be to a finish and should be a hummer.

W. F. Renner, one of the lecturers of the Modern Woodmen of America, was in the city Wednesday with the pictures of the Tubercular sanatorium which is owned and operated by that order at Colorado Springs. They were shown at the Star that evening.

Brown county is to have a county agricultural agent. The Brown county board of commissioners last week provided an appropriation for the office and a petition now is being circulated among the farmers that the necessary federal and state aid may be secured.

O'Neill again is threatened with a government building. The national house of representatives Tuesday had under consideration one of the public building measures and contained therein was an item making an appropriation of \$6,000 for a postoffice building site at O'Neill.

When county boards reject bids for furnishing county supplies they must re-advertise for bids and may not buy supplies on the open market. The supreme court and the attorney general's office both have rendered decisions recently that the rejection of bids and buying on the open market is illegal.

Col. James Moore will write "30" to his career as a bachelor Tuesday, January 30. The banns have been published and cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Julia Mandeville and Mr. James Moore, to take place on that date. Mr. and Mrs. Moore will spend their honeymoon at Deadwood and Lead, South Dakota.

For the past week and a half P. J. McManus has been extremely busy remodeling and refinishing his store. In conformity with his ideals which consist in having the best and most modern store room possible, as well as being neat and clean, Pat has made several improvements which will be greatly and materially appreciated by his many customers.

Emil Studer of Phoenix, will try farming in Vermont this year. Mr. Studer, who has been a Holt county ranchman for a number of years, has decided to retire from the activities of ranch life and take it easy from now on, and accordingly has purchased a fruit farm in the Vermont mountains. He will have a sale at his ranch, near Phoenix February 14.

Deputy State Engineer Swanson, who is superintending for the state the erection of the Redbird state aid bridge, visited O'Neill last week. The piers of the bridge are about completed and steel now is being placed. The bridge will be completed within five or six weeks and then work on the protective wings will begin. The bridge will be ready for dedication before April 1.

Senator Hitchcock has introduced in congress a bill to increase the minimum salaries of registers and receivers of United States land offices from \$500 to \$1,500 per year. The office salaries are based to a certain extent on fees, and in districts where much government land is being entered and settled are exceedingly remunerative. The land offices in Nebraska now are out of this class and the bill will increase the salaries of their officials.

Sheridan county farmers went to the meeting of associated agricultural societies at Lincoln in a train of Pullmans. The special train, consisting of seven sleepers and a baggage car, passed through O'Neill Monday. This is said by the railroad officials to be the first special train ever employed by farmers to visit a large city to advertise the advantages of their community, although business men frequently use such methods in getting acquainted with their country trade. The train and a parade given

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Advance Spring Styles
DRESSES AND SKIRTS

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Styles that you can wear Easter Day

January Sale of White Begins
Next SATURDAY

by the farmers and the band accompanying them has given Sheridan county and its resources nationwide publicity.

Jess B. Mellor and Mike Enright are the proud possessors of beautiful gold lapel buttons presented to them by T. V. Golden and J. M. Hunter Monday evening in recognition of their ability as duplicate whist players. Mr. Mellor and Mr. Enright were the high men Monday evening in the city whist tournament and are privileged to wear the buttons until some other team excels them. Mr. Golden and Mr. Hunter were the first team to wear the buttons and proudly displayed them for a week. At the earnest solicitation of those in the tournament who have not as yet got in sight of the leading teams the scores are not published.

The next number of the Entertainment Course, is the Trouvere Male Quartette, January 29th. This is by far the best number of the Course, and it will pay to keep your date open for the 29th. This is a new organization of young men composed of the following: Mr. Fred Johnson, Lyric Tenor, for years with the Meistersingers. Mr. Macgregor Campbell, tenor soloist with Drake Glee Club for the past two years. His Scotch songs in costume have made a decided hit. Mr. Dale Orr, Baritone, and Pianist. Mr. Frederick Crew the possessor of a rich, vibrant bass, also manager of the Trouvere Quartette. His solos never fail to make a hit with the audience. Watch next week's papers for further announcements.

While the sojourn on the Mexican border was not a continual round of pleasure, it was interesting, instructive and largely enjoyable, says Sergeant E. N. Parker of Gordon, who was an O'Neill visitor for several days this week. Sergeant Parker is quartermaster sergeant of Company I, Fourth Nebraska regiment, home station Gordon, and with his regiment was mustered out of the service at Fort Crook the first of the week. He stopped off at O'Neill, while enroute home, to visit his sister, Mrs. Harry Jordan. Mr. Parker has the decided views of a veteran of the border regarding the situation in Mexico and believes that the presence of the troops has had an excellent moral effect on the border bandits. He says that the border raiding, however, probably would be resumed when the troops withdrawn.

John F. Boettcher, through his attorneys, M. F. and J. J. Harrington, has filed suit in the district court of this county against the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Co., for \$45,000 for injuries received, while in the employ of the company, at Atkinson, on January 2nd. In his petition he alleges that on that date while engaged in the performance of his duties at the water tank, of said company, in Atkinson, he was obliged to lean against a certain timber which was unsafe, through the negligence of the company, and that while he was leaning on it it broke and threw him to the ground nineteen feet below breaking his left foot and ankle and fracturing his right foot in three places neither of which he will ever be able to use again. He further alleges that his back was bruised, crushed and injured all of which he believes to be well worth \$45,000.

Holt County Must Pay.
Holt county must pay into the old state insane tax fund \$2,414.93 as the result of a decision of the supreme court. The debt dates back to 1893, at which time the counties were relieved of the care of insane patients. Fifteen of the counties, Holt among them, resisted payment recently on grounds that the debt had become outlawed. The supreme court held the debt to be a just one.

Card of Thanks.
To the many kind friends who so generously assisted and condoled with us during the burial of our beloved husband and father we desire to express, our most sincere thanks.
Mrs. R. Purcell, and family.
Mr. and Mrs. Leo Rose.

Notice.
There will be a meeting of all members of the A. O. U. W. at their lodge rooms on Tuesday evening, January 23rd, at eight p. m. All members are earnestly requested to attend as important business is to come before the meeting.
S. F. McNICHOLS,
Master Workman.

S. Jawn's Other Name.
S. Jawn Weekes' other name at last has been discovered. For many years Mr. Weekes has sailed along under the cognomen S. John Weekes, to the great worry and mistification of other citizens who were anxious to know the why of the "S." This initial letter of his moniker stands for Stephen. It was disclosed in a legal publication regarding some probate matters the other day.

Richard Purcell.
Richard Purcell, one of the early pioneers of Antelope county, and well known in this vicinity through frequent visits here, died at his home in Clearwater last week, and his remains were shipped here for burial. Services were held at the Catholic church, Rev. M. F. Cassidy officiating, and interment was made in Calvary cemetery beside the body of a sister buried there some years ago. In 1864 Mr. Purcell came to Nebraska from New York state and took up a homestead. He moved to Clearwater in the early eighties where he resided until his death.

A Home Wedding.
On Thursday evening, January 11th, the Rev. G. W. Bruce of the Methodist church, was called out to the home of J. K. Ernst where he united in marriage Lorena Ernst and Fred Lorenz. The ceremony took place before the immediate members of the two families, and immediately after the ceremony the wedding supper was served.

The bride is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Ernst and the groom is the son of Fred Lorenz, living north of O'Neill. They have hosts of friends who are wishing them joy and happiness on this their happiest day.

Admiral Dewey Is Dead.
Admiral George Dewey, the hero of Manila bay, and the highest ranking naval officer in the world, died Tuesday afternoon at his home in Washington, D. C., after a brief illness of hardening of the arteries. The famous naval chieftain had been a sufferer from the ailment for several years, but was able to be about and attend to the duties of his important position until Thursday last week. He was aged 79 years. Burial will be at Arlington, the cemetery of the nation's heroes near Washington. Admiral Dewey was the third to hold the rank of admiral in the United States navies. Farragut and Porter are the other two. Admiral Dewey served with distinction in the navy during the civil war and his aggressiveness and daring early marked him as a leader. Because of his elevation to be an admiral immediately after the Spanish war he ranked the admirals of all navies in seniority.

O'NEILL MARKETS.

Grain.	
Wheat	\$1.70—\$1.75
Corn	75c—80c
Hay	\$4.00—\$7.50
Rye	—\$1.30
Oats	45c—48c
Live Stock	
Hogs	\$9.25—\$9.75
Steers	\$6.50—\$8.00
Cows	\$4.50—\$7.00
Produce.	
Turkeys	18c
Chickens	14c
Eggs	35c
Cream	36c
Country Butter	30c
Creamery Butter	38c
Potatoes	\$2.00—\$2.25
Cabbage	6c
Onions	6c

Grady Issues Statement.

To The Voters of Holt County:

The contest initiated by myself against Peter Duffy for the office of sheriff has precipitated so much comment among the tax payers and voters of the County, that, in justice to myself and many loyal friends in the County, I deem it proper to call attention to the essential facts with reference to this much discussed case. The face of the returns, as made up by the canvassing board, showed Mr. Duffy elected by a majority of six in the County. The day following election information came to me by telephone, letter and otherwise that gross carelessness to say the least, on the part of the election board in at least four election precincts had deprived me of several votes to which I was legally entitled. In the contest petition, a recount of all voting precincts of the County was asked, not that it was thought that fraud had been perpetrated in each precinct, but as was thought to be a necessary legal formality in getting into court. I was of the opinion then, and I am fully convinced now, that a recount of the votes of the county would show my election by over 100 majority. When the contest came on for hearing before the court the attorneys for Mr. Duffy raised every known objection and fought for three days in their efforts to prevent the ballots from being brought into or examined by the court. The court having overruled their objections along this line, ordered the ballots brought in for inspection, Deputy County Clerk, T. D. Hanley had previously admitted of having broken some seals and opened some of the boxes containing the ballots in a number of precincts, but everyone in court was amazed, when the exact chaotic condition of the ballots was disclosed. An examination of the ballots by the court showed that, out of the forty voting precincts, the seals were broken on and box containing the ballots had been otherwise tampered with in all excepting eight precincts. Under these circumstances showing conclusively that the ballots had been tampered with, a recount was absolutely useless from a legal standpoint, whether they would show a majority for Mr. Duffy or myself, as the records showed that the ballots were not as they had been returned by the election boards save in eight precincts. No court could tell how many, if any, ballots had been charged since leaving the hands of the election boards.

The law of the State with reference to custody, care and safe keeping of the ballots is as follows:

Sec. 2075 Revised Statutes of Nebraska provides:

"Upon the completion of the canvass, the judges of election shall seal up in a package all the ballots counted, together with ballots marked as rejected and mark the same 'ballots cast.' They shall also enclose one of the poll books in an envelope or cover, and seal the same. The poll books thus sealed, and packages marked 'ballots cast' and 'excessive ballots,' if any there be, shall be securely bound together and directed to the County Clerk. The packages thus bound together shall be conveyed to the County Clerk by one of the judges or clerk of election, within four days from the close of the polls. The Clerk shall give a receipt stating that the poll books and ballots have been received and deposited with him."

Sec. 2079 provides:

"Upon the completion of the canvass the poll books shall be again sealed up, and together with the sealed packages of ballots still unopened, securely bound in one package, shall be deposited in the office of the County Clerk where they shall be safely kept for twelve months, and the County Clerk shall not allow the same to be inspected, unless in case of contested elections, or the same became necessary to be used in evidence in the Courts, and then only by the person and manner provided by law."

Mr. Hanley testified that he broke the seal on the packages containing the ballots, giving as an excuse for so doing that he had received a letter from the Secretary of State demand-

ing the poll sheets be sent to Lincoln.

Sec. 2346 Revised Statutes, provide among other things that:

"Within thirty days after the election, the County Clerk shall forward one set of poll sheets from each of said precincts to the Secretary of State, and each of said officers shall keep a set of such poll sheets on file in his office until the next regular general state election."

Bear in mind that the poll sheet is a separate and distinct document from the poll book or ballots. Mr. Kelley or Mr. Hanley had no more right to break into the sealed boxes containing the ballots than any other citizen, and their doing so, is so flagrant a violation of the law, that can permit of no other interpretation than that they were parties to the pre-conceived plot to prevent a recount of the ballots. This is made more apparent in view of as Mr. Kelley is concerned in view of the fact that I made a personal request of him that he see to it that the ballots be kept intact without any tampering with during the pendency of the contest, which he promised to do.

I have here given dispassionately the essential facts with reference to this case that the honest voters of Holt County may judge for themselves as to whether there is something "rotten in Denmark" or rather closer to home, in O'Neill.

I yield to no man in confidence of the integrity of the voters of Holt County from whom I have received many favors and much consideration, and to let go unchallenged and unopposed this apparent rape of the ballot box by a few, would be but condoning if not compounding a crime.

HENRY D. GRADY.

O'Neill Rifle Club Gradually Growing.

Interest in rifle marksmanship gradually is growing in O'Neill and if the enthusiasm now manifest continues Uncle Sam is very apt to have a battalion of O'Neill sharpshooters at his command the next time he gets into trouble. The O'Neill Rifle Club, a member of the National Rifle association elected officers for the ensuing year at a well attended meeting Tuesday evening. Dr. E. T. Wilson was re-elected president and Dr. R. M. Campbell vice president. F. N. Cronin is the new secretary, H. G. Frey the treasurer and Frank G. Schmidt executive officer. The club now has a membership of more than thirty and a number of applications from the city and vicinity are now on file. Rifle practice is held weekly and at any other time the members have opportunity. While none as yet has qualified as an excellent marksman, a majority of the members already have become proficient in directing the high-power rifles in the general direction of the targets and a number of bulls-eyes, at the various distances, have been recorded. The rifle range is located at the site of the Burlington gravel pits, northwest of town.

NOT THE ONLY ONE

There Are Other O'Neill People Similarly Situated.

Can there be any stronger proof offered than the evidence of O'Neill residents? After you have read the following, quietly answer the question.
Mrs. A. J. Hohn, O'Neill, says: "I had weak kidneys for years and gradually became worse until I was completely discouraged. For fifteen years, I suffered from pain in my back and sides. I was restless at night and every day it seemed impossible to go through my day's work. As soon as I lifted the least thing or when I got up from a chair, a pain caught me in my back. I happened to read of a case of a person who had been helped so wonderfully by Doan's Kidney Pills, that I sent for some at Gilligan & Stout's Drug Store. I had taken but a few doses when I began to feel better. I kept on using them as directed and I rapidly gained in health and strength until I was free from the trouble. It has been over a year now since I have had any need of this medicine."
50c, at all dealers. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgs., Buffalo, N. Y.

THOUGHTFUL MEN

The thinking man who sees the days and years of tomorrow has considered fully the value of the State Guarantee Fund of Nebraska. Have you?

When a Million Dollar Fund is part of the protection of depositors in the Nebraska State Bank can you bring any sound reason for not feeling safe in placing your money here?

Safety First, of course, but consider well the co-operative service given by this progressive bank and its officers.

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A year ago Christmas he received a Bank Book with a deposit in it of \$10. To-day he has in his account \$178.50—every dollar besides the interest he earned himself. He is 14 years old. Before last Christmas he had never put by a dollar. Let's start your boys with a small account this year—\$1—\$5—\$10 does it. May we make them out for you?

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O'Neill, Nebraska

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