

Abraham Lincoln's Birthday Feb. 12



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Preparedness is now the watchword on every hand. We are a firm believer in Preparedness, we are patriotic, but the preparedness we believe in is not preparedness for war—as we are a lover of peace—but preparedness in the mercantile line. The only war we believe in is the war upon high prices.

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O'NEILL, NEB.

MAY BUILD EXTENSION THIS YEAR

Burlington Thought To Be Quietly Buying Right of Way.

Construction of the Burlington extension from O'Neill to Alliance, Neb., may be begun this year. The recent announcement of the Burlington officials that a large appropriation is to be expended in Nebraska this year, and their failure to definitely state the purposes of the proposed expenditures, taken in conjunction with the activity of private individuals in purchasing land along the proposed route, is taken to mean that the land is being purchased under cover for the road. Officials neither confirm nor deny the story. It is a well known and recognized fact that land increases considerably in value when owners know that a railroad is purchasing for extension purposes, and as a result condemnation proceedings which are slow, expensive and laborious, frequently must be resorted to.

Land owners around Chambers and further to the west and south have been approached and asked for prices on portions of their holdings since the

first of the year. In each instance the would-be buyers have been residents of eastern Holt county or counties along the short line and men who are prominent in business, agriculture or stock raising. They generally explain that they are buying merely for investment, but it is noted that the purchases and offers are for elongated strips not necessarily adapted to stock raising or farming. A buyer seeking land for investment generally prefers compact bodies as nearly square as possible. The same activities noted in Holt county are reported from Brown and Rock counties and also along the length of Survey valley, a fertile valley running east and west through Cherry county and Sheridan county. These activities, considered with a bill now pending in the legislature in regard to rates and services on new extensions of existing lines, or lines built by new organizations, lead the optimistic to believe that the extension soon is to be built. The bill pending in the legislature seems likely to pass.

Renounces Allegiance To Mother Country.

Foreign born residents of Holt county will stand by the United States, the country of their adoption,

in case of war between America and the German allies. All, practically have so announced themselves, and several who have not completed the process of becoming citizens declare that they will hasten to do so. Vaclar Suchy, well-known tailor of O'Neill, was the first to thus publicly declare himself, when he appeared in district court Tuesday and filed his declaration of intention to become a citizen. Mr. Suchy a number of years ago had taken out his first papers, but through a misunderstanding of the regulations permitted the time in which applications for citizenship must be completed to elapse. Accordingly Tuesday he again took out first papers and will complete his citizenship as soon as possible. If necessary Mr. Suchy will give his services in aid of his adopted country. He was born in Theta Smetanova, Miravice county, Bohemia, in the kingdom of Austria in 1888 and came to this country in 1907. The federal naturalization examiner at Omaha has announced that foreign born residents of the United States who have not completed their citizenship previous to a declaration of war, would, under the federal statutes and regulations, in case war was declared with the country of their birth become subject to internment the same as prisoners of war. However, it is not probable that the government would look upon one who has taken out his first papers as it would upon one who had made no attempt to naturalize, although under a literal interpretation of the statute it might be necessary to do so.

Why Not Buy It At Home?

While this discussion with reference to the county board is at its height, it might not be amiss to inquire, why, when spending the taxpayers money, they don't, when they can without extra expense, spend it with these taxpayers? Not long ago the court house was in need of some new furniture, so the board thought, and the committee on supplies proceeded to buy about \$500 worth, and they bought it, as near as we can learn, in Omaha. Anyway they did not buy it in O'Neill, nor Holt county, nor did they even ask local dealers if they could furnish it or the price they could or would make. This was all done under the old board, and the board now in power had, of course, nothing to do with it. When asked if he had bid on any furniture, Frank

Biglin, of O. F. Biglin's, said: "No, I did not know that the board was going to buy furniture. I can furnish the same furniture any foreign house can, and at a price equal to if not better than theirs." Harry Jordan, said: "I sold the board no furniture, nor did I know that they had bought any. I know that I could make them as good a price as anyone could." "No I bid on no furniture, but as a taxpayer I think I should have been entitled to" said Zeb Warner, of Warner & Sons. "I can make them as good a price as anybody can and furnish any thing they want." In addition to buying it away from home, some one had to go down and make the selection, which was additional expense. We do not wish to be understood as condemning the furniture, but we do condemn the practice of spending the taxpayers money away from home when it could just as well have been spent here. If the county board persists in buying away from home how can we ever encourage the mass of the people to do their personal buying at home? The tendency to send to the city seems to be taking a stronger hold on our people every year, even the families of merchants being inclined to take semi-annual shopping trips to the city. With the aggressive merchants, and the stylish shops O'Neill is so proud of, there seems no reason why one should look elsewhere when in need of anything. Try buying at home the next time and see if you can't save a little and be just as well satisfied.

Holt County Man Richest In World.

S. E. Dexter of Wyoming precinct is the richest man in the world. The stores of wealth salted away by Andy Carnegie and John D. Rockefeller are as pennies in a child's bank compared with the treasure Mr. Dexter has cached, and the daily income of the czar of Russia is as the pin money of a Belgian refugee when sized up with what Ed takes in every day. Mr. Dexter has three hundred, (300), bushels of potatoes in his cellar on the home ranch. His flock of hens shell out three or four dozen eggs per day.

Dinner For Nevilles.

Governor and Mrs. Keith Neville, with Archbishop J. J. Harty, were the honor guests at a dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mullen at their home in Omaha Saturday evening. Governor and Mrs. Neville came with

Chief Justice Morrissey from Lincoln at 6 o'clock for their first social event in Omaha since the election. They are stopping with the governor's cousin, Mr. Elmer Neville, and Mrs. Neville, during their stay in that city. Violets and Mrs. Ward roses formed the centerpiece for the table. Covers were placed for: Governor and Mrs. Keith Neville; Chief Justice Andrew Morrissey; Dr. and Mrs. T. J. Dwyer; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Sullivan; Archbishop J. J. Harty; Misses Mayme Mullen, of Peru, Neb.; and Helen Mullen, of O'Neill, Neb.

Bad News For The Thirsty.

An appalling loss of property is reported in a recent fire at Omaha. The fire, originating in the cooperage shop of the Willow Springs Brewery, destroying or ruined 10,000 kegs of beer. The fire is the second to occur at the brewery since December 1. The loss is covered by insurance.

Read The Frontier, \$1.50 per year.

Judge Ward Back To The Farm. F. M. Ward is contemplating leaving O'Neill and taking up a homestead in Wyoming. Mr. Ward has selected Buffalo as a likely spot and will leave in a few days to look over the country before deciding definitely.

O'NEILL MARKETS.

Grain.	
Wheat	\$1.55—\$1.62
Corn	.75c—80c
Hay	\$4.00—\$7.00
Oats	45c—48c
Live Stock	
Hogs	\$10.50—\$10.80
Steers	\$6.50—\$9.00
Cows	\$4.50—\$8.00
Produce.	
Turkeys	16c
Chickens	14c
Eggs	30c
Cream	36c
Country Butter	30c
Creamery Butter	34c
Potatoes	\$2.25—\$2.50
Cabbage	10c
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