

Will the Suckers Bite?

A friend of mine asked what I thought of the Packing Company Stock and some more asked me about the Potash business and I suppose a great many of my customers have been pestered by these traveling grafters that should be over in France instead of some of our own boys who we need so bad at home. There is only one thing that I can tell you to go by. That is that any company that is so hard up for money that they have to come up here in the sand hills of Holt county to get money to pay their debts with is in bad shape and it is never very good business to put any money into any company that is on the down grade and has to hire professional grafters to go out and try and sell stock away up here in a country that is known for thousands of miles as the sand hills. We have three good banks in O'Neill that have stood the test of time and they are always willing to back any live stock dealer, farmer or any business that is run on the square, but if you want to brand yourself as an easy mark and a sucker just buy some of this wonderful stock these tin horn sports are trying to peddle. You not only brand yourself as a sucker but you destroy all the confidence your banker may have in you and when these bankrupt companies call on you for assessment after assessment to pay their bills and you can't come through, then you will be held responsible for the balance of the debts and the head guys of the companies can lay back and laugh at you, while your farms and stock is driven off by the sheriff. The mining stock that was sold here was not as big a skin game as these new ones. If you had enough money to buy the controlling interest I would say go to it, but when you can only take two or three thousand or hundreds it would be better to give that money to some fellow with a good strong leg to kick the grafter all over the farm for taking you for a sucker. You would at least have some fun for your money before it was gone forever. When one of those grafters ask you to buy some stock tell them you will take some if John Weekes, Ed. F. Gallagher or James O'Donnell does, but not before. Then you will be perfectly safe.

I know one of these companies that even paid big dividends for a year and a half just to catch another bunch but they only gave back a portion of what the fellow had put in. There is a fellow here in O'Neill that has a trunk full of stock, in every imaginable thing; even sent money to get a Spanish queen out of a convent in Port Rica so she could go back and claim her castle in Spain, then she was going to write back to him and he could be king. But I guess he didn't send enough because he is still an ordinary fellow, working hard to get more money to buy some other stock so he will be rich some day. He would be rich now if he could get 5c on the dollar on the mining stock and the oil stock and the packing stock and the coal oil carburetor stock. But he has no white face—Shorthorn stock or any other LIVE Stock.

Barney McGreevy once said that "the People of O'Neill were so anxious for easy money that they were easy picking once in about every ten years." It is now about ten years since they got cleaned up on Clipper Mining and other worthless stocks. Barney made a short visit here last winter and no one knew what he came for, but it now begins to look like he had his Eye on this town to again make another killing. Since his visit we notice the different stocks being offered for sale. Skinum Company, Paper Packing, Oil stocks of all the Companies known, except the only one, the Standard Oil Co., and they all seem to be getting business. Did you ever know of a dollar invested in any kind of stocks in O'Neill or any other town that ever paid back a single cent. The Commissions are big for selling these stocks and the talk of large profits as put up by the agents are great, but just wait and watch the results. My prediction is that not one cent will ever be realized on such investments. It never has and never will be. Does any body know of a single case where ever any stockholder, holding only a few shares of stock in those big concerns, ever get back what he originally paid for the stock? They are all eaten up with paying commissions and feeding a lot of bums that travel over the country, living at good Hotels, smoking good cigars and doing the other fellow, and it is strange that anybody will even listen to their deceitful stories.

Watch the O'Neill bunch get stung on Potash; that seems to be the latest. When you are tempted to buy stock—take a look at the Chicory factory.

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| 9 Pounds 40c Coffee | \$2.67 | \$2.50 Men's Hats | \$1.95 | \$2.00 Men's Overalls | \$1.37 | SPECIAL FOR THE GIRLS: | | 75c Washboards at | 39c |
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| 5 Pounds 25c Grade Dried Peaches | 67c | 35c Cans Peaches | 26c | 30c Cans Tomatoes, 5 cans | \$1.19 | If you have not made your new summer curtains it will pay you to see the new pieces of Scrim. We have some fine pieces from 15c up. | | Lemon Drops, per pound | 19c |
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| 5 Pounds 16c Raisins | 49c | 5 Gallons Coal Oil | 65c | 20c Cans of Sauerkraut, Now Liberty Cabbage, 5 cans | 69c | Mercerized Striped Satin Voile, 4 yards at | 17 1/2c | Little Boys' Overalls, each | 98c |
| 10c Cans Sardines, 2 for | 15c | Mandy Lane Sorghum, per gallon | 79c | Milk—Carnation, 5 cans | 21c | You should see our line for Children's Dresses from 1 to 4 years. | | Boys' Work Shirts, each | 85c |
| 3 Cans Lewis Lye | 25c | 2 Boxes Clothes Pins | 07c | Cheese, Fresh Wisconsin Cream Cheese, per pound | 23c | 25-6c Cigars in Tin Boxes | \$1.18 | Men's Big \$1.00 Work Shirts, each | 89c |
| 20c Quaker Corn Puffs | 15c | \$4.00 Men's Shoes | \$2.95 | 95c Tub Silk, per yard | 55c | R. M. C. Crochet Cotton, per ball | 09c | \$1.00 Sparkplugs | 67c |
| 20c Quaker Puffed Rice | 15c | 35c Percales, 10 yards to customer | \$1.89 | Ladies' Aprons, worth up to \$1.50, each | 89c | I have a couple of tons of Oyster Shells at the old store will sell at \$1.00 per 100 pounds. If I haul it up here it will be | \$1.25 | \$1.00 Razor Honcs | 67c |
| 4-10c Bars Toilet Soap | 27c | \$2.50 Men's Overalls | \$1.90 | 30x3 1/2 Auto Casings | \$15.75 | | | A few Ladies' 35c Vests, each | 19c |

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MORE LOCAL MATTERS.

Hugh J. Boyle left for Randolph this morning, where he delivers the address at the exercises held in that city.

Keith Red Cross Unit will meet at John A. Robertson's at 2 o'clock Wednesday, June 5th, for work. Everybody welcome. Helen Robertson, Secretary.

Quinten Deaver, formerly a resident of this city, but now cashier of the Casper National bank, was in the

city between trains last Wednesday evening, on his way home from a trip to Omaha.

Word was received from Ralph Davidson by his folks yesterday that he had just arrived in New York from his second trip this year to France and back on the cruiser, Minneapolis. He is one of the second engineers now.

Harry Cherry, a member of the Holt county quota who left for Camp Dodge, Des Moines, Iowa, last Tuesday, was one of the prosperous farmers of Verdigris township. When the call came for him to join the colors he did not dispose of his live stock but hired a man to look after them and take care of his crop. He has 130 acres in corn and 25 acres of wheat. In conversation with a friend last spring while planting his crop he said that if he could raise a good crop to assist in feeding our allies and at the same time fight the Kaiser he would be happy. Now Harry is given the opportunity to have both his wishes come true. It is such young men as Harry Cherry, who are willing to give their all, and cheerfully, so that our cherished free institutions may live, that will make the German war lords wish they had never committed the atrocities they did that forced America into the war, for when the boys in khaki get there in force the end will soon be reached; the end of German autocracy.

The citizens of O'Neill kept up their record for liberality in the Red Cross drive last week. The quota for this city was \$1,200.00 and the solicitors have reported a little over \$2,300 from this city and a few yet to report. The quota for the county was \$17,000.00, and while complete reports are yet available Judge Harrington, chairman of the committee having in charge the raising of the funds, says that the county is nicely over the top. Complete reports from all the precincts in the county will probably be

received by the latter part of the week. The drive in the United States was for \$100,000,000, and late reports give the amount raised at \$145,000,000, and several states had not sent in complete reports, so the total amount raised will be a good deal higher than that.

Death of Julia Cronin.

Julia G. Cronin died at the residence of her mother in this city at 2:25 Thursday morning, May 30, after an illness of three months of, tuberculosis, at the age of thirty-six years and three months. The funeral will be held Saturday morning at 9 o'clock from the Catholic church.

Julia G. Cronin was the daughter of Mrs. Hanorah Cronin and was born on the Cronin farm joining the city of O'Neill on February 20, 1882. An attack of typhoid fever when a little child deprived her of her hearing and power of speech, but her affliction she bore cheerfully and was always happy and contented, being happiest when she was able to do something for those she loved. About three months ago she contracted a cold, which developed into that dread scourge, tuberculosis, and she sank rapidly, passing to the great beyond at 2:25 this morning.

Deceased leaves an aged mother, and two brothers, D. H. Cronin and M. F. Cronin of this city, to mourn her death.

SEND SIX SONS TO FRANCE

Two Die on Battle Line; a Mother Exalted Patriot.

Cleveland, O., May 17.—The letter of a patriotic American mother has just been made public here because of the inspiration it contains. Sentiments of greater sacrifice have not been uttered since the war began. The letter was written by Mrs. Katherine O'Brien of New York city to a

daughter, Mrs. Grace McCutcheon of Cleveland.

Mrs. O'Brien sent five sons to France, two of whom have given up their lives, a sixth has just enlisted, a daughter has lost a hand while acting as a Red Cross nurse on the battlefield, and another daughter is training for the Red Cross.

Mrs. McCutcheon, the third daughter, obtained employment in a store here when her husband left for aviation service in France. The letter follows:

"My Darling Daughter: Just wired your sister and you of your brother Thomas' death, which I know will undoubtedly upset you a great deal. But, my dear, you must not let it worry you. Just think as I do, it was the will of our Father in heaven and that our cause is a noble one and that we cannot give too much. Where we love and live we must be willing to sacrifice in all that we can.

"My dear, the loss of Larry was hard for me, as he was the first to go, and in less than four months to lose our other boy is a great deal. But I have only one regret—that I have not more sons to give."

"Paul went down this afternoon to enlist. I did not want him to go just now, as he is too young, but I pray for him and ask the Lord to give me strength to go to him and say 'My son, I want you to go and do just as your brother has done and, if God wills, give every drop of blood for a cause that I will feel proud of.'"

"My dear, I do not want you to wait any longer, but go and do your duty, as they need you over there for the sake of our three other brothers and the one to go. Also think of your husband, for you may be able to see them all."

at the William Taylor, Sons & Co., and I hope with what you can earn and can spare you are buying bonds. "You say you just got your third one. That is not enough. When you answer this letter write and say you got the extra one and say you also are on your way over there to help those you can. Florence is taking a short course at Roosevelt hospital and will go over as soon as she can. "Understand me, daughter. Do your bit in everything. Let nothing go by you where you are not a helper in. I do not want you to grieve over your brothers, but be thankful you have had so many to give. Also think of the sister you have over there. At what a price she is there!

"So do not let your mother—old and gray—plead with you to go if you are able, but go! Oh, God, grant that you, too, will be able to get your heart and soul into this and have me be the proudest mother in this land of all lands.

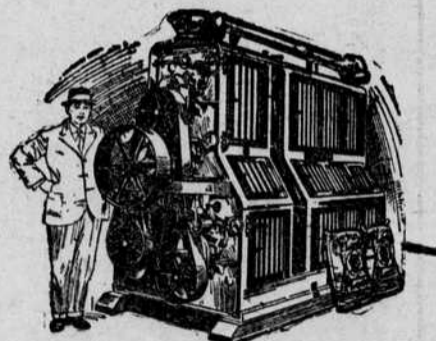
"We are sad now, but in my heart I am more than glad to know my lads are the bravest boys in New York. "Be like your mother. Do give and sacrifice all that is in you. Be a bright and sweet girl and do your best. Do not worry over it, but buy another bond, and do it now."

"Father had an operation Tuesday and we have not told him of Thomas' death. With love and sincere wishes, your loving,

Feed Potatoe Surplus to Chickens.

The poultry section of the Extension Service of the University of Nebraska advises feeding of potato surplus to chickens. Potato culls and peelings should be cooked and fed. Even the little chicks like and thrive on a little cooked potato. Old chickens do especially well on potatoes. If you find you are going to have more potatoes than you can use, or potatoes that are of not good quality for human consumption, cook them up in big batches and feed a little along every day to the chickens.

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