

### LOCAL MATTERS.

Charley Siders visited O'Neill friends Saturday.

Dan McCarthy and Will Clark went to Omaha on business Tuesday.

Frank Phillips came in from northeastern Holt county on a business trip Saturday.

Fred Ermer, one of the hustling young farmers of the south part of the county, was an O'Neill visitor Saturday.

Mrs. C. B. Scott and daughter, Ruth, returned Saturday evening from a three weeks visit with Iowa relatives.

Judge Dickson leaves this evening for Valentine, where he will hold court for a few days for Judge Westover.

Adolph Mlinar and Miss Clarissa Bitney, both of Atkinson, were granted a marriage license in county court last Wednesday.

Harry Fox, who farms and runs a store between times at Meek, stole time enough away from cultivating Friday to make a business trip to O'Neill.

Arthur A. Dawdy, of Wagner, S. D., and Miss Isla F. Krotcher, of Orchard, were united in marriage last Monday by Rev. George Longstaff of the Presbyterian church.

W. L. Alder was in from the Opportunity neighborhood yesterday. Mr. Alder says they had three good rains in his section during the past four days and crops are looking immense in that section.

Jacob Kraft, one of the pioneer settlers of this county, died in the south, where he had been spending a few months. His body was brought to his home at Stuart and his funeral was held last Thursday afternoon at Stuart.

A severe hail and wind storm visited the vicinity of Stuart last Thursday afternoon. We understand that the hail destroyed all growing crops in a strip of country about two miles square and the wind tore down telephone and telegraph wires, and many farm buildings.

At the labor registration, held in this city last Saturday, 420 men registered. This is not nearly all the men in the city, several not having registered and the Council of Defense will probably have them on the carpet and ascertain their reasons for failure to comply with the request of the council.

The ladies who have charge of the Surgical Dressing classes, that meet at the Library every Tuesday and Thursday evenings, are seriously thinking about calling upon the Council of Defense to round up the "slackers" for them, as they say that the ladies have not been attending the classes the past month as they should.

The sisters of St. Mary's Academy made a baby layette for the Red Cross, which was accepted by the state chairman of the Red Cross and on account of the extra fine quality of the work on the garments they will be sent to the National Exhibit of Red Cross garments, which will be held at Pittsburg, Penn., the forepart of July.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Calkins and twin daughters and son, Charles A., and daughter, of Mitchell, S. D., arrived in the city last Sunday by auto for a few days visit with relatives and old time friends. Mr. Calkins is doing teaming in Mitchell while Charley and his brother are operating a garage. They are all prosperous and enjoying good health.

We are in receipt of a letter from Orton Young, who was one of the Holt county contingent that left here a week ago last Saturday for Lincoln, where they take special training in the state university, ordering "The Frontier" sent to him so that he could keep posted upon happenings at home. He informs us that Clyde Davidson has been appointed Sergeant and is actively in discharge of the duties of that office.

Glen C. Briggs and Billie Lucinda Ennis, both of this city, were united in marriage last Saturday afternoon by Rev. George Longstaff. Mrs. Briggs is the first war bride in this city as her husband left Tuesday morning for the training camp at Fort Riley, as a member of the Holt county contingent. The bride will keep the "home fires burning" while her husband is endeavoring to get the scalp of the Kaiser.

Dr. T. J. Dwyer, of Omaha, was in the city for a few hours last Monday, stopping off on his way home from a professional call at Valentine, spending the day with his parents and friends here. Dr. Dwyer is one of the leading surgeons of the metropolis and is kept so busy looking after his vast army of patients that he has to snatch his vacations and visits with the home folks between trains, on his professional visits in this section of the state.

Two calls have been issued for men to entrain for military service next month. The total number of men to be mustered into the service of the government during July is 367,961, the largest number in any month since the declaration of war. Nebraska is omitted in one of the calls and the state is called upon for 4,000 men to be sent between July 22 to 25th. Of this number Holt county will be called upon to furnish about forty-seven men.

### NOTICE TO CITIZENS.

The undersigned has been requested to call a meeting of the citizens of O'Neill for the purpose of discussing a proposed 25 per cent increase of the electric light and power rate in this city, this increase to begin July 1st. The light and power company has offered to submit its books to a committee of citizens so that the public may understand that this department can not be run under the present high prices of coal and labor at the present rates and give twenty four hour service. A statement submitted by the company shows that the light and power department of the Creamery Company was conducted at a loss of over \$400 in the month of May. It is claimed that an increase of about 25 per cent in the rate is necessary to prevent such losses. I believe that charges ought to be founded upon a basis of expense and income running over an entire year or at least several months, and accepting the proposition of the light and power company, I have taken the liberty of appointing the following named committee to examine the books of this department from July 1, 1917, up to the present time, and I request a meeting of all light and power patrons and of the officers of the Company to assemble at the K. C. Club Rooms on Monday evening, July 1st, at 8:30 p. m. to discuss this question of rates. The committee is George Morrison, W. J. Hammond and Harry Jordan.

E. H. WHELAN, Mayor.

Vernon A. Westover, of Arkansas Pass, Texas, and Miss Marie E. Smith, of Leslie, Arkansas, were united in marriage by County Judge Malone in county court last Saturday. The groom was a typical southerner and after the judge had performed the ceremony, in his most becoming and ablest judicial manner, the groom wanted to know if he did not get a "bill of sale." He was fitted out with an elaborate "pictured" marriage certificate and went on his way rejoicing.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Daly and daughter, of Fremont, came up last Thursday and spent a couple of days in this city visiting relatives and old time friends. Joe has filed for the democratic nomination for county attorney of Dodge county and his many Holt county friends hope that he will succeed in landing the nomination. In the primary election two years ago he lost the nomination by twenty-seven votes and is of the opinion that he will be able to gain that number at the coming primary.

Mr. Nichols, of Chicago, representative of the Sunlight Produce Co., of Chicago, was an O'Neill visitor last Tuesday. His company contemplates putting in a produce station here, for the purchase of eggs and poultry. They will buy from the local merchants in this city and other towns in this vicinity, making this a wholesale station for the purchase of this produce. They contemplate erecting a large storage house near the Northwestern tracks. This company is a subsidiary of the Cudahy Packing Co., and they have storage houses at Sioux City, Iowa, and Norfolk, and believe that O'Neill is admirably located for the erection of another plant.

North and northeastern Holt received three nice rains the past week. The first rain was last Thursday night, when in the northeastern part of the county the ground was well soaked. This did not take in a very large strip of country however. On Monday night another nice rain fell, being especially heavy in the north and northeastern part of the county. Then Tuesday another nice rain fell, the precipitation here amounting to sixty one-hundredths of an inch. Corn is farther along than it has been at this time of the year for several years and with favorable weather the balance of the growing season Holt county will break all crop records.

C. E. Manser, of Pierce county, was an O'Neill visitor last Saturday, having come up to spend a few days at the home of his son-in-law, E. M. Leach, east of this city. Mr. Manser represented Pierce county in the house of representatives at the last regular session and the special session, and the editor enjoyed a pleasant visit with Mr. Manser while in the city. He will probably be a candidate for re-election and the people of Pierce county will see that he is again sent down to represent them, as he is an influential member and the experience he gained during the last session and the special session enables him to be more valuable to his constituency during the next session.

An open competitive examination, under the rules of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, for the position of clerk and carrier (males only) in

the postoffice at O'Neill, will be held on Saturday, July 13, 1918, commencing at 9 a. m. Applications for this examination must be made on the prescribed form, which, with necessary instructions, may be obtained from the Commission's local representative, Miss Edna Barnard, secretary of the U. S. Civil Service Board, at the post office, O'Neill, or from the Secretary of the Civil Service Board, St. Paul, Minn. All persons wishing to take this examination should secure blanks and file their applications at once, in order to allow time for any necessary corrections and to arrange for the examination.

John C. Smoot, for many years a resident of this county died at Yakima, Washington, on June 4th, from an attack of lockjaw, according to a message received by J. C. Har-nish a few days ago. Deceased was about sixty-five years of age. John Smoot conducted the first barber shop in this city and at one time also operated a cigar factory. He was engaged in business here for several years, having built the barber shop now owned by Phalin & Vincent, where he wielded the razor and shears for years. He left here during the dark and dreary days of the early nineties and moved to Illinois where he followed his trade for several years. About fifteen years ago he went west and located at North Yakima, Washington, where he followed the carpenter trade up to the time of his death. John Smoot was one of the characters of this city in the early days. He was a "cow puncher" for several years before he hung out his shingle as a tonsorial artist and he told many amusing tales of "punchers" of the early day in western Nebraska and Wyoming. He had many friends among the pioneers of the county who will regret to learn of his death.

Many War Saving Stamps Sold. Almost two hundred thousand dollars now repose in the coffers of Uncle Sam as the result of war stamps purchased by Holt county citizens. To be exact, up to June 1, Holt county citizens had purchased and paid for a grand total of \$193,241.20 worth of the baby bonds and of this amount the citizens of O'Neill purchased and paid for \$94,630.54 worth. Since June 1, Postmaster McCarthy estimates that the cash sales will bring the grand total well above the \$200,000 and that of O'Neill and vicinity above \$100,000. These figures do not include the stamp pledges yet to be paid in.

Rain and Wind. Last Tuesday evening this section of the country was visited by a rain that was preceded by a very heavy wind, that reached the proportions of a cyclone in some places. The storm and rain reached here about 9 o'clock and the clouds were looking so bad that many of our residents took refuge in their cellars. A large brick chimney on the convent was blown down and two rafters in the roof broken by the weight of the chimney falling upon them. It also tore off several square feet of slate off the roof. Outside of the damage to that building the only damage done in this

city was the blowing down of several shade trees around town. The rainfall here was sixty one-hundredths of an inch, and it was greatly needed for the spring grain and potatoes.

The wind did considerable damage in the country, tearing down barns, wind mills and trees. So far as we have heard there were no houses destroyed or no people injured. We have been unable to get a list of the barns and other outbuildings destroyed, but we have heard that the following farmers lost their barns and some of them windmills:

Peter Claussen, barn and wind mill blown down and other buildings wrecked.

E. F. Barnes, who lives northwest of this city about thirteen miles, had his barn destroyed. Mr. Barnes had one of the finest farm barns in the county.

J. B. Fullerton, who lives in the neighborhood of Mr. Barnes, had his barn destroyed.

John O'Malley lost a barn, it being torn to pieces. They had just come out of the house to go to the cyclone cave when the barn was blown past them. Seven head of horses were in the barn at the time and they escaped uninjured.

H. L. Page, living four miles north of this city, lost his barn, the building being torn to kindling wood.

The barn on the farm of Judge Dickson, five miles north of this city, was moved off its foundation.

T. J. Donohoe, lost his new barn. This was one of the largest and best barns in the country north of this city.

George Robertson, who lost his barn by fire some two months ago, was building a new one and it was destroyed by the wind.

### National Food Survey July 1.

The third National War Emergency Food Survey will be taken as of July 1, 1918, of stocks of food in hands of dealers and manufacturers. Some 600,000 blank schedules are being sent out by mail and it is expected that they will be in the hands of the reporting concerns by July 1. Complete schedules are to be mailed to the Chief of the Bureau of Markets within three days after they are received.

### Do You Want Western Land?

I have arrangements with an Investment Company for the sale of land in Cheyenne and Kimball counties and in eastern Colorado.

These lands have produced very heavy crops of wheat and other small grain for the past several years. At the price of grain and other crops that these lands produce and at the price for which the land is selling for they should pay for themselves in a couple of years.

I will be glad to furnish description, price and terms to anyone interested in the purchase of some of this land.

C. M. DALY, O'Neill.

### Home Guards Accepted by the State.

The Adjutant-General has notified the captain of the Home Guards that having come up to the requirements of the new law and the orders of the Adjutant-General, they are now recognized by the state as an official Home Guard company. We all knew that the O'Neill boys had the stuff but we did not know that the state officials had their eye on them. It is an honor to O'Neill to have its company the first and only one to be recognized in the county. Of the twelve thousand and Home Guards organized throughout the state during the past year only twenty-nine companies, or about one-fourth of them have so far complied with the law, according to a statement issued by the Adjutant-General on June 20th. The official Home Guard celebration on the Fourth of July this year will be held at Atkinson and all Home Guards are required, as a patriotic duty, to be present there.

### Forty-Eight Respond to Call.

Forty-eight of the young manhood of Holt county responded to their country's call and left Tuesday from O'Neill and widely distributed points with the United States for the great training camps, preparatory to going over seas. The boys were members of the last draft call. Thirty-seven of the boys reported to County Clerk Kelley Monday, while the others reported to the draft boards of the points nearest to which they at the time happened to be. Monday night the boys reporting here were entertained at a dance at the K. C. Hall and Tuesday morning were escorted to the special Northwestern train by the Home Guards and citizens. Business houses closed during the hour of leaving.

Following is the list leaving on this call, together with the camps to which those going from O'Neill are sent, and the entraining points of the others:

- Camp Funston.
  - 451—George H. Bartlett, Pierce.
  - 702—Verle C. Chase, Emmet.
  - 746—Arthur L. Green, Amelia.
  - 797—John M. Neckolite, Ewing.
  - 859—Ray Roy D. Conger, Inman.
  - 931—Charles Chown, Amelia.
  - 950—W. E. Buchanan, Chadron.
  - 998—Benjamin Shaffer, Stuart.
  - 1019—Leroy Lilyard, Hammond.
  - 1021—Ray S. Butler, Ewing.
  - 1047—Lloyd Leonard, Cherokee, Iowa.
  - 1068—Grant H. Porter, Inman.
  - 1070—Russell C. Everett, Emmet.
  - 1319—Ross E. Harris, Emmet.

- Fort Riley.
  - 1061—D. J. O'Connell, Atkinson.
  - 1082—Robert W. Allman, Stuart.
  - 1097—C. J. McDonald, Greeley Center.
  - 1124—Francis D. Biglow, Stuart.
  - 1132—J. D. Van Cleave, Atkinson.
  - 1145—Joseph A. Kofka, Atkinson.
  - 1176—Wm. A. Porath, Ewing.
  - 1177—Glenn C. Briggs, O'Neill.
  - 1182—Joel I. Smith, Atkinson.
  - 1193—Adam Head, Jr., Stuart.
  - 1218—Harold R. Harris, Ewing.
  - 1229—E. A. Demary, Atkinson.
  - 1229—Fred F. Lowery, O'Neill.
  - 1241—C. N. Wyant, Chambers.
  - 1256—Marshall H. Scott, Page.
  - 1262—Lloyd R. Stevens, Inman.
  - 1266—George L. Clinton, O'Neill.
  - 1282—Cloyd G. Lawrence, Plainview.
  - 1289—Asa B. Hubbard, Chambers.
  - 1335—Earl V. Raymer, Atkinson.
  - 1337—Andrew F. Forbes, Amelia.
  - 1352—Charles E. Burke, Stuart.
  - 1388—Frank Burk, Ewing.

- Leaving From Other Points.
  - 934—C. R. Hess, Stuart, Lancaster, Pa.
  - 1054—Emil L. Olson, Wausa, Nebr.
  - 1120—Hans Peterson, O'Neill, Omaha.
  - 1288—M. F. Fitzgerald, O'Neill, Elizabethtown, N. J.
  - 1067—Fred W. Parry, O'Neill, Tempe, Arizona.
  - 1158—Wm. Rehak, O'Neill, Schenectady, N. Y.
  - 1371—Lawrence Chapman, O'Neill, Billings, Mont.
  - 1376—Thomas J. Keyes, O'Neill, Anaconda, Mont.
  - 1024—Fred G. Smith, O'Neill, Grand Junction, Colo.
  - 1379—Harry J. Bydaleck, O'Neill, Momence, Ill.
  - 1078—George Moss, Stuart, Onawa, Iowa.

### Home Guard Assembly July Fourth.

All members of the O'Neill Home Guard Company without exception are called for duty July Fourth. They will assemble at the corner of Fourth and Dodge Streets at 9:30 a. m. in full uniform and equipment. The company will proceed to Atkinson by car to participate in the Holt County patriotic celebration at that place.

Employees of men who are members of the Home Guard company are hereby notified to arrange for the excuse from employment of such members on the anniversary of American Independence. Attention is called to Chapter V of the Session Laws of 1917.

E. H. WHELAN, Captain.

## "MELVIN"

SELLS FOR LESS

- 6 Cans 35c Size Tomatoes ..... \$1.24
  - 3-5c Packages Yeast Foam ..... 03c
  - 6 Bars Beat-Em-All Soap ..... 21c
  - 30x3 Inch Pure Gum, Tubes ..... \$1.75
  - 40c Large Jars of Peanut Butter ..... 30c
  - 3 Pounds Barrington Hall Steel Cut Coffee, fresh shipment just received ..... 87c
  - 6 Cans Wisconsin Moonlight Sweet Sifted Peas, 25c cans ..... 57c
  - 3 Large Cans Peas ..... 37c
  - 3 Pounds Mellotone Coffee, You try this Extra Good coffee ..... 87c
  - 30x3 Inch Casings for Ford Front Wheels ..... \$11.95
  - 3-8c Packages Washing Powder ..... 14c
  - 3 Pounds 40c Coffee ..... 75c
  - Buy Brooms here at the old price.
  - 50c Bottle Hydrogen Peroxide. This is a new shipment and selling like hot cakes on a cold morning ..... 10c
- We are able to offer these low prices only because we made a very favorable contract with the manufacturers months ago.
- NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY.
- \$2.25 Blue and White Striped Men's Overalls ..... \$1.49
  - \$3.00 Men's Dress Straw Hats ..... \$1.49
  - \$5.00 Men's Dress Straw Hats ..... \$2.98
  - \$7.00 Men's Keith Genuine Panama Hats ..... \$4.75
  - \$2.00 Men's Summer Union Suits ..... 99c
  - \$3.00 Men's Summer Union Suits ..... \$1.49
  - 40c Men's Palm Beach Hose ..... 19c
  - \$1.50 Men's Shirts ..... 85c
  - \$20.00 Men's Palm Beach Suits Made to your measure ..... \$13.49

### YOU BOSS THE JOB YOURSELF.

Your image stands at the tailor's elbow in the Royal Sunshine Shops—directing him as he drafts your Royal suit.

Clothes may go to \$100.00 a suit before the war ends. In the Civil War shoes sold for \$60.00. Your alert buyer is stocking up his wardrobe now.

57 STEPS

### WAR BRINGS CARE

If war brings benefits, one of these is the evidence of deeper thought and greater care in the every day life of each man and woman.

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Our Checking Account Service will systemize and economize the time and money of any man or woman.

We invite you to have a friendly talk with us about our service and its value to you.

## Nebraska State Bank

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