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LOCAL MATTERS.

The Stuart Home Guards will be mustered on Thursday evening.

Hy Nightengale, of Atkinson, made a business trip to O'Neill Tuesday.

The county board of supervisors resumed its session Tuesday morning.

The Shields township board will hold a meeting Tuesday, February 4.

Frank Phalin was a Northwestern passenger for Omaha Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hunter spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives at Star.

J. W. Snyder has purchased the James Leahy ranch four miles north of Ewing.

John Judge and sister, Miss Bess, of Atkinson, were in the city Monday visiting with friends.

Mrs. Elmer Reddick, of Wood Lake, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Soukup, of Pleasant Valley.

Henry Watterson Tomlinson, chief county quarantine officer, is confined to his residence with lumbago.

E. E. James and family, of Stuart, have removed to Winner, S. D., where they will make their future home.

Will McCarthy, of Atkinson, was in the city Monday visiting with friends and attending to business matters.

Walter Hodgkin made a business trip to Stuart Monday. He reports large drifts of snow around Stuart.

The village of Chambers has discontinued its street lights owing to a lack of funds in the village treasury.

J. F. Schunk, of the Atkinson neighborhood, was on the Omaha market with a car of top price hogs last week.

John Archer, of Ewing, was in the city Monday attending to business affairs.

Brownie Ward came up from Omaha Monday night being called here by the illness of his mother, Mrs. Mike O'Neill.

Carl Holtz, of Ewing, was a pleasant caller at this office Wednesday, having come in to look after his subscription.

P. D. Mullen returned from Omaha Monday night, after spending several days in the metropolis looking after business affairs.

Rev. Father Hudson, of Bonesteel, S. D., passed through O'Neill Monday on his way to Omaha to attend to business matters.

Peter Duffy left Sunday morning for Des Moines, Iowa, where he will spend a few days attending to county business matters.

Miss Kathleen Stannard, who has been visiting with her folks here for the past month, returned to Denver, Colorado, last week.

Miss Geneva Alderman came down from Newport last Friday afternoon and spent the week-end visiting Miss Florence McCafferty.

Mrs. M. E. Vernon and little daughter, Dorothy, left Thursday of last week for a week-end visit with Omaha friends and relatives.

"The best paper in Nebraska," is the way J. Q. Howard, of Norfolk refers to *The Frontier*, in sending in his renewal of subscription.

Miss Carrie Stratton, of Atkinson, has been appointed superintendent of the Chambers schools for the remainder of the school term.

Mrs. L. W. Bergstrom returned last Saturday night from a two week visit with relatives at Lincoln, Verdun and Tecumseh this state.

Bert Gray was installed as Noble Grand and Peter X. Larson as Vice Grand at the regular meeting of the Page I. O. O. F. last week.

Income tax blanks have been received by Internal Revenue Collector Loomis, of Omaha, and will be ready for distribution by February 1.

William Harte, of Inman, has gone to Rochester, Minn., where he will

undergo an operation to straighten a leg fractured several years ago.

John Hagerty, who has been in the navy and doing duty at Miami, Florida, arrived here the first of the week having received his discharge.

Guy Young, of Opportunity, was in the city Wednesday. He has just recovered from the flu and expects to be able to get into the work shortly.

Senator D. H. Cronin and Mrs. Cronin came up from Lincoln Friday evening, for the week-end at home, returning to Lincoln Monday morning.

Cliff Marquis of Chambers has purchased the bankrupt Bogert stock of merchandise at that point and will consolidate it with his own stock of goods.

Z. T. France, of Dorsey, who was severely injured several weeks ago when his car overturned, rapidly is recovering from his injuries and soon will be about again.

Frank Froelich, who has been in the service and stationed at Vancouver, Wash., for the past ten months arrived here Sunday night having been discharged.

Mrs. Anthony Murray returned last Thursday from Omaha, where she had been for a week with her sister, Mrs. J. P. Kane, who was ill, but who is now recovering.

The Page school board has decided to extend the school term to May 24 this year, and to hold school on Saturdays to make up for time lost when the schools were closed because of the flu.

C. W. Dobney, of Stuart, was severely but not dangerously injured last week when the car in which he was driving struck a snow drift, throwing him through the windshield.

Mr. and Mrs. Will McCormick, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hunter since Mr. McCormick's discharge from the service, returned to their home near Norden Monday evening.

Pete Ward arrived here Tuesday morning from Hot Springs, S. D., being called here by the illness of his mother. Pete has been in the service but recently received his discharge from Camp Pike, Ark.

Paul Adams, who has been employed as bookkeeper in the First National Bank here for some time, left Saturday night for Casper, Wyoming, where he has accepted a position with the Casper National Bank.

Atkinson relatives have received word of the death of Irving Crittendon at Esparto, California, of influenza, December 29. His wife, formerly Miss Luella Parnell, of Atkinson, and two children, survive him.

Good news for the consumer and bad for the producer. The recent spell of spring weather has induced the cows to give a little more and a little richer milk, on less feed. As a result butter fat has dropped more than 11 cents and butter with it.

Senator D. H. Cronin in addition to his other committee assignments in the state senate has been made a member of the special code committee which will have charge of the civil code bill introduced in the legislature at the request of Governor McKelvie.

The next number of the *Lyceum* course, said to be the best of the series, will be the Varallo Concert company, Monday, February 3. The company, composed of several artists, has an excellent program, both ensemble and solo, and is accompanied by a talented reader.

Joseph A. Mitchel, of O'Neill, is a member of Battery A of the famous 127th field artillery, former Fourth Nebraska regiment, now being mustered out at Fort Dodge. The organization not only made a record in France, but distinguished itself along the border war.

The Oakland, California, Daily Press, of December 31, announces the marriage of Miss Cecelia Ramold,

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daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ramold, of Atkinson, to Mr. Henry Tabler, of Oakland. Mr. Tabler is the son of Edward Tabler, of Omaha, and is an official of the V. P. railroad.

County Superintendent Anna Donohoe left Wednesday morning for Lincoln, Nebraska, where she will spend the week attending the convention of county superintendents which starts there Thursday.

Gerald Miles arrived Sunday evening from Fort Dodge, where he was mustered out of the service. Gerald has been stationed at Camp Benjamin Franklin, near Camp Meade, Maryland, and was in the wireless service of the signal corps.

Mrs. Ross Irish, residing near Bassett, who had been visiting her mother, Mrs. John Dibble, of Atkinson, became lost in the storm of January 8 while returning home overland from Bassett, but after a day and half of a night finally reached her destination. Her feet were frozen by the exposure.

R. W. McGinnis, traffic manager of the Northwestern for this district and president of the McGinnis Creamery company, was an O'Neill visitor Thursday, in his capacity as a railroad official. Mr. McGinnis is visiting the hay shipping points of Holt and Rock counties, conferring with dealers regarding the movement of hay.

Mike Sullivan, well known to old time residents of O'Neill and vicinity, was in the city for a few days last week visiting with friends. Mike is now deputy sheriff at Butte, Mont., and was on his return trip to Butte from Allentown, Penn., with a prisoner, who was charged with stealing a car at Butte, some time ago.

At the meeting of the county board of supervisors Saturday *The Frontier* was made the official publication for printing of legal notices and *The Frontier*, the Inman Leader and the *Stuart Advocate* were named as the papers to publish the official accounts of the supervisors' proceedings. All bids on printing and supplies were rejected by the board and purchases of supplies will be made upon the open market.

The Balcon Pilot, San Antonio, Texas: Sgt. 1st Class F. E. Skrdla, who has had charge of the Electrical Maintenance of this Post for the past five months, was discharged last week. Skrdla hails from Atkinson, Nebraska, where he is part owner of a flour mill and the only electric light plant in the town. Due to the death of his older brother, the plant was without a competent manager and electrician. If Skrdla puts as much in his work at home as he did for Camp John Wise, we are confident that the citizens of Atkinson, Nebraska, will never be without lights.

Stamp sales at the O'Neill post-office for the year 1918 were \$15,622.96, the largest in the history of the office. The sales in December alone amounted to \$4,470.30, by far the largest amount of any month, and the sales of the December quarter exceeded those of the March quarter by more than \$2,000. This excellent showing may result in the construction of the O'Neill federal building, appropriation for the purchase of the site of which already has been made, being hurried along. The department was loath to begin the building until the stamp sales exceeded \$10,000 a year.

The Chambers Sun was thirty years old last week and this week M. Wirt Hiatt, the present owner, promises to give a write-up of the thrills of newspaper life in Chambers. The *Chambers Sun* is descended from the *Chambers Eagle*, started by H. R. Henry & Son in January of 1889. At the time of its foundation another paper, the old *Chambers Pickings*, was struggling for existence but soon expired. After several years as *The Eagle*, the new paper was sold to Postmaster R. C. Wry who changed the name to the *Chambers Bugle*, under which title it existed up to several years ago, under different managements, when Martin F. Cronin disposed of it and it became the *Chambers Sun*. Here's hoping that the Sun shines for at least thirty years more.

Holt County Woman Confesses Murder of Former Husband's Wife.

Mrs. Carrie Hoffland and Frank Welton, both formerly of O'Neill and Holt county, are under arrest at Mountain View, Missouri, because of the death of Welton's wife, and Mrs. Hoffland has confessed to the murder of Mrs. Welton. The murder was committed Friday, according to the confession of Mrs. Hoffland. The latter for many years lived with Welton on his ranch in Josie township, near Tonawanda, as his wife and only had been living apart from him since Welton's removal from Holt county to Missouri several years ago, remaining here, it is said, to settle up some of her own property affairs. Welton is the son of the late Barnabas Welton, sheriff of Holt county in the early eighties, and his mother still resides in O'Neill.

Dispatches from West Plains, Missouri, telling of the discovery of the murder state that the couple were arrested after an investigation of a report by Welton that he had returned home Friday afternoon to find his wife drowned, in a cistern, and his three-months old babe still alive and floating in the water in the cistern.

He said he let himself down on a rope and that the woman he then claimed was a relative, drew the baby up in a bucket. He then tied the rope around his wife's body, climbed back up the rope and with the help of the woman, pulled the body from the cistern. A physician who was called became suspicious, he told authorities, when he did not find any water in the cistern. Mrs. Welton, as would have been the case had she drowned. He also declared he found what appeared to be finger prints on her throat, a bruise on her temple and scratches and bruises on her back and sides.

Welton, when questioned at the coroner's inquest, stated the woman was not a relative, but that they once lived together in O'Neill, Neb., as man and wife. He asserted that she came to his farm home Thursday afternoon without him knowing that she intended to, and asked to stay all night. He said he objected, but that his wife insisted that the woman be permitted to remain.

Mrs. Hoffland on the witness stand declared Welton never could have been legally married to the dead woman, as he had never divorced her.

At her preliminary hearing before a justice of the peace Tuesday she confessed to the murder of Mrs. Pearl Welton.

Mrs. Hoffland declared that she had followed Welton through three states and had found him happily married after she had lived with him as his common law wife in Nebraska. She said she choked Mrs. Welton to death and threw the body into the cistern. She declared she did not know whether she dropped the baby into the cistern, or let it fall while she was looking over the edge.

She completely exonerated Welton, who, she said, was in a forest cutting wood when she committed the deed.

Mrs. Hoffland removed to O'Neill when Welton left the county, about two years ago, and for a time off and on worked at the Grand Cafe. Monday, January 6, she left her position, saying that she was going to Welton, in Missouri.

Two hundred and fifty members of this crack California unit came to this city yesterday under the command of Major Leonard and Lieutenant Dows and Myers. Practically all of the men are from Los Angeles.

"This unit has a remarkable war record. In the first place, the man who fired the last gun in the war, on November 11, 1918, returned with it yesterday. He is D. S. Thompson. The Second Anti-Aircraft Battalion was the first body of troops to be designed for removal from the front line in the Argonne woods for return home, in view of their splendid work prior. They were commanded overseas by Colonel Perkins. It has the record for quick transport overseas, making the trip in 19 days. It won the record for bringing down enemy planes, having competed with all other anti-aircraft battalions.

"But their proudest distinction, as asserted by themselves, is the fact that they destroyed the supposedly invulnerable German flying circus. It took place just before Metz, shortly after the victory at St. Mihiel. The huge circus of enemy planes that swept over the American salient was headed by the inventor of the "circus," Lieut. Madin. The Second Anti-Aircraft Battalion saw their chance for great fighting here, and battled with the cloud men for two hours. One by one they fell victims of the intrepid fire of the rapid anti-aircraft guns. Lieut. Madin came down last but he fell hardest, according to the boys of the battalion, who recited the incident today.

"Seven men operate an anti-aircraft gun. They were therefore seven men at the gun which fired the last shot of the war. Each claimed yesterday a part in the firing of the last gun. D. S. Thompson pulled the trigger. Forrest McHenry loaded the shell. Leroy Johnson carried the shell. W. L. Woolaver set the charge. Harry Kottinger found the range. J. M. Glines gave the command to fire and L. C. Powers aimed the piece.

"The contingent which arrived today is made up almost entirely of artillerymen who formerly manned the big guns at San Diego, San Pedro and San Francisco, and is the remainder of the original battalion commanded by Colonel H. A. Schwab at Forts MacArthur and Rosecrans.

"A large number of the members of the battalion were left in hospitals overseas, twenty were left dead on the field of battle, while a hundred or so were left in eastern camps. The men are now billeted in the North cantonment, formerly the first officers' training camp, but now the central demobilization camp for the district within 500 miles of San Francisco.

"The Second Anti-Aircraft Battalion took part in the big drive at St. Mihiel, September 12. They were in the Champagne, Verdun and Argonne fighting also. When the war came to an end with the signing of the armistice they were stationed at St. Hilaire.

"Most of their fighting was necessarily done in the open, according to Lieut. Orris R. Myers, and was therefore very practical work. Trenches were only dug when the troops were not advancing, he said. Lieutenant Myers said that at St. Mihiel, on the morning of the signing of the armistice, the Germans let down a vicious barrage, taking the lives of five of their men.

"The battalion used French 75s, there being no American anti-aircraft guns available."

Former Holt County Boy Killed.

David William Eisele, a former Chambers boy, was killed in action in France in October, according to word just received by his parents. Mr. and Mrs. David E. Eisele, of Rocca, Nebraska. He was born near Chambers April 5, 1889, and with his parents removed from this county in 1896.

O'Donnell-Deaver.

Miss Sue O'Donnell and Mr. Quentin K. Deaver were united in marriage at St. Patrick's church Tuesday morning at 7:30 o'clock, the Rev. Father M. F. Cassidy officiating. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Nell O'Donnell and the groom by Mr. Will Biglin. The bride wore a going away costume of dark blue, with hat to match and a corsage bouquet of Mrs. Ward roses. Miss Nell O'Donnell, bridesmaid, also was attired in blue, with a corsage bouquet of sweet peas. Following the wedding ceremony a wedding breakfast was tendered the couple at the residence of the bride's mother, after which the young couple departed for a short wedding trip after which they will be at home at Casper, Wyoming.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Ellen O'Donnell and is one of the most prominent and charming of the young society buds of the community, having grown to young womanhood in this city. The groom is the son of the late D. Clem Deaver and Mrs. Deaver, formerly of O'Neill, and is cashier of the Casper National Bank, Casper, Wyo. Those present from abroad for the wedding were Mrs. D. Clem Deaver, mother of the groom, Mrs. John Sullivan, sister of the groom, Mrs. Frank Rentschler of Springfield, and Miss Nell O'Donnell of Gillette, Wyo., sisters of the bride. Miss May Hammond, close friend of the bride, and one of the attendants of the wedding party, was the fortunate one to catch the bride's bouquet and friends will watch to see whether or not the legendary prophecy is to be fulfilled.

The Frontier joins with the host of friends of Mr. and Mrs. Deaver in extending to them congratulations and best wishes for a long life of unalloyed health, prosperity and wedded bliss.

Roy Ross Dead of Wounds.

Roy C. Ross, one more Holt county hero, has made the supreme sacrifice that the world may be safe for humanity. As his comrades are returning from the war to lay aside the accoutrements for the implements of peace, he sleeps in France. Word of his death, October 7, from wounds received in action, was received by his mother, Mrs. Susie Ross, Tuesday morning.

Roy, who would have reached the age of twenty-four years on November 15, last, was a member of Company B, 134th Infantry, and went from O'Neill with the second draft contingent, September 10, 1917, to Camp Funston. Later he was transferred to Camp Cody, New Mexico. He was born in Boyd county and grew to manhood in O'Neill. He leaves his mother, Mrs. Susie Ross, and several brothers and sisters to survive him, and to whom *The Frontier* joins the entire community in extending heartfelt condolences on their great bereavement.

Chambers Railroad Goes In Smoke

The Chambers railroad has reached another set back and it is probable that it will not be built this year. William Reninger, father of the project, is disgusted with the prospects, and now that he is going away from Chambers has abandoned all hope and burned the subscription lists. Mr. Reninger, during his long residence in the Chambers neighborhood, has been the leader in improvement movements and for years has worked to place Chambers on the railroad map. In a farewell, open, letter, he says:

"To those who subscribed to the building of the railroad from Ericson to Chambers, I wish to say that as there has been nothing done so far as building the road and I am soon going to move away from Chambers I have burned all the subscription lists that I had. Not because, I think there is no chance for a road, but I felt that the time had expired that these subscriptions had been signed for, and not being able to see all of those who had signed the list, I have burned them up."

WM. RENINGER."

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O'Neill Boy Fired Last Shot of War.

D. S. Thompson, born and raised in O'Neill, fired the last shot of the world's war. Mr. Thompson is the son of Mrs. Maude Curle, of Los Angeles, Cal., sister of S. J. Weekes, and entered the army two years ago as a member of the California National Guard. He is a minor and will not be of age until March 25, but being imbued with the O'Neill and Holt county energetic disposition to do things, lack of age handicapped him not at all. Mr. Thompson was named after several of the heroes of the Spanish-American war and he lived right up to the name's dignity the recent conflict. His full name is Steven Dewey Hobson F. S. Thompson. The San Francisco correspondent of the Los Angeles Examiner has the following to say about Mr. Thompson and the big event in which he was the leading figure:

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