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The spirit of Washington

is with our boys today just as it was in 1776

It inspired them as they repaid to France at Chateau Thierry and Sedan the debt contracted when Lafayette's timely help enabled Washington to take Yorktown and finish our war for independence.

It animates them during the weary months of service in the army of occupation.

It thrills them as they come home victorious to the America they love. Washington had faith in the ideals of the people and the future greatness of the nation. Our soldiers have shown that his ideals still live.

Let us all do our part that the nation may grow in justice and power day by day and year by year, ever animated by the spirit of the founder of our country.

P. J. McManus

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LOCAL MATTERS.

James Moore shipped a car of mixed cattle to Omaha Wednesday.

Walter Hodgkin returned Tuesday evening from Omaha and Lincoln.

Lloyd Gillespie returned from a business trip to Lincoln Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Charles Siders and daughter returned Saturday evening from Lincoln.

The Lutheran congregation of Bristol vicinity is to erect a new \$14,000 church.

Carl Aegeater, of Randolph, was a business visitor in this city the first of the week.

Harry Stein, the hustling Ewing hay dealer, was an O'Neill visitor Monday and Tuesday.

Lloyd Stevens, of Inman, has received his discharge from the army and returned home.

The Presbyterian church of Stuart is holding a series of revival meetings, to continue two weeks.

John Chmeler returned Saturday night from Winner, S. D., after a short visit with friends.

S. J. Weekes left Monday for Omaha where he will spend several days looking after business matters.

The Ewing basket ball team recently defeated the Clearwater team at Ewing by the score of 43 to 14.

John Catron, of Meadow Grove, has purchased the Ed. Harris ranch south of O'Neill and will take possession in March.

Ralph Davidson*arrived here Monday night from Norfolk, Va., on a furlough to visit with his folks and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Gallagher and son, John Robert, left Sunday morning for a week visit with friends at Omaha and Lincoln.

Earl Miller has purchased the Charles Knapp eighty near Inman, giving him an undivided 150 acres at the home place.

John Wolfe, who recently received his discharge and returned home, has gone to Moorcroft, Wyo., near which place he has a homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Butler, of Ewing, have returned from an extended visit with their daughter and husband at Hot Springs, S. D.

Miss Esther CREDIT, of Wisner, who is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. W. V. Hunter, entertained at dinner Sunday evening for a party of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Chittick, of Stuart, have received a telegram announcing the safe arrival of their son in this country from over seas.

Lloyd Kaiser, of Amelia, suffered the fracture of several bones in his left foot last week when a horse he was riding slipped and fell upon him.

Thomas Griffin returned Saturday

night from a month's visit with relatives and friends, and a sight seeing tour through New England states and Canada.

Miss Madeline Dishner, of Columbus, arrived the first of the week and will be employed in the office of her uncle, F. J. Dishner, this spring and summer.

One of the heaviest losses in Thursday's storm was that of W. S. Goree, of Inman. Six thoroughbred brood sows were buried under a snow drift and smothered.

Mrs. Reuben Thomas, of Long Pine, daughter of Mrs. James Beck, of Atkinson, died Monday of last week at her home in Long Pine, after an illness of pneumonia.

Mrs. Richard Regan and little daughter, arrived the first of the week from Creighton and will be the guests of Mrs. Regan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Quinn, for several weeks.

John Zimmerman, who has spent two years in the navy and has been on foreign service for some time arrived here Friday night from Philadelphia, where he was discharged from the navy.

Noah Peterson, prominent hay dealer of Stuart, was a Sunday visitor with O'Neill friends enroute to Omaha where he goes as delegate from this district to the meeting of the Hereford Breeders association.

Col. James Moore narrowly escaped serious injury when he slipped while carrying a basket of corn, at the Moore ranch Monday, and fell across a fence. He sustained a fractured rib, which however has not incapacitated him.

Mrs. Max James, who has been visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Stannard for the past month, left Wednesday morning for Denver, where she will visit with relatives for a short time before joining her husband in California.

A number of friends of Mildred Rouse met at her home in this city last Saturday evening and spent a very pleasant evening, playing games, singing and other amusements. All returned to their homes declaring Mildred a very good hostess.

Henry Grady has received word from Rock Island, Ill., that Arthur Miller, alias Fred Nelson, sent up from here several years ago for breaking and entering, has been convicted of murder, committed during a hold-up, and sentenced to life imprisonment.

John L. Quig left Sunday morning for a tour of his landed interests in the central west. Mr. Quig went to St. Paul, Minn., from here and will visit Glennwood, Minn., Spooner, Wis., and Shell Lake Wis., at all of which places he has large farms, before his return.

Fire, of unknown origin, destroyed a car of household and emigrant goods and a car of hay, in the Northwestern yards Thursday night last week during the storm. The car of goods belonged to John Barnhill, who is removing to Lincoln, and the hay to Chris Oswald. The timely arrival of a passenger train enabled the railroad company to move a string of cars to which the burning ones were attached to a place of safety.

Mrs. Hofland Will Stand Trial For Murder of Mrs. Welton.

Omaha Bee: West Plains, Mo.—Mrs. Carrie Hofland, a Nebraska woman, who confessed to the killing of Mrs. Pearl Welton, wife of Frank Welton, on the Welton farm near Mountain View by choking her to death, is now taking a keen interest in preparations for trial at the May term of the Shannon county circuit court at Eminence.

When she confessed the murder, she expressed a desire to plead guilty at once, but since her removal to the Howell county jail at West Plains she has gone over the circumstance of the killing with her attorneys with a view of making a determined effort at justification when she is placed on trial. No hint has been given as to the nature of the defense the woman will make.

A friend of Mrs. Hofland residing in Newland county, Nev., where the prisoner formerly lived, sent her this telegram a few days ago.

"How on earth did you come to do it? You were always so softhearted. Why, you couldn't even kill a chicken."

Met at Sioux City.

Mrs. Hofland is a Norwegian. In 1905 she lived at Sioux City, Iowa, where she met Frank Welton, a railroad man. She says they entered into a common law marriage and lived together for twelve years as man and wife. He had homesteaded a ranch near O'Neill, Neb., where they moved in 1906. From that time until he left her in the spring of 1917, the couple lived as man and wife.

Mrs. Hofland's daughter, now 17, lived with the couple all this time and thought Welton to be her stepfather. Mrs. Hofland says an estate of \$5,000 inherited from her mother was spent in improving the ranch.

When Welton left O'Neill in the spring of 1917 he told Mrs. Welton that he was going to South Missouri and look at some land. They had sold their live stock and other personal property on the ranch. Welton went to Kentucky where he married and then took his wife to the farm in Shannon county, a few miles from Mountain View where she was killed.

Welton Wrote Often. During his absence, Mrs. Hofland says, she often heard from Welton, but he never mentioned his marriage to another woman. She made up her mind to visit Welton and reached Mountain View the day before the murder. Walking out to the Welton home, five miles from Mountain View, she found both Welton and his wife in the field. Welton came to meet her when he saw her coming and begged her to leave. Mrs. Welton came up about this time and invited her in the house.

While in the house, Mrs. Hofland and Mrs. Welton engaged in a quarrel, which resulted in the choking of Mrs. Welton.

Mother and Daughter Meet.

Miss Myrtle Hofland, of O'Neill, Neb., daughter of Mrs. Hofland, arrived in West Plains at almost the same hour her mother was brought here from Eminence by Sheriff Bay. Miss Hofland asked a stranger to be directed to the office of some attorney

and was referred to the office of Green & Green in the West Plains bank building. To the attorneys Miss Hofland told her story, saying that she read about the murder and that her mother would be brought to West Plains. While telling her story, Miss Hofland looking out of the window and saw the officer walking with her mother on East Main street.

"There's mamma now," screamed the girl, who is pretty. The officer then brought Mrs. Hofland to the attorney's office where a pathetic meeting between mother and daughter took place. Though Mrs. Hofland did not break down, her daughter wept and begged her mother to tell why she committed the crime. However, Mrs. Hofland refused to discuss the case and said she had nothing further to tell.

Mrs. Hofland, now in the Howell county jail, has made efforts through her attorney, L. B. Shuck, of Eminence, to furnish bonds in a few days. Her daughter is at a local hotel and will remain near her mother until her trial at Eminence in May.

Slayer a Small Woman.

Mrs. Hofland is a small, stockily-built woman and weighs about 130

pounds. She takes long steps and appears rather masculine. The woman whom she choked to death for the love of her husband was still smaller.

Mrs. Hofland, after confessing to the killing of Mrs. Welton and describing how she threw the body of her rival into a cistern at the Welton home, stated that she desired a speedy trial. She wanted to plead guilty, she said, and take the sentence that would be imposed upon her by the court. A special term of court was convened in Eminence by Circuit Judge E. P. Dorris of Alton, and to the surprise of everyone Mrs. Hofland asked for a continuance to the next term of the Shannon county, Mo., district court.

O'Neill Gets \$6,000 For Public Building Site.

The former appropriation of \$2,600 for the purchase of a site for a federal building at O'Neill has been increased to \$6,000 by the national congress. One of the last official acts of the house of representatives was to include this increased item in the public building bill, which carries a grand total of sixty million dollars.

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