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## The Frontier

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### John Perizek Suicides.

John Perizek, a middle-aged Bohemian employed on the ranch of Frank Posver, of Conley township for the last six years, committed suicide Wednesday morning by shooting himself in the breast with a shotgun. Perizek came to this country from Bohemia about eighteen years ago, leaving a family behind. After several years residence in Omaha he removed to Butler county and came to Holt about six years ago. Perizek had not heard from his family in the old country for sometime and became despondent as a consequence. Wednesday he rigged up a shotgun on a barrel in the haymow of the Posver barn and attached a string to the trigger. Then, first baring his breast, he leaned against the muzzle and pulled the string. He was buried in the Chambers cemetery Thursday.

County Attorney Chapman was notified of the suicide immediately after it was discovered Wednesday, but from the circumstances did not deem an inquest necessary.

### LOCAL MATTERS.

The funeral of Olin Stratton, of Atkinson, who died at Lusk, Wyoming, week before last, was held from the Atkinson Methodist church last Thursday. Olin went to Lusk several months ago to assist in the hotel operated by his brother, Otto, at that place. The altitude and climate proved too much for him and caused a nervous breakdown resulting in his death.

A meeting of the business men and others interested in the progress and advancement of the city was held in the office of Charles Daly Friday evening to discuss ways and means of securing the proposed new freight terminal on the Northwestern for O'Neill. Arthur Ryan and F. J. Dishner were appointed a committee to confer with Northwestern railway officials regarding the same.

Several of the pupils of the public school may find it necessary to take their meals off the mantelpiece as the result of an epidemic of sneez days which has been raging at the school this week. All but about twenty of the students at the high school took a day off Tuesday and in afternoon the eighth grade followed the example. Several of the lower grades also were exposed and may contract the ailment.

A hospital and sanitarium for O'Neill is one of the projects now being discussed and considered by some of the leading residents and business men. The location of the city is declared to be ideal for the purpose and it is believed that a hospital would be a financial success from the beginning. The purchase of the old residence of Rev. M. F. Cassidy, back of St. Patrick's church, and its remodeling for hospital purposes, is being considered.

A letter received by relatives from Mark Summers, states that he is located with his division, the Thirty-Second, in Germany. A copy of The Stars and Stripes first anniversary number, published February 7, also has been sent home. A considerable portion of the issue is devoted to the campaigns of this famous fighting division when it fought its way to Ourcq Heights and thence to Pesle, and of which extracts will appear later.

Antone Toy, the enterprising local merchant, will erect a new and modern store building this summer on the lot purchased by him adjoining the Stannard building last year. The new building will be the full length of the lot and will be one of the most modern store buildings in the county, being of brick and strictly fire proof. While the structure at present will only comprise one story and full basement the foundations and walls will be constructed heavy enough to carry additional floors.

The city election Tuesday passed off quietly, owing to the absence of a contest in any but the Third ward, and it was not necessary to call out the police reserve at any time during the day. The officers who will guide the destinies of the city the coming municipal year are: Clyde N. King, mayor; Claude P. Hancock, treasurer; John C. Gallagher, city clerk; James A. Brown, councilman First ward; Walter K. Hodgkin, councilman Second ward. Edward H. Whelan and C. C. Millard members of the school board. John L. Quig and John Hiber tied for councilman in the Third ward,

felt sympathy in their great loss of a loving daughter and sister.

### Wesley Preston Burns.

Wesley Preston Burns, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McClellan, died at the McClellan residence, north of this city, Sunday, March 30, after an extended illness. Mr. Burns, who had been a resident of Holt county for some years, returned last fall from the Pacific coast after an unsuccessful effort to regain his failing health. He was 32 years, 6 months and 17 days of age at the time of his death and was a native of Humboldt county, Nevada. The funeral was held Tuesday, the Rev. George Longstaff officiating and burial being in Pleasant Valley cemetery. He leaves a widow and one young son, Robert, to survive him. The Frontier joins the many friends of the bereaved relatives in extending condolences on their great loss.

### Andrew Gapter.

Andrew Gapter, one of the early settlers of Emmet township, died Tuesday, April 1, after an extended illness. The funeral was held from the Emmet Catholic church Thursday morning, the Reverend Father Byrnes officiating, burial being in Calvary cemetery, this city.

Mr. Gapter was married to Miss Anna Deitz, at Motherstroof, Austria, January 11, 1865, and came to Holt county in 1883 and settled on Holt creek, southwest of Emmet, where he has since resided. The widow and six children survive him. The children are Frank, of Colorado Springs; John, of Gillette, Wyo.; Joseph, of Welton, S. D.; Mrs. Anna Rogers, of Michigan; Mrs. Emmet Earl, of Rock Island, Illinois, and Theresa Gapter, of St. Peter, Minn.

The Frontier joins their many friends in extending sympathy to the bereaved relatives in the loss of a kind and loving husband and father.

### Harry Radaker Writes.

Flogny, France, March 5, 1919.

Dear Sir: Will you kindly forward my paper to me. After getting out of the hospital I am permanently located again. Fritz sprinkled a little mustard gas on me and when I got able to get out again I did not get back in my old division. I am in the 36th Division now. They are the National Guard division from Texas and Oklahoma.

The boys getting their home town papers makes me homesick to get the news from my home town, and the surrounding towns in Holt county. Just thought I would ask you to send it to me again. This division is located 105 miles south of Paris in a beautiful farming country. The town, is located on the banks of a canal and on the main line railroad to Paris. By all indications we will be here until the middle of the summer. Give my regards to the boys in the office and please send my paper to following address:

Yours respectfully,  
SGT. H. E. RADAKER,  
Co. F. 142nd Inf.,  
36th Div. A. T. O. 796.

### Anselm Whelan Wins Oratorical

Honors At Norfolk  
Anselm Whelan won first honors in the district oratorical contest at Norfolk Thursday of last week and will represent the district in the state contest to be held in Lincoln this spring. Harry Carson, another Holt county boy, now a resident of Norfolk, won second honors. Mr. Whelan also was the winner of the recent O'Neill high school contest and was trained and coached by Miss Octavia Beck, teacher of dramatic art at the high school. Mr. Whelan and Miss Beck were given an ovation on their return from Norfolk Friday evening and were tendered a banquet at the Grand Cafe, fol-

lowed by a dance at the high school gymnasium Friday night. Harry Carson, winner of second honors, removed to Norfolk with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Carson, formerly of Dorsey, several years ago. The judges of the contest were Miss Mable E. Brown, of Morningside college, Sioux City, Miss Rena Gillman, state university, Lincoln, and Miss Florence Buck, Wesleyan university, University Place, Neb. The referee was Hugh J. Boyle, formerly of O'Neill and now of Norfolk. The Norfolk News has the following to say of the contest:

"O'Neill carried off the oratorical honors at the north Nebraska high school contest held in the Auditorium Thursday afternoon and night when Anselm Whelan of the O'Neill high school won first place in that class by his splendid delivery of the oration, 'The Independence of Cuba.' Ted Gibson of Coleridge with 'Pro and Con,' won the first prize in the humorous class and Sybil Barrett of Albion, with 'Helen Thame,' won the first prize in the dramatic class.

Thirty-one schools were represented in the big contest which attracted unusual attention. The Auditorium was comfortably filled at 2:30 Thursday afternoon when the first selection of the declamatory program opened. When the night session began at 7:30 Thursday evening there was barely a seat left on either floor of the theatre. Standing room was at a premium later in the night. Each contestant had a large following of backers. The awarding of the nine medals came at a late hour due to the length of the program.

"The judges had some difficulty in recording marks for contestants due to the splendid showing in several of the numbers and the contest this year developed some real orators. The first prize winners were not so difficult to select, the judges declared. The pronunciation and articulation, carriage and gesture records this year are practically as good as a year ago. The general display of oratorical ability has been highly complimented by experts who were in the audience.

"The other winners in the oratorical class were: Harry Carson of Norfolk, winner of second prize with 'Americanism;' Dean Shaffer, St. Edward, won third prize with 'Man Without a Country.' Frank Mielez of Stanton, won second prize in the humorous class his subject being 'In Honor of Columbus.' Marion Garwood of Carroll won third prize in the humorous class with 'On the Baluster.' Huber Addison of Newcastle won second prize in the dramatic class with 'The Boy Orator of Zapata City' and the third went to Mary Best of Walthill whose subject was 'Sombre.'

### NEW FEED STORE.

Listen men. April 7th we will give one razor to each customer that buys \$5.00 worth of feed or flour until ten razors are given away.

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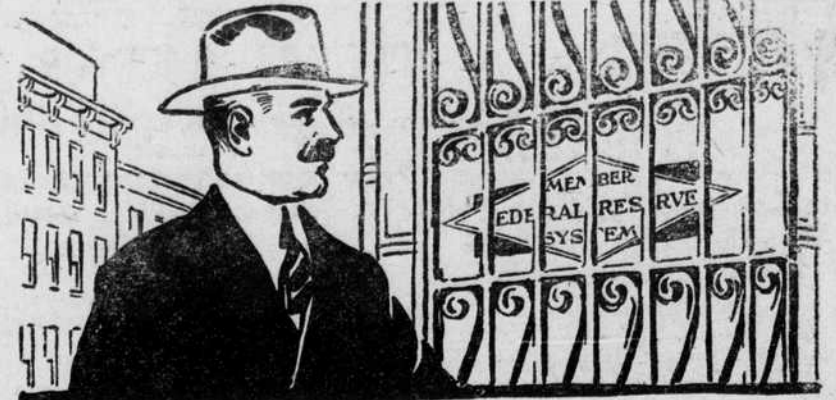
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Bids For Vault Construction.  
Bids will be received by the county clerk of Holt county, at the court house, until 12 o'clock, noon, of April 21, 1919, for the construction of a brick vault addition to the county clerk's office. Plans and specifications on file at the clerk's office. A certified check for 10 per cent of estimate must accompany each bid. Successful bidder will be required to give bond for faithful performance of contract.

Bids will be opened by the county board of supervisors at 2 o'clock, p. m., April 21, 1919. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

E. F. PORTER,  
County Clerk.

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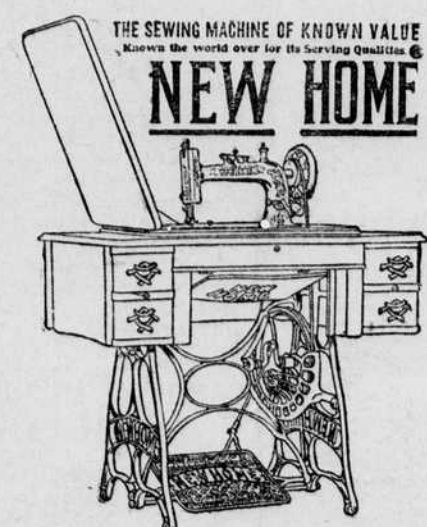
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