

**LOCAL MATTERS.**

Noah L. Robinson, of Opportunity, was in the city Wednesday on business.

Petre Greeley, of Atkinson, one of the pioneer residents of Holt county, was an O'Neill visitor last Wednesday.

Miss Margaret Hunt, who was visiting relatives and friends in this city for ten days, returned to her home in Omaha last Sunday.

Miss Florence McCafferty returned last Sunday evening from a several weeks' visit with relatives at Boston, Mass., and other eastern cities.

Frank L. Hunter, of Page, and Miss Tressie Townsend, of Hampshire, Wyoming, were granted a marriage license by County Judge Malone last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Donohoe returned to Lincoln last Monday morning, the constitutional convention reconvening on Tuesday morning after the holiday recess.

J. L. Weinberg and Leon Richard, proprietors of the Chicago Bargain Store, came up from Omaha Wednesday evening to spend a few hours in the city looking after their business interests here.

Joe Ruddy, who is engaged in the real estate business at Gordon, Nebraska, is visiting friends in this city. Joe says that Sheridan county land was in great demand last year and at greatly advanced prices over former years.

The latter part of last week H. B. Hubbard moved his harness shop from the Virgin building across the street to the Horiskey building, formerly occupied by Dr. L. A. Burgess. Dr. Burgess moved his office upstairs in the Scott Bros. building, where quarters had been specially prepared for him. Thomas & Wyant are occupying the Virgin building as storeroom for their automobiles.

Petitions placing Judge R. R. Dickson in nomination as a candidate for district judge of the Fifteenth Judicial district to succeed himself, were being circulated in the city yesterday. Judge Dickson has made a good record

on the bench and should not meet with serious opposition for re-election. Miss Beatrice Cronin went down to Omaha last Sunday morning to spend a week visiting friends.

Following are the dates of the terms of district court in the several counties of the Fifteenth Judicial district for the year 1920: Brown county, February 24 and November 9; Boyd county, March 2 and October 5; Holt county, March 15 and November 15; Keya Paha county, May 4 and September 28; Rock county, April 20 and September 21. Jury on the first day of each term.

The Coats barbershop, formerly located just south and adjoining the old postoffice, moved Wednesday night to the Toggery site formerly occupied by Hartly & Mullen, and Hartly brothers moved their pressing and cleaning shop to the former barbershop location. Will Coats, proprietor of the barbershop will add several pool and billiard tables and a cigar stand to his present equipment. Hartly brothers in their removal come back to the old building especially erected for them by the I. O. O. F.

Inman Leader: Ceril Gifford, of Inman, and Miss Ellen Samulsen, of Randolph, were married at Wayne by the county judge last week Wednesday morning, at 10 o'clock, and arrived in Inman Wednesday evening for a week's visit at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gifford. The happy couple will make their home on the groom's farm south of Randolph. The bride is a popular young school teacher of Cedar county. The bride and groom were accompanied to Inman by Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Gifford also of Randolph.

After being urged by his friends to enter the field S. J. Weekes has consented to be a candidate for delegate to the republican national convention from the Sixth Congressional district and his name will appear on the ballot as a candidate for that position. S. J. has for years been one of the leading republicans of this section of the state, and has a large acquaintance over the district and his friends will be pleased to get out and boost for his

election to the position. This district is entitled to two delegates and they are generally divided between the north and south side of the district.

The annual spring race meet at the fair grounds will be held the first week in June, according to announcement made by Sheriff Duffy, Wednesday. The success of the meet held last spring has aroused considerable interest in racing in the territory and a tentative circuit already has been formed, comprising O'Neill, Hartington, Verdel, Winner and Walthill. Gordon and Valentine also are asking admission to the circuit. A number of harness horsemen have requested that harness races be included with the running races this year and consequently the meet will be a combination one.

Political matters are beginning to occupy the attention of the people of the state. The forefront of the week former State Senator Adam McMullen of Gage county, filed as a candidate for the republican nomination for governor. Friends of Don Love, formerly mayor of Lincoln, announced that he will also enter the primaries for the republican nomination and there will probably be several others. Governor McKelvie has not announced whether he will be a candidate for re-election or not, but many are of the opinion that he will be content with one term and will not be a candidate to succeed himself.

Last week Ben J. Grady purchased the Morrison grocery store, taking possession last Monday morning. This store has always enjoyed a good patronage, but Mr. Morrison has tired of the grocery game and was anxious to retire. He made a splendid success of the business starting a few years ago without hardly a dollar and retires with a good-sized roll. He has not decided what he will do, but says that he will take a rest for a few months before deciding on what line of business he will follow. Ben J. Grady, the new proprietor, has grown to manhood in this city and is a very popular young man. He has worked in different stores in this city, is well posted in the grocery business and ex-

pects to operate the best first class grocery store in this section of the state. Here's wishing him success.

**NOTICE.**

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Farmers Union Elevator Company will meet January 12, 1920, at 1 o'clock p. m. in the Odd Fellows Hall for the election of three directors and any other business that may lawfully come before said meeting.

J. B. DONOHOE, Secy.  
30-2p Board of Directors.

**NOTICE.**

This 7th day of January, 1920, I, Jacob L. Weinberg, has purchased Leon Richards interest in all business or transactions known as Chicago Bargain Store, doing business at 4824 So. 24th St., Omaha, Nebraska, and O'Neill, Nebraska, and on and after said date, January 7, 1920, I, Jacob L. Weinberg, will assume all debts incurred by Chicago Bargain Store up to January 7, 1920.

JACOB L. WEINBERG.

**SERVICE MEN—FALL IN!**

All ex-service men who have received an honorable discharge from the army are invited and requested to attend a meeting to be held in the offices of J. D. Cronin, in the Nebraska State bank building, on Tuesday, January 13, 1920, at 8 o'clock, called for the purpose of enrolling those eligible for membership in this organization and effecting a permanent organization of Simonson Post of the American Legion.

**NOTICE.**

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the stockholders of the O'Neill National Bank, of O'Neill, Nebraska, held in the banking rooms of said bank between the hours of 9 a. m. and 4 p. m. on January 13, 1920, for the purpose of electing a board of directors of said bank for the ensuing year, and such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

C. P. HANCOCK,  
30-2 Cashier.

**WILL ELECT OFFICERS**

**NEXT TUESDAY.** Simonson Post of the American Legion, located in this city, held a meeting last Tuesday evening in the offices of J. D. Cronin but owing to a misunderstanding as to the place of meeting the attendance was smaller than was expected and the election of officers scheduled for that evening was postponed until next Tuesday, January 13, when a meeting will be held in Mr. Cronin's office rooms and when where an election of officers will be held. This provides an opportunity for all returned army men, who have received an honorable discharge, to join this Post and be eligible for election as officers and to vote for the same at the meeting next Tuesday.

**HOLT COUNTY LEADS THEM ALL**

Holt county leads all the counties of the state in productiveness and quantity of production, according to the estimates of the Nebraska department of agriculture estimate of leading crop and stock production for 1919. The county takes first place in production of wild hay with 274,238 tons, says the report. It is third in the number of stock cattle with 97,875 head; fourth in the production of rye, with 228,510 bushels; fifth in the number of dairy cattle, with 10,547 head.

No other county in the state appears four times, as does Holt county, in the five leading positions, which would indicate that the talk about the modest land values of the county being inflated is mostly bunk. Many counties in the state with \$400 an acre land do not appear in the first five positions in the production of anything. Scotts Bluffs county, a county where most of the land is under irrigation and where land values soar as high as \$1,000.00 per acre, only appears three times in the lists of five.

**DEATH OF MRS. LEO STESKAL**

Mrs. Mary Ann Steskal, beloved wife of Leopold Steskal, died at her home in this city last Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock, after an illness of several weeks of Bright's disease, at the age of thirty eight years, four months and seven days.

Mary Ann Segar was born near Atkinson on August 24, 1881, where she resided until her marriage. On April 15, 1902, she was united in marriage at Atkinson, Nebr., to Leopold Steskal. To this union eight children were born all of whom with her husband survive her. The children are: Mary, Kathleen, Tracie, Leopold, Ellen, Joseph, Dennis and Lovena, the youngest being seven weeks old. Her

parents, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Segar, of Atkinson, and four brothers and two sisters also survive her.

The funeral was held last Saturday morning at 9 o'clock from the Catholic church, interment in the Catholic cemetery.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

We desire to extend our heartfelt thanks to the many kind friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted during the sickness, death and burial of our beloved wife, mother, daughter and sister. Your kindness to us in our hour of sorrow will never be forgotten.

Leo Steskal and family.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Segar and family.

**OIL PROSPECTS IN**

**SOUTHERN HOLT.** Oil may soon be another commodity in the production of which Holt county leads the state. Considerable excitement has been aroused in the southwestern part of the county and the northwest corner of Garfield county by the actions of Oklahoma oil interests in leasing the oil privileges on thirty thousand acres of land around Erina, Garfield county. Erina is located on the Cedar, seven miles southeast of Ballagh, a postoffice close to the Holt and Garfield county line and the land so far leased is in Garfield county but some of it runs up to the county line. Miss Margaret Quinns of this city, whose parents reside on a large ranch near Erina, informed her in a recent letter of the actions of the oil men and that they had leased the oil privileges of their entire ranch. B. L. Clutter is the engineer and leasing agent of the syndicate and now is at Erina making additional leases. Drilling is to start this spring. Tests already made show the presence of natural gas in the field. The land leased is in the flowing well belt which extends into Holt county and several O'Neill men who own land in that region are feverishly awaiting development of the test project.

**ANOTHER CHAMBERS**

**PIONEER GONE.** Chambers Sun: John Hoffman, father of Jake Hoffman living northeast of Chambers, passed away December 11th, at Parsons, Kansas, where he had been living with his son Peter.

Mr. Hoffman was born in Berry County, Penn., in 1834. He was married in Pennsylvania, and to this union were born, three boys and two girls all of whom are living. At the age of forty-three he left the land of his birth and moved to Kansas, and in 1884 he took a homestead five miles north and three miles east of Chambers, where he lived and reared his family. His wife was called home beyond about six years ago. He leaves to mourn his demise, his three sons, Jake, of Chambers, Peter, of Parsons, Kansas, and John, of Owanka, S. D., and two daughters, Mrs. Emma Maring, of Emmet and Mrs. H. A. Kennedy, of Ridgeway, Colo. The three boys were the only ones of the family to attend the funeral.

**Things That Never Happened.** "When I was in your town about five years ago I borrowed ten bucks from you, old man. Here's the ten." "I tried that rheumatism cure you told me about, old man, and it cured me."

"That's a great system you gave me for beating the ponies, old man. I haven't lost a bet since I started using it." "I walked down town this morning and I met a dozen people I knew, and not one of them said, 'Fine morning!'" "Here's that umbrella I borrowed from you yesterday, old man. Much obliged."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

**I'se In Town Honey! Aunt Jemima Pancake Flour**

These piping hot Aunt Jemima Pancakes, O Boy, all buttered and covered with syrup, will surely tickle your appetite.

- \$1.25 Can Old Manse Absolutely Pure Delicious Syrup 85c
- 40c Package Dromedary Golden Dates 30c
- 2 Packages California Figs 35c
- \$1.00 Pound Box Chocolates 65c
- 5 Pound Pail Peanut Butter \$1.75
- 2-48 Pound Fancy Patent Flour \$6.69
- 2 Pounds Cream Cheese 89c
- 2 Pounds Steel Cut Coffee \$1.09
- 2 Large Cans Sauerkraut 34c
- 3 Packages Rit 25c
- 100 Pounds Crushed Oyster Shells \$2.25
- 6 Bars Bob White Soap 35c
- 3-1 Pound Cans Red Salmon \$1.19
- 35c Bottles Monarch Tomato Catsup 24c

**BUY EXCELLO CAKE FLOUR HERE**

Ready in a Minute Always Delicious. Costs Less Than Half Than When Made By The Old Process. JUST ADD WATER

- 25c Bars Sandal El Granade Fancy Toilet Soap 15c
- 35c Large Package Quaker Oats 28c
- \$1.25 Brooms, each 85c
- \$2.10 Can Mellotone Coffee \$1.75
- 60c Bag Graham Flour 45c
- 40c Cans Ripe Olives 29c

**57 STEPS**

**'MELVIN' SELLS FOR LESS**

## To the Public:

*I have purchased the Morrison Grocery Store, taking possession last Monday morning, and am now prepared to cater to your wants in the grocery line.*

*It will be my ambition to make this the most complete Grocery Store in the state and I cordially invite all the old customers of the store to continue their patronage, assuring them that I will at all times try to supply them with the best the market affords in the grocery line at the lowest possible price. To those who have not been customers of the store I cordially invite them to call and become acquainted, assuring them that we will be able to please them with the quality of our goods and the price.*

*It will be my ambition to make the year 1920 the banner year for this store and we would be pleased to number you among our large and growing number of satisfied customers.*

**Ben J. Grady**  
The Grocer

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**SOME ONE PAYS**  
Suffering is the price paid for waste.  
When we waste, some one suffers, because some one has produced what we waste at the cost of great effort, health, or deprivation.  
Let us learn the lesson of looking after the little things and of conserving everything that may be made useful.  
We learn this lesson hard, the war taught it to us, but let us not forget it.  
A checking account with The O'Neill National Bank will help stop waste.

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O'Neill, Nebraska.

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