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LOCAL MATTERS.

Representative B. E. Sturdevant was down from Atkinson Wednesday. Garry Benson, editor of the Ewing Advocate, was an O'Neill visitor last Tuesday.

J. N. Trommershauser, one of Ewing's hustling bankers, was an O'Neill visitor last Tuesday.

A seven pound daughter arrived at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reardon Monday morning.

Mrs. Stewart of Sioux City, Iowa, in the city visiting at the home of her niece, Mrs. M. R. Sullivan.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Henry of Oakdale, were visiting at the home of his parents in this city over Sunday.

Mrs. G. M. Henry was called to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Tuesday by the illness of her sister, Mrs. Opie Chambers of that city.

Dr. J. P. Gilligan went down to Omaha last Monday morning, accompanying Mrs. John Bellar who will submit to an operation in that city.

The Women's Bible Class of the Presbyterian Sabbath School will hold a food sale at Grady's Grocery store, Saturday, May 29th, to open at 1:30 p. m.

Miss Helen Clark came up from Omaha last week, being called here by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Patrick Clark, who is living with her daughter, Mrs. M. R. Sullivan.

Miss Octavia Beck returned to her home at Lincoln Saturday morning, to spend the summer, having concluded her service as teacher of English and dramatics at the high school.

The regular monthly card party of the Knights of Columbus will be held at the K. C. hall next Tuesday evening, June 1st. All Knights and their ladies are cordially invited to be present.

George Agnes and Harry Claussen, on receipt of intelligence from the chief game warden that straw hats now are protected by the game laws, donned their summer headgear the first of the week.

Rev. A. B. Roberts, who is pastor of the Congregational church at Neligh, came up last Saturday afternoon and spent a few days visiting relatives and friends here and in the Meek neighborhood.

The following officers were elected by Eden Rebecka Lodge No. 34, at the recent election, for the ensuing six months: Mrs. Harry Haffner, N. G., Mrs. Frank Lancaster, V. G., Mrs. C. E. Downey, C. S., Mrs. Harry Bowen, F. S.

John Nolan and Ambrose Slattery have taken the management of a champion all around walker, and have issued a challenge to all comers for any distance up to a mile. The only qualification is that the contestant must be a business man.

William Grutsch, one of Shield's township's hustling farmers, was taken to Spencer last Monday afternoon where he was operated upon that evening for appendicitis. He is getting along nicely and will be able to return home in a couple of weeks.

Officers elected by Garfield Lodge No. 95, A. F. & A. M. at the election

May 20, to serve for the year beginning June 24, were Elmer Surber, W. M., Harry Radicker, S. M., Christy Yantzi, J. W., C. P. Hancock, Secretary and S. J. Weekes, Treasurer.

The next regular meeting of the Women's Club will be held next Wednesday afternoon, June 2, at the High School Auditorium. There will be an interesting program, including a report of the district convention. All members are requested to be present.

J. J. Ruddy, who is now in the real estate business at Gordon, was an O'Neill visitor the first of the week. While in the city Mr. Ruddy made a pleasant call at this office and ordered The Frontier sent to him for the ensuing year so that he could keep posted upon the affairs of his old home county.

O'Neill friends have received word of the death of L. C. Morris, owner of the Royal theatre building, Wednesday of last week. Mr. Morris was found dead in his car, by the roadside near Broken Bow, evidently from heart trouble. Mr. Morris was enroute to Broken Bow from a visit to his daughter, when stricken.

At the democratic state convention in Omaha last week Judge J. J. Harrington was selected as a democratic elector from the Sixth Congressional district. There is no chance of the democrats carrying Nebraska at the next election, so the Judge will not have much to do, but it is an honor nevertheless to be selected by the convention for the position.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Mechaley left last Saturday evening for Casper, Wyoming, where they will make their future home. Mr. Mechaley still owns his farm northwest of town, which he has rented for this year, and says that if he does not like it in Wyoming that he can return to old Holt. Their many friends in this county wish them prosperity in their new home.

Mrs. C. J. Malone returned last Tuesday evening from Washington, D. C., where she had spent the winter at the home of her son, Lawrence, who is private secretary to Congressman Kinkaid. Miss Florence, who accompanied her to Washington, remained there and is attending Strayer's College, one of the leading educational institutions of the capital city.

Spencer-Advocate: J. A. Erwin, district manager of the Nebraska Telephone Company, was down from Dallas Friday on his usual trip. Mr. Erwin has been on the job for several years without a break, and he coyly informed us he expected to take a thirty days lay off next month. He expects to be married about the 15th to Miss Ellen Armstrong of O'Neill, and they will spend their honeymoon in the east.

J. D. Cronin, who was elected chairman of the republican county central committee for the ensuing year at a meeting of that body held immediately following the recent county convention, has announced the selection of C. P. Hancock as secretary-treasurer. The vacancies in the committee, due to a misunderstanding of the new primary law, are rapidly being filled, both sexes having representation from each precinct.

A Big Clearing Sale



now on at the

Grady Hat Shop

See Our Wonderful Bargains in
Fisk Hats

The corporate limits of the village of Ewing were extended to include the resident sections on the north, east and south sides of town heretofore just outside the village limits, by decision of Judge R. R. Dickson Tuesday. The limits were extended on application of the village residents who objected to those outside the limits enjoying the benefits of municipal life without bearing a just share of the necessary expense of furnishing the same.

Reports from the west are to the effect that there was a rainfall of 11 inches at Valentine and 6 inches at Bassett last Tuesday night. These heavy rains has caused the Niobrara river to go on the rampage and it is claimed that the river is higher now than it has ever been, in the history of the oldest inhabitant. All bottom land near the river is flooded and the Whiting bridge, the oldest bridge across the river in this county, is in danger of being swept away.

Mayor C. M. Daly has commenced the erection of two modern bungalow cottages on Benton street, between Fifth and Sixth streets. The cottages will be 28x42 and 28x40. They will be constructed of hollow tile with stucco facing and will be modern throughout. When completed he expects to occupy one of them and will sell the other. There is a great scarcity of houses in this city and we believe that many of our wealthy men would find it very remunerative to follow Mayor Daly's example and build residences for rental and sale purposes.

W. H. Harty, H. E. Coyne and H. J. Hammond went down to Norfolk last Tuesday morning, the two former to attend the state convention of the Knights of Columbus, which was held in that city that day, and the latter to attend the annual meeting of the financial secretaries of the order, which was also held at Norfolk. At this meeting E. H. Whelan was re-elected state deputy for the ensuing year and the balance of the present officers were re-elected. At the meeting of the financial secretaries H. J. Hammond was elected as a delegate to the national convention of the financial secretaries, which will be held in New York City this fall.

Col. James Crowley, lessee of the Hopkins ranch northeast of the city, and County Agent Frank Lancaster, last week cleaned up one of the largest prairie dog towns in the county, located in the Hopkins ranch. The town consisted of more than four thousand holes and there were three or four dogs to each tunnel. The pests were exterminated by carbon gas, used on balls of cotton, placed in the holes, which then were sealed with sod. The gas being heavier than air, penetrates all the underground passages, smothering the animals. One hundred pounds, or ten gallons of gas were used. Three days was the short time necessary to entirely eradicate the dogs.

Charles Cole arrived in the city the first of the week from Red Oak, Iowa, and will again make this city his home. Mr. Cole was a resident of this city for many years, being engaged in the jewelry business with his father,

F. B. Cole, in the building now occupied by Abbott's store. About sixteen years ago they disposed of their business here and moved to Pierce, later removing to Red Oak, Iowa, where he has made his home for several years. Charley has quit the jewelry business and is now selling stock foods and patent medicines on the road. Mrs. Cole and children will remain at Red Oak until fall when they will come to O'Neill. Charley says the old home town looks good to him, although he sees so many new faces that he seems almost like a stranger where at one time he knew every man, woman and child in the town.

MEMORIAL EXERCISES.

I have the special honor of announcing that Memorial services will be held in O'Neill on Monday, May 31st, at the K. C. Hall, commencing at 2 o'clock, p. m. These services will be conducted under the auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the American Legion. All members of these organizations and all veterans of the World War and the Spanish American War are respectfully requested to be present at these services, as well as all citizens of O'Neill and vicinity, and by so doing show due respect to our honored dead. Business houses are requested to close from 2 until 4 o'clock. We desire the use of all available automobiles to convey the veterans and the children with their floral offerings to the cemetery.

C. M. DALY, Mayor.

COUNCIL CONTEMPLATES IMPROVING WATER SYSTEM

A material improvement of the city water system, including the erection of a new water tower and necessary extension of the city water mains is being considered by the city council. Councilmen Birmingham, Quig and Marsh were appointed at the meeting Monday night to go into the matter thoroughly, to investigate as to the condition of the stand pipe and the mains and to ascertain the cost of a new water tower and the advisability of erecting on a site other than the present one. The committee also will consider the best methods of financing the proposed improvement and will see as to the disposition of the bonds if it is decided to vote bonds for the improvements. The committee will report at a meeting of the council Tuesday. The council also decided to get after those water users who were securing water without paying for it. Pat Smith was appointed city garbage collector and given the exclusive privilege to collect garbage in town. He will serve without pay, collecting for the removal of garbage from the citizens served.

FORMER O'NEILL BOY GAINS PROMOTION

The Newcastle (Wyo.) News Journal of last week contains the following account of the promotion of Joe C. Murphy to be cashier of the Osage State Bank. Mr. Murphy, who is one of the many O'Neill and Holt county boys making good in the business

world, previous to his appointment as cashier of the Osage State bank was connected with the First National bank of Newcastle.

"The Osage State Bank was opened to the public last Monday under most satisfactory and pleasing auspices. The deposits are reported as exceeding the expectations of the officers. The banking house is a neat little building that will probably be supplanted in the very near future by more commodious quarters if the town continues to grow as it has grown since its first foundation was laid.

"J. C. Murphy, late of the First National Bank of Newcastle, is the cashier.

"The other officers of the new bank are: President, J. L. Baird; vice president, C. E. Foster; directors, E. P. Coyle, Walter Shoemaker of Cambria, C. T. Minick of Upton."

HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT LAST THURSDAY

Seventeen members of the senior class of the O'Neill high school, one of the largest classes ever graduated by the school, received their diplomas at the commencement exercises at the Knights of Columbus hall, last Thursday evening. One, Miss Helen Duft, was unable, through illness, to be present. The commencement address was delivered by Julius D. Cronin, "Opportunity" being the subject of his address. Judge Clarence J. Malone presented the diplomas. The class of seventeen comprised the following:

Opal Boggs, Leah Cromwell, Jennie B. Griffith, Eugene P. Henry, Raymond G. Hoffman, Pearl I. Harrison, Fern H. Hubbard, Cyril J. Sausser, Helen L. Hagerty, Ruth I. Kilpatrick, Edith H. Lundstrom, Merrill M. Locke, Grace O. Maring, Mildred F. Rouse, Haxel E. Stroup, Ernest H. Young, Helen Tuft.

The salutatory was delivered by Ray Hoffman and the valedictory by Miss Grace Maring. Following was the commencement program:

- Spring Song Rubenstein
- Senior Class
- Salutatory Ray Hoffman
- The Chambered Natilus
- Oliver Wendall Holmes
- Helen Haggerty
- Man Leaves His Footprints
- On the Sands of Time Opal Boggs
- When We Two Were Maying
- Adam Geibel
- Vivian Grant, Ernest Young
- Velma Dimmit, Ray Hoffman
- The Ideals of An American
- Merrill Locke
- The Message Mary Wilcox
- Ruth Kilpatrick
- Valedictory Grace Maring
- Address J. D. Cronin
- Jays of Spring Ethelbert Nevin
- Senior Class
- Presentation of Diplomas
- Judge Malone

C. N. THOMPSON ILL.

The following account of the sudden illness of C. N. Thompson, president of the Atlas Land company and who spends a great portion of his time in O'Neill and Holt county, where the company has large interests, is taken from the Spaulding Enterprise:

C. N. Thompson arrived home last Friday evening from O'Neill, "never

feeling better in his life," as he said, and it is certain that he never presented a more perfect picture of health. That night he entertained until about midnight, friends who dropped in on learning that he was in town. He was jolly as always, and no one, or himself, dreamed that an attack of illness was soon to take possession of this man that only a strong man could survive.

Mr. Thompson retired after his guests departed, and though the time is not definitely known, he believed it was not long after he fell asleep, he was awakened with a severe pain in his stomach. He arose to call the doctor, but before reaching the phone was forced to the floor with a sudden hemorrhage, and there he lay prostrate, unable to rise to his feet for a long time. Mr. Thompson did not lose his head realizing his condition, he remained quiet as possible until the attack had subsided, and did not struggle to gain his feet, but when he was able to reach the phone and Dr. Sullivan hurried to his assistance, he was almost exhausted from loss of blood and his condition was not at all encouraging to the doctor. However, he is slowly recovering, and there is no doubt but that he will soon be out again.

Mrs. Mast of Lincoln, was wired immediately after he was taken ill, and has charge of the case as nurse, which is an assurance that Mr. Thompson will receive the best of care.

Nels Thompson is one of the biggest men in the world. To the reader that doesn't know this gentleman it will appear that we are taking in a lot of territory for one man, but we don't back up an inch.

Our opinion is not based on what Mr. Thompson has done personally for the writer. Call it weakness, if you will, or selfishness, we confess that we are proud of the personal friendship which we know is ours from this big man, but we are too strong and too unselfish to base our judgment of the qualities of Nels Thompson on this point. Our best friend might destroy an enemy of ours and leave those dependent upon him in poverty and distress to favor us. No adult, in possession of good health and mental faculties is entitled to assistance that his ability cannot command in this free country.


Nels Thompson has prospered. He is a wealthy man, but that is no credit to his qualifications as a big man. He is a financier. He likes to make money—not for the personal happiness he derives from making money, but for the pleasure it gives him in distributing his money where it is most needed and the happiness he derives from making others happy. He has invested fortunes in just this kind of pleasure.

But here is where we get our notion of this man's character: There is not a child—boy or girl—in this town that doesn't know Nels Thompson, and he answers to the name, "Nels," to every one of them. He never entered into a big deal with man or men big enough to hold his attention when a little fellow was pulling at his sleeve for recognition.

This recalls to our mind a remark made by Nels to the writer one time, when discussing the high cost of liquor: "The man who pays ten dollars a quart for liquor is an object of pity, whether he can afford it or not, because he is a poor judge of pleasure and it's value. Ten dollars distributed among a bunch of kids will produce more real pleasure to the donor than a water tank full of whisky. Why, man," he proceeded, "the expression of joy in the eyes, the laughter and the antics of those kids actually makes you one of them."

He is a big man because money has not the power to separate him from the association of the humble, honest toiler, or to deaden his sense of feeling for the child according to it's joy or sorrow. He is a big man because money has not altered his human sympathies or his opinion of friendship and its value. He is a big man

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OUR COUNTRY

America has set up a high standard before the world, but it will be no higher than the individual lives of her citizens.

Moral, financial and commercial reconstruction days are here and every citizen is expected to be a better man than he was before the war.

The O'Neill National Bank believes its customers have the high ideals now demanded of the individual and it is these ideals that build up our commercial as well as our moral forces.

THE O'NEILL NATIONAL BANK
O'Neill, Nebraska.
Capital, Surplus and Undivided Profits, \$130,000



Every Depositor

In the Nebraska State Bank should realize how he personally is benefited by the Depositors' Guaranty Fund.

All State Banks of Nebraska are required by law to maintain a guaranty fund—to stand behind each individual bank and in time of exigency fully reimburse its depositors.

Such a provision makes the entire Nebraska State Banking System of which this institution is a member, absolute in the protection afforded depositors.

Nebraska State Bank

O'Neill, Nebraska