

**LOCAL MATTERS.**

Eddie Tomsick was down from Atkinson last Wednesday.

Ed. Kirwin was over from Gross last Sunday attending the K. C. initiation and visiting relatives.

Miss Veronica Lorge, who was visiting relatives in this city the past week, left last Friday afternoon for her home at Randolph.

Dewey Losher leaves this evening for Gillette, Wyoming, where he will look over the country with a view to making that his future home.

Fred Shoemaker of Winner, S. D., was in the city last Sunday attending the K. C. initiation and visiting relatives.

Patrick Stanton of Tilden, came up last Saturday evening to take in the Knights of Columbus initiation here last Sunday.

Edgar E. Stevens and Miss Ethel I. Cunningham, both of Page, were granted a marriage license by County Judge Malone last Wednesday.

"Sandy" Kirwin came down the first of the week for a several days visit with his father, M. F. Kirwin, returning to Chadron Thursday evening.

Miss Eva Graham of Omaha arrived in the city the first of the week for a couple of weeks visit at the home of her uncle, Ed. Graham north of this city.

William Cooper was up from Chambers last Tuesday and was walking on crutches, the result of having been kicked on the leg by a horse. W. B. was very fortunate in escaping without a broken leg.

Local fishermen are beginning to object on account of the excessive amount of rainfall we have had in the past six weeks. They say that the river stays so high that it greatly interferes with their favorite pastime.

Miss Beatrice Cronin went down to Randolph last Friday afternoon to attend the wedding of her cousin, Miss Sue Lorge, who was married last Monday morning to Mr. Lysle Courtney, one of the prominent young business men of Randolph.

Neligh Register: A fair share of Neligh's population attended the races at O'Neill last week, some of them staying for more than one day. By automobile it is a nice ride, for distance, but the roads are reported to have been the worst in places, that have been seen for some time.

Mrs. William Bokhof, one of the pioneers of Holt county, died at the home of her sister at Rock City, Illinois, on Sunday, June 20. She was on a visit at the home of her sister when she was taken with the illness that resulted in her death. The body was brought to Atkinson and the funeral was held there last Thursday afternoon.

Editor W. L. Kirk of the Spencer Advocate was in the city Wednesday, coming over with the Boyd county delegation to interview the county board regarding the bridge south of Spencer. Editor Kirk says that business is booming in the little city of Spencer. They are now putting in a sewerage system and are also paving the business streets.

Anton Sagal and son of Waverley,

Nebr., were in the city yesterday on their way to Atkinson, where they were going to look after some real estate. Mr. Sagal was formerly engaged in the banking business at Wilbur, Nebr., and represented Saline county in the state legislature during the session of 1911. While in the city he was a pleasant caller at this office.

This section of the county was visited with another splendid rain last Thursday night, the government gauge measuring the downfall here as one and seventy-hundredth inches. The rainfall west of here was much heavier than it was here. Saturday and Sunday nights heavy rains west of here caused the Elkhorn to rise about three feet, overflowing its banks and inundating the low lands along the river.

Clarence Conger, one of the pioneer residents of Inman, attempted to commit suicide Wednesday morning by shooting himself in the head with a shot gun. He put the muzzle of the gun to his head and pulled the trigger with his foot, tearing off one side of his face and neck, exposing the jugular vein. He was still alive this morning, but is thought that he will not survive. He is about fifty-five years of age and has been a resident of the Inman neighborhood for over thirty years.

John Claussen of Atkinson and Miss Cora E. Johnson of Joy, were granted a marriage license by County Judge Malone last Wednesday. The groom to be is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Claussen, pioneer residents of Pleasantview township, while the bride to be is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Johnson, also pioneer residents of Paddock township. The young people have a host of friends throughout the county, who will extend their best wishes for a long and happy married life.

Otto Smith, who was arrested a couple of weeks ago in Arkansas by Deputy Sheriff Bergstrom and brought to this city charged with stealing twenty-two head of cattle from the Ditch Camp last May and selling them to a Banker at Fremont, appeared before Judge Dickson in district court last Friday, plead guilty to the charge and was given an indeterminate sentence of from one to ten years in the state penitentiary at Lincoln. Deputy Sheriff Bergstrom took the prisoner to Lincoln last Saturday morning. Smith has been trying to break into the penitentiary for the past couple of years and it is to be hoped that when he again gains his freedom that he will be a better citizen.

Mrs. Anna Forbes has filed a petition in the district court asking for a decree of divorce from Arthur F. Forbes on the ground of non-support. In her petition she alleges that they were united in marriage in Douglas county, Nebraska, on May 26, 1909, and that ever since she has been a resident of this state and at the present time is a bona fide resident of this county. She alleges that the defendant is an able bodied man employed as a mechanic by the Union Pacific railroad and although capable of earning sufficient money to properly provide for her and their son, six years of age, he fails to do so, and she has been compelled

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to work to support herself and child. She asks for an absolute divorce and the care and custody of her son.

The sixth annual meeting of the Holt county Masons was held at Ewing last Thursday evening, June 24th, which is known among the fraternity as St. John's Day. The attendance at the meeting was the largest at any similar meeting ever held in the county, about 150 Masons being present, large delegations being present from the lodges at O'Neill, Stuart and Atkinson. The banquet and music was furnished by the Eastern Star ladies of Ewing and J. A. Trommershauser of Ewing was toastmaster. Judge Page of Omaha delivered the principal address. Other speakers were: Rev. Jones and Dr. Briggs, Ewing; Dr. Fletcher of Orchard; Wm. Krotter and A. B. Roberts of Stuart; D. L. Jouvencant of Atkinson; Judge R. R. Dickson and S. J. Weekes of O'Neill. Atkinson was designated as the place for holding the next annual meeting.

The County Board is still sitting as a board of equalization, equalizing the assessments of the various precincts of the county. Wednesday the precinct assessors from the several precincts of the county were before the board and they are going over their books reducing the assessed valuation of the real estate of the county. As returned by the assessors the real estate valuation was increased nearly 160 per cent, over the assessed valuation of four years ago. The members of the county board were of the opinion that this was too great an increase in the assessed valuation of Holt county real estate and the precinct assessors were called in to reduce the assessment, as they were the only ones who had the power to do it. The Board of Equalization can only equalize the assessment as between the precincts of the county. When the precinct assessors complete the work of reducing the valuations of the real estate in their several precincts the assessed valuation of the real estate of the county will show an increase of about 50 per cent, over that of four years ago. Owing to the great amount of work before the Board of Equalization this year they will not be able to complete their work until some time next week.

George Chittenden of Spencer, W. E. McQuiston of Gross and Hans Sieh of Naper, members of the Boyd county board of supervisors, accompanied by C. S. Sutton, Harry Prouty, F. E. Nystrom and W. L. Kirk of Spencer and Crist Anderson of Bristow, were in the city Wednesday afternoon meeting with the Holt county board regarding the bridge across the Niobrara river south of Spencer. During the flood waters this spring the river cut a new channel, about fifty yards south of the old channel of the river and the result is that only a small stream is running under the old bridge while the river proper is running this side of the bridge. Some were of the opinion that the river could be returned to its old channel, but that idea has been given up as impractical, as the danger of its returning to the present channel would always be present and it would take a great deal of money to keep the river in that channel. The Boyd county board, at a meeting the latter part of last week, adopted a resolution asking the county board of Holt county to join with them in asking the state Board of Irrigation and Highways for a new 200 foot state aid bridge across the new channel of the river, and it was for the purpose of enlisting the support of Holt county board in this undertaking that the members of the Boyd county board were in the city. The citizens of Spencer also desired an appropriation from the Holt county board to assist in securing a tem-

porary crossing across the river, pending the erection of the new bridge. The Holt county board appropriated \$800 to assist them in putting in a temporary bridge across the river, provided the Boyd county board would appropriate a like amount. They will also join with the Boyd county board in asking that a state aid bridge be erected across the river at this point. It will probably be a couple of years before the application will be reached, as applications for state aid bridges are approved in their order of filing, and the application from these counties would have to await their turn. Traffic from this city to Boyd county now has to cross the river at the Lynch bridge in the eastern part of the county or at the Parshall bridge, south of Butte.

**NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S CLUB**  
The July meeting of the Women's Club has been postponed. The next meeting will be August 4th, when the year book will be ready for distribution.

**DEATH OF MRS. BAILEY.**  
Mrs. Elizabeth Bailey died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Longstaff in this city, Wednesday morning, June 30, at 1 o'clock a. m. The funeral will be held Saturday morning at 10:30, interment in the Protestant cemetery at the side of her husband who passed away last fall.  
Deceased was born in Durham county, England, in 1839. She was united in marriage to Mr. Bailey in England in 1860. In the spring of 1894 she came to America, coming direct to Nebraska and settling at Humboldt. They lived there for four years and then moved to Broken Bow where they resided for twenty years, coming to this city to make their home with their daughter two years ago.  
Deceased leaves five children to mourn the death of a kind and loving mother. The children are: Rev. Dr. George Bailey, Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Salina Woodruff, Chicago; Mrs. Sarah Davidson, California; Mrs. N. P. Connolly, Kansas City and Mrs. George Longstaff of this city. The children are all expected for the funeral, which will be held Saturday morning.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INITIATE CLASS OF FIFTY**

Last Sunday afternoon Charles Carroll of Carrollton Council Knights of Columbus initiated a class of fifty into the mysteries of the order and Knights from all over this section of the state and southern South Dakota were present to witness the ceremonies.

Work in the degree was put on by members of the local council assisted by District Deputy John H. O'Malley of Greeley and members from that lodge.

At the conclusion of the initiatory work a banquet was tendered the newly elected Knights and members in the Knights of Columbus Hall, served by the ladies of St. Patrick's church and they maintained their reputation as being among the best culinary artists in the state.

J. A. Harmon presided at the banquet in his usual inimitable style and there were vocal selections by W. T. Thiesen of Valentine, John V. Sullivan of Omaha, and a duet by the Misses Mary Fitzsimmons and Genevieve Biglin, and addresses by T. V. Golden of this city, Hugh J. Boyle of Norfolk and District Deputy John H. O'Malley of Greeley, Rev. J. G. Creede of Bonesteel, S. D., one of the noted orators of South Dakota was expected to be present and deliver an address but on account of the condition of the roads was unable to be present.

The following were members of the class that joined the order Sunday:

- William Martin, O'Neill.
- Cyril J. Sausser, O'Neill.
- Edward E. Sparks, O'Neill.
- Walter A. O'Malley, O'Neill.
- James J. McDermott, O'Neill.
- Martin F. Cronin, O'Neill.
- Hugh Carr, O'Neill.
- Walter E. McNichols, O'Neill.
- Lawrence Bruder, O'Neill.
- Robert J. Marsh, O'Neill.
- Stanley L. Wachel, O'Neill.
- F. M. Hupp, Clearwater.
- Melchoir Funk, Ewing.
- Conrad Kramer Jr., Stuart.
- Edward M. Gallagher, O'Neill.
- Wallace S. Foreman, Spencer.
- Tim H. Harrington, O'Neill.
- Wm. L. Roche, Page.
- Frank Allen, Page.
- H. Dougherty, Middlebranch.
- Frank L. Burival, O'Neill.
- William F. Cook, O'Neill.
- Walter Welsh, Emmet.
- William Cuddy, Emmet.
- Joseph Kramer, Stuart.
- John M. McQuilken, Atkinson.
- Aloys Schmaderer, Stuart.
- Patrick J. Connolly, O'Neill.
- Louis Arthur Funk, Ewing.
- Garret Kallhoff, Ewing.
- Ivan James Kinaman, Ewing.
- Rudy Funk, Ewing.
- William Kallhoff, Ewing.
- Carl J. Thiele, Ewing.
- R. J. Cunningham, Orchard.
- Phillip E. Savidge, Ewing.
- William H. Kallhoff, Ewing.
- W. C. Rotherham, Clearwater.
- Edward L. Dougherty, Page.
- Jesse Leo Dougherty, Venus.
- Ambrose Slattery, O'Neill.
- Donald Gallagher, O'Neill.
- John O'Donnell, Inman.
- Joseph A. Kallhoff, Ewing.
- John Kester, Clearwater.

J. F. Sehi, Clearwater. William Gokie, Clearwater. Richard Tomjac, Ewing. Thos. F. Donohoe, O'Neill. Thomas F. Donlin, O'Neill. Frank H. Murray, O'Neill. John J. Cook, O'Neill. Joseph Max Rotter, Tilden. John Victor Rotter, Tilden. Joseph W. Hough, Tilden. Peter Thiele, Clearwater.

**DEATH OF JOHN HICKEY.**

John Hickey, after an illness of several months, passed away at his home two miles northwest of this city on Saturday, June 26, at 10:30 p. m. The cause of death was nephritis with complications from which it was realized he could not recover, yet the end came rather unexpectedly as the result of a sinking spell. His wife and five of their eleven living children were at his bedside. He is survived by Mrs. Hickey and the children: Mary of Seattle, Wash.; Margaret, of New York; Catherine, of Los Angeles, Cal.; Alice, of Pender, Neb.; John, Patrick, Raymond, Emmett, Winfred, Anna (Mrs. Mart Stanton) and Loreta of O'Neill. All were home and present at the largely attended funeral, which was held on Thursday from St. Patrick's church, with interment in the Catholic cemetery.

Mr. Hickey was a good neighbor and splendid citizen, admired and respected by all who knew him. Being one of the pioneers of Nebraska by industry and thrift and unfailing attention to the interests of his family he became the owner of a large, well-stocked and productive farm.


Deceased was born in Tipperary, Ireland, in 1848, and came to this country with his father at an early age, settling first in Massachusetts. Like many young Irishmen of his day, he was interested in the Irish Republican Brotherhood, who were the ancestors of the present-day Republicans of that unconquered land, and while on a visit to his relatives in the old country in 1868, he was arrested by English officers and imprisoned as a Fenian. He was soon released, however, and returned to the land of the free. In 1876 he was a homesteader in Dodge County, Nebraska, where he was happily married to Miss Anna Maloney, who remains to mourn his loss. From 1884 to 1908 he lived near West Point, Nebr., where he and his estimable family have a host of friends. In the latter year he moved to the present family home where he found a wider field for the agricultural activities of himself and his growing sons.

**GREENSFREET-WATSON.**

Neligh Leader, June 24: Oscar Truman Greenstreet of Chambers, Nebraska, and Miss Elsie Mae Watson of Amelia, Nebraska, were married last Friday evening at the Methodist parsonage by the Rev. Raymond Rush. These young people will make their home at Chambers where Mr. Greenstreet has been living. May long life, happiness and success be theirs.

**Arid Days.**

London Punch: To such an extent has America gone dry that nearly all letters dispatched from Scotsmen living over there are posted with the stamps pinned to the envelopes.



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**CIVIL ADMINISTRATIVE CODE LAW WILL STAND**

The civil administrative code law will remain in full force and effect until such time as the legislature of the state repeals it. This is the legal effect of a decision handed down Tuesday by the supreme court in the suit brought by democrats to compel the secretary of state to accept referendum petitions.

The decision is based upon the fact that the appeal from an adverse decision in the Lancaster county district court was not filed by the complainants in the supreme court within the 10 days required by the referendum statute.

The judges voted five to two for dismissal. The decision of the court Tuesday reverses a previous decision in which it was held that the petition was sufficient and should have been accepted by the secretary of state.

For the same reason the court dismisses the appeal of the state in the other referendum case, that filed by the "wets" to secure a vote on the ratification by the legislature of the national prohibitory amendment. The state lost in the lower court and did not file its appeal in the 10 days.

Ordinarily this would mean that a referendum on prohibition would be held in November, but the federal supreme court has held that a ratification resolution is not referable.