

**LOCAL MATTERS.**

Mrs. John Kane was down from Atkinson the first of the week.

Jacob Klein of Inman, was a business visitor to this city this morning.

Dr. F. J. Kubitchek spent Sunday visiting at the home of his brother in Atkinson.

Miss Lizzie O'Malley returned Saturday from a several weeks vacation spent in Minnesota.

Congressman M. P. Kinkaid returned Saturday from a sojourn along the great lakes.

Miss Ann Waters of Jackson spent Sunday in the city the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. J. Biglin.

F. J. Biglin and M. F. Cronin were in attendance at the Antelope county fair at Neligh last week.

Miss DeMaris Stout went down to Stafford last Monday morning, where she will teach school the coming year.

Father Isadore arrived in the city the first of the week for a few days visit with his mother and other relatives.

Assistant City Weight and Measure Inspector M. H. Horiskey assisted at the city scales the early part of this week.

Mrs. J. B. Ryan and sister, Miss Bernadette Brennan, returned last Tuesday evening from a week's visit to Omaha.

Services will be held at the Episcopal church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, Dean Crawford of Valentine, officiating.

Joe Vitt left Thursday morning for Rochester, Minn., where he will undergo treatment at the Mayo sanitarium and hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Williams of Tipton, Iowa, arrived Friday to be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hunter for a short time.

J. P. Golden went down to Sioux City the first of the week to attend the fair and incidentally take in the golf tournament.

Will and Charles Schroeder came down from Wyoming, where they are ranching, Saturday, for a short visit with the home folks.

Rev. George Longstaff left Wednesday morning for Norfolk to attend the Niobrara district presbytery of, which

he is a member. The presbytery will be in session several days.

Mrs. Thomas Quinn returned last Wednesday evening from a week's visit with her daughter, Mrs. Richard Regan at Creighton, Nebr.

F. J. Kubitchek of Eagle Grove, Iowa, arrived in the city last Saturday for a couple of weeks visit at the home of his son, Dr. F. J. Kubitchek.

Miss Marion Golden went down to Omaha last Sunday morning where she will attend the Sacred Heart Academy for the coming year.

Mike Rzeszolarski and Miss Pauline Sczpkowski, both of Atkinson, were granted a marriage license by County Judge Malone Tuesday morning.

Charles LeRoy Summers of Middle Branch and Miss Ethel Pratt of Bartlett, Nebr., were granted a marriage license in county court last Friday.

Ed. Crowley, superintendent of the big Col. James Crowley ranches, went down to Sioux City Wednesday morning to attend the fair and stock show.

Clement Ryan, Francis O'Donnell and Thomas Donlin left last Sunday morning for St. Mary's, Kansas, where they will attend school the coming year.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John McClenahan of Chambers, died Tuesday evening at the family residence, following an attack of cholera infantum.

Deputy Custodian Rix of Norfolk, is in the city holding a school of instruction for the members of the Masonic lodge, which is being held today and tomorrow.

Mrs. James F. O'Donnell, daughter Irene and son Hugh, and mother, Mrs. John Skirving, went down to Omaha Sunday, where Miss Irene will enter Sacred Heart Academy.

The Rev. C. F. Steiner has been appointed to the pastorate of the local Methodist church, vice the Rev. W. W. Rust, transferred to Cushing, Nebraska, by the recent Methodist conference at Omaha.

Ensign John Longstaff, who has been on a brief furlough visit with his parents, the Rev. George Longstaff and Mrs. Longstaff for the last ten days, returned to Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Thursday morning.

*Mercy! Did You Ever See Such a Light Sleeper?*



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Will Graves and Joe Hunter, who are entered in the golf tournament beginning Saturday and continuing through Sunday and Monday, were on the golf links early Thursday morning engaged in a little secret practice.

Master Joe Brennan and Miss Carrie Brennan, children of Mr. and Mrs. John Brennan, went up to Atkinson last night for a month's visit with relatives provided they can stay that long without getting homesick. This is their first trip away from home alone.

Mrs. J. M. Hunter, Mrs. George Miles, Mrs. Harry Clausen, Mrs. Harry Haffner, Mrs. C. E. Downey, Mrs. L. A. Carter, Mrs. C. B. Scott and Mrs. Peter Curtis went to Meadow Grove Thursday morning as delegates from the local chapter to the district meeting of the Rebekas.

Rushville Standard: Mrs. L. G. Gillespie of O'Neill, came up to Rushville Thursday evening of last week and visited her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Gillespie, and her sisters-in-law, Miss Maud and Mrs. Jno. Dullaghan, until Sunday morning, when she left for Portland, Oregon, for a visit with her parents, who are located there.

Work of constructing the federal highway running north from the cemetery corner to Eagle creek, a portion of the O'Neill-Spencer highway, has begun. The contractors arrived in the city Friday of last week and their equipment reached here this week and was unloaded and pulled out to the project Tuesday and Wednesday. Work will continue until winter prevents. Nineteen miles are included in the present construction contract.

Edward N. Flood of Emmet and Miss Genevieve Gaffney of Atkinson, were granted a marriage license in county court last Monday. Mr. Flood is one of the prosperous young farmers of Emmet precinct and the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Gaffney, pioneer and prominent residents of the western part of the county. They have many friends in the county who extend sincere congratulations and good wishes.

Eugene Bauman and Miss Virginia Wright were united in marriage by Rev. George Longstaff last Wednesday evening. The groom has been a resident of this city for nearly two years, being employed at the Goldn Hotel. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wright and has been a resident of this city the past four years. These young people have the best wishes of a host of friends for a happy and prosperous matrimonial journey.

The Holt county corn crop, one of the heaviest in the history of the county, will be past all danger of injury by freezing by Saturday night, providing the present fair weather continues until that time. All but a very few fields already have dried sufficiently to assure that there will be very little, if any, soft corn this year. The average yield will be around twenty-five bushels, including the stock range sections, which ordinarily are not corn producing.

At a meeting of the Charles Carroll of Carrollton Council of the Knights of Columbus held in their lodge rooms in this city last Thursday evening the following officers were elected for the coming year. Grand Knight, W. H. Hart; Deputy Grand Knight, H. J. Reardon; Chancellor, J. D. Cronin; Financial Secretary, H. J. Hammond; Recording Secretary, John C. Gallagher; Warden, Frank Barrett; Advocate, Edward Crowley; Inside Guard, James Timlin; Outside Guard, M. H. Horiskey.

**O'NEILL'S OLDEST PIONEER PASSES AWAY**

John J. McCafferty died at his home in this city last Tuesday morning, September 21, 1920, at 3 o'clock, of acute dilation of the heart, after an illness of but two days, at the age of seventy-two years and six months. The funeral will be held from the Catholic church Friday morning at 9 o'clock, interment in the Catholic cemetery.

Mr. McCafferty always enjoyed good health and his sudden death was a shock to the entire community. He was in this office last Saturday afternoon and said that he had not felt well for a couple of days, but was not thought to be seriously ill. He was taken with a sudden attack Sunday evening and on Tuesday morning passed away.

John J. McCafferty was born in Derries, County Donegal, Ireland, in February, 1848. He came to America in 1864, landing in Canada, where he remained for two months. He then went to New York city where he remained two years. He always believed that the west was the country of the future and after two years in New York state he moved to Illinois, settling at Danville, where he entered railroad work and was clerk to the superintendent at the time he left there. He railroaded for a time in Missouri. He then returned to Europe where he remained for three years then came again to the United States and settled in Illinois. The western fever again got into his veins and after a year he went to Colorado in search of gold, making the trip in 1872. From Colorado he went into the Black Hills and was taken from that territory by United States Cavalry for trespassing on Indian Territory. He was escorted outside the boundaries of the Indian reservation and turned loose and he then came to Holt county and took a homestead, which is now part of the city of O'Neill. This was in the fall of 1875. He built a log house in this city, 14x18 feet, which was the seventh in the city. He planted trees, put out an orchard and set out numerous evergreens on his place, and it was but a few years until he had the best improved farm in this section of the state. He was a tiller of the soil for three years then he engaged in the hardware business, with the late Col. Neil Brennan, under the firm name of Brennan & McCafferty. After a few years the partnership was dissolved, Mr. McCafferty retaining the business which he continued until the spring of 1905 when he disposed of his store. Since then he has been engaged in the collection and real estate business in this city, as well as filling the office of justice of the peace, which he has held for years.

In December, 1880, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Murphy, daughter of one of the pioneer families of this county. To this union ten children were born, five of whom are living. They are: Mrs. John Melvin, Mrs. R. E. Gallagher and Miss Florence of this city; John P., of Butte, Mont., and Bernard, of Montana.

In the death of John J. McCafferty O'Neill loses its oldest settler and a man who had a great deal to do with

the upbuilding of this city and county. He was a man with strong convictions, and a candid outspoken temper. How much this community and county owes to him and such as he, it is difficult to estimate. During the early days he was the most prominent business man in this section of the state. His heart was always throbbing for the poorer and less fortunate individuals and in the olden days many a poor homesteader received the necessary machinery and hardware from John McCafferty to enable him to get a start in this country, which they could not have secured otherwise, being without money. He was a true friend of the pioneer and his memory will ever be held in grateful remembrance by hundreds of them whom he assisted.

Mr. McCafferty possessed a far better education than the majority of men who come from the Emerald Isle. On his arrival in Canada he spent a year in college in Toronto, so that he was well fitted to take up life's burdens. He was well and favorably known in this county and throughout the state, as a historical writer, with but few equals. After retiring from business he wrote a history of Holt county, but never had it published. It is a volume that should be produced, as it is filled with historical events of this county, that made state history a quarter of a century ago. He was a great reader and possessed of a retentive mind, so that there were few men in this section that could cope with him in discussions on affairs of state. The land of his birth held a very warm spot in his affections and it was his hope that he would live to see her mistress of her own destinies; to take her place among the nations of the earth, free and independent. To every call for financial help from the Emerald Isle, he was always generous. In all matters of public import he was always plain and outspoken, believing always in hewing to the line, let the chips fall where they may. He was a kind loving, affectionate husband and father, and a good loyal friend. His sorrowing relatives have the sincere sympathy of a host of friends in their hour of sorrow.

**THEY NEED THE MONEY.**

If big business is to get its mail by aeroplane the box holder in the rural community postoffice must pay for the gas and the other expensive luxuries of the present democratic administration. Holders of boxes at the local postoffice discovered when they paid their box rent for next quarter, this week, that rentals on the small boxes have been increased from 45 to 60 cents or 33 1-3 per cent, medium sized boxes from 60 cents to 75 cents, or 25 per cent and for the large boxes or drawers from 75 to \$1, or 33 1-3 per cent. The increases are ordered from Washington and are not made by the local postmasters. In the meantime local mails have not been particularly expedited by the increase. A letter mailed at Sioux City Friday, September 17, and postmarked that date, was received in O'Neill Monday evening, September 20, which is not quite as fast as the walking time of a middleaged person not overly afflicted with corns and rheumatism.

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