

### LOCAL MATTERS.

N. S. Hendrick visited friends at Orchard last week.

Miss Grace Hammond visited at Atkinson Monday, returning home Tuesday morning.

Harold Michel of Chambers, fell while ice skating last week, suffering a fractured skull.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Horiskey left Sunday for Excelsior Springs, Mo., where they will spend the week.

Ted Gannaway of Stuart, suffered a crushed ankle while playing basketball at Grinnell, Iowa, last week.

Miss Beatrice Cronin was hostess to the Martez club Tuesday evening. Miss Cora Meredith won the honors at cards.

Ira Moss, clerk of the district court, returned Monday morning from a Sunday visit with relatives at Atkinson.

Miss Anna Waters spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. William Biglin, returning to her home at Jackson, Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Smith of Ewing, were visiting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. E. D. Henry a few days the first of the week.

James Crowley jr., is going to farm for himself, north of this city, this year, and rumor has it that Jim isn't going to batch it either.

One lone coyote was the total bag at the big Chambers wolf hunt last week, the animals having received advance notice of the event.

C. J. Carrig, M. W. Cahill and Dan Cahill of Columbus, last week purchased six hundred head of cattle from various ranchmen in southern Holt.

An eight and one-half pound baby boy arrived at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Ballagh of southern Holt county Wednesday last week.

Miss Julia Fitzsimmons, who is teaching school at Brunswick, spent Saturday and Sunday at home, returning to Brunswick Monday morning.

The board of county supervisors adjourned Saturday afternoon until February 1, when they will continue the work of checking up county offices.

The Norfolk hooch makers are using a new receipt now and the Norfolk papers report that orioles and blue jays are being seen in the vicinity.

The fire department was called to the residence of Sam Tompion in the southeast part of town Sunday night by the burning out of a chimney. No damage resulted.

Judge J. J. Harrington went to Valentine the first of the week, where he is engaged in several cases as counsel before the session of the Cherry county district court.

The new supply of fish and game license blanks has been received at the office of County Clerk Porter, and Deputy Hanley is busy issuing them to devotees of the rod and gun.

Among the bills killed off in the legislature last week was one to reduce the exemption of married men from \$500 to \$200. A teacher's pension measure also was laid to rest.

Copies of the journals of the daily proceedings of the house and senate of the state legislature now are being received by County Clerk Porter and are on file at the county clerk's office.

Charles Pruss shipped six loads of hogs to market last week and had two left over to start this week on. Mr. Pruss had shipped fourteen cars of hogs in January up to and including Saturday.

Raymond Williamson of Atkinson, accompanied by his sister, Miss Grace Williamson, left last week for Los Angeles, where he will enter the bank of his uncle, A. C. Stewart, and also will attend university.

"Is Society Deteriorating?" will be the subject of the paper to be read by Mr. Thomas Griffin at the weekly meeting of the O'Neill Philosophical society. Mr. M. H. Horiskey will lead the discussion at the round table.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Irwin arrived the first of the week to visit their son Clyde Irwin, manager of the Western Union up-town office. Mr. Irwin left

for the west Tuesday and Mrs. Irwin will remain until the end of the week.

The citizens of Norfolk evidently are not yet ready to accept the city managership scheme of administration. The plan was defeated by 900 votes at a special election held Saturday at which a very large vote was polled.

Capital punishment will not be abolished in Nebraska by the present legislative session. The state senate Thursday of last week handed the bill to abolish the death penalty a K. O. in the session of the judiciary committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Erb of Hadley, Minn., who removed from Holt county a year ago, brought the body of their four weeks old baby to O'Neill last week, for burial at the Mennonite cemetery north of the city. The little one died, at Hadley, Friday, January 14, after a short illness.

Burlington freight service between O'Neill and Sioux City was returned to the old schedule Monday morning. Instead of running through to Sioux City the morning freight now runs to Osmond and turns around, getting back to O'Neill some time in the afternoon. Mike Ford again presides at the throttle.

Mrs. William Biglin left Monday morning for a visit with relatives at Jackson, Nebraska, where Monday will occur the wedding of her sister, Miss Margaret J. Waters and Mr. Michael R. Boler, one of the leading young business men of Jackson. Mr. Biglin will leave Saturday to be present at the wedding.

An eastern aeroplane company has announced that in the future it will charge passengers according to weight, the fat man paying more than the thin one. The same principle should be applied in other lines. It has never seemed right for Frank Phalin to charge Mike Horiskey as much for a haircut as he does other people.

The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of the South Fork Fair association recently: President Glee Grimes, vice president T. E. Alderson, treasurer W. S. Grimes, secretary J. W. Holden, general superintendent H. J. Porter, superintendent of sports W. O. Jarman. Directors: Thomas Osborne, Ray Linehart, Ed. Dexter.

A minimum of \$50 for each soldier is provided in the bonus bill introduced in the legislature by Representative Brantley Sturdevant, of Atkinson, instead of a maximum of \$50 as first reported in the daily press. The bill provides a bonus of \$15 per month and that no soldier in the world war, however short his service, shall receive less than \$50.

Lloyd Gillespie is displaying to his friends a handsome gold watch presented to him at the meeting of the Nebraska National Fire Insurance company in Omaha last week. Mr. Gillespie stood third in the list of agents of the company writing the most business in Nebraska last year and the watch is a testimonial of appreciation from the company officials.

The O'Neill and Bassett basketball teams will mix it Thursday night on the local floor and the game promises to be one of the best of the season as both teams are in fine fettle. Last Friday the O'Neill and Atkinson teams met on the Atkinson floor. The result is in dispute, Atkinson contending that they were the victors by one point and O'Neill insisting that the game was a tie. The misunderstanding was over a foul.

Music lovers of O'Neill were afforded an opportunity to hear one of the greatest contraltos of the age Monday evening at the recital given at St. Mary's academy, by Miss Edna Swanson, famous Swedish singer. She is an artist of rare talent and of wonderful range of voice, as demonstrated by the several numbers of her program, and in addition is one of the most beautiful women of the day. The academy auditorium was filled to capacity.

Blasting crews of the state highway department are at work on the bluffs on the north side of the Niobrara river, at the McLain bridge site north of Long Pine, improving the approaches to the bridge from the north

table. The work is being done on the federal highway between Springfield and Long Pine and when completed will eliminate the long, winding and dangerous roadway now leading from the river bottoms to the high lands. Large quantities of TNT are being used.

J. E. Wilson, a prominent ranchman residing near Alliance, was struck and seriously injured by an automobile driven by his son, last week, while walking to his ranch. After knocking the old man down the son continued on his way without stopping to ascertain the extent of the father's injuries. His excuse when notified of the accident was that he didn't know that the man he had struck was his father. Drivers should be careful to avoid running down relatives when speeding. Others don't matter so much.

The storm of Monday and Tuesday played havoc with telephone and telegraph lines in Nebraska, according to the storm reports of the Northwestern Telephone company. This vicinity, fortunately however, was not in the district effected. The telephone damage is estimated at more than \$250,000. Transcontinental lines were wrecked in several places and more than 3,000 poles went down in Nebraska alone. The damage rapidly is being repaired and telephone traffic by now is almost back to normal.

Eighteen were present at the initial meeting of the new troop of boy scouts at the Presbyterian church last Wednesday evening and a similar number at the meeting Monday evening of this week. Under the direction of Scout Master Hamilton Monday evening was devoted to drill in knot tying, in which the boys are making excellent progress. The new troop expects to receive its charter in the near future and is outlining an extensive program of training and pleasure for this year, included in which will probably be an extended camping trip this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. LaRue and family and Mrs. John Winchell and children of southern Holt county will leave this week for Flagstaff, Arizona, where Mr. LaRue will be associated with Mr. Winchell in a garage purchased by the latter several months ago. A farewell reception was tendered the LaRues, Winchells, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Minter at the B. B. Gribble ranch last Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Moore will spend sometime in travel before deciding upon their future location. Mr. and Mrs. Minter are removing to Iowa. The Frontier while regretting to see these estimable families leave Holt county, joins their many friends in wishing them health and prosperity in their new homes.

### THE OLD GUARD RELINQUISHES TO THE NEW

A simple ceremony, sad, and impressive because of its momentous import, was that at Atkinson last week when the members of the Grand Army of the Republic post turned over the instruments of its once famous martial band to John Farley post of the American Legion, also of Atkinson. It wasn't much of a band as bands go nowadays, perhaps, only three old battered drums, a base and two snares, and a couple of dented fifes, but it and others of its kind played the kind of music that has stirred the hearts of men for ages and caused them to march fearlessly, even cheerfully, to their deaths. The Grand Army veterans surrendered the instruments because there are not enough of the old comrades left to play them any more. The men who once thrummed the drums and thrilled the fifes are mostly gone, and in a very few years taps will be sounded over the last members of the G. A. R. and veteran of the civil war. The drums and fifes are symbolical of the things for which the members of the Grand Army fought and for which they stand. They are symbolical of the things for which the members of the American Legion fought and for which they stand, and it is fitting that the old soldiers should turn these drums and fifes over to the new. The old guard is relieved and the new mounts guard over the destinies of the republic.

"At one time," said Commander Greeley, in the presentation, "there was a full drum corps of Post members. But that is no more, and the old boys feel that with these young warriors of today they have an heritage in common and that they must carry on where they leave off and lay down the glory of devotion and the burden of sacrifice.

"This body of younger men realize what this sentiment embodies, this disposition on the part of the greatest patriotic organization to turn over to them the task of carrying on.

"They have pledged themselves to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred per cent Americanism; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth, to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify comradeship by devotion to mutual helpfulness, to preserve the memories and incidents of their association in the great war.

"Surely the Grand Army is putting on capable and worthy shoulders the tasks they surrender."

The American Legion at their last meeting, on motion incorporated in their minutes sincere thanks to the G. A. R. for the gift of the fifes and drums, and instructed their Adjutant to see that the same was acknowledged publicly."

### WILBUR LEE EPPENBAUGH

Wilbur Lee, the ten month old infant of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Eppenbaugh, died Monday after an extended illness. Burial was at Ewing, the funeral being Tuesday.

### VIVISECTING THE SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

When the inhabitants of the Missouri river and Salt Creek bottoms of southeastern Nebraska are not regulating the spiritual and physical welfare of the people of the producing section of Nebraska they generally are engaged in tampering with its political divisions and attempting to jerrymander them into annexes of southeastern sections so that none of the west or of the north may have a voice in the government. The congress has defeated a bill to increase the membership of the national house of representatives to conform to the increase in population of the country officially recognized by the last census, which means that instead of the people having more congressmen to represent them the congressmen are each going to have more people to represent. It also means that Nebraska is to have but five congressmen where formerly six grew and flourished.

With that acumen a natural possession of graduates of the state university and Peru normal school the statesmen of the south and east sections of the state were quick to perceive that the old congressional districts must be wrecked and five new ones built from the wreckage of the six. Who more fitted to build them than they? And Echo answers damn. Accordingly Representative W. R. Mellor of Lincoln, who is one of the holy city's statesmen in the lower house of the legislature, has presented a tentative draft of the proposed five new congressional districts. The legislative directory gives Mr. Mellor's occupation when he is not legislating as "retired." The population of Lincoln mostly is made up of the "retired." In Lincoln are to be found retired farmers, retired merchants, retired bankers, retired secretaries of the state fair board and retired office holders, but there are no retired politicians. After a man begins living in Lincoln he never retires from politics. He retires from everything else to stay in politics. He is retired in the same sense that an auctioneer is a colonel. The plan of redistricting proposed by Mr. Mellor is very simple. It lines the five new districts so that the centers of population of all of them will be east of the west line of Hall county, of Grand Island is the county seat, and practically provides that Nebraska's five congressmen shall come from the towns of Lincoln or Falls City, Omaha, Fremont, Kearney and Grand Island. This will bring them directly within the zones of influence of the Burlington and Union Pacific railroads, the big banks and public service corporations and those whose welfare is of far more importance than is the welfare of the farming, dairying and live-stock sections of the state. Incidentally, Holt, Brown, Rock, Keya Paha and Brown counties are taken out of the old Sixth congressional district by Mr. Mellor's plan and located in the Third congressional district whose congressman then will come from Fremont or vicinity. The rest of the Sixth is made into the new Fifth district, with Kearney the congressional seat of government. The old Fifth is annexed to a few counties of the old fourth, so that the congressional man must hail from Grand Island, Lincoln and Omaha will look after the other two congressmen. The fact that the jerrymandering of the old Sixth district is going to leave practically half of the state, and the half which produces 85 per cent of the wealth of the state, without any real representation in congress, seems to worry Mr. Mellor, and those who prepared his scheme of redistricting for him, not at all. But fortunately Mr. Mellor's plan is not final. Even though it is the product of that "retired" master mind it still must run the gantlet of the legislature, after which it may look rather the worse for wear.

Following is Mr. Mellor's scheme of redistricting as published in the Lincoln Journal of Sunday issue:

"The proposed redistricting plan follows railroad lines. Generally speaking, the North Platte country would have three districts and the South Platte country two. Following is a summary of proposed changes as affecting the several districts:

"First district—Retains all present territory and takes in Gage, Butler, Seward, Saline and Jefferson counties now of the Fourth.

"Second District—Takes Saunders from the Fourth and retains Washington, Douglas and Sarpy counties. The initial plan was to swing Burt county from the third into the Second but opposition on the part of Representative Webster of Tekamah, knocked that plan in the head.

"Third District—Would lose Merrick county to the Fourth, retains Burt, Dakota, Thurston, Dixon, Cumming, Dodge, Colfax, Stanton, Wayne, Cedar, Knox, Pierce, Madison, Platte, Nance, Boone and Antelope. Swings far into the western country to include from the present Sixth district, Cherry, Brown, Rock, Holt, Keya Paha and Boyd counties.

"Fourth District—Would lose Saunders to the Second district and Butler, Seward, Saline, Gage and Jefferson to the First. Would retain Thayer, Fillmore, York, Polk, Hamilton and take in all of the present Fifth swinging to the lower western boundary of the state. The Fifth would be lost entirely in the shuffle. The eighteen counties which it would give to the Fourth are Clay, Nuckolls, Hall, Adams, Webster, Franklin, Kearney, Phelps, Harlan, Gosper, Furnas, Frontier, Red Willow, Hayes, Hitchcock, Chase, Dundy and Perkins. The Fourth also would get Merrick from the Third.

"Fifth District—Loses everything it had and takes over the following counties of present Sixth district: Sioux, Scottsbluff, Banner, Kimball, Dawes, Box Butte, Morrill, Cheyenne, Sheridan, Garden, Deuel, Grant, Arthur, Keith, Hooker, McPherson, Thomas, Logan, Lincoln, Blaine, I,oup, Custer, Dawson, Buffalo, Sherman,

Howard, Valley, Greeley, Garfield, Wheeler.

"If such a plan is followed, Representative McLaughlin of the Fourth, his residence is in York county, which is not one of the six counties lost by the Fourth. As congressman elected from the Fourth he would remain of the Fourth but the five old counties retained in his district represent a population according to the 1920 census of 70,000, in round numbers.

"On the other hand, here would come Congressman Andrews of the Fifth into the Fourth with his eighteen counties compact. He would bring a population of nearly 200,000 or approximately four times that of the counties retained by Congressman McLaughlin.

"Which of these men shall be the congressman of the new Fourth if the lines are finally drawn as proposed?

"Congressman Reavis will not be disturbed in the First. There's no invading congressman to divide the honors with Congressman Jafferis in the First. Congressman Moses Kincaid does not take enough of his old territory into the Third to disturb Congressman Evans, Congressman Kincaid is, in fact, clearly out of it under this plan unless he should be selected for the new Fifth. It has been suggested that the Joseph G. Cannon of Nebraska pick up his bed and baggage and move into that great portion of the Sixth which now is proposed for the Fifth. Although the member from the Sixth has threatened for eight or ten years to drop out of it he still is in the ring. Each time he has piled up a bigger majority over his opponent than the time before.

"While the plans submitted by Mr. Mellor are expected to furnish foundation for congressional redistricting, they are offered largely for the guidance of the committee and are subject to change. The matter will again be taken up when the committee meets at 10 o. m. Monday.

"Taking the figures from the 1920 census, the several districts as tentatively proposed, would have the following approximate populations:

First District	265,413
Second District	246,663
Third District	274,797
Fourth District	262,720
Fifth District	246,809

"Using the 1920 census figures, the first district now has a population of 173,458. Annexation as proposed would give it the following additional population by counties: Gage, 29,721; Butler, 15,823; Seward, 15,867; Saline, 19,514; Jefferson, 16,140. A total increase of 91,965 and a grand total population of 265,413.

"The Second district now has a population of 226,074, according to the 1920 census. Annexation of Saunders would add 30,589 or boost the total to 246,663.

"The Third district would lose Merrick with its population of 107,663. It would gain Holt, 17,151; Rock, 3,703; Brown, 6,749; Cherry, 11,753; Keya Paha, 3,594, and Boyd, 8,243, total gain, 51,193. Deducting Merrick leaves a total net gain of 40,430 or a grand total population under the proposed draft of 274,797.

"The Fourth would lose 112,554 in population in the loss of six counties and would gain the entire population of the present Fifth plus Merrick from the Third. The population of the proposed new counties for the Fourth: Merrick, 107,663; Clay, 14,486; Nuckolls 13,286; Hall, 23,733; Adams, 22,621; Webster, 10,922; Franklin, 10,067; Kearney, 8,583; Phelps, 9,900; Harlan, 9,220; Gosper, 4,669; Furnas, 11,357; Frontier, 8,540; Red Willow, 11,334; Hayes, 3,327; Hitchcock, 6,045; Chase, 4,939; Dundy, 4,869; Perkins, 3,967, a total of 192,978. Deducting the population of the lost territory leaves a total net gain of 80,424 for the proposed new Fourth.

"The Fifth as proposed, would have the entire Sixth district population minus 51,193 proposed for transfer to

the Third or a grand total population of 246,809.

"The national congress defeated the bill to increase the total number of congressmen by a vote of 435 to 483. It decided that states appointment should be in accord with population. Some of the states have gained more rapidly than Nebraska. Putting two and two together, Nebraska legislators assume that this state will be cut down to five congressional representatives at Washington."

### O'NEILL FISHERMEN TAKE NOTICE

Lynch Herald: Tourists and others who have occasion to cross the Missouri river at old Ft. Randall will have use of one of the best ferries in the state. County commissioners of Charles Mix county have just let a contract for five years for operating a ferry and holds a government license. The new operator is in Omaha buying the machinery for the special boat planned to be ready to launch as soon as the river breaks up.

### WOOD-LEAR.

Neligh Leader: Chas. Henry Wood and Miss Kathryn Fern Lear, were married at the Congressional parsonage on Monday evening. Miss Lear's home is at Springview, where she is well and favorably known.

Mr. Wood was formerly a resident near Neligh, where he and his brothers engaged in extensive farming and his many Neligh friends join in hearty congratulations on their new venture in life.

Mr. Wood is now located near Ewing on a large farm and to this home already prepared, the young people repaired. The good wishes of their many friends accompany them in establishing their home life.

### STUART LOAN ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of the Stuart Federal Farm Loan association, serving the territory comprised of western Holt and eastern Rock and Keya Paha counties, at Stuart recently:

Leonard Roberts, president; Anton Wallinger, vice president; Direct-Krotter, secretary; Abart, Richard Moon, Leonard Roberts, Ferdinand Kaup, Anton Wallinger, George Weber, Lonis Dvorak.

Local Loan Committee—John Brau, William Wilson, Richard Moon.

Local Loan Committee, Substitute Members—Charles Cook, William Schorn, Henry B. Pence, Samuel Smith, Fred Besmer, Joseph Brent, Fritz Vogel, Joseph Ramm, George Weber, William Krotter.

### ONE KILLED, THREE HURT, WHEN AUTOS CRASH

Atkinson Graphic: Word was received by relatives Thursday of the death of Oscar Obannon, a former resident here, and who was killed in an auto accident at Alliance Wednesday. No further particulars were stated in the message, but the dispatches in the dailies of yesterday has the following: Oscar Obannon, 46, wealthy oil man and land owner, was killed almost instantly and three other men seriously injured when the automobile in which they were riding was struck by another driven by Ray Aspen, rancher, living seven miles east of here, on the outskirts of town at 11 last night. The injured: Tom Beal, right eye gouged out, internal injuries; may die. Ray Aspen, severe cuts and bruises about face and head. Whitney H. Terrell, Wilcox, Mont., dislocated shoulder, bruises and cuts on body and head. Richard Knies and Wade Gras, Alliance youths, who were riding with Obannon, escaped uninjured.

Mrs. Obannon's mother, Mrs. Chradler and other relatives reside in Atkinson.

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The Holt county membership campaign will be held the week of February 7th. It will start with two big Kick-off meetings with good speakers present. One meeting will be held at O'Neill immediately after noon, February 7th, and one at Chambers the same time. N. W. Gaines will talk on Federation work at the following places next week:

Thursday Evening, February 3rd	Inman Opera House
Friday Afternoon, February 4th	Ewing Opera House
Friday Evening, February 4th	Page Methodist Church
Saturday Afternoon, February 5th	Stuart Auditorium
Saturday Evening, February 5th	Emmet Hall

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