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CONGRESSMAN KINKAID.

Relating To His Location At O'Neill,
Political And Official Activities.

(Published through courtesy of the
writer.)

July 12, 1922.
Nebraska, And His Induction Into
Hon. S. J. Weekes, Chairman Repul-
lican Central Committee for the 6th
Congressional District, O'Neill, Ne-
braska:

My Dear Weekes: Anticipating
that some devotee will undertake writ-
ing a biography of our mutual, departed,
friend, M. P. Kinkaid, and, be-
lieving I have personal knowledge of
facts connected with his early location
at O'Neill, Nebraska, I take the liberty
of submitting them to you for such dis-
position as you may deem proper in
the premises, viz:

In the early fall of 1881, two
gentlemen, and cultured, appear-
ing young men called at my office in
O'Neill, introducing themselves as M.
P. Kinkaid—the name of his compan-
ion has escaped my memory. (I was
then county clerk, also ex-officio reg-
ister of deeds and clerk of the dis-
trict court).

They announced that their visit was
not due to official matters connected
with the affairs of my office, but were
seeking information touching the con-
ditions, prospects, etc., of Holt county,
which, at that time, was the frontier
section of Nebraska. I readily gave
them all the information I could, and,
I will add, the good old county of
Holt, did not suffer to any great ex-
tent from my representations. I was
favorably impressed with their ap-
pearances, as well as their intellectual
and conversational powers, in fact it
was very infrequent men of their cal-
iber visited our locality. They conclud-
ed to remain a few days for the pur-
pose of personal inspection of the
country contiguous to O'Neill. Much
of their time was devoted to myself at
the office. During such times I learned
from Mr. Kinkaid that his profession
was that of attorney at law; that he
had established a law office at Pierre,
Dakota Territory; that he was not
favorably impressed with the practice
that obtained under the Territorial
laws (Dakota had not then been di-
vided, and admitted to statehood),
more especially the remoteness of the
judicial courts, and the environments
in general; that he was seeking to bet-
ter his location. He also suggested
that he had some money to invest, and,
to that end, made careful inquiry as
to the financial condition of Holt
County, including the approximate
amount of out-standing county war-
rants, and the probability of time of
their payment, also, the amount of
claims filed upon which warrants had
not issued, as shown by the claim
register, and such general inquiry
needful to him. Among other mat-
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to the meagre valuation of the tax-
able personal property in the county
(there being scarcely any taxable
realty, outside the town lots in O'Neill,
owned by General John O'Neill, and
Patrick Fahy), only a small per cent
of warrants issued had been paid, and
that quite a large amount of the claims
had been lodged that could not be con-
verted into warrants until the tax levies
of succeeding years; that warrants
already issued could be obtained at a
good margin, and claims at a much
greater rate of discount. (The practice
of disposing of claims upon which
warrants had not issued, was upon
the official certificate of indebtedness
issued by the county clerk, and when
received, the name of the assignee was
entered on the claim register, and the
warrant covering same, when issued,
would be delivered to the assignee at
such time as it could be reached in
regular order. (This practice was
hardly sanctioned by law, but no se-
rious complications obtained thereby).
Just prior to their departure from
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he would return to Pierre, Dakota,
close up his business and professional
affairs, ship his law library, and other
effects to O'Neill, and return thereto
the following spring—which was ac-
cordingly performed in every particu-
lar. Upon his arrival he at once es-
tablished himself in the practice of law
and investments. Upon leaving
O'Neill, at time of his first visit, he
asked if I could, and would, interest
myself in the procurement of some
county warrants and claims for him.
It being perfectly agreeable, he de-
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with me, and remitted more from time
to time until his arrival in the spring.
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Owing to his early advent into
political and official matters, I will,
with your pardon, continue this nar-
rative to include his nomination and
election as state senator.

Following his return to O'Neill, in
accordance with his declaration made
at the time of his first visit thereto,
the general election was approaching
at which, among other offices to be
filled, was that of senator and repre-
sentative to our state legislature.
Our senatorial district, No. 12, com-
prised, as I remember, the counties of
Dixon, Cedar, Knox, Holt, and the un-
organized territory west of Holt—at-
tached to said county for judicial,
election and revenue purposes. Along
towards convention time the candidate
for the senate was practically conceded
to Holt county. In canvassing for an
available candidate, (by a few of the
straight republicans at O'Neill,) it
was suggested by D. W. Mathews,
vulgarily called "Doc," who was then
owner and publisher of the "Frontier,"
published at O'Neill, that the name of
M. P. Kinkaid be submitted to the con-
vention provided he could be prevailed
upon to accept the nomination. The
proposition was duly presented to him,
and he took it under advisement.
While deliberating he called upon me
several times for my personal views
as to the feasibility of his candidacy.
I urged him to accept of the nomina-
tion. We also discussed the matter of
his eligibility under our statute. (The
law provided that a candidate for
senator was not eligible until he had
resided in the district at least one
year prior to his election.) In this
particular Mr. Kinkaid expressed him-
self as having no fears whatever. His
contention being his declaration made

during his first visit to O'Neill, of his
intention of moving thereto, and lo-
cating thereat, and his subsequent acts
all being indicative of such intent,
would be construed and considered as
retroactive, that is, would relate back
to his initial steps of location and
quarry him under the law. (This con-
tention was affirmed by the state sen-
ate under contest proceeding hereinaf-
ter referred to, which tends to show
Mr. Kinkaid's able judicial mind at
that early period in his legal profes-
sion.)

He did, however, hesitate on the
grounds of being, comparatively, a
"newcomer" not seeking office or
other political advancement, and felt
that an earlier settler of the county
should be selected. To disabuse his
mind in that respect, he was reminded
that the residents of the county were
all "newcomers," that it was a fron-
tier in every sense of the word; that
the matter of seniority, if any, was
waived and ignored; that the candidate
being conceded to Holt county, it was
the desire of his political party that
a representative man be chosen; that
by reason of his talent, and training,
he was the unanimous and logical
choice, etc. Finally he consented and
delegates favorable to his nomination
were selected at the county convention,
and he was placed in nomination at the
senatorial convention following.

(W. D. Mathews was one of the de-
legates to the senatorial convention,
and, to him, as much as anyone else,
is due the credit in suggesting the can-
didacy of Mr. Kinkaid, and the secur-
ing of his nomination and election.)

At the general election there were
three political parties represented,
viz: Republican, demo-greenback,
and the so called Van Wyck, or "mug-
wump"—there being considerable fol-
lowing of the latter in Holt county,
owing to the dissatisfaction of the
McClure-Hagerty faction of the repub-
lican party relative to appointment of
postmaster at O'Neill. Mr. Kinkaid
was elected by a large majority of all
the votes polled, whereupon his seat
was contested by the "mug-wump"
candidate charging Mr. Kinkaid was
not eligible for the position in re-
quired term of residence in the dis-
trict. The testimony was adduced, and
reduced to writing, before G. M.
Cleveland, County Judge for Holt
county, at O'Neill, Nebraska. The
state senate, after considering the
testimony, duly seated Mr. Kinkaid as
one of the members of that body, in
accordance with his contention here-
inbefore referred to.

(The record of testimony was to
have been transmitted via express to
the senate chamber at Lincoln, Ne-
braska, but nearly failed reaching its
destination. It was the intention of
Judge Cleveland to deliver it at the
express office in the evening for its
transmittal on the following morning
train to enable it to reach the senate
on time; but for some reason, he de-
ferred the matter until morning time.
About the time the train arrived at
O'Neill, the judge appeared at my of-
fice greatly agitated, exclaiming, "the
train is at the depot, and I will fail
getting the testimony aboard; what
shall I do?" He was advised to "run
for it, judge." By so doing he reach-
ed the train (it being a mixed-train
and slow of movement) while under
way, but, was fortunate in finding the
door of the express car open, into, or
through which, he heaved the package
which, by the kindness of the express-
man, it reached its destination on time.
At the request of Mr. Kinkaid, I was
present at the convening of the sen-
ate, and its consideration of his con-
test proceedings, to render whatever
assistance I could in case of loss
of the testimony while in transit.)

Another incident coupled with the
taking of the testimony at O'Neill. I
believe that H. M. Uttley, the first
resident attorney at law in Holt
county, conducted the proceedings on
the part of Mr. Kinkaid. At the be-
ginning of the hearing Mr. Kinkaid
expressed himself as intending to be
very courteous to the contestant, and
not put up much of a fight, as he was
very sanguine of the result on the part
of the senate, but, before much pro-
gress had been made in the case, he
became somewhat rankled over the
treatment the opposition accorded him
whereupon he declared he would "fight
them to a finish"—which he did.
At the county election Mr. Kinkaid
received nearly the entire vote of the
county, including republicans, demo-
greenbackers, and mug-wumps,
whereas, the republican candidate for
representative, Mr. B. S. Gillespie, a
capable, deserving, and, at that time,
a staunch republican, was defeated.

This letter has become more vol-
uminous than I expected at its begin-
ning; there has been injected therein
incidents, and other matter, not alto-
gether germane to the data that I in-
tended to narrate, which can be easily
eliminated by the party who may feel
disposed to narrate the activities, and
affairs, of Mr. Kinkaid in historical
sequence. I have recited the facts, to
the best of an impaired memory, up to
Mr. Kinkaid's election to the state
senate. I believe you are the better
equipped to write a history of his af-
fairs, from the time of his locating at
O'Neill, than that of anyone else. Be-
ginning at the conclusion of my nar-
rative, you are personally cognizant of
his subsequent business, professional,
political, and official activities, and
your memory, if necessary, can be
readily reinforced by accessible rec-
ord evidence.

With your pardon for indulging so
much of your time, and with kind per-
sonal regards, I remain

Yours very truly,
SANFORD PARKER,
614 N. 40 St., Omaha, Nebr.

FROM THE INMAN LEADER.

Cards have been received announc-
ing the arrival of a little daughter,
Margaret May, born November 28th,
to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hinton of Dix-
on, South Dakota. Mrs. Hinton was
formerly Hattie Moore.

Casper Wagman is building a new
house on his farm three miles north-
west of Inman. The new structure
will be 20x20 and when completed will
be occupied by his son Joe and family.

Two dressed hogs were stolen last
week, one at the John Gallagher home
and one at John O'Donnell home.
These hogs had just been butchered
and hung up in a shed.

Roy Sharp former station agent in
Inman, who has spent the past year in

Make Useful Gifts

A useful gift is always more appreciated. This is particularly true
during this re-adjustment period, so why not give useful things this
year.

You are invited to inspect my large stock of furnishings, clothing,
shoes and dress goods, useful things for every member of the family.
Goods that are fresh; patterns, styles and modes that are the latest.
You will find something to please you and that will please the recipi-
ent of your gift. And the prices are right.

A. Saunto

California, is expected back some time
his week and will resume his old po-
sition. Wm. Maynard, who has been
acting as relief agent will go to Tilden
where he has a permanent position
with the company. Thomas Hutton,
who has been operator at Tilden has
moved to the Stafford station and will take
charge as station agent in a short
time.

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ESTRAY NOTICE.

Taken up at my place on October
22nd, one shoat weight about 50 lbs.
Owner can have same by proving
property and paying expense.

C. P. SIDERS,
Opportunity, Neb.

George M. Harrington

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

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