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## MORE LOCAL MATTERS.

The Very Reverend M. F. Cassidy was an Atkinson visitor Monday.

Harry Ward, of Emmet, was an O'Neill visitor Sunday.

Guy C. Emmet, captain of industry, was an O'Neill business visitor Tuesday.

The regular weekly dance of the Emmet Dancing club was held at that place Wednesday evening.

Charley Martin was in from the wild duck ranch on Waller's lake Thursday and states that his big flock of wild tame ducks and tame wild ducks shows signs of migrating southward within the next few days.

V. B. Jones, former manager for the Nye-Schneider-Jenks company at this place, has organized the O'Neill Grain company, which already is open for business, with offices in the Gaughenbaugh Mill building. The company also has leased the Nye-Schneider-Jenks elevators.

# Royal Theatre

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"NAZIMOVA"

"DOLLS HOUSE"  
From the play by Henrik Ibsen. A masterpiece from a masterpiece, a picture every woman, no matter what her age, will want to see. Every wife should take her husband.

2-Reel Comedy  
Coming—"Beautiful and Damned,"  
"Love Flower," "Merry Go Round,"  
"Call of the Wild," and "Michael O'Halloran."

The Emmet Hay company shipped three cars of hay to Atlanta, Georgia, last week.

The new 1,000 ton capacity hay barn now being erected by J. B. Ryan just west of the Hanford ice house, will be completed next week. The new barn is 160 by 66 feet, with a sixteen foot cornice. A similar barn is being erected by the Emmet Hay company at Emmet.

## WOMAN'S CLUB NOTES.

A very interesting program of the Literary Department of the Woman's Club was held at the club room Wednesday afternoon at the usual time.

The Musical Selection by Miss DeMaris Stout was indeed a rare treat. De Maris not only possesses a truly magnificent voice, but also a charming personality, and as these two go hand in hand she is bound to win her way to distinction and fame.

Through Mrs. P. J. O'Donnell's biography of "Hardy" we found her to be one of those fortunate ones who can say much and say it well within short compass. And we now feel certain that we at least have a bowing acquaintance with the gentleman.

We have every reason to praise Mrs. A. L. Cowperthwaite who with a quiet dignity and uncommon ability directed our attention to "The Woodlanders," a tragic novel of environment and character which deals with the great passions of life among small rural groups.

It is of pure English setting and was written at a time when constitutions were damp proof, and when mere shelter from the turbulent elements sufficed man's desire.

The work provoked a very warm discussion on the part of Mrs. H. E. Coyne, who by her forceful reasoning convinced us that she is not only capable of grasping the keynote of Hardy's novel, but that she is also an excellent English scholar.

In selecting Sweet Tranquility in the flickering dim of age, as the outstanding emotion of Whistler's "The Painter's Mother," Mrs. C. M. Daly proved that she is of strong artistic bent.

## O'NEILL TO STAGE BIG SEMI-CENTENNIAL HOME COMING AND FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION NEXT YEAR

O'Neill is to stage a big semi-centennial home-coming and Fourth of July celebration July third, fourth and fifth of next year. The monster celebration, which will include a race meet and an extensive program of entertainment was decided upon at a meeting of the O'Neill Commercial Club at the Hotel Golden Wednesday evening. The semi-centennial of the founding of O'Neill is on May 12, but as that date is during the season when the farmers are the most busy it was decided to combine the semi-centennial and the Fourth of July celebrations in one big three day event, on the dates mentioned. The affair will be one of the best ever staged in the county. Tom Brennan has been named as chairman of the committee on program and entertainment.

## STRONG DRINK OR NONE IS TOMBSTONE ADVICE

(Kansas City Times.)  
Here sleeps in peace a Hampshire grenadier,  
Who caught his death by dringing cold small beer;  
Soldiers, be wise from his untimely fall,  
And when you're hot, drink strong or none at all.

That veris is inscribed in a tombstone marking the grave of one of England's former soldiers in the church yard of the cathedral at Winchester, England.

The balance of the inscription states the stone was erected to the memory of a grenadier who died in 1764 of a violent fever after drinking small beer when he was hot.

Near the bottom of the stone his comrades lauded the grenadier's life as a soldier with these lines:  
An honest soldier never is forgot,  
Whether he die by musket or by pot.

# The Governor's Decision

By MORRIS SCHULTZ

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"WE ASK you not to let this boy go to the chair, governor. He is only twenty; he murdered the girl in a fit of jealousy; he has always had the reputation of being a good boy. We are convinced that it will be nothing short of judicial murder."

The governor had sent the women's deputation away, promising to give them his answer on the morrow. All that evening a light burned in his office and he sat in his chair, or paced the room, considering.

Governors do not take that part of their duties lightly. He was searching for some valid reason why he should respect the boy, and could find none.

He called his secretary from the outer room. "Jackson, sum up the arguments for me," he said.

The secretary, who knew the governor's ways of thought, did so.

"The three reasons given by the women's association, governor—youth, jealousy and prior reputation."

"Not worth a d—n!" said the governor. "The age at which a person becomes responsible to the law is fixed by law. It is not my function to say that the legislature is wrong."

"As for the statement that he murdered the girl in a fit of jealousy, that was placed before the jury. The jury could have brought in a verdict of murder in the second degree, or manslaughter. They found him guilty of murder in the first degree. It is not my business to override the decision of the jury."

"Remember that they unanimously signed a petition urging a reprieve."

"That has no weight, Jackson. The prerogative of mercy does not rest with them."

"And the previous good character, governor?"

"Absolutely valueless. Every murderer except the criminal type can show a previous good character. There, again, we have to fall back upon the law, which wisely makes no discriminations of this nature. All are equal before it. No, Jackson, none of the arguments you have advanced are valid."

He looked at his secretary anxiously. "What arguments pro?" he asked.

"The widowed mother—"

"No, no; I have refused to see her because I will not allow myself to be swayed by sentiment. Nor the popular petition in the boy's favor. All these things have no validity. He was properly tried, properly convicted. I have sworn to fulfill the laws. The law prescribes that he who takes man's life, by man shall his life be taken."

"Then you are resolved not to respect him, governor?"

"As matters stand at present, yes. It was a cold-blooded, deliberate murder."

"You will recall that the judge himself advised clemency?"

"I've not forgotten it. He advised it on the exact grounds given by the woman's association. And I have already considered those three points and rejected them. No, Jackson; I'm afraid I can't take any action. The prisoner will have to go to the chair."

He put on his hat and left the executive offices. He prided himself as he passed out on his strength of character. A thin, frail little woman, lurking in the shadow, tottered forward "Governor!" she pleaded.

The negro door attendant thrust her, not ungently, away. The governor got into his car.

That night his wife read his decision in his face. She dared not question him. She herself was a member of the women's association.

Although his mind was made up firmly, the governor passed an uncomfortable night. He had to face the women's deputation the following morning. He dreaded the interview.

He rose from his chair as the deputation filed in. They had already gathered what the governor's decision would be. Nevertheless they repeated their petition. It was the waning of the last hope. The execution was fixed for the following day. The governor faced them.

"I have examined all the arguments presented me for a reprieve," he said. "I find them all invalid. No cause exists, in my mind, why this reprieve should be made."

His voice softened. "Ladies, it is only when every argument has been exhausted that the faculty of mercy obtains full sway," he said. "I am going to reprieve this prisoner—he cause I can see no logical grounds on which to do so."

## Rare Old Persian Carpets.

The gift of a rare old Persian carpet patterned with the "tree of life," such as figured among the wedding presents received by the duke of York, is typical of the East, where the natives reserve the finest of their specimens for such purposes.—Detroit News

## It Was So Pointed.

"Dearest, answer me," he pleaded. "I am on the rack."  
"So is your hat," came a voice from the head of the stairs. Whereupon the young man took the lint, his head-piece and his departure.

## Feminine Oratory.

"How did your son and his wife happen to quarrel?"  
"He was a trifle inconsiderate," replied Mr. Meekton. "She had real talent for politics. But he would keep reminding her of the kind of speech his mother used to make."

## The Belfry Tower.

Even in the Middle ages England was the "Ringing Isle," and the love of bell music has endured amongst us to this day. Indeed, there are more bells in this country than in any other, and nowhere else is the athletic exercise of change-ringing anything like as popular. Not so very long ago our church bellies were regarded as outside the parson's jurisdiction; they were often the scene of drunken and disorderly frolics, which were thought to be justified by such bell inscriptions as the oft-quoted couplet: "Hark, de ye hear? Our clappers want beer."—London Morning Post.

## NOTES FROM THE NORTHEAST.

Several from the Northeast were transacting business in O'Neill Monday, returning home the same evening.

Mr. Nelson, of the Niobrara Valley and Verdel banks, was in this vicinity recently looking after his real estate interests.

M. C. Coffman had the misfortune Tuesday of last week, of dislocating his shoulder, by a fall while taking care of his stock.

Corn husking is general, yield normal. We are informed that prices for new corn is 50c to 55c, 75 pounds to 80 pounds per bushel.

Emmett Revelle and M. C. Coffman are operating a corn husking machine, and employing several hands in taking care of 300 acres of corn.

Halloween was celebrated at the home of F. O. Hazen, Halloween evening. Music, games, dancing and an oyster supper was thoroughly enjoyed by those in attendance.

George Wadsworth, road overseer for District No. 43, is making some substantial improvements on the public highway, Willowdale precinct roads and grades are well maintained and the overseers and drag masters deserve credit for the public benefit.

Recently meeting a pioneer friend, Calvin Darnell, who now resides near where in the 30's Star was a prosperous inland village, we recalled New Year's day of 1880, when with five other pioneers we were locating claims. We found the government mound, the four corners which later on was the townsite of Star. It was a wonderful winter day, bright with sunshine and a lovely "Indian Summer," that gladdened the hearts of the seven pioneers. With the government mound as our table, the seven of us: O. H. Wertz, Irvin Ladd, Alex R. Wertz, F. M. Pike, George Darnell, Allen Darnell and Jamin "Pap" Kezar, enjoyed a most satisfying lunch. Four of the seven: Jamin Kezar, Allen Darnell, George Darnell and F. M. Pike, have crossed the Great Divide.

Memories come fast, and we recall

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# Mrs. P. T. Walsh

O'Neill, Nebraska.

incidents, scenes, conditions, friends and social gatherings at the home-steads at times for which we furnished the music, as though they were but of yesterday. Automobiles were not thought of, horses were not numerous and oxen a little slow, so under the existing circumstances we walked, and frequently the walking was not of the best. We recall with humor the Christmas eve of 1880 "in the shanty on the claim." We were rehearsing quadrille music for a wedding party and dance that occurred the following evening. (We used a "fire-place") and in our interest in the rehearsal and anticipation of the wedding event the kettle was neglected until our attention was called from the music by an odor of burning beans. The high contracting parties of that wedding were Miss Viola Sherman and Mr. Lynn Bader. Mr. Bader has long since answered the final call and the bride of that day now is Mrs. C. W. Morgan of O'Neill. Miss May McElhane, now Mrs. J. B. Anderson, was an attendant at the wedding. The winter of 1880-1881 is remembered by the old settlers as the "Big Winter," when cattle perished by the hundreds, and many instances of its rigors still are retained in the memories of the pioneers.

## M. E. CHURCH NOTES.

The revival meetings are on in full swing. Evangelist Wood is preaching the Gospel in pleasing, convincing and instructing way. It is a real treat to hear him. Meetings begin each evening at 8 o'clock. A thirty minute prayer meeting is held before the regular service.

A street meeting will be held Saturday at 3 o'clock. Evangelist Wood will preach a sermon.

The sermon subject for the Sunday evening service will be, "O'Neill's Three Biggest Fools."

Something from Lloyd George: Only last year Lloyd George, who has recently visited our country, called together all the non-conformist ministers of London for breakfast at Downing Street. As soon as the blessing had been asked he made this statement: "Gentlemen: I have called you here this morning to say that England needs a revival of spiritual religion more than she needs anything else in this wide world, and her material conditions will not improve unless that spiritual revival comes to her. I charge you, men, with the responsibility of promoting and fostering such a revival of religion." What is true of England is true also of every land, including our own. It is true of our community here in O'Neill. The cure for the spirit of lawlessness, worldliness and Christ-forgetfulness, is not the passing of more laws, but the bringing in through prayer and personal effort and clean, consistent living on the part of professed Christians of a real revival which will get men and women down on their faces before an offended God and lead them to repent of and forsake their sins and turn to God through Christ.

The attendance at Sunday School was the largest since last January. We are hoping for a much larger attendance next Sunday.

The Ladies Aid are planning for their Harvest Dinner Wednesday, November 14th. This will be a fine dinner. Don't forget the date.

The public is cordially invited to attend all the services of the church.



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