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## MORE LOCAL MATTERS.

Miss Catherine Dillon returned home Tuesday evening from Omaha.

J. B. Mellor went to Omaha Wednesday to visit the auto show.

John Berrigan, of Ewing, came up from Omaha, Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Miles Finley, of Norfolk, spent several days last week visiting with O'Neill friends.

The Ladies Aid of the Presbyterian church is meeting at the home of Mrs. J. M. Hunter this afternoon.

Wm. Welsh went to Omaha last Friday to resume his work in the freight house at the Northwestern depot, after a two months vacation.

S. J. Weekes as administrator for the estate of the late Moses P. Kin-kaid, has recently paid into the county court an inheritance tax amounting to \$1,337.79.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Clauson entertained Rev. and Mrs. George Long-staff and Miss Elsie and Lieutenant J. B. Longstaff at a seven o'clock dinner at their home last Friday evening.

The Omaha World-Herald of Tuesday contained the following item: Mrs. B. J. Grady, of O'Neill, Nebraska, is visiting her sister, Miss Margaret Donohoe. A number of events are being given in her honor.

Harry LePage and family have moved to Lincoln where Mr. LePage will have a fireman job on a passenger run from Lincoln to Omaha. Mr. LePage had been firing on the freight between O'Neill and Osmond.

Melvin Backes, who was sent to the penitentiary some time in 1922 from this county, has been granted a parole. Backes was convicted of child stealing when he eloped with the pretty young sister of his wife. His home was in the northern part of Holt county.

Grand Officer Lock, of the Encampment, was in O'Neill, Wednesday evening meeting with the local I. O. O. F. lodge. Mr. Lock made a talk on Encampment line. The members of the local Camp decided to take on new life and will begin putting on work again in the near future. A large class have signified their willingness to join and arrangements are being made to continue the work.

Your eyes will not trouble you after you see Perrigo Optical Co., at Golden Hotel, O'Neill, Monday, March 3rd.

## Closing Out Sale

Have leased my store building, will close out my stock of goods at reduced prices.

Ed. Eager

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Saturday, March 8th

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## FROM MRS. GOODENBERGER.

Shanghai, China, October 7, 1923.

My dear Father and Mother:—

It's only a week since I wrote, but so much has happened in that time that it seems like a month. Monday I nursed a cold, that seems the thing to do when you first arrive, but the rest put in the day very profitably visiting St. Luke's hospital and the Baptist college. This college is on a lot bigger plan than Hastings and of course it is much better equipped in buildings etc. From all that they have told me it's even superior to the Nebraska University.

Early Wednesday morning Dr. Lowrie sent word that we were to prepare to take our trip to Soo Chow and Nanking that day. This was about 7:30 a. m. and we were to pack all our baggage, eat breakfast and be at the missionary home by 9:10, which we did, (so now we are living in the missionary home) we bought a second class ticket and went to Soo Chow the first day. We traveled through rice fields most of the way. The fields were being flooded for the new crop. And such primitive methods of irrigation as they have the waterways or canals are very numerous and some of them are deep enough for house-boats and sail-boats to travel up and down. I may have told you in the previous letter about the tiny fields. They are very small, not any larger than Mrs. Linehart's garden, around each field is a curling of dirt, of course when the fields are flooded this curling serves as a wall to keep the water in and also as a path or runway between places. There is no ground wasted (unless it contains a grave which I will describe later), now the water has to be lifted from the canal into these fields, this is done by water buffalo or man power. They have a trough through which a chain of wooden paddles are run, and if done by buffalo it is attached to a cog-wheel around which the buffalo walks at a very slow gait. If by man power from three to five men or boys carry it up by a sort of tread mill. At one place where the ditch was of a higher level than the pond, men were standing dipping the water from the pond to the ditch by wooden pails. Through-out all of China one is impressed by the primitive means by which they do things. In excavating, the dirt is dug and carried out by men a little bit at a time. Time means nothing here, and we are slowly learning not to be in a hurry.

And now about the graves. When a person dies his family may keep the body in a coffin in the house or near it for a year or more, but eventually it finds its place in the field. Now these coffins are not buried but are covered with rice straw to shed the rain and the ground where they stand is holy ground. That coffin must never be moved. The ground is plowed around it until after a decade or more the coffin is covered. A mound is now formed in the rice field which signifies that one has an ancestor buried there. Sometimes a stone is put in the ground at the base of the mound, grass and even trees start there unmolested. If the mound is large enough a goat is allowed to picket there and so keep it trim and clean. If a man's widow has remained faithful and does not remarry when she dies a stone arch is erected for her faithfulness by loving friends. The arches we saw were all in decay so that custom must have passed out. We were in Soo Chow just one day from noon to noon but in that time we saw many things. The missionaries met us and entertained us and escorted us over the city. It is a place of 125,000 so it is quite a city. The Presbyterians there have a good boys school from the primary through college, but they have the girls only in the lower classes. The boys were learning to play volleyball, so you know athletics are very new in China. The men think it below their dignity to be seen running etc. But that is slowly being worn down. Well these

boys were kicking the ball and running after it with their long coats on, it did look funny, some of them were ungentle enough to take their coats off when they played. In this compound they are just finishing two missionary homes, they are large, airy and comfortable, there are many other homes there but these were the latest things. We visited a temple that contained 500 different gods and oh! if you could have seen the expressions on those gods faces. To be sure there is a god for every ailment and every wish, there is a hole in the back of each god where a live spirit is put in, this may be a spider, bird, snake or any animal. Then we saw the priests at worship, at least they were singing. We visited a garden that belonged to a late R. E. magnate, it was laid out in a maze design and was of the sunken type. There were tearooms and arbors scattered all over. It was too late to see many flowers but we were told that in the spring and summer it is beautiful.

In the afternoon we went to the M. E. compound on the other side of the city and visited a big new hospital they have just completed. They have a wonderful University there too for both boys and girls. At tea time we dropped into the home where some of the language students stay (missionaries learning the language) and there found a young woman we had met at the conference and another who was on our ship. They were so pleased to see us and said it was like seeing folks from home. At night we visited their community center and saw what they were doing in a social way. The next morning we visited the schools, hospital and chapel on the Presbyterian compound, for the twenty-four hours we were there we saw a great deal.

And then we went on to Nanking, what used to be the southern capital. Peking was the northern one. The missionaries here being on the main-line out from Shanghai and Peking and just for the fact that they are working in a historical place, they are worn to death by sight-seers and so they didn't have much time for us. We were cared for by Miss Walsley and Miss Wright while Curtis and Mabel went to the Reulin's. We visited Nanking language school and met more of our acquaintances from the conference, then we rode out to Ginling college for girls. I wish you could see that, it is a union institution but it is doing a great work, just this year they have erected a new plant of six buildings, dormitories, chapel, teacher's hall and administration buildings, it is a sister school to Smith college in the United States and has been maintained in a large measure by gifts from that school.

On Friday afternoon we girls were taken to a tea given in honor of Mrs. Coulter and when we arrived I found to my pleasure and surprise that she was Mrs. Coulter from Chicago, the lady with whom I was to do my corresponding for the Chicago Presbyterian. She was as pleased to see me as I her. Her husband is traveling through China giving lectures under the auspices of the Chicago University, as we understand it, and she and her daughter are traveling with him. Then when we met the Ruland's found he was a McCormick man and knew many men. Ernest knew, he had also worked on the invitation committee for two years with Dal. Can you imagine such a small world?

And so we arrived in Shanghai after dark last night and were met with the news that Mr. Beebe had arrived just that day. Really our joy was hardly controlled we didn't get to see him until this morning and then for just a brief time but we will soon have some news for you. We are to leave here on Friday that is almost certain. Mr. Beebe thinks that eventually we will have to learn the two languages but the council hasn't given their word on that. He also says it will be better in his estimation to buy our supplies in French Indo-China and save the customs and thereby make friends with the French as all our goods from America come through their territory.

They are very crowded for missionary homes in Moshu. They have some native mud houses where one family lives and another lives upstairs over the chapel. These two families already have extra missionaries living with them so when five of us get in the conditions will be crowded indeed. But new houses are to be built as soon as we can do it.

Ernest just brings the news that we will eventually be sent to Chien-grung the farthest away station. But we can't go without the language so that will mean quite a while in Moshu.

Wednesday is a holiday here, that being republic day. There are so many holidays, Buddha's birthday etc., that I can't keep track of them.

Today we went to South Gate chapel and attended a Chinese service. But it really wasn't Chinese, altho it was conducted in the Chinese language. The pastor wore a robe and the choir wore white surplices and sang an anthem in English. The choir leader stood out in front and then they passed the collection plate, so they have been influenced by American customs. We will be busy the rest of the week visiting places of interest in Shanghai. They have an American school here for missionary children that we want to visit. They say that children who graduate from this school are well equipped for any college in America.

Now that there is so much to write about, we don't have time to write many letters. And anyway we are caught up on the correspondence until we get to Kowloon or Yunnanfu. I was the only one of the quartet to get a letter here.

Everybody is well and we play tennis when we can to get the required amount of exercise.

MRS. E. C. GOODENBERGER.

I HAVE SOME PRIVATE MONEY to loan on farms and ranches, so if the old mortgage on your farm comes due on March 1st, it might be well to come in now and make a new loan and pay the old one off.—R. H. Parker, O'Neill, Nebraska. 37-4f

## MORE LOCAL MATTERS.

Chauncey Keyes was up from In-man today looking after business matters at the court house.

The O'Neill Legion basketball team defeated the Stuart "bearcats" 38 to 14 at the high school gym, Monday evening.

Thomas Quinn returned from Mapleton, Iowa, Tuesday evening. He reports that his son, James, is much improved from a recent illness.

LOST — A POCKETBOOK CONTAINING a \$10 bill. Finder leave at this office and receive a reward. 38-4f  
LOST—ROSARY—A SILVER CHAIN with lavender beads. Leave at this office. 38-1

WANTED TO RENT—A SIX OR 7-room house with barn. Inquire at this office. 38-1

## CHAMBERS ITEMS.

Lee Sammons, of Amelia, is on the sick list.

Wilson Smith transacted business in Bartlett Monday.

J. H. Hertle, of Martha, is suffering with an attack of the "flu."

May Holcomb is ill at her home, north of Chambers, with an attack of tonsillitis.

Chas. Dailey, who has been visiting his parents the past two weeks,

returned to his home near Douglas, Wyoming, Friday.

F. A. Bower, of Chambers, had the misfortune to fall on the slippery pavement Saturday. He sustained an ugly cut on his head.

O. C. Sammons, of Amelia, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Eleanor, left for Omaha, Wednesday, to visit with his son, Neal, of Chicago, who is in Omaha on business this week.

The Chambers basketball teams, both boys and girls, were the winners in a game played with O'Neill on the Chambers floor Wednesday, February 12th. The scores were, boys game, 10 to 27 and the girls game, 11 to 27.

The fire alarm was sounded Monday evening. It proved to be the Ford coupe, belonging to Will Alderson, which was on fire in front of the McElvain garage. Prompt work with a fire extinguisher saved the car but the upholstery was damaged.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Ballagh, Jr., of Ballagh, are the happy parents of an 8 pound baby girl, born February 17. Rev. Hamlyn received word Monday that his brother-in-law, B. L. Knowles, had passed away in New York, Thursday, February 14th. Mrs. Knowles visited in Chambers a few weeks ago and made many friends during her stay here.

Chas. Allen was the victim of an accident that happened about six

o'clock Tuesday morning. He was hauling baled hay to O'Neill, and the rough roads caused some of the bales to slip and Mr. Allen was thrown to the ground where he was picked up in an unconscious condition by his brother-in-law Mr. Disney. However, he soon regained consciousness and came to Chambers for medical attention. He was badly bruised about the body and face but fortunately no bones were broken.

## Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank the many friends and neighbors who so kindly helped and sympathized with us during our recent bereavement in the sickness, death and burial of our beloved husband and father.

Mrs. Otto Hoehne, and Family.

## Card of Thanks.

We desire to express our sincere thanks to the many kind friends and neighbors for their help and sympathy during the sickness and death of our beloved mother and sister.

We will ever remember them and our wish is that when trouble is yours that you will be surrounded with friends as kind.

John P. Jennings.

Richard Jennings.

George Jennings.

Annie Kelly.

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The Transportation Act Does Not Guarantee the Railroads Any Returns

The Interstate Commerce Commission in 1921 (64 I. C. C. Rep., 95) and again in 1922 (65 I. C. C. Rep., 681) said:

"Determination of the percentage implies or carries with it no guaranty. Read in connection with the provision for recapture of one-half of the excess above six per cent it is, instead, a limitation."

President Collidge, in his message to Congress on December 6th, said:

"It has been erroneously assumed that the Act undertakes to guarantee railway earnings."

The railroads admit that failure to earn a fair return is their loss and that the United States is in no sense liable to reimburse them therefor.

The Interstate Commerce Commission shows that the net return of Class 1 railroads on the value of their property used in transportation service was as follows:

For the 12 months ended  
August 31, 1921 ..... 2.88%  
August 31, 1922 ..... 4.19%  
August 31, 1923 ..... 4.90%

The Commission has decided that a fair return is 5 3/4%.

The difference between the foregoing returns and a fair return is the loss of the railroads.

There is no guaranty.

*M. N. Finley*  
President

# PUBLIC SALE!

As we are going to quit farming we will sell at the Nick Hirsch place, occupied by us, 3 miles west and 8 miles north of the O'Neill cemetery, 1 mile south of the Mennonite church, beginning at one o'clock, on

Thursday, February 28th

## 7 Head of Horses

1 gray team, weight 2500, coming 11 and 12 years old; 1 bay team, weight 2700, coming 7 and 8 years old; 1 bay mare, weight 1350, coming 7 years old; 1 black gelding, weight 1350, coming 9 years old; 1 saddle horse, smooth mouth.

## 100 Head of Hogs

100 head of Duroc hogs. These are fairly good shoats ranging from 75 to 150 pounds.

## Farm Machinery, Etc.

1 McCormick, 8-foot binder; 1 McCormick 6-foot mower; 1 Deering 6-foot mower; 1 McCormick 12-foot rake; 1 Moline disc; 2 Moline listers; 1 Rock Island two-row eli; 1 Canton two-row eli; 2 riding cultivators; 1 4-section harrow; 1 hay stacker; 1 nearly new hay sweep; 1 hay rack and trucks; 2 good 3-inch wagons; 1 endgate seeder; 4 sets of work harness; 1 good saddle; 1 4-bottom breaking plow with engine attachment; 2 scoop boards; some good hog troughs; hog schute; wire cribbing, heating stove, cook stove, table.

About 600 bushels of good Kherson oats; About 30 tons of prairie hay; About 3 bushels of old seed corn.

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