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## BRYAN SLAPS RURAL VOTERS

For the four years of the administration of County Assessor J. M. Hunter, the county assessor and his able corps of precinct assessors, and the Holt county board of equalization, have been laboring to reduce Holt county farm values, for purposes of taxation, to their true value from the inflated values of the boom period. Each year has seen a material reduction in these valuations by these officers. This year the total valuation of Holt county farm property, for purposes of taxation, was fixed by the assessors at \$18,924,810. Governor Charley Bryan, Secretary of State Charley Pool and the governor's man Friday, Tax Commissioner Smith, who comprise the democratic majority on the state board of equalization, have seen fit to increase this valuation the enormous sum of \$2,270,977. This is an increase of 12 per cent on the valuation made by the assessors. Holt county was not the only county increased. Following are the counties in which Governor Bryan saw fit to increase the farm valuations for purposes of taxation with the percents of increase:

Banner 8, Blaine 8, Boyd 4, Burt 4, Cheyenne 10, Cuming 5, Custer 8, Dakota 5, Dawes 6, Garden 12, Garfield 10, Hall 10, Hayes 12, Holt 12, Kimball 10, Knox 4, Lincoln 2, Loup 10, Sheridan 6, Sioux 5, Washington 2, McPherson 4, Perkins 6, Rock 10.

All of these counties are strictly rural counties. None of the large cities of the state, with their large number of voters, are located in any of them, which is the WHY of the increase. It was proposed by Charley's board of equalization to also increase the valuation of Douglas county, in which is located Omaha. But Governor Bryan and his two Fridays, Mr. Pool and Mr. Smith, didn't increase Douglas county. The city commissioners and the business interests of Omaha moved en masse down to Lincoln and told Governor Bryan and his men just why the board wanted to make the increase. City Commissioner John Hopkins was their spokesman. Mr. Hopkins as a native of Holt county is well known to every person who has resided in the county any length of time. His democracy is unquestioned. He is the man who should have been named to succeed Charley Bryan as the democratic nominee for governor, because HE IS a democrat. Mr. Hopkins dared Governor Bryan to increase the valuation of Douglas county.

This proposed increase, he said, is for the sole purpose of enabling the state board to lower the mill levy on the dollar for state purposes so that Governor Bryan can go before the people this fall and pretend that he has reduced taxes. A reduced levy on an increased valuation is the same thing as an increased levy on the present valuation or a reduced valuation. Its evil is that it affords the already overburdened farmer no relief. Instead it may increase the actual amount of state taxes he pays, and it affords the school districts, the road districts and all of the lesser political subdivisions the opportunity to increase the amount of local taxes which he must pay. An opportunity of which many will take advantage. A man of the known integrity and sound democracy of City Commissioner John Hopkins of Omaha would not make such a charge of political chicanery against so holy a man as Charley Bryan if it were not true. It would not be good politics. Anyhow Mr. Bryan has refrained from boosting the valuation of Douglas county and has passed it on to the rural counties which haven't many votes. The increased valuation these rural counties have been penalized is around \$9,000,000, more than one-fourth of which is charged up to Holt county. And Charley got a better vote in Holt county than he did in Douglas county two years ago at that.

## HERE TOO, KELLY.

(Atkinson Graphic, Aug. 1.)

The road worker set forth with his machine the other day and marred the surface and destroyed the symmetry of the street. From my neighbor Swingley two blocks away to past my humble domicile that roadway is a wreck. Its one-time smoothly graded surface is dotted thickly with sod bunkers and artificial hazards for unwary motorists. For years we had labored to bring the noxious weed into submission and garnish this street-side with a velvet sward; we had carefully preserved its equilibrium for the proper shedding of the surplus rainfall; and admired it as the natural and befitting extension of a cherished lawn. Our tears are shed. Its glory is departed.

## FIGHTIN' FEVER.

When the common garden hackle Rambles forth and starts to cackle, Then its time to fix your tackle. For the trout are on the wing. When the creek at dawn is calling To the frisky snails a'crawlin' 'Cross the path where sunbeam's fallin', Advertise the comin'.

Feel the fever fast increasin', And the winds are never ceasin', While the trees there leaves releasin', Start a dancin' in the breeze. Might as well be up and at it No use when you combat it For the fever's here and drat it. It's an awful wild disease.

Well I've known a pal to sicken When his blood would clog and thicken And his pulse would start to quicken Till he had no sense nor tact When the morn they are lazy And the mountains peaks are hazy That's when fever sets men crazy Yes sir that's a solemn fact.

—Thomas W. Donahue, Jr.

## MORE LOCAL MATTERS.

Miss Marjorie Dickson went to Lincoln last week for a visit with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bowen and Wm. Myer, visited with Stuart friends last Sunday.

Miss Mildred Timlin went down to Jackson last Monday for a few days' visit with relatives.

Dale, Gale and Bryce and Miss Nona Bressler are visiting with their uncle, S. M. Dibble, at Plainview.

The members of Mrs. R. M. Sauers Sunday school class enjoyed a supper at the country club grounds Monday evening.

C. B. Scott and family, Jerry Scott, of Rushville and T. J. Scott, of Kearney went to Long Pine Wednesday for an outing at the park.

Jim Soukup, Mr. and Mrs. Doneck and Mrs. Vidlock, of Lincoln, a brother and two sisters of Anton Soukup, arrived last Thursday for a visit with him.

M. S. Abdalla is in the east purchasing goods for his Ladies and Gents furnishing store. Miss Fern Hubbard has charge of the store during his absence.

Miss Beatrice Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burl Martin, of Omaha, who has been visiting here for the past three weeks, expects to return home tomorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Haffner and Miss Esther Kilpatrick drove over to Harlan, Iowa, on Tuesday of last week, for a visit with friends and relatives. They returned home last Saturday.

Jack Sullivan came up from Omaha the first of the week for a visit with friends. Jack has not yet recovered the diamonds stolen from him a couple of weeks ago by hold-ups in Council Bluffs.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Biglin accompanied by their daughters, Miss Rose Mary and Ruth Ann, and their son, Master Billy, returned home last night from a few days visit with relatives at Jackson.

Emmet and Newport ball teams will meet on the Emmet grounds next Sunday and there is no doubt but that an interesting game will be played. That Newport has a fast ball team is evidenced by the fact that they defeated the O'Neill team last Sunday 23 to 3.

E. N. Purcell and Play Carlson are claiming the distinction of having the first mess of roasting ears picked from a local garden this year. The "feed" was enjoyed at the Grand cafe Wednesday evening. Mr. Purcell picked the corn from his patch in the corner of the O'Neill Dahlia Gardens.

T. V. Golden, J. F. O'Donnell, C. E. Stout, Hugh Birmingham and E. H. Gallagher went to Norfolk Sunday to be present at the opening of the Northeast Nebraska Golf Tournament Monday morning. T. V. Golden has been the efficient president of the association during the past year. Dr. Eby, of Hartington, was chosen president to succeed Mr. Golden.

A card from Miss Ina Hirsh, who was called to Thermopolis, Wyoming, a couple of weeks ago by the injury of her brother, Linus, stated that Linus is improving rapidly from his injuries, which consisted of a dislocated hip, a number of sprains, and several cuts and bruises. He is able to be out of bed and may decide to visit home while he is recovering from his injuries. The car in which he was riding plunged down a 125 foot embankment. The driver of the car was instantly killed.

## ROSE-OTTEN.

The wedding of Fred W. Rose of this city and Miss Mary Oval Otten daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Otten, of Rossville, Indiana, was solemnized at the home of the bride Saturday, August 2nd.

The bride is not an entire stranger to O'Neill, having visited here last summer. She is an accomplished and refined young lady.

Mr. Rose is well known throughout the county, having served as county agent of Holt county for the past year and a half.

Mr. and Mrs. Rose arrived in O'Neill late Wednesday evening and are at present stopping at the Mrs. Wilcox residence where they have rooms. In a short time they will be at home to their friends in a suite of rooms in the Wise building on east Douglas street.

The Frontier welcomes Mr. Rose and his bride to O'Neill and wishes them a long and prosperous wedded life.

## JAMES THOMAS PATTERSON.

James Thomas Patterson, one of the old settlers and influential men of the east end of the county died at his home in Page, last Thursday morning, following a stroke of paralysis which he suffered Tuesday evening.

The deceased was born June 3, 1859, at Belle Plaine, Iowa, where he grew to manhood. He was united in marriage

to Miss Anna B. Jackson, at Claymont, Ohio, on June 18, 1882.

Mr. and Mrs. Patterson came to Holt county in the spring of 1887 and located on a farm three miles north-east of Page, Nebraska, where he made his home until a few years ago when he purchased property and erected a home in Page where he has since resided.

He leaves a wife and several brothers and sisters to mourn his death. Mr. Patterson has always been prominent in the affairs of the county and has always taken a great interest in the promotion of the fairs and agricultural interests in the county. He has been an untiring worker in the upbuilding of the community in which he lived.

The remains were shipped to Belle Plaine, Iowa, Saturday morning, where the funeral was to have been held the following day.

## JOSEPH JEROME FESLER.

Joseph Jerome Fesler died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hubbard in this city this morning about eight o'clock following an illness of Bright's disease. Some time ago he was taken to a Norfolk hospital but he did not improve; he was brought to O'Neill to the Hubbard home a couple of weeks ago where he could receive medical attention and good care until the end came.

Mr. Fesler was born in Syracuse, Nebraska, June 20, 1869, where he made his home until twenty-five years ago when he came to O'Neill with H. B. Hubbard to work on the Hubbard farm northwest of this city.

He was married to Miss Verda Conger, of Inman, in February, 1913.

Mr. Fesler was a prosperous, hard working man and has operated his farm personally since his marriage.

He leaves a wife, two brothers, Edward and George Fesler, of Nebraska City and one sister, Mrs. A. M. Owens, also of Nebraska City.

The funeral services will be held Saturday from the Methodist church. Burial will be in the Inman cemetery. Rev. J. A. Hutchins will conduct the services.

## MICHAEL W. FLANNIGAN.

Michael W. Flannigan, the oldest son of John M. Flannigan, prominent banker of Stuart and Omaha, died at the hospital at Stuart on Monday evening while undergoing a slight operation for blood poisoning. He was twelve years old.

The funeral was held on Wednesday morning, August 6th, from the Catholic church at Stuart. Rev. M. F. Byrne, of Emmet, officiated.

It was a very large and a highly representative funeral. Prominent bankers, professional and business men, all along the railroad, from Valentine to Norfolk, attended. Father Byrne gave a beautiful and sympathetic sermon which was highly appreciated by all present.

Miss Mamie Cullen, of O'Neill, presided at the pipe organ and Miss Genevieve Biglin, of O'Neill, sang several beautiful solos. A large delegation of O'Neill business men attended the funeral at Stuart.

## PLEASANTVIEW ITEMS.

Ed Steskal's family were in O'Neill Monday on business.

Earl Rotherham, of Ewing, was a regular Sunday visitor of the Reise family.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Klingler spent Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Winkler.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Klingler were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Aca Worley Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bruder and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Babl Sunday afternoon.

Miss Margaret Tushla is spending a few days with her aunt, Mrs. Joe Bruder and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Winkler and daughter, Dorothy, called on Mr. and Mrs. Drexler and family Friday evening.

Miss Margaret and Marie Reise and friends, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Abbott and daughter, of Denver, were visiting at the home of Mrs. George Reise and family this week.

Those present at a six o'clock dinner Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Reise were: Mr. George Reise and family; Mr. and Mrs. Karl Ermal and son, Conrad; Mrs. Fred Barnes and children; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Klingler; Earl Rotherham, of Ewing; Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Abbott and daughter, of Denver, Colorado.

## MRS. DAVIS DIES SUDDENLY IN HOSPITAL.

(Inman Leader, July 30.)

The people of this community were grieved to learn of the death of Mrs. Geo. Davis, which occurred at the Lutheran hospital at Norfolk last Thursday evening where she had recently underwent an operation and was apparently getting along nicely. The remains were brought to Inman Friday and the funeral services were held from the Methodist church Sunday morning at 10:30, and burial made in the Inman cemetery.

Mrs. Emma Jane Carpenter Davis, was born at Prairie De Shearse, Indiana, January 27, 1869, and died July 24, 1924, at the Lutheran hospital in Norfolk, Nebraska, at the age of 55 years, 5 months and 27 days.

She was married to George Taylor Davis on June 30, 1888, at Independence, Missouri. To this union was born twelve children of which two have preceded her to the great beyond: Henry Lark (July 11, 1915,) and Laura May, July 27, 1894.)

She leaves to mourn her loss: her husband and her children: Mrs. Maude Lewis, Pierson, Iowa; Mrs. Cora Larison, Persia, Iowa; Arthur Lloyd, Persia, Iowa; William McKinley, Pierson, Iowa; George Dewey, Esther Mary, Teddie Roosevelt, Jasper Ver-

non, John Earl and Kenneth Elmer, all of Inman.

She was united with the Adventist church March, 1890, and was baptized at Reamsville, Kansas. When she came to Inman she united with the church at this place.

Besides her immediate family she leaves also five grand children and other relatives and a host of friends.

## ATKINSON MAN ON SHIP IN ICE JAM

(Atkinson Graphic, July 18.)

Lazelle B. Sturdevant, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Sturdevant, of Atkinson, who for the past four years has been in the service of the government as physician and surgeon aboard the United States revenue cutter, Bear, was on duty aboard this ship when she was caught in an ice jam a thousand miles north of Unalaska this week. Reports that the ship was badly battered and had two propellers broken were radioed to Washington Tuesday.

Radio reports received by the Lincoln State Journal and which were immediately telephoned to Mr. Sturdevant here, by his son George, who lives in Lincoln, stated that the coast guard cutter, Bear, had reached Nome, Alaska, badly battered but with no leaks and no casualties. Mr. Sturdevant has not yet received word from his son Lazelle, but the latest radio report assures him of his safety.

The cutter Bear plies between San Francisco and Point Barrows, north

of Alaska, and was on the 60th annual trip. She was caught in the ice several times in June and it was feared that the old ship would not emerge safely from the trip. When she gets back to the state she will be dismantled.

Before entering service as physician and surgeon aboard the Bear Mr. Sturdevant was a major in the medical corps of the United States Army.

## INJURED BY FALLING DOWN CELLAR STEPS

(Atkinson Graphic, July 18.)

In a fall down the basement steps in her home last week, Mrs. C. L. Sturdevant broke her wrist, sprained her ankle, received a large gash in her forehead and several bruises on her face and body. She was found at the foot of the stairs in a daze a few minutes after the accident by Miss Minnie Munger, who at the time was helping Mrs. Sturdevant prepare the noonday meal.

Mrs. Sturdevant had started to the basement for something but doesn't remember just how she happened to trip and fall. Her husband, Dr. C. L. Sturdevant, was just coming in the house for lunch about the time of the accident. He was called to the basement by Miss Munger and he carried Mrs. Sturdevant upstairs and dressed her wounds. She is able to be up and around and is recovering from her injuries.

## PRESBYTERIANS DEFEAT O'NEILL METHODISTS

(Atkinson Graphic, August 1)

The Atkinson Presbyterian baseball team played the Methodist team of O'Neill on the Atkinson grounds last Friday and defeated them 3 to 2. The score was tied, 2 to 2, until the last half of the ninth, when Leslie Fullerton's hit brought in the winning score. Features of the game were the running catch of R. Beckwith and the hitting by Leslie Fullerton, the latter bringing in all three scores from second base.

Batteries: O'Neill, Bazelman and Enright; Presbyterians, D. Beckwith and V. Beckwith. Hits off Bazelman, 7; off Beckwith, 5.

Score by innings:  
O'Neill ..... 2 0 0 0 0 0 0—2  
Atkinson ..... 1 0 1 0 0 0 1—3  
The Presbyterians will play Padlock at Phoenix Saturday, August 9.

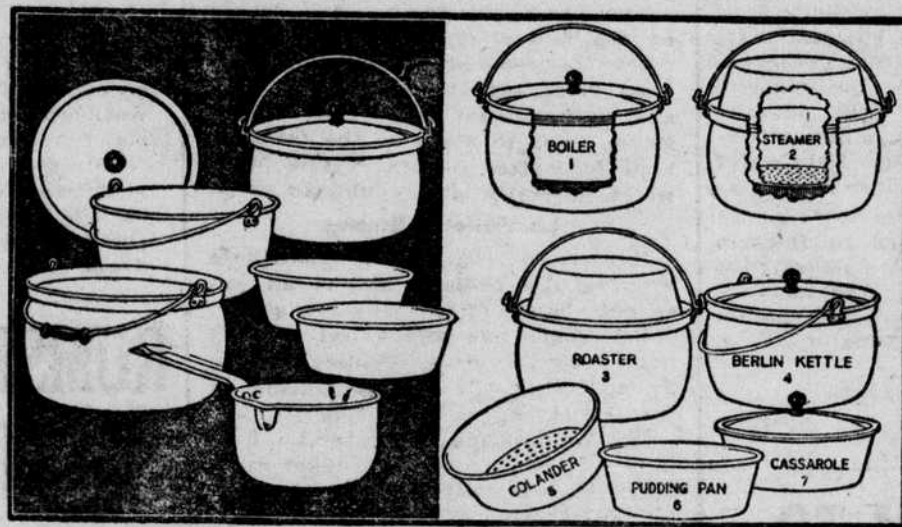
## SHERMAN MILLER.

The Atkinson Graphic, in their late issue, chronicles the death of Sherman Miller, aged fifty-six years, brother of A. W. Miller, of Atkinson, and Mrs. Minnie French, of Ewing, at his home in Concrete, Washington, of heart failure. Mr. Miller came to Atkinson in 1882 and made his home there for twelve years. Funeral services were held at Mount Vernon, Washington, on July 13th, under the auspices of the local I. O. O. F. lodge.

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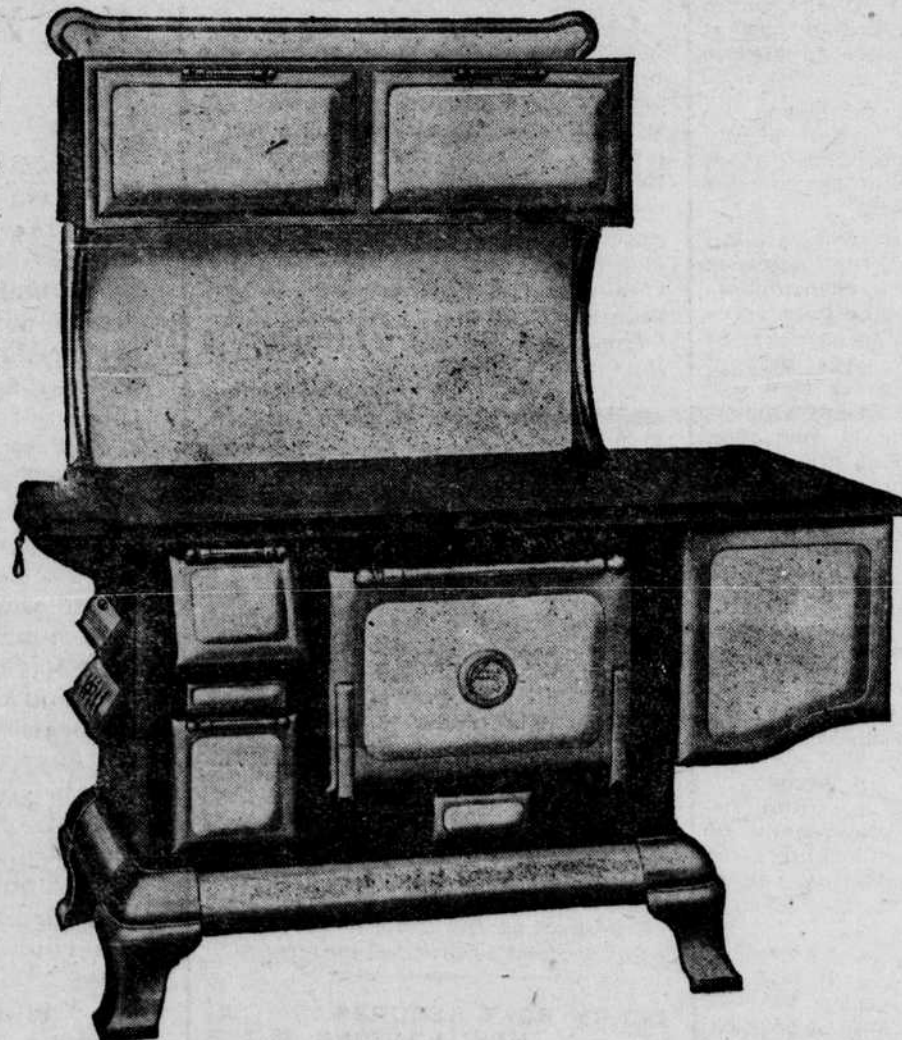


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