The Founding of O'Neill, By General John O'Neill

Miscellaneous Questions.

Where is the United States Land county

about forty miles from O'Neill City.

Q. Will the settlers have to go to Q. this office to have their papers made to get to Holt county? cut?

A. No, they can go right to Holt county and select their claims, and come out with the Colony, free of charge.

Q. Can I join the Colony by starting after you do?

at any time that suits your own con- to O'Neill City, emigrant fare by way venience, but there are three things of Wisner are \$8.50. which you should take into consideration:

By going out alone, you will likely have to pay more for your rail- quired. Each person is perfectly free road fare, and after leaving the rail- and independent of the other. road, which is about one hundred miles from O'Neill City, it will not be so pleasant or convenient to travel alone, particularly if you cannot afford to huy particularly if you cannot afford to buy

a team of your own. 2. If you do not get there soon after the first of May, you will be too late to put in the spring crop.

3. The place which I have selected healthy place to live in. for this Colony, which place I regard as one of the most desirable in the west, will have a town, at, or near the center of it, and those who get there first, as a matter of course, will select the best and most desirable farms and those nearest the town.

Q. Are there many inhabitants in the towns which you have located.

A. No. If there were, it is not likely that there would be any govenment land to be taken up around them; but if we get plenty of men and wo-men out there, which we are likely to

do, we will soon have them inhabited. freight added. It don't take long to build up a town

to populate any place. Q. How many families do you ex-

pect to have with you this spring, team; oxen from \$80 to \$125 per yoke, 1876

have written to me stating that they on the way to the settlement. intended going out, and the numbers whom I have seen, I expect to have about five hundred and fifty families, and would expect twice this number. only I have been delayed in getting from O'Neil! City; Wisner, aobut 100

expected to visit. I olt county

money, may suit himself better by traveling and seeing different locali-Office for the land in Holt ties, but traveling in the west or any place else, is expensive, and persons having only a few hundred dollars,

way.

What will it cost for a family

A. The amount will depend on the number of persons comprised in the family, and also on the point from have their papers made out before an officer of record in the county and send them on to the land office. I will which they will have to start. An ap-proximate idea of what it will cost can be found by inquiring at the nearcan be found by inquiring at the nearattend to this business for all who est railroad station the fare for immigrants to Wisner, or Columbus, Nebraska, or Sioux City, Iowa. The ex-

pense from these points will be only a few dollars for each person. The A. Yes, you can join the Colony railroad and stage fare from Omaha,

Q. What are the conditions on

which I can join the Colony? A. There are no conditions re-

A. So far as I can learn there is not much difference between the climate of Holt county and that of other counties in the southern or middle part of the state. It is certainly a very

Q. How deep do you have to dig

for well water? A. From ten to forty feet.

Q. Is the land in Holt County hard

to break'

No. One team of horses or one yoke of oxen can break from one and a half to two acres per day with ease.

Q. Can wagons, farming imple-ments, stoves, etc., be had at O'Neill City?

A. Yes, at manufacturer's prices

Q. Can horses and cattle be purin the west, nor for the Irish people chased near the settlement, and how

are they selling? A. Horses at from \$175 to \$250 pe

cows from \$25 to \$45 can be had at A. Judging from the number who different points in the Elkhorn Valley

Q Can I get pine lumber for build

ing purposes? A. Yes, at Yankton, about 80 miles around to many places which I had miles; Colum' us. about 100 miles, or harness-makers, masons, bricklayers o. How are the roads leading to

Q. Can I get a claim close to

creek or river? A. Yes. But, as a general thing times, that has never been to no ex-the land is better for farming pur-

poses back from the creeks or rivers. Can I get a claim with timber Q. on it?

A. There are but very few good and inconvenience to the extent of claims untaken in Holt county that \$1,500 on said project, providing the K. Frechel, road work have timber on them. The timber is on the rivers, creeks, gulches and ravines, but you can take a claim in the A. At Niobrara, in Knox county, cannot afford to spend money in this pine region with plenty of timber on it.

> Q. Can I take up two claims at the same time.

A. Yes you can take a homestead and a timber claim or a pre-emption and a timber claim at the same time. The government fee for entering a homestead or a timber claim is \$14 each, and a pre-emption \$2. No man can get a homestead no matter how long he served in the army without going to live on it.

Q. What are the prospects for a man getting along in your colony? A. As to how a man can get along if he has his health will depend mainly on himself and his own exertions. Our colony is no place for idlers, but any sober industrious man who has enough

of money to get a start on a farm can do well. Which is the best time to go

A. Either spring or fall, the forin the spring he builds himself a small house of logs or cottonwood lumber. He then plows a few acres, and plants mer preferred. If a man goes west corn and potatoes in the sod. His cow is staked in a rich pasture, his patch of green vegetables grows in front of his door, and four months after his arrival at his new home he is at home indeed, with food growing on his own farm for his family and his cattle.

Q. Is there a good site for a flour-ing mill at O'Neill City

A. There are several excellent mill sites on the Elkhorn river close to O'Neill City, and there will be plenty

of business for a mill this fall. Q. Have you had any failures of crops from drouth in your county

A. I have never heard of any.

Q. How are the settlers in your county occupied?

A. They are all working on farms and a majority of them are settled around O'Neill City and Atkinson.

Q. What sort of a place is your settlement for mechanics?

A. Any of the following trades can do well by putting up shops at O'Neill City and Atkinson, and taking up claims outside of the towns: wagonmakers, blacksmiths, carpenters, shoemakers, tailors, tinsmiths, bakers, west of the settlements, which will settlements, who will want such arti-

a always been a road through the place insepcting that has been open to the public at all Harry Sullivan, maintainer work

C. B. Nellis, road work to the way it is situated and I figure Fred Lowery, livery, superthe damage in consideration to the hay visors

Roy Williams, road work road is put through. Frank Kohlachmidt, road Yours respectfully work

LEON W. TERWILLIGER. Palmyra, Nebr.

Mr. Chairman: In reference to the H. C. Bender, helping county

above road petition, it appearing that surveyor all requirements of law having been Clair Hayne, surveying complied with I move you that the Lee W. Hayne, surveying prayer of the petition be granted and J. B. Mellor & Co., repairs that the clerk be instructed to draw a Geo. H. Jones, rebuilding fence warrant on the road fund in the sum on highway of \$240.00 to Mr. L. W. Terwilliger, Stein & Zeimer, repairs that being the amount of damage re- Stein & Ziemer, repairs ported by the Appraisers, and the County Surveyor be instructed to sur-and on separate motion allowed in the

vey and plat the road. C. E. HAVENS.

L. L. LARSON. Upon same being put to vote by I. R. Harding Chairman it was declared carried. W. S. Devall To the Honorable County Board of Walter Richards Holt County, Nebraska. We, the undersigned, being the own-Louis Kliment

ers of the land adjacent to the prc-posed road, hereby petition your hon-orable body to grant and establish a public road, described as follows, to-Joe Doas

Casper Larson Commencing at the southwest cor- Thomas J. Donohoe, Jr. ner of Section 35, in Township 32, Claude Liermann the northwest corner of Section 11, Cris Nelson of said township and range, thence Tommy Maring West on the Section line 80 Rods. Wm. L. Roche ... thence North at right angles One Geo. F. Shoemaker

Road No. 11, former No. 81/2 Road Carl Crawford Record Page 13, Supervisors Record Bernard Gardzelweski A," Page 320, not shown and not in- John Connelly cluded in the description of the Road Thomas Donohoe, Jr.

as here prayed for. If the road be established as above Aug. H. Smith described we relinquish and waive all O. A. Kilpatrick claims for damages except for the

sum we agree to accept in full satis-faction for all damages to our respect. L. C. ive lands as follows:

James E. Deming, NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, O'Neill, Neb., June 25, 1924, 9 a. m Section 3, Township 32, North of Board of Equalization met pars Range 15 West, Amount of Damages ant to adjournment, all members None. Board called to

James E. Deming hereby agrees to order by Chairman. Minutes of Board furnish free of charge, a strip of land, of Equalization for June 17 and 18, sixty-six (66) feet wide, for the new 1924, read and approved. strip of road included in this petition. County Board of Supervisors, Holt We, the undersigned, are interested in the establishment of said road and

opposite our respective names in sec- I object to the assessment for 1924 ion, town and range: Elmer Harris, NW<sup>1</sup>/4 SW of Sec- 25, Range 12, both in Conley Town tion, town and range:

tion 2, Township 32, North of Range ship for the reasons as stated below.

A. On account of the peculiar character of the soil the roads in Nebraska are all good. A. On account of the peculiar character is a present. John acter of the soil the roads in Nebraska is a present. John are all good. A. On account of the peculiar character is a present. John acter of the soil the roads in Nebraska is a present. John are all good. A. On account of the peculiar character is a present. John are all good. A. A good doctor who is not too A. A good doctor who is not too anxious for making money for a year or two could do well by locating at either of the settlements, and growing up with the place. Q. Have you a church at O'Neill City SS: Personally appeared before me, Chas. J. Wilson, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, duly commissioned and qualified, James E. Deming, who being first sworn ac-cording to law, deposes and says that he is personally acquainted with the parties whose names appear on the for cutting hay, the balance bunch parties whose names appear on the within petition and that each of them reside within five miles of the within proposed road and are legal petition- cut for several years. That the land is valued by the assessor at \$1,390 which is \$390 more than the amount for

25.00 highest bidder for each in hand or the 4th day of September, 1924, at 9.00 the hour of 10 o'clock A. M., at the 14.70 front door of the Court House in the 14.7) City of O'Neill, Holt County, Ne-33.00 braska Dated this 23rd day of July, 1924. 47.10

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Road fund:

J. W. Sorensen,

John J. Rhode

At 5 o'clock p. m. on motion board amount set opposite our names, which adjourned until June 27, 1924, at 9

and keep it until I get out?

A. I am not allowed to do this for O. any parties, excepting officers or sold- built? iers. If an officer or soldier will send me his discharge papers, with power of attorney to act as his agent, I will do so with pleasure. He will have to pay the government fees, \$18, and two Cottonwood costs \$20 per thousand dollars additional which the Register Wood for fuel and ordinary purpose and Receiver are allowed to charge when applicants do not commence set- There is enough wood, for fuel, in Holt tlement immediately after filing their application. He must commence settlement in person within six months from the time his application is filed, or forfeit his right to the land. The applicant is bound by the acts of his agent or attorney the same as if he

were present. Q. Would it not be better for a man to go west himself, and travel

around and select a place to locate?

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Health and Life Insurance, see

Q. Of what material are the cabins

A. The cabins are built principally of hewn logs. There is a saw mill for sawing cottonwood and other lumber within twenty miles of O'Neill City costs nothing but the price of hauling county, to last the settlers for many years, or until they can raise plenty of their own.

Q. Is there any stone for building purposes

Yes. There is plenty of limestone close to all of the settlements

Q. Is there much government land be taken up in Holt county? to

SERVICE

Hemstitching

STATISTICS STATISTICS

City

A church building which can be sed for a church and a school-room " the present will be commenced im-'iately. The site for the building 3 already been donated, and also ts in the town to be sold to assist in recting it. Rev. P. J. Bedard, who

has been attending the place ever since we went there will take up his residence at O'Neill City this spring.

Q. Is there a store at O'Neill City? A. Yes, a large general store where you can get everything you may need.

Q. Are there many single men going out?

Yes, entirely too many. I would advise every single man to get married before going out, are now enjoying convenient to have a helpmate on the farm

Are your own family in Holt Q. county?

A. Yes, and my wife and children, who were all sick with fever and ague before going out, are now enjoyink excellent health and like the place very much; my own health which had been very poor for years is now excellent.

Q. How many days' travel from the railroad to O'Neill City

A. By stage two days and by E. F. Porter, express county wagon four days.

A. Yes. Plenty of fish in the rivers and creeks, and game of all Peter W. Duffy, Investigations, kinds on the prairie and in the timber. Q. Which do you consider the best o settle on, prairie or timber land A. I shall allow Bishop Ireland, of Harry Bowen, salary for June St. Paul, Minnesota, to reply. In a J. M. Hunter, salary for June, recent letter he says: "We have in Minnesota large bodies of timber land, Holt County Farm Bureau, June close before he has been able to open a farm of any size. Moreover, facts John W. Hiber, salary for June are too patent before us; those who settled ten years ago on prairie land Margaret L. Donohoe, salary for are to-day rich, while those who, at June, assessors' office ...... the same time, chose the timber, are Scott Hough. facing curb, comparatively poor.

## SUPERVISORS' PROCEEDINGS.

(Continued from last week.) wointed to locate, which will run Mae Winchell, salary part of May, 98.48 hrough my farm, commencing at the northwest corner of Section 1, Town-ship 31, North of Range 14 West of the 6th Principal Meridian in Holt county, running thence South on the Section line between Sections One and C. L. Harding, tarring jail Two the distance of one mile to the southwest corner of said Section One of the above named township. If the road is put through it will cut through the best land on the place. It will be hard to make a read there that will I'wo the distance of one mile to the hard to make a road there that will C. E. Thomson, helping county be passible all times of the year on surveyor ...... account of the land along the creek L. L. Larson, road work, insp. being swampy and besides the road E. Gibson, inspecting bridges, would not be used enough to justify etc. the expense of building it. There has John Sullivan, road work and

same.

ers for the same JAMES E. DEMING.

Subscribed and sworn to before n.e which I would gladly sell the land. That I am agent for the owner of this 12th day of June, 1924. (Notarial Seal)

CHAS. J. WILSON, Notary Public

Mr. Chairman: In reference to the above petition it appearing that Mr. James E. Deming agrees to furnish all the road way asked by said petition free of charge to the county, I move wou that the prener of the petition her loss than \$75 a of course it has not increased in value since last year. In my opinion this you that the praper of the petition be granted and the County Surveyor be instructed to survey and plat the T. V. GOLDEN.

L. L. LARSON. E. GIBSON.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of June, 1924. (County Clerk Seal) Upon same being put to vote by Chairman it was declared carried.

and on separate motion allowed cn General fund: The following claims were audited Mr. Chairman: In reference to the above protest I interviewed the as-L. E. Skidmore, board session \$42.60 sessor in Conley township, concern-Lenora Naughton, salary three ing the valuation placed on the land mentioned and he refused to lower the weeks clerk's office 60.00 80.00

press, etc. 20.00 Anna Donohoe, salary for June 158.33

supplies

and expenses

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DR. J. P. GILLIGAN NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 8, Township 25, Range 12, which is about one-half good hay land, balance second quality. Physician and Surgeon

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## 183.34 Tendants, to sen at radiat vendet av the Front door of the Court House in the City of O'Neill, Holt County, Ne-braska, the following described real SERVICES: SERVICES:

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Preaching service at 11 o'clock. Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock bible study.

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20 of Hazelets Addition to O'Neill, except Lot 8 of said Block 20 as sur-yeyed and recorded, for cash, and in compliance with said order I will offer said real estate as above described Midweek Services: Tuesday, 8:00 p. m.; Young People's Prayer Ser-vice Wednesday 8:00 p. m., Regular Prrayer Meeting, Thursday, 8:00 p. m. Rev. J. A. Hutchins, Pastor.

80.00 estate, to-wit: The South 45 feet of Lots 9, 10, 11 147.29 and 12 in Block 17 of Hazeletts Ad-dition to O'Neill, also beginning at a dition to O'Nelli, also beginning at a point 35 feet South and 45 feet East, of the S. W. corner of Block 17 of Hazeletts Addition to O'Neill, Ne-braska, Thence South 225 feet, thence West 45 feet, thence South 203 feet s West 45 feet, thence South 203 feet more or less to the section line on the South side of Section 30, Township 29 North Range 11 West 6th P. M., thence East along said Section line 602 feet, thence North 428 feet, thence

for sale and will sell the same to the

Opal Ashley, salary for June Anna Donohoe, stamps, ex-

162.75 51.65 mileage, etc. B. T. Winchell, salary for June,

L. L. Larson, board session ...

assessors' office

Winnie Shaughnesy, salary for June, County Supts. office.... 8 C. C. Bergstrom, salary for June,

all of June

50.00

valuation placed by him on said land and further stated that if the valuation was lowered on this land the land surrounding should be lowered accordingly. I myself inspected

## Q. Is there any fish or game in E. F. Porter, salary for June 166.66 the land and am in accord with the Holt county? assessor and therefore move that the (Continued on page four.)





