



Six Reasons for a "busy" line

"The line is busy"

An operator does not "listen in" to learn that a line is busy but instead finds out by means of a mechanical test.

The telephone called is not necessarily in use when the line tests "busy". It will do so in any of the following cases:

1. Some one may be using the telephone called.
2. If the number called is on a party line, the other person on the line may be using his telephone.
3. You may have called the wrong number and that line is "busy".
4. Some one else may be trying at that moment to get the same line you are calling.
5. The receiver of the telephone called may be off the hook or held up by something accidentally placed under it.
6. Temporary disarrangement of mechanism at the central office may, on rare occasions, cause a line to signal "busy" when the operator tests it.

Naturally an operator regrets when a line tests "busy" because it disappoints the subscriber and probably makes it necessary for him to place the call again.



"BELL SYSTEM"
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Miss Katie Ulrich and Lloyd Quinn were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Mullen Sunday.

Mrs. Katherine Ulrich and son, Pias, were dinner guests of her son, Joe and family Sunday.

Mrs. August Troshinsky and sons spent Wednesday evening listening to the radio at T. E. Marings.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fullerton and family spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Maring.

Oscar Fullerton is assisting his Uncle Martin prepare for his sale and to move into town of Atkinson.

Clede Troball is assisting L. G. Linville and son with moving to the W. E. Waters ranch south of Atkinson.

Miss Bertha Killinger and Miss Genevieve Cleary were Sunday visitors with Robert Fullerton's family.

Miss Eva Strongburg returned to her home in Omaha Sunday after attending the Siebert and Goldie wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Orvill Hitchcock and daughter, Irene, spent Sunday in Atkinson with his father, Chas. Hitchcock.

C. A. Strong shipped a car of grain fed cattle to Omaha from Emmet Monday. Mr. Strong accompanied the car.

Alvin Walnofer shelled corn for Hank Winkler Thursday. John Schunk bought the corn and it was delivered to him same day.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The O'Neill Parent-Teacher Association met Tuesday, February 10th. There was a good representation of parents present. Miss Mary Horiskey presided. Mrs. Purcell being unable to attend. The following is the program given.

Song Allegiance to the Flag
Folk Dance First and Sec. Grade
Life of Lincoln Velda Oberle
Lesson to America Blanche Mohr
Toy Shop Elsie Longstaff
Spelling Contest 6, 7 and 8th Grades
The contest was won by the 8th grade.

The High School Basketball team of the ninth and tenth grades contested last Monday afternoon, the Freshmen leading on the score of 19 to 2. The Junior and Senior teams played Tuesday noon, the Juniors winning with a score of 3 to 0.

Wednesday night, before the Stuart O'Neill game, the winners of these two games played the Freshmen on the long end of a 5-12 score. The games were all very interesting.

Adair Gresek was absent from school yesterday.

Grace and Louis Bailey were absent from school this morning.

Be sure to see the Junior play—"Lost-A Chaperon" next Thursday, the 20th. It is a scream in 3 acts.

First Grade

The first grade will have their Valentine box Friday afternoon.

Ruth Cadwell has been absent this week on account of sickness.

Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Pound and Mrs. Bergstrom visited the First grade on Tuesday afternoon.

Second Grade

John Mohr is absent from the second grade this week.

Eleanor Madison is a new student in the second grade.

Fourth Grade

Marguerite Dempsey is unable to be in school this week.

The fourth grade are studying "The Life of Lincoln" for this week's reading.

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PUBLIC SALE!

I am going to move on my smaller farm and will sell the following at my place, 5 miles east and 3 1-2 north of Page; 2 1-2 miles west of Venus church; 16 miles east of round house at O'Neill; 8 miles north and 3 1-2 west of Orchard, on

Monday, February 23rd

45 Head of Cattle

10 head milch cows, 4 fresh; 9 cows; 10 heifers coming 3, fresh in spring; 3 steers coming 2; 10 calves coming yearlings; 5 small calves; 1 thoroughbred Durham bull, papers furnished.

9 Head of Horses and Mules

One team of gray geldings, 5 and 6, weight 3000; 1 white mare, 6 years old, weight 1400; 1 bay mare, 6 years old, weight 1300; 1 roan mare, 7 years old, weight 1200; 1 mare colt, yearling; 1 black yearling mule; 1 black mule, smooth mouth, weight 1100; 1 black jiney mule, 2 years old.

50 Head mostly thoroughbred Poland China summer and fall shoats weight about 60 pounds each. 175 Buff Rock Chickens.

MACHINERY, ETC.

One 3 3-4 inch narrow tired wagon with box; an A hay stacker; 1 hay sweep; 12-foot John Deere hay rake; 1 McCormick 6-foot mower; 1 Deering 6-foot mower; 1 P. & O. two-row lister, new; 1 John Deere cultivator; 1 2-row John Deere eli; 1 12-inch gang plow; 1 disc cultivator. 200 bushels shelled corn. Pile of cobs and many other articles.

FREE LUNCH AT NOON.

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TERMS—Ten months' time will be given responsible parties on bankable paper at 10 per cent, on sums over \$10.

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A good line of Dodge Parts.

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Dodge Dealer.

O'Neill, Nebraska.

PLEASANTVIEW ITEMS.

Carl Hoppe was a passenger to Norfolk Thursday.

Ed Steskal was in Atkinson Monday on business.

Miss Emma Hinkle hauled oats for Albert Klingler Monday.

James Mullen delivered hogs to D. M. Armstrong Thursday.

Joe Ulrich delivered hogs to Jennings Bros. in Emmet Thursday.

John Smith was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Orvill Siebert Sunday.

John F. Warner and Melim Klingler attended the funeral of Bigler at Meek Saturday.

Maring and wife, of near O'Neill, visited his brother, T. E. Maring, in Meek Friday.

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VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT ALL FORD PLANTS

PUBLIC SALE!!

As I am going to quit the farm I will sell at public sale at the place known as the Coxey farm, 2 miles north and 5 miles east of O'Neill, beginning at one o'clock, on

Wednesday, February 18

24 Head of Horses and Mules

One span bay geldings, 8 years old, weight 2300; 1 team blacks, 9 years old, weight 2350; 1 team gray mares, 7 and 8 years old, weight 2200; 1 bay gelding, 10 years old, weight 950; 1 black mare, smooth mouth, weight 950; 1 team black mares, 9 and 10, weight 2600; 2 extra saddle ponies; 1 team black geldings, 9 yrs. old, weight 2600; 1 black gelding, 5 years old, weight 1000; 1 roan gelding, 9 years old, weight 1000; 1 team mules, coming yearlings; 3 mules coming two years old; 1 mule coming 3 years old; 1 Big Mammoth jack, with papers.

10 Head of Cattle

Five milch cows, six years old, 1 fresh; 2 heifers to be fresh soon; 3 stock cows; 1 calf; 2 yearlings.

15 HEAD OF HOGS: Two sows; 12 shoats; 1 Duroc boar, weight 150.

Farm Machinery and Miscellaneous

Seven sets of work harness; 1 set light harness; 1 set of single harness; 1 extra good saddle; 1 eight-foot grain binder, as good as new; 1 New Century six-shovel cultivator; 1 Oliver riding cultivator; 1 P. & O. eli; 1 John Deere eli; 1 new John Deere lister; 1 Old Satley lister; 1 8-foot disc with truck; 1 new endgate seeder; 1 Acme 6-foot mower in good shape; 1 Deering 6-foot mower, good as new; 1 Deering 12-foot hay rake; 1 steel wheel wagon with box; 1 narrow tire wagon with box; 1 three-inch tire wagon and box; 1 wagon and hay rack; 1 hay rack; 2 Boss endgates; some chicken wire; wire cribbing for 500 bushels of corn; 1 incubator; 1 separator; 3 dozen chickens; 11 guineas.

One good organ; good table; 1 cabinet; 1 dresser; 4 bedsteads; 1 mattress; 4 set bed springs; 6 dining room chairs; 1 rocking chair; 1 stand table; 1 heating stove.

FREE LUNCH AT NOON.

BRING YOUR TIN CUPS.

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