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PROMISE TO HARNESS NIOBRARA RIVER SOON

Spencer, Neb., March 10: Promised by a representative of the North Nebraska Power company, incorporated, that work on a water power plant with a sufficient capacity to furnish all the towns in this part of the state with electricity would be started by April 15, the Spencer council last night signed a contract with the power company to furnish light and power to the city at a considerable reduction under present rates.

The company's representative said that the dam would be located eighty rods west of the Whiting bridge on the Niobrara. He declared that a good-sized force of workmen would push the project through rapidly and that the company would be prepared to furnish current before many months.

It was not announced here who is behind the North Dakota Power company.

It is said that several other towns have been solicited to make contracts with the new company.

AMERICAN LEGION DRIVE INCREASES MEMBERSHIP TO 81

In last week's issue we gave the membership of Simonson Post No. 93 at 73 but the drive not ending until Saturday night, that was increased by eight more members which now brings the total up to 81.

The members signed up since the last issue are:

Edgar E. Stevens.
Levi Yantzi.
Claude Barnhill.
Edmond L. McKone.
John McManus.
Ralph Millard.
Joel Parker.
Bernard Naughton.

This does not include all the ex-service men in this neighborhood and the post does not expect to let up on the membership drive until all available men are signed up as we want every ex-service man to become a member of the American Legion this year.

Publicity Officer.

MAJOR OWEN R. MEREDITH WRITES LENGTHY ARTICLE ON STABILITY OF INFANTRY

The February 22nd, issue of the Columbus (Georgia) Ledger, contains an article covering a number of columns written by Major Owen R. Meredith, a former resident, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Meredith of this city.

Major Meredith of Chemical Warfare Service, strongly upholds the idea that the infantry is and always will be the "strong arm" of the United States Army, and that the infantry will be the main factor in the next war in spite of the many inventions and discoveries being brought to the attention of the government.

An article was published in a Kansas City paper last January that inferred that the next war would be fought, not by trained soldiers upon the field of action but through aviation. The writer thought that planes would use chemicals and explosives that would wipe out entire cities and non-combatant population. It was in reply to this article that Major Meredith penned the article referred to.

In regard to Major Meredith the editor of the Columbus Ledger has the following to say:

Major Meredith is an accomplished officer who knows whereof he speaks. He is an expert on machine guns and their use. Besides his training as an Infantry officer, he has had wide experience in the chemical warfare service.

He has commanded Edgewood arsenal, the greatest chemical warfare

plant in the United States, and was also instructed in machine guns at the Infantry school.

His varied experience in the army gives weight to his ideas, and this article may be profitably read and studied by army officers as well as by civilians.

THE GRANTS SURPRISED ON SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY, SATURDAY

Saturday, March 7th, being Mr. and Mrs. Carl Grant's twenty-fifth wedding anniversary, the ladies of the club of which Mrs. Grant is a member, planned a surprise for them.

The Grants are now living in a small house near the ranch house while Frank Cook and family are living on the ranch.

Through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Cook the guests were invited to the ranch house and at eight o'clock about twenty-five ladies and gentlemen gathered at Mr. Cook's and then invited Mr. and Mrs. Grant over to spend the evening. Mrs. Grant insisted she was expecting company but Mr. Grant confessed it was a complete surprise to him.

A short program was tendered, consisting of songs, readings and comedies; Mr. Grant played the guitar and sang several old time songs, which everyone enjoyed. Mr. and Mrs. Grant were presented with a silver jelly knife by the club as a remembrance.

At 11:30 lunch was served and at twelve o'clock the guests departed, all agreeing Mr. and Mrs. Cook were royal entertainers and hoping Mr. and Mrs. Grant would have another silver wedding soon.

Elizabeth Wermstrum and Carl Grant were married at Harris, Iowa, in 1900. They have spent the greater part of their married life in Nebraska, living at Lynch, O'Neill, Ankar and Dorsey.

We take this opportunity in saying we welcome Mr. and Mrs. Cook to our community most heartily. A Guest.

DEATH CAME IN ACCIDENT

Supreme Court Decides Disputed Lawsuit.
Banker Found Dead In Pasture and Court Says Inference Properly Drawn That Accident Was Cause.

(Lincoln Journal, March 7.)

A judicial determination that Eugene H. Smith, former head of a state bank at Page, Holt County, came to his death as the result of an accident was entered Friday by the supreme court. On the morning of July 6, 1920, Smith was found dead in his pasture, where he had gone to milk a cow. Close by a fence which he had to mount to get into the pasture was a half barrel embedded in the ground and partly filled with water. Around the fence on the pasture side it was muddy and slippery.

When a neighbor found Smith his body was bent over the edge of the barrel and his head immersed in the water. Rigor mortis had not set in so that death had been but a few minutes before. Smith carried a \$5,000 policy in the National Accident of Lincoln. The company disputed the theory of accident.

Developments following Smith's death disclosed that his bank had been insolvent for some time. The theory of the defense was that he had either committed suicide because of worry and the dread of exposure or that he had had a return of an old heart trouble while bent over the tank. The theory of the beneficiary of the policy was that he had slipped in the mud and had fallen against the tank and then his head, while he was unconscious, had fallen into the water, where he was suffocated or drowned.

The defense objected to a decision based on building up one inference upon another, but the supreme court says that any of the several inferences justified the conclusion of accident. His hat and glasses were still in place. On his forehead, just where he might have hit his head against the tank, was a discoloration. The court says that if he had had an attack of heart trouble the circulation would

have stopped and there would have been no discoloration. The claim of suicide was not pressed very hard, and the court says this was highly improbable in view of the testimony that he had been cheerful the night before and the circumstances surrounding his death.

WILL ROGERS ADVERTISING WRITER

When Will Rogers' bones are inches beneath the sod, his stone will bear a new epitaph. There will be no mention of his fame as cow puncher, no praise of his gift of humor, no eulogy of his career before the Folies bright lights and the movie Kleig lights. It's going to be an original epitaph, the one and only one in the world. It will read:

WILL ROGERS "An Honest Ad Writer"

Will hung out his shingle in the advertising profession by agreeing to write Bull Durham advertising. For the first time in the history of the printed word, a copy writer was given carte blanche to say whatever he wished about a product. Rogers was to write as he felt.

The first article he gave the advertising world was to write a testimonial advertisement about Bull Durham, in which he talked of nothing but cross word puzzles.

"Everywhere you go, everybody is figuring out Cross Word Puzzle. Nobody is working or even exercising. America will lose the next war but win the next puzzle contest. It's the greatest craze that has hit the country since Prohibition.

"People say to me 'Why Will, you don't understand. It's an education. It learns you more ways to say one word.' If you know one way to say a word, what do you need to know any more? Nobody is going to give you anything for nothing. I don't care how many ways you ask for it. This puzzle has done one thing. It has learned us which is horizontal and which is vertical."

This paper is fortunate to be among those in which the Bull Durham advertising is running. The next time you see an advertisement headed the "Bulls Eye"—read it. We guarantee it will make you laugh, no matter if you're suffering with chronic dyspepsia.

MYER-RANDALL.

William Meyer and Bessie Randall, both of O'Neill, were granted a marriage license in Council Bluffs, Iowa, Wednesday.

CHAMBERS ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Van Robertson, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Gill, T. H. Osborn, Hylas Farrer, David Holcomb and Rev. E. E. Carlson attended the Masonic reception held at O'Neill Saturday evening, March 7th, in honor of Judge R. R. Dickson, grand master of Masons of Nebraska. The illustrated lecture by the Rev. C. M. Shephard, of Lincoln, was greatly enjoyed by those present as was also the musical numbers, and Judge Dickson's words of response. The luncheon was a real treat.

Edna Hansen, of Amelia, who has been confined to her home since last November, is now getting along nicely and will soon be able to walk. Edna had the misfortune to be thrown from a horse and sustained a fracture of the right leg which was mending satisfactorily when she fell and opened up the old fracture.

Through the courtesy of T. V. Newhouse, radio dealer, a radio was temporarily installed in the Chambers public school Wednesday, March 4th, to give the pupils an opportunity to hear the inaugural address of President Coolidge.

Mrs. E. V. Sageser, who accompanied Mr. Sageser to the hospital at Grand Island, returned to Chambers, Tuesday. Mr. Sageser will remain at the hospital a few weeks longer.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McCarroll, of Battle Creek, moved their household effects to Chambers last Tuesday and are nicely located on the Jack Taggart ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Aca Hubbard entertained the Masonic club at their home Wednesday, March 4th. A dainty luncheon was served.

OLGA KRIEGER SCHLEEF.

The community, and especially the members of the Lutheran church, are deeply grieved over the death of the beloved wife of their pastor, Rev. A. H. Schleeff, of Chambers.

Mrs. Schleeff had been in failing health for some time. She submitted to an operation January 19, 1925, at Chicago. March 1st, she contracted influenza, complication set in and in her enfeebled condition she was unable to stand the strain. She was taken to Norfolk Saturday, March 7th, but she passed away about seven miles from the Lutheran hospital where it was hoped she would find relief.

Olga Krieger was born at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, July 13, 1895, and passed away March 7, 1925, at the age of twenty-nine years, seven months and twenty-five days.

She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran church and has always been a willing worker for the kingdom of God. She was a talented musician. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, Rev. A. H. Schleeff, one daughter, Florence, her mother and father, of LaGrange, Illinois, four sisters and three brothers, and aged grandparents. The sympathy of the community goes out to the bereaved husband and to the little daughter who will miss a mother's loving care.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 9th, at the Lutheran church at Chambers; twelve ministers from neighboring towns were in attendance, only two taking active part in the services, which were very impressive. The remains were taken to Chicago where interment will take place.

THOMAS McLAUGHLIN.

Thomas McLaughlin, one of the very early settlers of Holt county, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. H. Carrigg, in Sioux City, Iowa, Wednesday afternoon about three o'clock.

Mr. McLaughlin was about ninety-four years of age. The remains will arrive in O'Neill tonight.

Funeral services will be conducted from St. Patrick's church Saturday morning at nine o'clock. Burial will be made in Calvary cemetery.

An obituary notice will be published in The Frontier next week.

EDWIN ROSS.

Edwin Ross, died at Valentine, last Sunday and the remains were brought to O'Neill Tuesday and were taken to Blackbird, where funeral services were held in Marquette Chapel and burial was made in the cemetery nearby. The services were conducted by Rev. George Bressler of O'Neill.

Edwin Ross was born in Boone County, Iowa, and was fifty-two years, eight months and four days old at the time of his death.

The deceased spent about sixteen years as a resident of the northeastern part of the county, moving away about eight years ago.

He leaves a wife, three brothers and two sisters.

FRANK BANASH ESCAPES SERIOUS INJURY IN OMAHA AUTO ACCIDENT

Frank Banash, residing about eighteen miles northwest of O'Neill, escaped serious injury in an auto accident while in Omaha last week, where he was called to attend the funeral services of a brother, Joe. In the car that was wrecked was also C. U. Yantzi, of Milford, Nebraska, a former resident of this vicinity, who also escaped serious injury. The following account of the accident appeared in the Omaha Bee and is printed below:

(Omaha Bee, March 5.)
Eight persons escaped death by a miracle Wednesday afternoon, when the automobile in which they were riding crashed into an electric light pole, breaking it off, and continued until it battered itself to pieces against a tree, at Forty-seventh and Miami streets.

Louis Pessell, 3741 Forty-third street, the driver of the car, was the most seriously hurt. His injuries consisted of lacerations of the hands and head.

His seven passengers, relatives and friends of his, suffered only minor bruises and cuts.

Pessell wrecked his machine in attempting to turn out of the path of two speeding cars which he met at the intersection. He had been driving west on Miami street and at the intersection of Forty-seventh he met one car going south on Forty-seventh street and another going east on Miami street, both traveling at high speed.

Pessell attempted to turn south on Forty-seventh street, but in doing so his car leaped over the curb, knocked down the light pole, and came to a stop only after hitting a large tree.

Those riding with Pessell, were his wife, who suffered cuts on the head; his brother, Edward Pessell, of Milford, Neb., who was slightly cut by glass; his sister, Dora, of Omaha, who was bruised; F. Banash, of O'Neill; Mr. and Mrs. John Banash of Dakota City, and C. U. Yentzie of Milford, who were unhurt.

GRAND MASTER DICKSON ATTENDS ANNIVERSARY IN NORFOLK TUESDAY

Norfolk, Neb., March 10.—Masons in north Nebraska honored Andrew H. Viele tonight with a surprise banquet, the affair being in celebration of Mr. Viele's fiftieth anniversary as a member of the Masonic lodge. The past grand master's jewel was presented to him by A. B. Carpenter of the Norfolk lodge who was master of ceremonies.

The meeting of the lodge was originally called to receive a set of Masonic history which E. O. Goodman of Omaha presented to the Norfolk lodge. Robert R. Dickson, grand master of Masons in Nebraska, past Grandmaster Harry E. Cheney and a large delegation of Masons from over the state were present.

Mr. Viele was born in 1853, at Bellevue, Eaton County, Michigan, and made a master Mason in a Portland lodge in 1875. In 1903, he was made master of the Norfolk lodge. He served the grand lodge of Nebraska as grand junior deacon, grand senior deacon, grand marshal, grand junior and senior warden, deputy grand master. He now is assistant to the grand custodian.

EMMET HAPENINGS.

At a special bond meeting held at Emmet, March 10th, for the purpose of voting a transmission line bond, the people showed that they were ready and willing to improve their town by turning out and voting 100 per cent for the bonds. This is only a further evidence that the people of Emmet are in for improvements if the opportunity is presented to them in a way that they may have a voice in the matter. Although there has been several companies trying to interest Emmet in electric lights this is the first time the people have ever gotten a chance to show how they felt. We understand that the village board are considering a proposition offered them to put in water works and sewerage. If this is done it will put us on the same basis with our neighboring towns in an up to date way. There is no reason why a person should have to move to a city to have a few modern conveniences. However, we hear that the Ghost Lights Oil people are going to put down an oil well some where south of town and we are hoping that it will be very near, and in the very near future. If this report happens to prove true we will soon be a city.

FRANK RISER REUNITED WITH HIS STEPMOTHER AFTER A LONG SEARCH

The following article clipped from the Omaha News of last Tuesday evening, recites the story of the reuniting of Frank Riser, of Milford, Nebraska, with his step-mother, who has been conducting a search for him for a number of years. Riser was located by L. C. Peters of this city for the Omaha News.

Frank Riser, as many of the older residents of this vicinity will remember, was adopted from the Nebraska Children's Home Society by Mr. and Mrs. Dave Riser, then residing northwest of O'Neill, about thirty years ago. The O'Neill people who were given as reference at the time of the adoption of Frank Riser have all passed to the great beyond or have moved from O'Neill; they were O. O. Snyder, Fannie C. Morris, Alberta Uttley, Mrs. Minnie Cole and Mrs. E. H. Cress. Mrs. Minnie Cole accompanied Mr. Riser to Omaha and brought the child to O'Neill.

Frank grew to manhood upon the farm and later was united in marriage to Miss Letha Cromwell of this city, and personally conducted the farm for several years. During the land boom Mr. Riser sold the farm and moved to Milford where he again purchased a farm six miles north of Friend and Frank took charge of the operation of the place and upon which he and his family still reside. Frank and family moved from O'Neill about four years ago. They were in O'Neill during the summer of 1923 and spent some time visiting with relatives here.

Frank is a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. J. U. Yantzi of this city.

The Omaha News article follows:

A twenty-year search for her step-son, to locate whom she came to Omaha recently, is over today for Mrs. Frank Brandt, of El Reno, Okla.

The two-decade hunt, in which the woman has spent a small fortune in advertising in newspapers and in traveling expenses to interview over fifty persons in various parts of the country, suspected of being the missing step-son, ended when Mrs. Brandt took into her arms and wept over Frank Riser, farmer, whose place is twelve miles southwest of Milford, Nebraska.

The meeting, which took place on the Riser farm Monday afternoon, was dramatic, Riser had no idea that he was being sought, and the meeting was the biggest surprise of his life.

The finding of his step-mother means for Frank Riser that he now has first news of his real father and will in the near future, meet his brother and sister for the first time since they were small children. The brother and sister are in Oklahoma, whither Mrs. Brandt returned Monday evening from Lincoln after her successful trip to Nebraska.

When Frank Brandt was two years old his mother died. For a short time he lived with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brandt of Gretna, Nebraska. Then he was placed with the Nebraska Children's Home society, Omaha. Later he was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. J. D. (Dave) Riser of Milford. They lived near O'Neill and had been the parents of three children, who died. Frank was reared as their only son and took their name.

In the meantime Frank's father, sister and brother moved to Oklahoma. The father remarried. It was his second wife whose tireless efforts finally have reunited the family.

Frank Riser's brother is Henry P. Brandt, 34, of El Reno, Oklahoma, and his sister is now Mrs. A. R. Rabhi, 33, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Brandt while in Omaha on her search for Frank Brandt (Riser), stopped at the home of Mrs. C. Dohrman, 3715 South Twenty-eighth street.

The final clew that brought about the meeting of Mrs. Brandt and her step-son Monday was the record of the Nebraska Children Home society of Omaha.

"Frank and Henry" Mrs. Brandt said, "look just alike." To Harry she is carrying the news that his brother, whom they thought dead for years, is a bright, above the ordinary man, with a comely wife and four sweet children: Veronica, 8; Lois Evelyn, 7; Cleta Irene, 6; and Francis Lysle, 2.

Frank, overjoyed at learning of his blood relations, despite his love for his foster parents, plans to drive to Oklahoma this summer to visit his relatives.

At one time in her search, Mrs. Brandt became convinced that Joe Sesto, in the state penitentiary for

horse stealing, was her husband's lost son. She came from Oklahoma to assist in obtaining a parole for him and decided to take him home. To remove all doubt, however, she came to Omaha, sought Year Muny Agent of the Omaha Daily News and, with the assistance of the latter, she was permitted to examine the records of the Nebraska Children's home.

These records showed that Sesto was not Brandt's son, revealed that the boy had been adopted by Riser and gave the clew that resulted in finding Frank Brandt (Riser).

"I have been wondering for years who my blood relatives could be, or if I had any," Riser said. "I didn't know what my name was, so I had no place to start from. I'm not even sure whether I'm 31 or 32 years old."

"I'll find out and you know," promised Mrs. Brandt.

Frank Riser, records of the Nebraska Children's home revealed, will be 32 on April 9.

Frank asked about his real mother. She was Miss Emma Hijka, Bruno, Nebraska, whose brothers, Jerry and Frank Hijka, are said to still live there.

The BULL'S EYE

Editor and General Manager
WILL ROGERS



Another 'Bull' Durham advertisement by Will Rogers, Zigfield Folies and screen star, and leading American humorist. More coming. Watch for them.

THE fourth of March is a Politician's uncertain day. He is either coming in or going out. If he is staying in it's because they haven't got wise to him yet. I have always said Office holders should be elected for life (subject, of course, to impeachment for neglect or dishonesty). Then they could give their work all of their time, instead of worrying about how to stay in, and that would do away entirely with the biggest social problem we have to face in this country. And that is the thousands of Individuals who go through life just trying to get in office. If we could get their mind off offices, and get 'em to working at something useful. But what's the use talking about a Heaven on earth. We got to die to get rid of the Office seeker, and then I bet you we will find them, either wanting to have Saint Peter impeached, or to get a job as Superintendent of the Furnace. Oh Yes, I like to forget 'Bull' Durham. It will be on sale in both places, no advance in prices.

Will Rogers

P. S. I'm going to write some more pieces that will appear in this paper. Keep looking for them.

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Furthermore, when transportation is more or less tied up after a snow, it is difficult for the telephone operators to get to work promptly.

And heavy snow, if accompanied by wind, frequently tears down poles and wires, shutting off both local and long distance telephone service.

Uniformly satisfactory telephone service is our constant aim, but occasionally conditions arise which are temporarily beyond all human control. At such a time we especially appreciate the patience of our patrons until the situation can be met.

Our constant endeavor is to furnish reliable telephone service at the lowest possible charges.



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