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"I hope I shall always possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all titles, the character of an 'Honest Man.'"

BANKERS' CASES Underway BEFORE THE COURT

After twice being postponed, the much discussed Flannigan lawsuit, a retrial of the former case which resulted in a hung jury, opened in district court Monday morning. The two defendants, John and James Flannigan, asked for separate trials. A jury was drawn Monday and James Flannigan was put on trial Tuesday.

The jury is composed of the following:

H. R. Rouse, Joseph Winkler, R. M. Tomjack, E. H. Farnsworth, John McNulty, James Beck, Ralph Bauman, Geo. Syffe, Orin Campbell, G. C. Sigman, John Hugh and C. E. Hiltz.

In the opening statement to the jury, Attorney Stahlmaster for the state, among other things, said the prosecution expected to show the defendant Jim Flannigan's connection with the efforts to secure a hung jury.

Judge Harrington made the statement of what the defense expected to prove. They expected to show that the Stuart bank was allowed to remain open when the state banking department knew it was insolvent.

Judge Dickson a number of times ruled on statements as to whether or not they should go before the jury. A statement of the defense that the state banking department "never made a legal examination" of the bank was ruled out and the jury instructed to disregard the same.

The taking of testimony got under way Tuesday afternoon. It is thought the trial will continue until Monday or Tuesday of next week.

Sharpening the Paring Knife

State Journal: A survey of general property tax conditions in Nebraska was unanimously approved here Monday afternoon by representatives of nineteen state organizations meeting under the direction of Fred H. Johnson of Lincoln, former auditor in the state department of trade and commerce.

"We are all agreed that the present burden is too heavy," leaders of the move stated, "and that a statewide survey is necessary to determine whether this burden may be lifted more easily by an income tax or a retail sales tax. In no event do we propose to allow anyone to use the survey as a political horse."

While no definite plan has yet been evolved, Johnson and other Lincoln representatives are expected to confer Tuesday in the matter. A report on the findings will be presented to the next meeting of the group, date for which has not been set. Final action, it is believed, will be drafting of a reduction plan to present at the next legislative session.

O'Neill Hi Close Winner

O'Neill won an unusual game last Friday by a score of 24-21. At the end of the game the referee announced a score of 19-18 in favor of Bassett, but on a check-up of both score books it was found each team had made 19 points. Then in the presence of a few spectators the members of each team threw off the tie. Hunt made one free throw to match Potrazz marker. Then in the second throw O'Neill made 4 while Bassett made 1.

Charlie Meyers brought up his average to eleven points a game by scoring fourteen points. Hunt also came through in the game. The entire team played a cleaner game than usual.

Bassett's second team turned the O'Neill seconds back by 16-6. Friday evening the O'Neill high school team clashes with the St. Mary's team, which beat the hill topper in a previous game by 15-9.

THE CHURCHES

Presbyterian

Rev. H. D. Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00—Mr. Geo. C. Robertson, superintendent.
Morning Worship 11:00—Subject, "Making America Christian."
Young People's Christian Endeavor 6:45—Mr. C. E. Yantzi, leader.

Evening Service 7:30—This service will be under the auspices of the Masonic Lodge. They are to provide a speaker whose subject will be George Washington.

We hope that the weather and other conditions will permit a good attendance.

Pat Judge arrived in O'Neill Thursday last from New York City. He is a friend of Henry Cook. He is a brick and stone mason and was recently at work on a 110-story building on which sixty brick masons were at work running the building up at the rate of a story a day. Sixty-five men fell from the building during the course of construction and were killed.

A remarkable photograph hangs among the art collections in the O'Neill Photo Co. studio. It is a scene at the Tri-State Round-up held at Belle Fourche, S. D., in 1927. The guests of honor on the occasion when the photo was taken were Calvin and Mrs. Coolidge, then our president and first lady. The picture measures six feet in length by about sixteen inches in height. A group of riders with the regulation range equipment, Indians with feathered headgear, the president under a broad-brimmed sombrero and Mrs. Coolidge, officials and functionaries occupy the foreground with vast crowds thronging in and around an extensive amphitheater. The photograph was taken under the supervision of Mr. Downey of the O'Neill Photo Co. and developed at their studio here and is a splendid specimen of what can be done with the camera.

Briefly Stated

Frank Biglin made a business trip to Omaha the first of the week.

Abe Saunto has been confined to his home for a week nursing a case of the grip.

Pat Boyle was up from the extreme south side of the county the early part of the week.

Mrs. J. L. Shanner and her two sons, Paul and Luther, were over from Page Thursday last.

Mr. Noble of the Seth Noble lumber yard has been looking after business interests here the past ten days.

T. R. Riley from the state auditor's office at Lincoln is in the city checking the accounts of Treasurer Conklin.

H. M. Uttley went to Bartlett today, having several cases in the district court of Wheeler county to look after.

Neil Brennan is arranging to move to Norfolk where he will take up work for a large insurance company.

P. J. McManus yielded to the inclination occasioned by a touch of the grip—to stay home a day or two from his place of business.

Mrs. C. J. Malone, Mrs. C. P. Hancock and son Marlin Dean, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Edmund Hancock were in Inman visiting relatives last Friday afternoon.

Miss Robinson, the efficient assistant in the Chapman Style Shop, was at the home of her parents at Page Sunday, helping care for her mother who was quite ill.

The depositors meeting has been postponed until Wednesday, February 24. It will be held at 3 o'clock in the afternoon on that date, second floor K. C. hall.—George Bressler.

Owing to the deep snow which fell Tuesday and hinders travel, Orville Griffith is postponing his sale for one week, announcement of which he makes in this issue of The Frontier.

City Clerk Ed Campbell returned Saturday last from Rochester, Minn., where he had been for several weeks at the Mayo institution. Mr. Campbell returned to his work here improved in health.

Jack McAllister, unable to furnish satisfactory bond for the appeal of his case wherein Judge Dickson imposed a fine of \$250 and a six months' jail sentence, was committed to the county jail Monday by Sheriff Duffy upon order of commitment from the court.

Miss Meier can handle a scoop as well as preside at the desk at the J. P. Gallagher store. She was on the lookout for someone of the jobless to come along yesterday looking for a job of shoveling snow, but none appeared. She cleaned the walk herself.

The official committee, appointed last fall by Governor Bryan, in charge of relief work in this county is: John Sullivan, chairman, and Geo. A. Miles of O'Neill, E. O. Slaymaker of Stuart, A. G. Miller of Atkinson, John Lansworth of Agee and Roy Carr of Meek.

Charley Martin was up from the ranch on the South Fork Monday. He says that his son, on the Graver ranch in McMillure township, tells him they are losing large numbers of sheep this winter. The losses are among the aged ewes and is attributed to the prolonged period that the ground is covered with snow.

Mail carrier Clausen going north to Joy and Agee was stalled on the route in the storm Tuesday and made mighty efforts to get through by shoveling. This strenuous exertion is killing on the best of 'em, and Mr. Clausen found it expedient to pull into a farm home for the remainder of the day and let the storm rage on.

O'Neill Man Named Chairman for County of Citizen Military Training Camp

D. H. Clauson of O'Neill has been appointed chairman for Holt county in connection with the citizens military training camp activities this year by W. B. T. Belt, civilian aide to the Secretary of War for the state of Nebraska.

The citizens military training camp will be held at Fort Crook, Nebraska, in August, and about 600 young Nebraskans are expected to attend for the thirty-day training period.

This camp will be under the supervision of officers of the United States army and the officers' reserve corps, and is for the purpose of helping young men to become better citizens and better Americans, to develop them physically, mentally and morally, and to teach them manhood and self discipline.

All necessary expenses, both to and from the Camp and during the training period, are paid by the government.

Any boy over 17 years of age, who is a citizen of the United States and who is physically qualified and of good character, is eligible to apply for admission to the camp.

A petition was circulated the past week among republicans in the city for the placing of the names of the following on the primary ballot for delegates to the republican national convention from the Third congressional district: Lyle E. Jackson of Neligh, Rodney S. Dunlap, alternate; Allen G. Burke of Bancroft, Hazel Perrin Reeder, alternate.

William Krotter of Stuart is in attendance at the Flannigan trial, navigating on crutches. He recently had one leg broken at the ankle in attempting to perform the function of a lumberjack across in Keya Paha county. It happened in cutting out and removing a big tree when Mr. Krotter got one leg caught and sustained fractured bones in the ankle.

Leo W. Hines will serve one year in the state penitentiary for burning a house last November at his farm home near Page. He also pays back to the insurance company all money he had collected for losses at that time, on the building and furnishings. He was sentenced in district court here Monday, having entered a plea of guilty on January 29.

Mayor C. E. Stout's petition as a candidate for re-election has been filed with the city clerk. There are petitions on file now for three candidates, Gillespie and Kersenbrock being the other two. L. E. Downey and George Shoemaker are candidates for members of the board of education. There are two members of the board to be elected. Petitions are in for Ed Campbell and Ed Quinn as candidates for city clerk.

Will McNichols, son of the late Steve McNichols of this city, along with William J. Bryan, jr., has joined the free silver revival recently resurrected in its old haunts in the Rocky Mountain states. Mr. McNichols is now a practicing attorney but, like his father, politics allure. J. P. Gallagher shows us his picture in a recent Denver Post as one of the 16 to 1 champions now raising the old war cry out in that region.

Mayor Stout got his first appeal by letter yesterday from an O'Neill woman for aid. Her need for provisions for the household was set forth in the letter with the information that they were out of everything but a little flour and a few beans. The city has made no provisions for relief work as what is needed in that way has been taken care of by county funds in the past and this year the governor's relief committee, supplemented by Red Cross work, has in hand all the relief work. The mayor said he would see the Red Cross committee here and ask that this case be investigated and the needs supplied.

Relief supplies at O'Neill have got down to the ragged edge of nothing. On account of the storm not many were in Tuesday from the drought district and it is well there was not as there was nothing on hand to give out. From now on is going to be the most trying part of the winter. Everybody can stand it pretty well up to a certain point—the last weeks of winter are the hardest. It's like taking a heavy load across a tough stretch of road. If they can hang on a few weeks longer a few days of silent sunshine and refreshing shower will do more to bring relief than all other agencies combined.

Mr. Clauson will be assisted in his duties as county chairman by committeemen whom he will appoint in the larger towns of the county. Any boy who is interested in securing further information regarding the camp may do so by applying to the county chairman or any member of the county committee.

Sixty-one Years Wedded

In Monday's Omaha World-Herald this item appeared from Max, Neb.: "Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Mills will celebrate their sixty-first wedding anniversary here on February 23. Mr. Mills is 86 and his wife 83."

"Married in Wisconsin, they moved to Iowa by covered wagon, coming on to Nebraska in 1880. Mr. Mills was a blacksmith at Meadow Grove for 20 years."

"Four of their nine children are living. There are 24 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren."

Mr. Mills is a brother of R. H. Mills of this city and lived for a number of years on a farm, in this county, near Opportunity.

Richard L. Hamilton of Lynch and Gladys Eley of Orchard were married yesterday at the court house by Judge Malone. The young couple were accompanied by Dr. Tracy of Orchard and Florence Eley, a sister of the bride, who were the witnesses. The party got in their car and drove away as soon as the ceremony was concluded.

Floyd Barton and Charley Hicks of Mariaville, near the Niobrara north of Newport, on their way to O'Neill Tuesday drove into a ditch along the highway and were stalled. The snow storm had developed such volume by mid-afternoon that it was difficult to see driving on the highway, hence their getting into the ditch. After remaining by the side of the highway for some time until becoming concerned about getting somewhere out of the storm one passerby with a good Samaritan turn of mind picked them up and brought them to O'Neill. They did not know definitely but thought their car was stalled in the neighborhood of Emmet.

The economy league met at the court house last Saturday in an adjourned meeting. The weather was unfavorable but the court room was fairly well filled, many of whom were spectators and listeners. "No significant move was made, the time being devoted largely to reading of claims of what various persons performing services for the county had been paid the past year. A committee headed by Mr. Smith of Ewing was named to confer with or present suggestions to the county board from time to time. The league has in mind the auditing of the county records. This will be urged upon the county board. The unpaid personal tax is still a source of worry."

A snow fall all day Saturday with but little thaw until the heavy snow of Tuesday of this week buries the country under another white blanket over a foot deep on the level. Some wind with the snow Tuesday piled up drifts that had an effect on traffic. The Burlington train from Sioux City did not arrive Tuesday night and no busses got in Wednesday morning. The highway maintainers were out early and yesterday morning crews of men went to work with shovels. Opening the highways is a simple matter but the roads leading into them will be less simple. With a clear sky and bright sun today and favorable weather forecast the snow should soon disappear.

About Smallpox

During December and January 19 cases of smallpox were reported in the county next to this, Antelope county. Yet, smallpox is a preventable disease. It could be completely wiped out if every one would take the precaution of being vaccinated. In counties where universal vaccination is compulsory, smallpox is unknown. In the United States there are approximately 30,000 cases of smallpox a year.

Smallpox develops unexpectedly. Many times the afflicted person can not recall having been exposed. The disease begins with a headache, chills and fever. Eruptions appear on the face and spread over the body. As these break, scars are left which are greatly disfiguring. Death may occur.

When vaccinating, the doctor makes a slight puncture or scratch on the arm or leg and applies the vaccine

which is absorbed. The vaccine is prepared under the protection of the U. S. government. The spot becomes red and swollen. It should not be touched or dirt allowed to come in contact with it, as infection may be started as in any break in the skin. The person feels good for nothing and may have a headache, but that is better than having smallpox which may result in death or in disfigurement—"one scar is better than many."

Every epidemic of smallpox proves that a recent vaccination is complete protection against the disease.

In Los Angeles in 1926, there were 164 deaths from smallpox. Statistics gathered showed that of these 144 had never been vaccinated, 15 had been vaccinated 20 years before and the remaining 5 only after being exposed to the disease. The cost to the city was estimated at \$500,000.

During the last 8 years, Illinois has had 30,000 cases of smallpox at a cost to the state of \$3,000,000. In the past 10 years Massachusetts has had 253 cases of smallpox with a cost of \$25,000. Massachusetts requires vaccination of school children, Illinois does not.

COUNTY AGRICULTURE

James W. Rooney
County extension Agent

Grasshopper Situation

If grasshopper eggs are down two inches or more in the soil there is little danger of them being killed by direct action of low temperatures, even when the air temperatures go down to as low as 29 degrees below zero and the ground is bare, Prof. M. H. Swenk of the Nebraska agricultural college at Lincoln says in his second grasshopper release for newspapers February 11th. Since low temperatures this winter have been accompanied by snow, the soil temperatures where the grasshopper eggs are located is far above any point of danger. The snow has acted as a good blanket for the eggs so far this winter, he says.

Probably the winter conditions most unfavorable for the survival of grasshopper eggs are when heavy snows thaw and the surface soil becomes thoroughly water-soaked, and then this is followed by cold weather without snow, so that the bare surface soil is frozen in its water soaked condition and subjected to the influence of low air temperatures for a considerable period. Under these circumstances, surface soil temperatures go lower and the grasshopper eggs are more susceptible to cold injury.

The large number of grasshoppers present in the state in 1931 following the mild winter of 1930-31 may have led people to expect that the reversal of weather conditions this winter would cause a decrease of grasshoppers in 1932. Unfortunately the scientific data at hand does not justify this conclusion. Professor Swenk gives in his second grasshopper report brief summaries of several experiments that have been run to prove that cold air temperatures will not kill grasshopper eggs that are safely laid 2 to 4 inches in the soil. The complete report is in the hands of the county agents of the state and extra copies are available at the agricultural college in Lincoln.

Large Attendance at Meetings

One hundred sixty men and women attended the grasshopper-crops meeting held in O'Neill on Thursday afternoon February 11th. The meeting in the evening at Atkinson was attended by two hundred men and women.

O. S. Bare of the Entomology department said that the amount of damage which grasshoppers will do here in Holt county will depend largely upon weather conditions and upon the control measures practiced by farmers. Mr. Bare showed a number of slides which dealt with the grasshopper situation quite thoroughly.

The grasshoppers which were sent in to the county agent by John A. Robertson of Joy were identified by Mr. Bare. He said they were not the species that are likely to do damage in 1932. They are hoppers which hatch in the fall and pass the winter in a partially grown stage.

Mr. Stewart dealt mostly with the feed situation. He said that oats and barley would be located by the crop men at the college of agriculture and could be shipped into the drought area. It is quite likely that several carloads of oats and barley will be shipped into Holt county. More information will be available later on this subject.

Mr. Stewart advocated planting some barley on the heavier soils of the county instead of a large acreage of oats. Barley is worth practically as much as corn for feed and will usually out yield oats on a hull-free basis.

L. J. Rigwood of the Chicago Northwestern and Val Kraska, colonization agent for the Burlington gave short talks at the meeting.

Seed Survey

Over one hundred of the survey blanks have been returned to the Farm Bureau office. Most of the men sending in these blanks were interested in seed and feed loans. More detailed

THE HOPPERS LIKE Rain Cloud GREETED OUR FATHERS

Pat Conley knows something of grasshoppers as the first settlers here saw them. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Conley, were with the General John O'Neill colony which came here in 1874. He was born in 1881 and has lived all his life in Holt county. His parents homesteaded where the cemeteries now are, but later went into the Dry Creek valley. The grasshopper plague in those days devastated the few crops and gardens, denuded the trees and devalued the grass. With each shift of the wind they arose in a cloud and moved to other spots. The clouds of hoppers were so dense the sun was obscured as if a black rain cloud were spread across the heavens. His father, Tommy Conley as everybody knew him, a wiry little man peaceful and industrious but who if occasion required could "whip his weight in wild cats," as the neighbors used to say, on one occasion had a luxuriant garden. He worked through the forenoon among the vines and vegetables. When he went to the house at noon the garden showed promise of prolific production. When he returned after dinner not a sprig was left—the hoppers had devoured everything. The pioneers met discouragement and hardship with fortitude. In many respects they saw privations that later generations know nothing of, and yet they survived.

Nebraska and Kansas were devastated at that time by grasshoppers. That was over fifty years ago. There have been none since in Nebraska until last year. If the hopper plagues are spread out a half century apart there is nothing to worry about from that source for the immediate future.

Surveyor Norton says he indulges a hair cut once in five years, qualifying the statement with the technical phrase of the profession which is given federal sanction, "more or less." He acquired the practice of performing his own tonsorial artwork fifty years ago when barbers were not as plentiful as now. It was a case of example and not precept. Down in the tall grass and flowing well belt hair grew like hay on the meadows. A neighbor found the shaggy growth an annoyance. A glass propped on each side, one in front and the household shears in hand he cut his own hair, to the satisfaction of all concerned. Mr. Norton was a spectator. He saw the possibilities in the idea. When he got home he took the shears and gave himself a haircut without mirrors to look into. A life-long habit was formed. Perhaps that explains the Buffalo Bill locks of our venerable county surveyor.

Chambers Sun: The School house in the Summers district burned down last week. The cause of the conflagration is unknown, there had been no school there for a week, owing to so much illness.

Inman Leader: Mrs. John Krantz and Earl Krantz came up from Norfolk Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Krantz is making arrangements to sell the personal property and rent the ranch south of Inman. She expects to go to Chadron, Neb., where she will make her home with a sister. Earl Krantz is assisting in settling up his father's business before returning to his home in Vermont.

Atkinson Graphic: Raymond M. Crossman, prominent Omaha attorney and former Atkinson school boy, will come back to the school here from which he graduated 29 years ago, to deliver the commencement address to the class of 1932. . . Mr. and Mrs. John Harrington and family have moved to Colome, S. D. Mr. Harrington was operator of the C. & N. W. station here. His place is taken here by R. J. Kraska, who has moved here with his family. Mr. Kraska is a brother of J. J. Kraska of Atkinson.

information on seed and feed loans will probably be available the last of next week. Anyone interested in a feed and seed loan should fill out the seed survey blank which was included in the letter on the grasshopper-crop meetings. If your name is on file in the Farm Bureau office you will be sent the seed and feed loan information as soon as it is available.

Federal Feed Loans

The last date that Federal Feed Loans applications can be made is February 29th. Details of the loan were published in the county papers in the issue of February 4th or February 11th. The members of your local committee are listed in these papers. Details can also be secured from this office.