

BASE BALL LEAGUE FOR HOLT COUNTY FORMED AT TUESDAY MEETING

Stuart, Atkinson, Ewing, O'Neill, Chambers and Red Bird to Have Teams In League.

At a meeting held at the firemen's hall last Tuesday, that was largely attended, it was decided to organize a Holt County Baseball League for the season of 1933. A preliminary organization was perfected at the meeting Tuesday evening, which was attended by boosters from the several towns in the county that will be members of the league. John Harrington, of O'Neill, was selected as temporary chairman and Gerald Miles as temporary secretary.

After discussing the advisability of having a league it was decided unanimously that a league be organized to consist of the following towns: Stuart, Atkinson, O'Neill, Ewing, Chambers and Red Bird. The season will open on May 7, 1933, and they will play Sunday ball.

It was also decided that there would be a split season, that is the number of games to be played would be divided with a championship team for the first part of the season and one for the latter part of the season. Of course it is possible that the same team would win both the first and second honors, but it is hardly probable. It is the intention of the promoters to have the winner of the first pennant and the winner of the second, to battle for the championship of the county at the end of the league season.

It was also decided that each team was to be limited to fifteen men and that no man could be a member of any team representing any of the towns unless he had been a resident of the town for at least thirty days.

This week meetings will be held in the various towns and each team will perfect an organization and select a man for membership on the board of directors, which will be composed of one man from each of the towns in the league. These men will meet in this city next Tuesday night and perfect the organization by selecting a permanent chairman, or president of the League, and they will also adopt a schedule of games at this meeting and have everything in readiness for the opening of the season on May 7th.

We predict that this league will be the source of much pleasure for the residents of the county during the summer and the contests among the various teams will do much to promote this popular sport. Here's hoping that the Holt county League will have a prosperous season and that many of their players will be advanced to faster company the next year.

BIG CASE TO BE DISMISSED

According to word from Omaha the liquor conspiracy case against Thomas Dennison and about fifteen other "Higher ups" in the conspiracy case will be nolle prossed upon orders from the department of justice at Washington, according to United States Attorney Sandall.

Sandall said Special Assistant to the Attorney General Salter was recently in Omaha checking up on the case and gave him to understand that the department probably would not feel like spending money for a retrial of the case in the manner the original indictment was presented.

This will mean, Sandall said, that the north and south side alleged conspirators will be tried in separate groups, leaving the alleged political connections of the allged rings to go free.

Those to be freed with Dennison probably will include Billy Nesselhaus, his former gambling house partner; former Police Inspector Paul Sutton, former Police Sergeant Joe Potach, John Marcell, former south side city prosecutor, and Roscoe Rawley, south side political leader.

New indictments against Billy Maher, alleged north side rum czar, Frank Calamia, alleged liquor king of the south side, and their alleged associates will probably be drawn he said.

S. J. Weekes went down to Omaha last Monday where he is again serving on the loan committee of the Agricultural Credit corporation.

WILLIAM H. KESTENHOLTZ
William Henry Kestenholtz died at the home of his son, Harry, southwest of this city, last Tuesday evening, after a short illness at the age of 82 years, 7 months and 17 days. The funeral was held at the Methodist church in this city at 2 o'clock this afternoon, Rev. Mertie Clute, pastor of the M. E. church at Inman, officiating, burial in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Deceased was born in Seneca county, Ohio, on August 31, 1850. When a young man he went to Michigan where on August 29, 1880, he was united in marriage to Miss Zetella Davis, at Dayton, Michigan. He came to Holt county in 1884 and lived in this city and vicinity for many years. For the past fourteen years the family resided at Inman, until the death of their daughter-in-law, about five weeks ago, since which time they had made their home with their son southwest of this city. Since the arrival of the family in this county forty-nine years ago they have lived in the vicinity of O'Neill, Chambers and Inman.

Deceased leaves his wife and one son, Harry, and one daughter, Mrs. Anna Stover, of Chambers, to mourn the death of a kind and loving husband and father.

U.S. OFF GOLD STANDARD

The United States swung away from the gold standard as the President prepared to ask congress today for new powers to effect controlled inflation. Withdrawal of gold support for the American dollar in foreign exchanges by the president was interpreted by his secretary of the treasury, William H. Woodin, as meaning temporary suspension of the traditional gold standard basis of currency.

The immediate effect was the upward surge in stocks and commodity prices and a decline of bonds and of the dollar on world exchanges.

In his first move the president adroitly put himself into position to negotiate for a revised world gold standard by withdrawing support of the American dollar in foreign exchanges to combat the depreciated currencies of the foreign nations now off the standard. He has in mind bringing all nations back to the gold standard as a measure of stability but he is considering a new standard whereby the present ratio of 40 per cent gold reserve for currency would be reduced.

He will insist upon common action by all the nations in establishing the new ratio which will permit more currency to be circulated on the same world supply of the precious gold basis. Governors of the twelve reserve banks reported promising outlooks to Secretary Woodin and then studied means of pumping available idle currency into circulation. The governors also tackled the task of freeing the four to five billions still locked up in banks. Quick action appeared in prospect.

In his bold maneuvers in the world of finance the president stilled for the moment the clamor on congressional hill for forthright inflation. He appeared to have won command of the situation with his moves for inflation that will respond to control and place within the power of the government a counter-deflation program.

Senator Thomas, leading advocate of broad currency expansion, revised his inflation bill after conference with the president and drafted it to give to the chief executive the power he deems necessary to put his program into effect. The Thomas proposal undoubtedly will be employed as the basis for the administration legislation. His new bill gives the president broad discretionary power to do several things, including expansion of the currency, the lowering of the gold content of the dollar, the creation of a dollar stabilization board and the arrangement for increased use of silver through international agreement.

Rooster Attacks Woman

Mrs. Lizzie Schuneman, 63, received a broken hip last week when she fell after being attacked by a rooster in the yard of her daughter's farm home near St. Edward. The rooster flew into her face and she fell backward heavily. Mrs. Schuneman was taken to a hospital at St. Edward and later was removed to an Omaha hospital.

ROB SOUTH DAKOTA BANK

Three men, between 27 and 30 years of age, driving a 1933 Chevrolet coach or sedan, held up and robbed a bank at Kaylor, South Dakota, about 11:10 this morning of \$1,800, killing one man and wounding another man and a woman. When they left town they took two residents of the city with them to protect them from the shots of the citizens of the town. The man killed was the son of the cashier of the bank. The man and the woman, who were wounded were customers of the bank. They had a machine gun and used it to keep the citizens of the town at a distance.

BRIEFLY STATED

Rev. M. F. Bryne, of Emmet, was an O'Neill visitor last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Campbell visited friends in Omaha over the week end.

Joe Zeimer spent the week end visiting relatives and friends in this city.

John Kellogg, of Norfolk, was visiting O'Neill friends the first of the week.

Judge J. J. Harrington returned last Saturday from a short business trip to Chicago.

Miss Nellie Toy, who is attending the Wayne Normal, spent the week end at home.

Miss Claire Timlin, of Sholes, was here the first of the week visiting Miss Dorothy Reardon.

Rev. H. D. Johnson attended the meeting of the Niobrara Presbytery at Wayne Tuesday and Wednesday.

M. R. Sullivan came over from Hartington Saturday to spend Easter at home. He returned Tuesday morning.

Thomas Mains and son, Robert, drove over to Winner, South Dakota, last Sunday and spent the day visiting relatives.

County Attorney Nelson, of Rock county, was looking after legal business in this city the latter part of last week.

Katherine McCarthy returned from Nenzel, Nebraska, last Wednesday morning and will remain at home for several weeks.

Mrs. Larry Snell left Monday morning for Genoa, Nebraska, where she will spend a week visiting at the home of her mother.

Claudine Hasbrock, of Gordon, came down the latter part of last week for a few days visit with her cousin, Miss Helen Reardon.

L. M. Merriman returned last Saturday from St. Joseph where he had been for a load of near beer that he distributes from this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Burge, of Omaha, drove up last Saturday and visited at the home of his brother, Ed. Burge. They returned home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. J. P. Brown and Mrs. Thomas Mains drove down to Omaha last Wednesday for a few days visit with relatives and friends, returning Monday.

Milo Hupp and Miss Winifred, Bogue, both of Atkinson, were united in marriage last Tuesday by Rev. William G. Vahle, the Lutheran pastor at Atkinson.

Miss Bernadette Brennan and Miss Mary Ryan returned last Friday from Sioux City, Iowa, where they had spent a few days visiting relatives and friends.

D. H. Cronin drove to Nebraska City last Saturday after Mrs. Cronin, Marjorie and Rirchard, who had been visiting relatives there the past week, returning home Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gallagher and daughter, Helen, came up from Lincoln last Thursday and spent a few days visiting relatives and friends here, returning home Sunday afternoon.

Prof. Roy Carroll and Miss Zimmerman drove to Mt. Clare, Neb., last Wednesday where they spent Easter visiting relatives. Mrs. Pete Todson, son and daughter, accompanied them as far as Grand Island, where the latter visited with relatives, and came back home with them when they returned Sunday evening.

CHAMBERS THREATENED WITH DESTRUCTION BY FIRE

The hustling little town of Chambers was threatened with destruction for a time last Sunday when a prairie fire raged over several thousand acres of farm land in the south country and came within a short distance of the town before it was stopped.

When the fire got away a call was sent out for volunteers and it is said that two hundred ranchers and farmers responded, but it took several hours of hard work before the fire was brought under control. The fire burned over approximately 2,500 acres of grass and hay land and destroyed fifteen stacks of hay before it was under control. Farmers plowed fire guards around many of the houses and ranch buildings, thus saving them from destruction.

It is said that the fire was accidentally started, and when it got in the heavy dry grass of the south country it traveled with amazing rapidity and only the hard work of the volunteer fighters saved many of the southern farmers and ranchers from heavy financial losses.

NEBRASKA HOUSE PASSES BEER BILL BY VOTE OF 59-34

Eight Not Voting On Bill, and Slaymaker of Holt County Is Absent.

After two days of debate the Nebraska house of representatives last Friday advanced the beer bill to third reading with a vote of 54 to 38.

The bill came up for third reading in the house last Tuesday morning and passed with a vote of 59 to 34. The first vote on third reading was with the emergency clause and that failed of passage, receiving 58 votes for, and 39 against. On the final passage of the bill Slaymaker of Holt was absent and did not vote. The bill now goes to the senate for action and it will not probably be acted upon in that body until some time next week. It will take 22 votes in the senate to pass the measure with the emergency clause attached or 17 votes to pass it without the emergency clause.

If the bill had passed with the emergency clause and likewise passed the senate and signed by the governor it would go into effect as soon as it was signed. It would still be subject to a referendum, but beer would flow in the state as the filing of the referendum would not suspend the operation of the law. It merely permits a vote of the people on the bill, which in this case would be in November, 1934. Without the emergency clause it will not go into effect for three months. Should it pass both houses without the emergency clause and be signed by the governor there is no question but what there will be a referendum on the bill and it will be held up until after the next general election. So there seems to be but little hope for the thirsty of this state getting beer until after the next general election—that is legally—although they say there is a lot of it now in several parts of the state, not excepting this city.

The Wednesday morning's edition of the Nebraska State Journal contained the following account of the passage of the bill in the house last Tuesday morning:

"Slow or delayed beer was approved by the Nebraska house 59 to 34 Tuesday after rejection of the emergency clause on first roll call 58 to 39, nine short of the required 67. Unless the emergency hooks on in the senate or conference, this 3.2 beverage will not be manufactured and sold legally in the state for three months after passage. It still must face the senate, the governor and possibly the courts and referendum.

"A 15 minute session under call netted but two votes and with the cause hopeless, friends of the bill raised the curtain and transferred their hopes to the other house. Backers of the legislation were not well organized on this day of final passage as indicated by a split on attempt to lay over one day. Slaymaker of Stuart, listed as friend, had been excused for the day. He supported motion to advance in committee of the whole. He was the only absentee.

"On first roll call, Stuteville passed. The following voted "no" on the emergency and passed with the clause removed; Hawk, Larsen, Lundstrom, Meyers, Warrington.

"Meier of Lancaster sprung something of a surprise by casting his vote

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on the affirmative with the following explanation:

"When the herd stampedes it is better to ride with the herd and gradually overcome the hysteria. If 3.2 per cent beer is non-intoxicating there can be no complaint. If it is intoxicating, our courts can determine the constitutionality."

"Meier is the only democrat among the six Lancaster delegates and the only one supporting the measure. The two legislative women were divided, Gillespie for and Muir against.

"A net gain of six votes for the bill were accumulated since its advancement 53 to 38 in committee of the whole.

"Bradstreet, called out on account of sickness in the family when the vote was recorded in committee was responsible for one vote Tuesday. Lundstrom of Phelps who previously paired with him out of courtesy, voted against the bill as expected. Heater, not voting in committee, strung along with the affirmative as did Klopping, Meier, Mueller, Obermiller and Smallwood. Woodruff who voted to advance voted against the bill on third reading.

"Thirty-one members took advantage of the opportunity to explain their votes. The record:

"For the bill, stripped of emergency clause—Adams of Douglas, Adams of Scottsbluff, Balder, Barnes, Beushausen, Bock, Bostrom, Bradstreet, Brown, Bruvelit, Buffington, Burr Campbell, Challberg, Chase, Cone, Crouse, Dowell, Dugan, England, Finnegan, Freeout, Fulton, Gillespie, Graff, Havekost, Haycock, Heater, Jackman, Jensen, S. B. Johnson, W. R. Johnson, Klopping, LaVelle, Lowry, Lukens, Lusien-ski, McGonigle, McMahon, Meier, Mueller, Obermiller, O'Gara, Owen, Pattavina, Pratt, Raasch, Ratcliff, Reuter, Rohlf, Smallwood, Tesar, Uttecht, Webber of Franklin, Weber of Colfax, Williams, Vance, Speaker O'Malley—59.

"Against the bill—Anderson of Nuckolls, Anderson of Kearney, Barclay, Bonfield, Carman, Comstock, Crozier, Cushing, Diers, Gunnerson, Hill, Iodence, Lorensen, Maclay, Meline, Mitchell, Muir, Neil, Newlon, Nickles, Overbeck, Peters, Pitney, Reed, Richards, Sheldon, Stringfellow, Strong, Turner, Valder, Wells, Woodruff—34.

"Absent—Slaymaker.

"Not voting—Forell, Hawk, Larsen, Lundstrom, Meyers, Stuteville, Warrington."

REPEAL SUBMISSION BILL PASSES THE HOUSE

By a vote of 77 to 13, the house last Monday passed house roll 602, the governor's convention bill for the submission of the repeal of the eighteenth amendment. Of the thirteen negative votes, 11 were cast by republicans, two by democrats, Newlon and Turner. The Lancaster delegation was 5 to 1 against it, Meier being the only member from Lancaster that supported the bill.

Republicans against the bill were: Carman, Comstock, Cushing, Gunnerson, McBride, Mitchell, Muir, Overbeck, Reed and Valder. Muir of Lancaster declared the people themselves can call a convention, if they wish to repeal the eighteenth amendment, and are not dependent on the legislature.

The bill now goes to the senate where it will be acted upon this week. The bill provides that delegates be elected from each representative district, at the regular election in November, 1934. Candidates on each side of the question will be voted upon at the primary and at the election there will be but two candidates for the honor of representing the county in the convention; one of these will favor repeal and the other retention of the eighteenth amendment. If the candidate favoring repeal is elected he will go to Lincoln early in December and cast his ballot for the repeal of the amendment; if the candidate favoring retention of the amendment is elected he will go to Lincoln and cast his ballot in favor of the retention of the amendment. If a majority of the wet candidates are elected the convention will vote the repeal of the amendment; if a majority of the dry candidates are elected the convention will vote to retain the amendment. The wet and dry question, as far as Nebraska is concerned, will be settled prior to the convening of the next session of the state legislature.

Name Given To Senate Saturday and Passed By the Judiciary Committee.

CONFIRMATION HELD CERTAIN

Last Saturday President Roosevelt sent to the senate the name of James A. Donohoe, of this city, to be United States district judge for the district of Nebraska.

The senate judiciary committee reported the nomination back to the senate unanimously and there is no doubt about his confirmation as soon as the senate meets in executive session, either today or tomorrow. Shortly after confirmation Judge Donohoe will move to Omaha where he will at once enter upon his duties in the federal building, succeeding Judge Woodruff, who has been promoted to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals.

Judge Donohoe has many friends, among the members of the bench and bar in the northern part of the state, as well as among the laymen, and they all tender hearty congratulations on the honor that has come to him. There is hardly a young lawyer, when he graduates, but has the hope in his heart that he will some day sit upon the United States district court, but very few ever have the ambition realized, as the appointments to these positions are for life, which necessarily cuts down the number appointed.

Judge Donohoe has lived in this city and vicinity all his life. He has practiced law in this city for nearly thirty years and during that time he has made an enviable reputation as a man and a lawyer, with few equals in his chosen profession in this section of the state. He has had a very large and lucrative practice and while the acceptance of the position will cause him financial loss the honor of being sought out among all the members of the bar of the state for this position makes the acceptance of the position almost imperative.

The writer has known James Donohoe since he was a little boy and has always admired him for his ability and fidelity to duty; he is an exceptionally fine trial lawyer; a student of the law and with a mind well trained and capable of grasping all the fine points of the law in the many legal questions that will come before him in his new position; an orator of rare ability and with a heart that beats in sympathy for the downtrodden and oppressed. After an acquaintance of half a century with Judge Donohoe, and with a personal acquaintance with about half of the members of the bar of this state, we know of no man who will make as worthy a successor to the popular Omaha jurist who has been advanced, Judge Joseph W. Woodruff, of Omaha, than James A. Donohoe, of O'Neill. Congratulations, James. O'Neill, Holt county and the entire north half of the state are proud of you and of the fact that you have been selected to this important and honorable position.

BREAK INTO SAUNTO STORE

Some person broke into the Abe Saunto store last night. Entrance was effected by breaking out one of the glass panes in the sky light and dropping to the floor of the store. In coming through the broken glass of the skylight the marauder evidently cut his hand as there were drops of blood on the floor and on some papers on the desk in the rear of the store. Mr. Saunto had a table loaded with clothing under this skylight, but removed it further back yesterday, so that it was not directly under the skylight and the burglar had to drop about ten feet from the top of the skylight to the floor. It is thought he may have injured himself in this fall. Mr. Saunto says he has not been able to determine whether he got away with any goods or not, but the chances are that the fellow injured himself in his fall and was glad to get away. He left by the rear door, both of which were wide open when they opened the store this morning.