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YEGGS ATTEMPT TO OPEN SAFE AT AN O'NEILL ELEVATOR

Safe Survives A Bad Battering, Refusing To Yield Its Contents Of Over \$500.

A steel safe at the office of the Farmer's Union elevator office here, near the Northwestern railway east industry tracks, south O'Neill, weighing about 1,000 pounds, was wrecked last Thursday night at a time believed to be between 11 and 12 o'clock, midnight, by supposed itinerant yeggmen who failed to open the door. It is believed the men were frightened away. About five dollars in small change was taken from a money till which reposes near the safe.

According to W. A. Ellis, elevator manager here, he sold an unusual amount of corn Thursday to South Dakota buyers and he was unable to deposit the money in a bank because of Washington's birthday observance by the banks, causing them to close that day.

Mr. Ellis forgot about the holiday, however, and made out a deposit slip, leaving himself a complete record of the amount on hand, in the safe and in the till.

Entrance to the elevator building was gained thru a door, one panel of which was knocked out so a latch was reached. The office door was opened, possibly thru use of a skeleton key. Tools in a box, owned by the Farmer's Union, a claw hammer and a few others were used at battering the safe. Heavier tools may have been used and taken away by the yeggs. The claws of the hammer were bent backward.

The dial knob and door handle were knocked off the safe; one hinge bolt removed, and by prying, the door frame was bent out of line, door lining cracked, and the safe made worthless, according to Mr. Ellis.

Because of the holiday and the corn sales, there was in the safe, in cash and checks, about \$550.00, which was not disturbed. Nothing but the small change was taken.

Several who live nearby heard a peculiar sound in the night and believed it the ringing of the St. Mary's academy bell at six o'clock, morning. They turned over and slept some more, giving them the longest "last sweet moments" of morning sleep enjoyed here after the bell sounded in many years.

Safe expert James Davidson was called Friday and within a few minutes he opened the safe. Peter W. Duffy investigated and found little to work on.

The damaged safe was first seen by Mr. Ellis, who said he received the surprise of his life when he saw the damage and felt his \$550 was gone.

Strangers in this business generally are several hundred miles away from the scene of a job when it is discovered and even if known they would be hard to apprehend.

It is possible the men hid in the elevator until it was closed, Mr. Ellis said, and the south door panel may have been knocked out so they could get out. In a hurry, they may not have noticed the latch.

Both Scott Hough and Sheriff Duffy, working in co-operation, are giving the job their attention and if apprehension is possible the robbers may languish behind bars of steel.

Hospital Notes

Mrs. James Oppen is convalescing nicely and will leave the hospital in a few days.

Mrs. A. T. Crumley, of Page, underwent an operation on Monday of this week for double hernia and is doing nicely.

Baby Kenneth Wrede, of Opportunity, was admitted to the hospital on Friday, February 23, with pneumonia. Mrs. Gertrude Easton, a special nurse, is in charge of the case. This morning, March 1, the baby was operated on for emphysema, and at the present writing is doing as well as could be expected.

Work of raising the grade of highway No. 281 south of the Northwestern depot is progressing in spite of the variations in the weather. The amount of earth moved there is astonishing to one who has moved earth only by spade.

Alfred Sanders lost his pocketbook containing one five dollar bill two and one-half years ago near his home. A few days ago he found the pocketbook near an apple tree, the book, a key, to which was a piece of cloth, all in good order, but the money is rotted almost beyond identification.

Mrs. Hiram U. Hubbard

At Chambers last Monday morning at seven o'clock, Mrs. Hiram U. Hubbard, 74, mother of Mrs. Chauncey Porter, of O'Neill, died. Mrs. Hubbard was born in Canada. He husband died nine years ago. She leaves seven sons and one daughter to mourn her death.

He children are Earl, of Buffalo, Wyo.; Mrs. C. W. Porter, of O'Neill; Arthur, of Miller, S. D.; Ivan, of Gordon, Nebr., and Hiram, Ben, Ace and Edward, of Chambers, Nebr.

Funeral rites for Mrs. Hubbard were held at Chambers Methodist church Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 and burial was in Chambers cemetery.

FARMERS ASKED TO GET THEIR FIGURES DOWN ON CONTRACT

Every One Signing A Contract Has A Chance Later To Change His Mind.

Farmers in this county with unusual problems connected with the corn-hog plan are being urged this week by the county temporary committee to get their figures down on a corn-hog contract. The filling out of the contract does not make it a binding agreement with the secretary, the committeemen point out. It does make it easier to submit the case to the state and national corn-hog administration headquarters for consideration.

The sooner the difficult special cases are down in black and white and submitted to the state headquarters at Lincoln, the more chance local people with these cases will have to get their problems favorably solved. The proper way to submit such a case for consideration at Lincoln or Washington is to put down all the figures on the corn-hog forms and then have the agricultural agent, Mr. Rooney, at O'Neill write a letter explaining the problem. Letters sent by individuals of this county to the state office are now coming back to Mr. Rooney for reply since he is the local representative of the corn-hog section and familiar with the general condition in the county.

Putting the figures in contract form, collecting supporting evidence, and making a map of the farm have become the favorite winter sports all over Nebraska. Farmers have scratched their heads more in the last six weeks than they ever did in a similar period before in history. They seem to be getting a kick out of it, nevertheless, since it gives them plenty to think and talk about at home, in town, and at neighborhood meetings.

Everyone who signs a contract has a chance later to change his mind. After the county allotment committee has adjusted his figures in line with the county allotment, he gets the contract form back to look over again and to sign as a binding agreement. Filling out the first part of the contract now does not bind the farmer to sign the summarized contract later.

District Tournament For B Schools Will Be At Neligh

At Neligh today, March 1, was scheduled to start the basketball tournament for this district and the play is set to end March 3. Those in the play there belong to what is designated class B high schools, those having less than 100 enrollment. Towns expected to enter are Page, Brunswick, Wood Lake, Center, Newport, Ewing, Inman, Johnstown, Oakdale, Orchard, Clearwater, Bristow and St. Mary's Academy of O'Neill.

Arrangements have been made to seat about 450 spectators at the games. Admission charges will be adults 35 cents, students 25 cents and for the finals the charge is to be 25 and 50 cents. Those desiring season tickets may purchase them at \$1 and \$1.50.

The champions for Class B of this district for the past three years is Oakdale and Orchard has been the runner up. Those who have followed this sport here this season fondly expect the St. Mary's Academy boys to bring home the bacon.

A Wedding At The Mission At Long Pine, Nebraska

On Tuesday, February 20, after the close of the service in the Gospel Mission, two Christian young people of Holt county were united in marriage by Rev. E. E. Dillon, of Long Pine. The bride, Miss Helen Cole, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cole of O'Neill, and the groom was Robert Strong, also of O'Neill. The friends of the Mission extend to this young couple their prayers and best wishes for a happy wedded life. xx.

Four Democrats And One Republican File As Candidates On County Ticket

During the past week T. J. Coyne, of O'Neill, filed as a candidate for the democratic nomination for clerk of the district court, subject to the action of the democratic electors at the primary election next August. Mr. Coyne served four years as clerk of the district court, from 1916 to 1920, and was defeated for a third term by the present incumbent, Ira H. Moss.

J. V. Johnson, of Atkinson, has filed as a candidate for the republican nomination for supervisor from the Seventh district, now held by Jesse James, democrat.

Charles Baloon, of Atkinson, and John McNulty, also of Atkinson, have filed as democratic candidates for the nomination for supervisor from the Seventh district.

Forrest Smith, of Inman, has filed as a candidate for the democratic nomination for supervisor from the Fifth district, a position now held by Rodell Root, republican.

Candidates still have four months in which to cast their hats into the political ring and from rumors current there will be a great field of candidates for the various offices before final entries are closed.

William P. Simar Called By Death Following Illness

William P. Simar died at his home in this city last Monday morning, after an illness of several months of Bright's disease, at the age of 67 years and eight months. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon from the Presbyterian church in this city, Rev. H. D. Johnson officiating and burial in the cemetery at Atkinson.

William Prentice Simar was born at West Union, Iowa, on June 26, 1866. He remained in his native town until the spring of 1893 when he came to this county and located at Atkinson, which was his home until the spring of 1930 when they moved to this city. On July 12, 1911, he was united in marriage to Miss Helen H. Schultz, of Atkinson, who with two brothers and one sister are left to mourn the death of a kind and loving husband and brother. His brothers are V. D. Simar, of North Dakota, and George Simar, of Iowa, and a sister, Mrs. Nettie Schaad, of Iowa.

Mr. Simar was one of the most lovable of men, with a kind and pleasing disposition and numbered his friends by the score in every section of the county. He served the people of this county as county clerk from 1906 to 1910 and later served the people on the county board and was one of the most popular officials that ever served the people of the county. He went thru life handicapped by being a cripple, but he had a bright and active mind and ever looked upon the bright side of life, and his physical infirmities were no bar to his enjoyment of life and the companionship of his many friends. He was a splendid citizen and his passing will be sincerely mourned by a large circle of friends in every part of the county.

Mrs. Ruth Rezac Dead At Los Angeles Home

According to a message received here Monday, Mrs. Ruth Rezac, 30, died following an attack of pneumonia at her home at Los Angeles, California, last Sunday.

Mrs. Rezac was born at Brainard, Butler county, Nebraska, and moved with her parents when a small child to Chambers where she remained until she reached the age of 16, at which time she took up residence at Omaha. She leaves a widower and one child, a boy aged eight years.

As this is written it was not known where the remains were to be interred, possibly at O'Neill, Omaha or Los Angeles. Omaha newspapers were called on Monday in effort at locating a brother to Mrs. Rezac, Ray T. Gibson, who resided at Omaha all of his life, a carpet layer, very well known at Omaha, but who had moved and whose street address was not available at O'Neill.

Mrs. Hattie Connors, mother of Mrs. Rezac, is the mother of Mrs. Fred Lowery, of O'Neill, and at present is making her home with the Lowery family here.

At the inter-class basketball tournament held in the High School gymnasium Wednesday evening the Freshmen took the Seniors to a cleaning with a score of 19 to 9. The Juniors also defeated the Sophomores with a score of 25 to 11. The winners and losers will contest for the championship tonight and the winners will claim the championship of the school.

LIVESTOCK ON FARMS FEWER IN NUMBERS THAN ONE YEAR AGO

Cattle Are The Only Exception, With Increase In Numbers, And Lower Total Value.

Fewer horses, mules, sheep and swine, but more cattle are shown by the annual report of numbers by the State and Federal Division of Agricultural Statistics. The total number of all livestock is 1.7 per cent below that of a year ago. The value of all livestock is \$130,179,000 compared with \$121,027,000 a year ago and \$147,251,000 in 1932. Although total numbers are 1.7 per cent smaller than a year ago, the total value is 7.6 per cent greater. Total values show the first increase since 1929.

There are 4 per cent more cattle on hand in Nebraska now than a year ago, cattle being the only kind of livestock showing increased numbers this year. There are 3,460,000 head on hand as compared with 3,326,000 head on January 1, 1933 and 3,138,000 on January 1, 1932. The average value per head is \$17.94 as compared with \$18.80 a year ago and \$24.20 in 1932. Total value is \$62,070,000 against \$62,493,000 a year ago and \$75,932,000 in 1932.

Milk cows, which are included under cattle given in the foregoing paragraph total 765,000 head against 735,000 a year ago. Milk cow numbers have shown a gradual increase since 1929. The average value is \$26.00 per head against \$27.00 last year and \$36 in 1932. Total value is \$19,890,000 against \$19,845,000 last year and \$25,290,000 in 1932.

Hogs show a 5 per cent decline in numbers with 4,307,000 head as compared with 4,534,000 head a year ago. The present number on hand is nearly 20 per cent smaller than the number on hand January 1, 1932. The average value is \$4.52 per head against \$4.29 a year ago and \$6.02 in 1932. The total value is \$49,453,000 against \$19,436,000 a year ago and \$32,130,000 in 1932.

Sheep are estimated at 997,000 head against 1,057,000 a year ago and 1,036,000 in 1932. The average value is \$4.21 per head against \$2.77 a year ago and \$3.02 in 1932. The total value is \$4,193,000 against \$2,924,000 a year ago and \$3,124,000 in 1932.

Horse numbers have continued the decline which began in 1919. The present number is 662,000 head against 676,000 a year ago. The average value is \$57.77 per head against \$46.22 last year and \$44.40 in 1932. The total value is \$38,243,000 against \$21,242,000 a year ago and \$30,944,000 in 1932.

Mule numbers have continued the decline which began in 1926. There are 86,000 head on hand as compared with 88,000 a year ago. The average value is \$72.33 per head against \$56.05 a year ago and \$56.27 in 1932. The total value is \$6,220,000 against \$4,932,000 a year ago and \$5,121,000 in 1932.

Numbers of livestock on hand now in percentage of numbers on hand a year ago are as follows: Horses, 98; mules, 98; milk cows 104; hogs, 95 and sheep and lambs, 94. Total numbers of all livestock are 98.3 per cent of a year ago and 92.4 per cent of 1932. The value of all livestock is 107.6 per cent of a year ago and 88.4 of the value in 1932.

Market receipts of livestock from Nebraska in 1933 show increases for cattle and sheep and lambs, but a decrease for hogs. Cattle marketings total 1,432,000 head against 1,282,000 in 1932. Swine marketings total 5,543,000 head in 1933 against 5,751,000 in 1932. Sheep marketings total 1,514,000 head in 1933 against 1,406,000 head in 1932. There were more cattle but fewer sheep and lambs on feed in Nebraska on January 1, 1934, than on January 1, 1933.

Estimates of numbers of livestock on hand and value in the U. S. now and a year ago are as follows: Horses, 11,942,000 and 12,197,000 head; value, \$793,184,000 and \$655,653,000. Mules, 4,331,000 and 5,934,000 head; value, \$402,171,000 and \$302,918,000. All cattle, 67,352,000 and 65,552,000 head; value, \$1,231,280,000 and \$1,307,641,000. Milk cows, 26,062,000 and 25,277,000 head; value, \$706,574,000 and \$739,430,000. Hogs, 55,976,000 and 61,320,000 head; value, \$232,946,000 and \$258,280,000. Sheep, 51,374,000 and 51,736,000 head; value, \$194,636,000 and \$150,017,000.

Numbers on hand in the U. S. now in percentage of numbers on hand a year ago are as follows: Horses, 97.9; mules, 98; milk cows, 103.1; all cattle, 102.7; hogs, 91.3; sheep and lambs, 94.7. (Continued on page 4, column 5.)

Production Credit Corp. Directors Hold Meeting

The Directors of the Production Credit Corporation, which was formed in this city some three weeks ago, held a meeting in this city last Saturday afternoon. The charter for the new corporation has not yet been received and the directors spent the time in looking over the applications received for the officers of the corporation. Another meeting will be held when the charter is received, which is expected to be within the next two weeks, when the officers will be elected and the corporation will get ready for business.

843 Farmers Of Holt County Have Signed Corn-Hog Contracts

Eight hundred and forty-three corn hog contracts had been signed and turned in to the county office of James W. Rooney, agricultural agent, Tuesday night. This number represents about 57 per cent of the possible sign-up for Holt county. A survey of non-signers is being made by the temporary committeemen.

Final signing days will be held in the following towns:

Monday and Tuesday, March 5 and 6, Stuart; Wednesday, March 7, Atkinson and Inman; Thursday, March 8, Atkinson and Page; Friday, March 9, O'Neill and Ewing; Saturday, March 10, O'Neill and Chambers.

Close to 40,000 contracts have been signed in the state to date according to reports coming to the state Corn-hog administration office at Lincoln. That more than half the corn and hog growers will sign the contracts is now definitely assured.

Canvas of the non-signers will be completed here in the county as rapidly as possible after the signing days are over. Temporary precinct committeemen will do the clean-up work. They will give every corn-hog producer a chance to sign the contract if he cares to do so. They will figure out for each man who has not signed just about what his corn and hog benefit payments would be if he should go into the adjustment program. They will emphasize the fact that it takes every one's cooperation to make any undertaking a 100 per cent success.

Jacob Beaver Dies At Son's Home In Wyoming

Jacob Beaver was born in Ashland county, Ohio, November 30, 1846 and passed from this life in quiet slumber at the home of his son, Ernest M. Beaver, at Deaver, Wyoming, on February 19, 1934, at the age of 87 years, 2 months and 10 days.

While still a small boy he moved with his parents to Jackson county, Indiana where he lived for several years, and in his early manhood he went to Minnesota where on November 13, 1873 he was united in marriage to Louise Cole at Hastings, Minnesota.

To this union were born five children, three sons and two daughters, one daughter dying in early childhood. The other children, Ernest, of Deaver, Wyo., Otto, of Wildemar, Calif., Samuel, of Montana, and Mrs. Eugene Bradstreet, of Spencer, are all living. Deceased had seven brothers and two sisters, all of whom preceded him in death. After his marriage he moved to Roberts, Wisconsin, where he was engaged in the mercantile business until 1884 when they came to Nebraska and settled on a homestead about 15 miles northeast of O'Neill in the Agee neighborhood. They lived on this homestead, passing thru all the hardships of pioneer days, until the death of his wife on June 13, 1912. Since that time he has made his home with his son, Ernest M. Beaver. In 1918 they moved to Deaver, Wyoming where his son now resides.

Mr. Beaver was one of the first members organizing a Methodist class at Blackbird and took an active part in building the church known as the Marquette church, and was a consistent and faithful member as long as he lived here, being more than 31 years.

His son, Ernest and his wife, accompanied the remains here and funeral services were conducted at Marquette chapel by Rev. F. J. Aucock of O'Neill on February 23, and burial in the cemetery by the side of his wife.

All the federal relief agencies that have been in the court room for the past four months will move this Thursday evening to the Old Gilligan drug store building, where the offices will be maintained in the future. A district court will meet in about ten days it became necessary for the relief workers to find new quarters.

REV. J. G. McNAMARA TO BE PASTOR OF ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Has Been Pastor For Thirty-Four Years At St. Andrews Church Of Bloomfield, Nebr.

According to press announcements this morning Rev. J. G. McNamara, who has been pastor of St. Andrews Catholic church at Bloomfield for the last thirty-four years, has been notified by the Bishop at Omaha that he has been transferred to O'Neill to succeed the late Monsignor M. F. Cassidy. Father McNamara has been dean of the northeast Nebraska deanery for many years. He is fairly well known in this city, having visited here on several occasions.

Those in the city who are acquainted with Father McNamara speak very highly of him as a splendid man and able and devout servant of the Lord and say that O'Neill is very fortunate in securing the services of such an able priest to take the place of the late Monsignor Cassidy.

Miles A. Summers, Early Holt County Settler, Dies Following 3 Weeks Illness

Miles A. Summers died at his home 16 miles east of this city Wednesday evening at 9 o'clock, after an illness of several weeks from infirmities due to old age, at the age of 81 years and 9 months. The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Page, Rev. Griddle officiating and interment in Prospect Hill cemetery in this city.

Miles A. Summers was born in Effingham county, Illinois, on May 30, 1852. When he was 15 years of age, in the spring of 1867, his parents moved to Nebraska, settling in Washington county, near Blair, where he grew to manhood and remained until his removal to this county in the spring of 1892. On February 18, 1888, he was united in marriage to Isabella Cruichshank, at Blair, who with six children and several grandchildren are left to mourn the death of a kind and loving husband, father and grandfather. The children are: W. A., of Wheeler, Nebr.; Charles, Middle Branch; Frank, O'Neill; Earl, Page; H. M., Elgin; Leslie, Page.

In May, 1892, the family moved to this county, coming here from Washington county, and located east of this city where they have resided for the past forty-two years. Mr. Summers was a good citizen, frugal and industrious and had a host of friends in the eastern part of the county, where he was well known. He had always enjoyed good health, until the past few months. He had been seriously ill for only about two weeks and his sickness was not considered serious until a few days before his death.

Mr. and Mrs. Summers celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary last year and at this gathering all their children were present and most of their grandchildren and at that time Mr. Summers was enjoying the best of health and gave promise of a good many more years with his loved ones, but it was decreed otherwise.

When he came to Nebraska in 1867 he drove a yoke of oxen, pulling a large wagon in which was piled their household goods. Nebraska was very sparsely settled in those days, about the only settlements being along the Missouri river. He lived to see the bleak and barren plain that was the state when he first glimpsed it, blossom and become one of the greatest states in the union and he had his part in making it so.

Will Have Bargain Fares To Chicago This Summer

Bargain fares, as low as a cent-a-mile for certain round trip coach tickets, will be offered by the Chicago & Northwestern railway this summer to the Century of Progress Exposition in Chicago, according to an announcement of the passenger traffic manager at Chicago. These tickets will be for week-end travel from most all stations on the northwestern's territory and will be limited to ten days. A set fare of \$10 for round trip ticket from Omaha, Council Bluffs and Sioux City has been announced. This should encourage railroad travel to the exposition during the coming summer.

Mrs. George Mitchell returned from Atkinson Tuesday accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Margaret Feeser, whose mother, 75, hotel operator at Atkinson, suffered the loss of half of her right leg recently at Stuart hospital thru amputation to relieve a condition which failed to yield to treatment. Feeser Jr., resides at Midwest, Wyo.