

Over the County

SOUTHWEST BREEZES
By Romaine Saunders

Snow and wind can do a lot to the roads in a few hours.

The piling snow New Years day held no happiness for the one forty miles from home.

It was a popular New Year resolution once to swear off. Some specimens the first day of '37 indicated reversal of a time honored custom.

Society once looked to its women as the moral balance wheel but since she stepped down from that high estate moral values have reached the vanishing point.

There was spent last year over thirty-threemillions of Uplift funds in Nebraska—a goodly slice of the More Abundant Life. Prosperity by this modus operandi may not be exactly "sound" but it has put a lot of money into the state. Maybe we can forget for the present about our share of the debt to be paid.

There seems some relief in sight for the motorist by switching the gas tax to cigarettes. You can drive without a cigarette but the gasoline seems to be necessary. I asked the governor, two years ago to recommend the tax be put on cigarettes in place of gas. Now there is a shift of sentiment to that same view.

Sitting by the steam radiator in an office down in far distant Massachusetts and drawing an alluring word picture of great material prosperity scheduled for Nebraska farmers in 1937 makes something pleasant to read. The family out on the rented farm whose barren, denuded acres haven't produced a crop in ten years may indulge a dream of reposing in the lap of luxury by reading such stuff but they know too well there is nothing for them until the soil responds in bountiful yield, and this no man can tell at the beginning of winter.

Whatever may have transpired to "strain the relations" of some with the president, our former citizen Arthur F. Mullen is still welcome at the White House. Arthur early was fascinated by the political great. At the height of W. J. Bryan's popularity and during his visits to O'Neill he was a guest at Mr. Mullen's home, then living here on north First street. Mr. Bryan did not get to be president though making three attempts but Mr. Mullen continued the early tendency until he can walk up, lay a large and efficient hand on the shoulder of the country's great with a familiar "How are you, F. D.?" And Art has always been loyal to his friends "back home."

Frequently friends in various parts of the county tell me of the pleasure they derive from the humble efforts in this column, particularly of the incidents of long ago. I am reminded today of an unusual bank holdup. In this instance it was the banker who held up a customer. It was one of those affairs that was kept from the public, but at this late date there is no harm in telling the story. Names are not important to the drama, that might have been tragedy, so they are omitted. It was in what some are pleased to call the gay nineties, though I recall no more gaiety than now. An O'Neill citizen was buying and selling cattle on an arrangement with one of the banks of the town. The buyer was allowed to check on the bank and the proceeds from his shipments were forwarded by draft to the bank. This relationship was terminated after a time by the banker informing the buyer he could check out for one more carload and that would be all. Here the drama begins. This last load was shipped to market, the buyer went along, got the money for the sale of the cattle and stowed it away in an inside coat pocket. Getting back to O'Neill and walking past the bank he was motioned in and asked about the shipment. He coolly told the banker he had the money, was going to keep it to buy more cattle and walked out. A day or two passes. Going by the bank again he is summoned in. He steps inside and the banker locks the door. "Do you still have that money?" The buyer says "Yes, right here," indicating a pocket in his coat. "Look here, you — ! This bank furnished you money to do business with when you were in desperate need and now you are trying to pull a trick like this." With his right hand gripping something suspicious bulging his coat pocket, the banker continued: "That

money was not mine; it belongs to the bank. If you don't turn it over you will never leave this room alive!" Trembling, the buyer gasped, "You wouldn't kill me, would you?" "Don't think I wouldn't," with an inexorable finality. Out came the roll of currency which he tossed on a table. The banker counted out what was due the bank and handed the balance to the nerve-shattered cattle buyer.

MEEK AND VICINITY

Mrs. Eric Borg and Marvel have both been quite ill, but are better at this writing. Mr. Borg isn't so well either. We hope for their immediate recovery.

A New Year's eve party was held at the Puckett home. Several invited were unable to attend but those there had an enjoyable time.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rouse and sons and Arthur Rouse were dinner guests New Year's day at the F. H. Griffith home.

Leroy Spindler is taking lessons in roller skating. He has made several trips to Inman recently to participate in this activity.

Fay Puckett has been on the sick list for the past week, but was reported to be better early this week.

Mrs. Ray Kurtz, who has been sick for the past week is better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Harrison and Mary, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Thomas and family and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Peterson and children were dinner guests at the Elmer Devall home New Year's day.

Mrs. Albert Kaczor left Tuesday for a visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ben Freeburg and family at Mead, Nebr. She will also visit with other relatives in that locality.

The Ed Heniffin family were dinner guests at the Dan Hansen home New Year's.

Mrs. Retta Woodland, teacher of Meek school who spent her vacation at Madison, returned Friday. Mrs. Carson came with her for a visit at her daughter's home, Mrs. Linn.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Langan and children and Mrs. E. H. Rouse were dinner guests at the Arden Johnson home New Year's day.

The Fred Lindberg family, who have been quite ill, are on the road to recovery.

The two children of Adolph Sidaway have been visiting relatives at Spencer the past week.

The George Conard boys slid into a ditch last week, upsetting the car and doing quite a lot of damage to it. The boys received bruises and scratches.

Allen Spindler and Robert Gunn who were visiting at the R. D. Spindler home returned to O'Neill last week.

Bill Fosberg and Helen Spindler caller at the Roy Spindler home Thursday.

We received word Monday telling of the injury of Mrs. Gust Johnson at her home in Oakland, Calif. On Christmas night she fell and broke her hip and an arm. She was taken to a hospital there. Her friends in this vicinity are hoping for her early and complete recovery.

INMAN NEWS

The year 1937 was ushered in with a big snow storm in this vicinity, accompanied by a high wind which blocked all roads. No trains came from either direction Saturday night. There were no church services in either church Sunday and no school Monday owing to the fact that some of the faculty were unable to get back to Inman. However roads are open and everything is running along at a normal pace again.

Mrs. Etta Geary is quite ill at her farm home six miles south of Inman.

Laurence, 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Young, is very ill with pneumonia at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Young.

Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson were here from Norfolk over the week-end visiting at the J. T. Thompson home.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Hutton and children spent New Year's day near Atkinson at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Conger.

Misses Lelia Rouse and Lucille Stevens have returned to Wayne to resume their studies at the Wayne state normal school.

Mr. and Mrs. Joyce Maxcy and two sons have moved here from Lincoln and will make their home with Rev. E. B. Maxcy at the M. E. parsonage.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardin Anspach and children have gone to Los Angeles, Calif., to spend the balance of the winter.

County Superintendent C. J. McClurg of O'Neill, was visiting among relatives in Inman Monday.

While there has been considerable sickness among the children in Inman and vicinity there have been no cases of contagion of any kind

reported. Rumors of contagious diseases in Inman are without fact.

Borers Destroying Trees

As interest in spring tree planting quickened this week and farmers made application for Clarke-McNary seedlings and transplants, the Holt county farm bureau called attention to the damage done trees this year and in past years by insects and other pests.

Tree borers have been the most numerous and consequently the most destructive than in a great many years. Weather conditions and the weakening of trees by intense heat and lack of soil moisture have made them very susceptible to the attack of tree borers. During 1935 there was an unusually heavy infestation of red spider and they weakened the trees also.

Foresters believe that many American Elms which died in such large numbers would have survived had it not been for the presence of the flat-headed apple tree borer. Methods of controlling the borer and a description of its life history, appearance and habits are described in Extension circular 1510 which is available at the farm bureau office.

Farmers are thinking about such control measures as they make application for the Clarke-McNary trees thru the same office. Last year a total of 34,400 trees were distributed locally for farm windbreaks and woodlots. Thus far this year application has been made for 7,200 trees.

Former O'Neill Man Dies In Wisconsin

Alexander Athey a former resident of this city in the early eighties and a lawyer, died at his home at Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin Dec. 18, last. Many of the old timers in this city and vicinity have a pleasant recollection of Mr. Athey who was a fine appearing and a very polished gentleman. Following is an account of his death from the Crawford County (Wis.) Press of Dec. 24:

"Alexander Athey, 79, veteran Prairie du Chien jurist and attorney and at present Crawford county divorce counsel, died of an acute heart attack at his home at 408 South Beaumont Road last Friday evening. Mr. Athey had fallen and cut his arm on the preceding Tuesday and had suffered a considerable loss of blood. He was under a doctor's care but overexertion is believed to have brought on the attack.

"Alexander Athey was born on Oct. 28, 1857 on a farm in southeastern Iowa, the son of James Washington Athey and Sarah Brown Athey. He took the classical and engineering courses at Cornell college and then entered the Iowa State law school at Des Moines, Ia., (now Drake uni.) graduating in 1880 at the head of his class of 57 members.

"After serving his term as law clerk in Des Moines he went to New Mexico and there surveyed land for the United States government for one year. He was married to Minnie Cummings, the daughter of a Chippewa Falls lumberman and contractor in 1888 and shortly afterward located in Superior, Wis. "In 1901 he came to Prairie du Chien and was so much attracted to this city that he settled here, refusing offers which later came to him and would have required his removal to other cities.

"His first case in the Wisconsin Supreme Court was in 1891 following which he had many cases there and was successful in the greater share of them. The first successful case against the Chicago "beef combine" was fought out in Wisconsin by Mr. Athey alone against a large number of the best attorneys in the circuit and superior courts of Douglas county, Wisconsin.

"To a profound understanding of the philosophy of the law, which won him the respect of his fellow attorneys he added a taste for Latin and Greek and logic and philosophy. He was a direct descendant of John Athey who enlisted in Captain Lee's company, Third Virginia Regiment Continental Line Feb. 6, 1776 and served thruout the revolutionary war being cited for his soldierly conduct at Valley Forge for which he was made an officer.

"District Attorney James P. Cullen, a close friend, his doctor, and the Rev. Joseph Weis were with him at the time of his death.

"He is survived by his wife, Minnie C. Athey, a daughter, Katherine and two sons, Robert D. and Matthew J. all of New York.

"Burial was made in St. Gabriel's cemetery Tuesday morning following a high mass at St. Gabriel's church at nine o'clock conducted by Father Weiss, Fathers Schutte and Hunlyth of Campion Academy assisting. Members of the bar acted as honorary pall bearers."

Mrs. Matilda R. Dailey

Mrs. Matilda R. Dailey, born Feb. 12, 1876 in Nemaha county, Nebraska, died at her home Wednesday, Dec. 30, 1936, at the age of 60 years, 10 months and 18 days. She lived in Nebraska all her life, coming to Holt county when seven years old.

Matilda Goodwin and Jno B. Dailey were married at Boone, Ia., Jan. 2, 1894. To this union twelve children were born; five of whom preceded their mother in death. Mr. Dailey died June 13, 1924.

She leaves to mourn her passing, James, William, Jack and Bernice of O'Neill, Roy of Kaycee, Wyo., Mrs. Mary Alder of Kelso, Wash., Mrs. Bernice Barnes of Valentine, and Donald Dailey, her grandson, who has made his home with her. One sister, Mrs. Wm. Dailey of Bristow, Nebr., and sixteen grandchildren, also are among the bereaved.

Mrs. Dailey's interests were largely with her home and children. She renewed her covenant with God a few months ago and held her faith in Him until the end.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church at 2 p. m. last Thursday and were conducted by Rev. LeRoy M. Zook of Page. The songs, "Abide with Me," "Home of the Soul" and "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" were sung by a double duet, Mesdames LeRoy M. Zook and Davis Williams, sopranos and Wm. Harris and Will Durkee, altos. Burial was in the Inman cemetery. xxx.

Accident Record

During the week ending Dec. 19, 1936, there were 261 accidents in the state, in which 15 people were killed and one disabled, and 170 injured. An unusual thing about the accident list is that automobile accidents did not head the list as has been the custom for several months. In this particular week other public accidents headed the list with a total of 85, in which 46 were injured, one disabled and 3 deaths. Automobile accidents were second on the list with 84, in which 71 were injured and three deaths. In agriculture employment there were 33 accidents in which sixteen people were injured and two deaths. In industry employment there were 18 accidents in which seven were injured and two deaths. There were 41 home accidents in which 30 people were injured and five deaths. These accident statistics are compiled by the Nebraska Press association and the state superintendent of public instruction.

During the week ending Dec. 26, 1936, there were 297 accidents in the state in which 185 people were injured, 4 disabled and 14 deaths. For the second successive week other public accidents exceeded the automobile accidents, although the number of injured and the number of death as a result of the accidents were less than half of that in automobiles. There were 108 motor vehicle accidents in which 103 were injured and nine deaths during the week. Other public accidents were 127 in which 43 were injured, three disabled and four deaths. In agriculture employment there were 18 accidents in which 12 people were injured and one disabled. There were 17 accidents in industry employment in which 11 people were

injured. There were 27 home accidents during the week in which 16 people were injured and one death.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

A. J. May, Pastor
Sunday School at 10 a. m.
Morning Worship at 11 a. m.—Communion Service assisted by the choir. Brief sermon, "The Benefits of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper." Special music by the choir. Choir rehearsal Saturday evening at 7:30.

Epworth League at 6:30.
Special evening service at 7:30.—Candle Light Installation service for the Epworth League officers, and the public is invited and asked to participate. We ask everybody to bring a small candle.

The State Convocation of Ministers convenes at Lincoln Monday to Wednesday, Jan. 11 to 13.

The regular meeting of the official board was held last Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reece. The next meeting is first Monday in February at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Yarnall.

Original Spanish Main Greatly Narrowed Down

Named in the heyday of conquistadores and pirates, the old Spanish Main originally comprised that part of the Atlantic ocean piled by Spanish treasure ships, says the National Geographic society. The name later embraced the shores of the Caribbean islands and adjacent coasts of South and Central America, but finally narrowed until it denotes specifically the northern coast of South America between the Isthmus of Panama and delta of the Orinoco—the coastal zones of Venezuela, Colombia and Panama.

Columbus sighted the palm-fringed shores of the Spanish Main in 1498. Red-painted Indians sucking brews from gourds watched the subsequent arrivals of Balboa and others who carried back to Europe amazing tales of pearls, gold, and Indians suitable for slaves. Men swarmed the coast to erect fortified settlements and to ship wealth back to Europe. Seeking the fabulous riches reputed to be in the interior, they pushed through almost impenetrable jungles. Before them fled harassed Indians, discharging poisoned arrows, futile against armor.

Settlers lived largely on a plentiful supply of immense tortoises and wild boars. Some, settling near what is Santo Domingo, hunted and smoked buffalo. They became known as buccaners from the French word boucaner, to smoke meat.

Others became farmers, cultivating tobacco with the aid of numerous white and negro slaves. Many of the slaves ran away and joined the buccaners, who, having become bored with buffalo hunting, took up pirating, preying on Spanish galleons and coastal settlements. The Spanish Main offered numerous natural advantages to these seafaring bandits: luxurious forests out of which to build their barks, lakes of pitch for caulking the new craft, and hidden harbors from which to surprise their prey.

Tundra

Tundra is the cold, desert, treeless plains which form the Arctic lowlands of Europe and Asia. The name is also generally applied to a similar area in North America. The word is of Russian origin and means a marshy plain. The prevailing low temperatures are consequent on high latitude and proximity to the frozen northern ocean and result in very scanty vegetation.

Even his bitterest enemies will have to admit that in joining a molasses company Professor Tugwell picked himself out a sweet job.

Who can remember when a youthful Spaniard was just a pleasant young fellow who strummed a guitar and sang romantic songs under the summer moon?

We asked a disillusioned bride the other day how it came that she decided to get married and she said she guessed it must have been her great love for dumb brutes.

A current magazine gives an interesting photograph of the Christmas turkey of 1825. It shows that the bird was up-to-date then, being as streamlined as the 1937 automobile.

TIRED

The unemployed man called on a business acquaintance and said he was looking for a position.

"But you always refused jobs before," asserted his business friend. "Why do you want one now?"

"Well, I've been loafing steadily for two years," explained the man, "and now I need a vacation!"—Boston Transcript.

Who weeps with you when you are sad, and laughs when you are glad, and smiles with you when you are mad—the editor. Who has to be both kind and wise and never

(hardly ever) lies, and when he does creates surprise—the editor. Who owns a heart as well as cheek, possessed of a spirit proud but weak, and lives on forty cents a week—the editor.—Clipped.

HELPFUL

Dining in a restaurant with her husband the other day, a lady missed her gloves when she was on her way out. Murmuring something to her husband, she hurried back to the table to look for them. Not seeing them on the table, she lifted the cloth and began to peer about on the floor. Just then a waiter came up. "Pardon me, madam," he said, "but the gentleman is over there by the door."

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