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HOLT COUNTY REPUBLICANS ARE AGAIN COMING BACK WITH OLD STRENGTH

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN TEN YEARS THEY CAST MORE VOTES IN THE COUNTY THAN THE DEMOCRATS MANAGED TO POLL

Butler, Republican Nominee For U. S. Senator; Cochran Democratic Nominee. Dwight Griswold Republican Nominee for Governor, While Terry Carpenter is the Democratic Nominee.

For the first time since 1930, ten years, the republicans of Holt county went into the lead and cast more votes at the election last Tuesday than the democrats. It was also the first time since President Roosevelt came before the people as a candidate for president in 1931 when his name on the ticket did not lead the party, sweeping everything in sight. In 1936 there were 3,776 votes cast in the primary election, of which 2050 were democratic and 1728 republicans. This year there were approximately 4,500 votes cast at the primary and for republican presidential candidates 2,351 voted, while but 1,510 voted for Roosevelt the only democratic candidates name on the ballot. Tom Coyne, who was running on Coyne, who was democratic ticket for the nomination for county assessor, received 15 more votes in the county than did the president. More than 300 republican votes were cast than democratic in this county and in the state the republican vote exceeded the democratic vote by over 50,000, which is an indication of how Nebraska is going this fall. In several precincts in the county they ran out of republican ballots and more had to be printed and rushed to different polling places.

For presidential preference Dewey carried this county over Senator Vandenberg with a majority of 257 and he carried the state with a majority of about 25,000.

In the race for governor our neighbor on the west, Dwight Griswold, received a splendid vote in this county, securing a majority of 1,048 over Warner, his nearest opponent, and a clear majority over all of the candidates on his ticket for governor of 673. He ran like a race horse over the state and won the nomination with a plurality of several thousand and he will be the next governor of Nebraska.

Another contest that was of interest to many people in this county was the contest for the position of republican national committeeman for which Lyle Jackson of Neligh was a candidate, being opposed by Bert Carpenter, of Omaha. Lyle carried this county with a vote of two to one, receiving 1278 votes to 637 for Carpenter. Carpenter's big vote in Omaha put him in the lead and he is a couple of thousand ahead of Jackson, on the unofficial tabulation with a few precincts missing, so he is probably the winner.

In the race for the republican can nomination for United States senator Arthur J. Weaver, new dealer carried the county over Hugh Butler of Omaha, by a majority of 179. Butler got a good majority in his home town which was increased outstate and he is the nominee with a plurality of about 30,000, and he will be the next senator from Nebraska, after the November election.

On the county ticket Walter G. Sire, in his first venture into politics, won the republican nomination for county assessor, defeating L. G. Gillespie, an old time campaigner, by a majority of 157 votes.

One of the surprises of the election was the decisive defeat Governor Cochran handed to Senator Ed Burke, for the democratic nomination for United States senator. Cochran carried this county with a majority of 220 over Burke and decisively defeated the senator in his home county of Douglas and was nominated with a majority of around 20,000.

On the non-political ticket, with five candidates in the field, four from Holt county, about the only surprise was the vote polled by Tony Asimus in this county. Most of those posted on the political affairs of this section, conceded before the primary that Tony would

be the nominee and that Senator Brady would be the other candidate, but no one looked for Tony to develop the strength he did in his first entrance into the political field. In this county he received 1508 votes to 1872 cast for Senator Brady, a majority in this county for the Senator of 364. Stanley Soukup was third, Jameson of Bassett, fourth and Dean Selah bringing up the rear.

Another contest that promised to be interesting before the primary, was the race for the office of county judge. On this office 4489 ballots were cast and Judge Reimers led the field with a vote of 2396. In second place was Henry Grady with a vote of 910 and they will contest at the general election. In third place was H. W. Tomlinson with 604 votes and in fourth place was B. C. Engler, of Stuart, with 579 votes.

In the race for the republican nomination for supervisor in the Second district John A. Carson, present member of the board, won re-nomination over Axel Borg with a majority of nine votes. Joe Schollmeyer won the democratic nomination and these two will battle it out next November.

In the Fourth district William Wulf, of Deloit precinct, who was appointed to fill the vacancy on the board caused by the resignation of County Judge Reimers, won the democratic nomination; while Eben Grafft, of Ewing, won the republican nomination in the same district.

In the Sixth district A. M. Battenhorst won the democratic nomination for supervisor while Walter K. Smith, the present member of the board from that district easily won the republican nomination.

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Births

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Murdy of O'Neill announce the birth of a son, on March 30th.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynus Northouse Keith, on April 4th.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin LaRue announce the birth of a son, Lanny Lee, on April 7th.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Howard announce the birth of a daughter on April 9th.

HOSPITALITY AND BUSINESS ENERGY OF O'NEILL IMPRESSES THE "SOOMEN"

Last Thursday Evening Was a Gala One For the Citizens of O'Neill and Surrounding Country When They Gathered to Greet Sioux City Visitors and View Streamlined Train

"Irish Eyes" were not the only eyes that were smiling last Thursday evening, April 4th, when the people of O'Neill had the pleasure of welcoming the Soomen of Sioux City, Iowa, who came to O'Neill on the new Burlington streamliner, "The Silver Streak". This group of outstanding business and professional men made a good will visit to this city and attended a banquet at the new gymnasium. This banquet was prepared by the Catholic Daughters and was greatly enjoyed by all. Over four hundred persons were in attendance, including the 216 Soomen and also over 200 persons from O'Neill.

The train left Sioux City about 1:50 and arrived around 6:10. Although the Silver Streak is capable of traveling between 90 and 100 miles an hour, because of the condition of the tracks in this locality, it averaged between 28 to 30 miles an hour on its trip.

On their arrival the Soomen were met at the depot by the O'Neill High School band and hundreds of O'Neill citizens and citizens of the county, and escorted to the new High School auditorium, where the dinner was served and the evening program rendered.

The people of O'Neill might well be proud of the fact that O'Neill is the only place in Nebraska visited by the Soomen in two and a half years. Also more Soomen made this trip to O'Neill than any other city. This broke the record of 185 Soomen who made a trip to Storm Lake, Iowa.

The meeting was called to order by Ted McElhane, President of the O'Neill Lion's Club.

Following this, dinner was served, and after dinner community singing occupied the spotlight. This was led by Otto Bridge, of Sioux City.

Following the community singing, Ted McElhane, president of the Lions Club introduced Julius D. Cronin, who delivered the address of welcome to the Soomen and said that O'Neill was honored to have such a distinguished group as our guests.

The master of ceremonies was John W. Carey, Editor of the Sioux City Journal. After the introduction, the Soomen Quartette sang an adaptation of "Oh Johnny," in his honor.

He then complimented the ladies of O'Neill, on the way they handled the banquet.

He said he spoke as a representative of all the Soomen and he had the same sentiments as they would express if they each had the opportunity of speaking personally.

The director of the Mayfair Hotel said the banquet was carried out as well as by professionals. The Catholic Daughters were also complimented by heads of the Martin and Warrior Hotels.

Mr. Carey then read a telegram from P. J. Donahue, who for several years when he was a freight solicitor for the Burlington, was a weekly visitor to this city and well acquainted with the old timers, expressing his regrets because of his absence.

Mr. Carey stated the Soomen were very glad to be in O'Neill, even gladder than they thought they would be. He said the number of Soomen that came to O'Neill was the largest number to make a good will trip in six years. The good will tours have taken them through South Dakota, Iowa, and Nebraska.

After this the social side of the banquet commenced. The Soomen had brought their own entertainment along and this proved to be most enjoyable.

Mr. Carey introduced the Soomen Quartette as an organization of which Sioux City was very proud. After hearing this vocal group we well understood how this pride was justified. The Quartette is composed of the following: Paul Bower, Sioux City Gas &

JESSE B. MELLOR PROMINENT BUSINESS MAN FOR OVER FIFTY YEARS DIES

A Holder of a Great Deal of O'Neill and Holt County Real Estate. Always Had Faith in the Future of This City and County

Jesse Benton Mellor passed away at his home in this city this morning about 8:30, after an illness of over one year, at the age of 72 years, 2 months and 16 days. The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Presbyterian church, Rev. Bell officiating and burial in Prospect Hill cemetery.

J. B. Mellor was born at Killbuck, Ohio, on June 27, 1868, his parents both being natives of Ohio. He grew to manhood in his native city and when nineteen years of age he started west and in the fall of 1887 he came to this city, which had since been his home. Jess was a young fellow vigorous and full of ambition, but without any money and he walked into this city, coming from the south. He has been engaged in business in the city ever since he came here, until last spring, when he disposed of the Ford agency and retired from active business. His first business venture was a dray line which he very successfully operated for a number of years. Then he branched out in the livery business, operating a livery and feed barn in connection with his drayage business. His first barn was built in the fall of 1894 after the destruction of the DeYarman barn by fire the summer before.

With the advent of the automobile the livery business suffered and Jess, always being long visioned, promptly entered the automobile business, he being one of the first in that business in this territory. He built a cement block building, just east of his Ford Garage later erected, in 1912 and for many years was actively engaged in the selling and repairing of automobiles there. Later he erected the present commodious Ford Garage building which he occupied for many years with the Ford agency until his retirement. At the time of his retirement he was one of the oldest Ford dealers in this section and was possibly the oldest automobile dealer in this central or western part of the state.

Following this he introduced Rev. E. J. Smith, who was the speaker of the evening. He gave a brief history of Father Smith's life. Father Smith was born in Nebraska and entered the priesthood in Iowa, in the Sioux City diocese. When America entered the war he became chaplain in the 339th Field Artillery. Since coming back to America he has served as Chaplain of the American Legion in state, district and local chapters.

Father Smith gave a very brief address. To close the program the Quartette sang a song dedicated to the people of O'Neill.

—Marjorie Joan Cronin

Soomen's O'Neill Party Turns Out to Be a Hummer

By J. W. C. in Sioux City Journal
If you want a town that's live,
Just go to O'Neill—
Where to please you people strive,
Just go to O'Neill.
Folks out there are the best you can find
Sturdy generous, wholesome and kind—
Irish rascality, congeniality—
Just go to O'Neill.

If you're looking for some Swedes,
Don't go to O'Neill—
Or for streets grown up with weeds,
Don't go to O'Neill.
There are Doughertys, Dugans and Tooles.
Flynn's, O'Flahertys, Reillys and Pooles—
Work like the devil, they're all on the level
In live, progressive O'Neill.

Where the sandhills start to roll—
That's busy O'Neill.
Where the cowhands spend their dough—
That's busy O'Neill.
Where the Burlington quit laying ties,
'Cause the town they reached was a prize—
Where girls are pretty, almost like Sioux City—
Yes, that's busy O'Neill.

"And there, in a Harry Norris parody, sung by the popular Soomen's quartet (Paul Bower, Lowell Traver, Clarence Phillips and Milton Solberg, substituting for Carl Norrbom) to the lilting tune of Sweet Peggy O'Neill, you have the spirit of the Soomen's visit to the county seat of Holt county, Nebraska, Thursday evening.

"From the moment the ebullient Otto Bridge (born in England but long ago wholly Americanized), as song leader, called for the rendition of My Wild Irish Rose in the Soomen's best barber shop manner as the first of a series of Irish ballads sung by the entire party to the last goodnight a few minutes before 10 p. m. (streamlined train time) the Soomen never lost sight of the fact that they were in Nebraska's most Hibernian city and never ceased to give evidence of the fact that they were thor-

oughly enjoying its whole hearted hospitality.

"The banquet in the new public school gymnasium proved a fitting conclusion of a red (or should we say green?) letter day for O'Neill. Thousands of persons had driven in from the country and nearby towns to take advantage of special trading opportunities offered by O'Neill merchants and to "oh" and "ah" over the Burlington's newest streamlined train, the Silver Streak, which pulled into O'Neill a few minutes after 6 p. m. with 216 (no more, no less) Soomen on board.

"O'Neill had reason to feel proud of the fact that it attracted the largest crowd of Soomen in the six-year history of Soomen excursions. Of course, the streamlined train may have had something to do with the size of the turnout, but the Soomen freely admitted that O'Neill's well known reputation for "congeniality" also played its part.

"And, speaking of enviable reputations, O'Neill's was considerably enhanced by its demonstration of Thursday evening. Credit for the fine showing was divided between the businessmen as a whole; the Lion's club, which directly sponsored the reception to the Soomen and the Catholic Daughters, who had the banquet in charge and were roundly praised for both food and service.

"Approximately 200 O'Neill men and women sat down with the 216 Soomen, and during the four hours they spent together during the last half century (since O'Neill became the western terminus of the old Pacific Short line, now a part of the Burlington system) became still faster and firmer.

"The Soomen got back home at 3:15 a. m. Friday, enthusiastic over the success of the trip, the party being generally regarded as one of the best of all Soomen parties.

"Never before had the Soomen so thoroughly realized the significance of the well known Irish salutation, "Cead mile faulte" (One hundred thousand welcomes)."

Soomen Return From Journey Into Nebraska
From the Sioux City Tribune—
"Weary but pleased Soomen, 216 strong, disembarked here at 3 a.

J. B. Mellor was remarkably successful in business and was rated one of the wealthiest men in this city or county. During all of his business life he was an investor and at his death owned many valuable business properties in the city as well as several residences. He also has extensive holdings in Denver, and owns considerable Holt county land, in three bodies, two of the places being improved and upon which he has been engaged in stock raising.

During the last few years of his life Mr. Mellor had largely retired from active work and spent his time with his livestock and other investments. His was a remarkably keen mind and his judgment was universally respected and much sought after by those interested in making investments or purchasing properties. During the late hard years he helped many with loans who could not make a loan elsewhere and quietly and unostentatiously helped a great many through difficult circumstances.

On July 21, 1895, he was united in marriage to Miss Mamie Burke, the ceremony being performed at Stuttgart, Arkansas, to which city she had moved several months before. One son, Ralph, was born of this union, who, with his mother are left to mourn the passing of a kind, affectionate husband and father. He is also survived by one brother, George Mellor, of Red Bird, and one sister, Mrs. C. J. Kohler, of Denver, Colo., besides three grandchildren and several nephews and nieces.

In the passing of Jess Mellor another of the bunch that were much together in the latter eighties and early nineties has gone to the great beyond and there are not many of us left. In the past six months we have lost from that bunch Fred Swingley, John Hazlett, Clyde King and now Jess Mellor. Those of us who are left feel that we have lost a real landmark and a man who had been close to us in the days that are gone. Good Bye, Jess.

Friday from a trip to O'Neill, Neb., one of the most successful in the history of the Soomen.

Under the direction of H. N. Feyder, marshal of the day, and Carl L. Fredricksen, Soomen chief, the Sioux City boosters boarded the Burlington streamliner, the new "Silver Streak Zephyr," at the station here at 1:45 p. m. Thursday.

"The gleaming steel train, newest and largest of the "Zephyr" fleet, which will go into service April 15 on a run between Kansas City and Lincoln, Neb., attracted crowds in every town and at some crossroads on the way to O'Neill. At O'Neill the train was thrown open for inspection as it had been Thursday morning in Sioux City.

"High spot of the trip for many of the Soomen was a visit past the huge diesel engines to stand in the cab of the locomotive. Condition of the roadbed made speed impossible but a visit to the locomotive impressed the Soomen with the power and potential speed of the train.

"At O'Neill, the Sioux City visitors were met by a band, many residents of the city and, under direction of Harry Clauson, marshal of the day for the O'Neill Lions club, marched to the new high school gymnasium for a banquet and program.

"The program was opened by Ted McElhane, O'Neill Lions president, who introduced J. D. Cronin, Holt county attorney, who welcomed the Soomen.

"Response to Mr. Cronin's speech was made by John W. Carey, managing editor of the Journal, who served as master of ceremonies for the program presented by the Soomen.

"On the program were the Soomen quartet of Paul Bower, Clarence Phillips, Lowell Traver and Milton Solberg, and Harry Norris, accompanist; June Seitz, dancer; Babe Davin, vocalist, accompanied by Bernie Marr and Yo Yo, the clown.

"Rev. E. J. Smith of Immaculate Conception Catholic church was the principal speaker. Community singing was led by Otto Bridge. Msgr. J. G. McNamara of O'Neill gave invocation."

Francis Connelly made a business trip to Norfolk on Tuesday.