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SOUTHWESTERN BREEZES

By Romane Saunders

"Arsenal of Democracy." What's that?

A New York congressman asks \$25,000.00 damages of a railroad for being routed out of his berth on the train at 6 in the morning. Is another hour's sleep at the break of day worth that much to a congressman?

Conceived by statesmen, patriots, pioneers, the Declaration of Independence sets forth "that all men are created equal." In the sense in which the minds that expressed it meant the statement forever true. An A. M. jointly with our L. H. D., L. L. D. in a text book for colleges gives their inspired comment on the statement to the effect that "all men are not created equal." Rather too bad that the authors of the blue print for the U. S. A. did not have these college highbrows to guide them.

It was January before ranchers of the neighborhood had caught their breath and began to be organized for winter. Snow blockades began early in November with none prepared and some tall hustling has since been going on. Thursday saw the first supplies replenished when Ted and Bob Frederick blew the last of a number of logs for the compiler of the Breezes and that afternoon Elmer Frix sawed them into fuel size; also a quantity each for Mr. Fredericks and Bernard Kennedy. Over at Raymond Bly's a like work was done the same day with Henry Greenslits outfit. The boom of exploding logs the past few weeks indicates a belated gathering of the winter's wood has been more or less general.

I have searched the night sky in vain for a glimpse of the comet astronomers told us would appear within range of our vision early in January.

We do not infer that Governor Griswold means he has joined the mugwumps when he says the governor is neither republican nor democrat but governor of all the people.

Maybe these bombastic war lords are merely exaggerated editions of the gents who used to come strutting down the street all togged out and rattling a few coins and a key in a trouser pocket.

If you were walking along the street some day feeling just crabby enough to bite the head off a ten-penny nail and met Mrs. Will Gray her wonderful smile would melt you. Out of memory's gallery of pioneers I know of none who had the quality of radiating the sunshine of life in a degree to equal Mrs. Gray. Her death at the age of 86 not only removes another of the pioneers but closes a noble woman's life that definitely touched all that knew her in a helpful way.

Some years ago as I stood at evening on the shore line watching the breakers roll in on the bosom of the vast Pacific I was fascinated, not by the glitter of blended colors of an ocean sunset, but by a ship with sails full spread to the breeze going out to sea. The vessel seemed to hang for a little while on the distant horizon, aglow now by the low descending sun, then little by little fading from view till it reached the point of the earth's circle to which the vision from shore no longer penetrated. Earlier in the day I had found an unending source of interest in the scene at Golden Gate, where tug boats were towing great ocean-going vessels through those troubled waters as the ships entered or left the harbor. The vessel that was to sail on and on for many days to some far-off port, the restless breaking in white foam at my feet as I stood in fascination gazing out over the great deep—a scene in vivid contrast to the restful charm of the sunset hour on our Nebras-

O'Neill High Wins First Round of The County Tournament

O'Neill High defeated Page 28-25 in the first round of the Holt County basketball tournament at Stuart last Wednesday. After a tight first quarter, which ended 7-7, O'Neill pulled ahead and stopped a Page rally in the final quarter to win their way into the semi-finals of the meet.

Burgess opened the scoring and O'Neill went ahead 4-0 before Page tallied on a free throw. Page got two fielders and the lead saw-sawed until in the second quarter when O'Neill spurted with each player on the team contributing a field goal. Their half-time lead was 17-11, which was increased in the third quarter to 24-16. Page scored four fielders in the last period to narrow the difference to three points, but O'Neill played deliberately to use up the remaining time.

Summary:

O'Neill (28)	fg	ft	pf
French, f	2	0	2
Wetzler, f	0	0	0
Burgess, f	4	2	1
Manzer, f	0	0	0
Leach, c	2	2	1
McKenna, g	0	1	2
Mitchell, g	1	0	1
Osenbaugh, g	1	0	0
Calkins, g	1	1	1
	11	6	8

Page (25)	fg	ft	pf
Howell, f	2	2	3
Allen, f	2	0	1
Wanzer, f	2	0	4
Bolen, f	1	0	0
Harvey, c	1	1	1
Jorden, c	0	3	3
Chase, g	1	1	2
Stevens, g	0	0	1
Stoultzer, g	0	0	3
	9	7	18

Lohaus Motor Company Now Owns Ford Garage

Henry Lohaus and Clinton Gatz recently purchased the garage property on east Douglas Street, erected and for many years occupied by the Mellor Motor Company, from the Executors of the Mellor Estate for \$10,000.00. At the time Mr. Lohaus and Mr. Gatz purchased the garage business from the late J. B. Mellor they rented the garage property and obtained from him a written option and agreement to buy the property for \$10,000.00. After the death of Mr. Mellor they gave notice of their intention to exercise their option and buy the property and some time ago started suit in the District Court here to establish their contract and compel the Executors to sell and convey the property. Recently Judge Dickson ordered the property sold and conveyed in accord with the terms of the agreement.

ka prairies. To a land lubber as I am that ship far out at sea, bow pointed to the setting sun, sails outlined like whited ghosts against the sky reflected a picture long to remain on memory's vice as Lord Byron has said that time writes no wrinkles on the ocean's azure brow, "Such as creations dawn beheld thou callest now."

Maritime pictures are unchanging. The prairie offers variety. Bewitching scenes drawn across nature's ample background intrigue sons of the grass land with living characters of bird and animal life. A friendly little owl sits on a clothes line post not far from my window to talk to the moon and stars; and I have awakened to hear his midnight monologue. In the snow grouped by a lone cottonwood a half dozen prairie chickens have come in for a morning visit. The snow everywhere is marked with an intricate network of bird and animal tracks, while here and there it has been so kicked about as to mark the spots where badgers or rabbits have had their nocturnal frolics. And when the season of snow is gone summer skies tint the prairie with green and perfume the air with the fragrance of a fresh floral bloom. So the ocean and the prairie has each an individual charm.

Census Bureau Releases Figures For 1940 Census

The official figures of the 1940 census, which were released by the census bureau, show that Nebraska has lost 62,129 persons in the past ten years, showing a total population as of April 1, 1940, of 1,315,834 persons. Seventy-seven of the 93 counties in the state, showed a loss of population, Holt county being one of the few to show an increase. The census also shows that the urban population, (the census bureau classifies as urban residents those living in incorporated places of 2500 or more, the remainder being classed as rural population), shows an increase over the figures of 1930. The figures for 1940 show an urban population of 514,148 while the rural population is 801,686. Holt County showed an increase of 43 persons, the figures for 1940 showing 16,552 persons living in the county, while in 1930, there were 16,509.

Of the eight cities, towns and villages in Holt County all but three showed an increase in population during the past ten years, and the loss in population in those three towns was relatively small. Following are the official figures for the towns in Holt County as released by the Census Bureau:

Name	1940	1930
O'Neill	2,532	2,019
Atkinson	1,350	1,144
Stuart	760	763
Page	335	359
Chambers	388	258
Ewing	681	589
Inman	206	285
Emmet	89	88

George T. Davis

George T. Davis died at his home near Inman this morning about 1:10 after an illness of several months at the age of 74 years and 10 days. The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Methodist church in Inman, Rev. E. B. Maxey officiating, and burial in the Inman cemetery.

George Taylor Davis was born at Tarkio, Missouri, on December 26, 1867. He grew to manhood in that state and on June 3, 1888, he was united in marriage to Miss Emma Jane Carpenter, the ceremony being performed at Independence, Mo. Nine children were born of this union, six sons and three daughters, all of whom are left to mourn the passing of a kind and affectionate father. The children are: William McKinley Davis, Moline, Iowa; Mrs. Maud Lewis, Ida Grove, Iowa; George Dewey Davis, Riddle Creek, Idaho; Mrs. Cora Larrison, Persia, Iowa; Mrs. Esther Thompson, Ida Grove, Iowa; Lloyd Arthur Davis, Odebolt, Iowa; Vernon J. Davis, Inman; John E. Davis, O'Neill; Kenneth Elmer Davis, Rebel Creek, Nevada.

Mr. Davis came to this county about 1890 and worked in this city for a time and then purchased the farm near Inman where he lived up to the time of his death. Mr. Davis was a fine gentleman, a good neighbor and a loyal friend. He raised a large family of splendid men and women and during his life time took an active interest in the civic affairs of the county. So thus passes another of the pioneers that helped to carve this county from the wilderness and make it a better place in which to live.

Members of Garfield Lodge Installed Officers Last Thursday Evening

Garfield Lodge, No. 95 A. F. & A. M. installed the following officers at their regular meeting last Thursday evening, to serve for the coming year: Fred Robertson, W. M.; A. E. Bowen, S. W.; Von Robertson, J. W.; S. J. Weekes, Treasurer; C. W. Porter, Secretary; Peter Nissen, S. D.; Dr. J. P. Brown, J. D.; Anton Toy, Tyler. This week Masons from this section of the state have been attending a school of instruction held in this city on Tuesday and Wednesday, conducted by Lute M. Savage, Grand Custodian of the Grand Lodge, of Omaha, assisted by the Deputy Custodian, Buren P. Wells, of Archer, Nebr.

Production Credit Ass'n To Hold Annual Meeting In O'Neill Next Week

Plans to welcome more than 300 farmers and stockmen from Boyd, Holt, Wheeler and Garfield counties at the annual meeting of the O'Neill Production Credit association were announced by D. C. Schaffer, president of the association.

A dinner for the members, entertainment and the yearly business session will headline the meeting, the Holt county stockman announced. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 16, at the O'Neill high school auditorium, starting at 10:00 a. m.

Mr. Schaffer said the stockholders will elect one director to the credit cooperative's board for a term of three years. Present members of the board, in addition to the president, are Otto Krupicka of Spencer, W. F. Gribble of O'Neill, Otto Oberg of Ericson and C. F. Clark of Burwell.

Farmers and livestock men attending the meeting will have an opportunity to review the association's progress and activities for 1940 when the president and secretary-treasurer James W. Rooney will make their annual reports after the noon dinner and entertainment program.

The association is now rounding its seventh year of providing funds for livestock and farming operations. In 1940, said the president, the cooperative supplied more than \$550,000.00 in loans to its members.

Bjornsen-Mellor

Carroll Bjornsen and Miss Ardis Mellor were united in marriage in this city on December 30, 1940, County Judge Reimer performing the ceremony. The bridal couple were accompanied by the sister and brother-in-law of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Halstead.

The groom is a son of Mrs. A. Bjornsen, of Lynch, Nebr., and they are pioneer residents of that section. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Mellor, whose family is also among the pioneer residents of the northeast section of the county, and both of the young people grew to manhood and womanhood in that section of the state.

A wedding dinner was served to the newly weds at the bride's home, attended by the immediate relatives of the contracting parties, after which the young folks left for Sioux City, Iowa, where they will make their future home.

The happy young people have the best wishes of a host of friends in northeastern Holt and eastern Boyd county for a long and happy married life.

St. Mary's Cardinals Bow To Ainsworth Team

Last Friday night, the Ainsworth gymnasium was the scene of one of the fastest and roughest games played this season. Both teams were clicking like well oiled machines, but the Ainsworth team gummed up the St. Mary's machine by a score of 29 to 25.

Ainsworth got away to a fast start and led 9 to 0 at the end of the first few minutes. St. Mary's sallied by dunking in three baskets in succession. The entire game was played a great deal like the first few minutes with Ainsworth racing ahead and St. Mary's center, Kersenbrock, looped a long one in from the middle of the court to bring the Cardinals up within one point of the lead, but again Ainsworth went ahead with more points.

With a little less than three minutes to go and with the score at 21 to 23 both teams began to go at a torrid pace with Shoemaker dropping one from mid-court to tie up the score, but the Ainsworth team again put on the pressure and pulled out to win 29 to 25.

Ainsworth high point man was Richardson with 18, while Shoemaker was high for the Cardinals with 6 points.

Patrick J. Gibbons

Patrick J. Gibbons died December 19, 1940, at 11 a. m., at Seattle, Washington, of a heart attack. The funeral was held Saturday morning, December 21, 1940, from St. Theresa's church, Rev. John McGrath, officiating, burial in Calvary cemetery.

The Gibbons family were residents of this city many years ago and Pat had a host of friends in this city and county. Along in the Nineties the family moved to Butte, Mont., where part of the family still reside. About twenty years ago Pat went to Seattle, Washington, where he had made his home up to the time of his death. He was an insurance salesman and had a host of friends in Seattle. Pat was a jovial, companionable man and had the happy faculty of making and retaining friends.

He leaves to mourn his passing four sisters, Mrs. John V. Murphy, Portland, Oregon; Miss Maggie Gibbons, Miss Delia Gibbons and Miss Deborah Gibbons, of Butte, Mont. He is also survived by three nephews, Dr. J. Milton Murphy, Raymond J. Murphy and Edward R. Murphy, of Portland, Oregon.

The relatives from Portland and Butte were in attendance at the funeral.

B. E. Adkins, of Norfolk, was in O'Neill on business on Wednesday.

O'Neill High Basketeers Trim Elgin High

O'Neill High won an overtime game 28-23 from Elgin's basketball team last Tuesday. At the end of the regular playing time the score was 22-22. O'Neill scored first in the first three minutes overtime period and built up their margin in the final part of the period.

Both teams were cold in the first period. Elgin scored first and O'Neill finally canned one to end the period 2-2. O'Neill went into a lead in the second period but Elgin rallied and the score was still a tie, 8-8, at the half. O'Neill fell behind early in the second half and was trailing by 3 to 5 points until in the closing minute with the score 22-20, O'Neill chose to take the ball out of bounds rather than attempt a free throw and Leach scored the tying basket with about 30 seconds to play.

The game was rough throughout, thirty-four personal fouls being called on the two teams. Four of Elgin's players left the game in the final period because they had four fouls.

The O'Neill Second team won from Elgin's reserves, 23-16 after taking a 10-3 lead in the first quarter and holding the visitors even through the final three periods.

The next home game is Monday, January 13, when Butte brings two teams to O'Neill.

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Mitchell, c	3	4	0
Leach, c	3	4	0
McKenna, g	0	1	2
Osenbaugh, g	0	1	0
Calkins, g	2	0	3
	9	10	10

Elgin (23)

Elgin (23)	fg	ft	pf
Bennett, f	4	0	3
Ball, f	0	0	4
Thramer	1	0	4
Rogers, f	0	0	3
Sprout, c	0	0	1
Schwab, c	0	0	1
R. Vogel, g	3	2	4
D. Vogel, g	1	1	0
Hinman, g	1	0	4
Beck, g	0	0	0
	10	3	23

Referee—Patterson.

Hiram B. Hubbard

The citizens of this city and county were shocked last Tuesday when word was received that H. B. Hubbard died suddenly Monday afternoon while sitting in a chair at his home at 1909 F Street, Lincoln. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon and burial in Lincoln. He was 65 years of age.

Mr. Hubbard is survived by his wife, a daughter, Fern, and a son, Dr. Harry E., of Madison, Wis., and a brother, C. R., of Lincoln.

Mr. Hubbard was a resident of this city and county for nearly forty years. He came here about 1900 and purchased a farm northeast of this city where he resided for many years. About 1913 he built a home in this city and moved to town so that his children could have the benefit of the O'Neill schools. He was in the oil business here for a time and then operated a shoe and harness shop for several years, finally retiring and moved to Lincoln about six years ago, where he had since made his home, but still owned his Holt county property and made frequent trips to this city.

Mr. Hubbard was a splendid citizen, a good neighbor and a loyal friend. He always seemed to be in the best of health and his sudden death was a severe shock to all. The Frontier joins the many O'Neill friends of the family in extending sympathy to the bereaved in their hour of sorrow.

Mrs. Harold Rose, of Macomb, Ill., left Friday for Grand Island, after spending a few days here visiting friends. She will visit her parents at Grand Island for a few days before returning to her home.

Local Chapter of Eastern Star Installs Officers For This Year

The symphony Chapter of the Eastern Star held their annual installation of officers on Thursday night in this city, with Mrs. Raymond Bright of O'Neill, a member of the Orchard chapter of Eastern Star acting as installing officer. The Masons were invited guests at the ceremony. The following were installed as officers for the coming year: Worthy Matron, Julia Graves; Worthy Patron, Harold Lindberg; Associate Matron, Anna McCartney; Associate Patron, L. G. Gillespie; Secretary, Mildred Lindberg; Treasurer, Ida Robertson; Conductress, Lottie Fenderson; Associate Conductress, Margaret Clauson; Chaplin, Hazel Burgess; Marshal, Edna Kruze; Organist, Elizabeth Harbottle; Warden, Minnie Noble; Eentinel, Zada Russ; Five Points of the Star, Etta Schriener, Edna Yantzi, Lilarae Sherbahn, Ella Porter and Esther Harris.

On The Sidelines

By Observer

It is our intention to bring to you readers a summary of the sports in Northeast Nebraska and to keep up with the growing interest in sports in this city. Every week we will present you with the inside dope of the past week's games and the prediction on the sports to come.

The Holt County Tournament at Stuart draws the spotlight this week with both O'Neill teams entered. O'Neill High will face the Page squad at 9 P. M. on Wednesday evening. On Thursday night St. Mary's meets the Amelia High team.

My predictions will be: Atkinson over Stuart, Ewing over Chambers, Inman over St. Joseph's, O'Neill over Page, St. Mary's over Amelia.

The second round will find Atkinson with their usual tournament luck taking Ewing after a hard fought battle and St. Mary's taking O'Neill High.

The finals will have Atkinson against St. Mary's. Atkinson will be gunning for it's third straight title of the county, while St. Mary's will be again trying for it's second time to take the title away from Atkinson. Last year these same teams met for the same championship with Atkinson coming out on the long end of a 26-20 count. At the flip of a coin St. Mary's will be the new County Champions providing they get the fire in them that they should have.

Local boy makes good is once more the cry, although the boy is not quite from O'Neill. We are talking about Frankie Leahy, the coach of Boston College, winner in the Orange Bowl on New Year's Day. Although he was born in Winner, S. D., he spent some of his boyhood days here and was known by a great many citizens of this city. Boston College turned back Tennessee 19-13.

Sport Calendar For This Week Monday, January 13—St. Mary's at Fairfax.

To Hold Music Contest Meeting In O'Neill Next Wednesday Evening

The music contest banquet and meeting which was postponed on December 17, has now been arranged to be held on January 15 at the Golden Hotel dining room. The banquet will start promptly at 6:30 to be followed by a meeting under the leadership of O. L. Webb, Sec.-Treas., Nebraska High School Activities Association.

The Lions Club and business men of O'Neill are inviting the superintendents and music instructors of schools in this territory to be their guests for the evening. Many will want to learn more about the rules and regulations governing music contests. This meeting will give those present an opportunity to ask questions, receive explanations, and promote understanding. This meeting is being held to promote the District Music Contest, which is being entertained in O'Neill this spring.

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