

SOUTHWESTERN BREEZES

By Romaine Saunders

Neither the mayor of the great city of Los Angeles, the governor of the great state of California nor the head of our great nation saw fit to protect a citizen from a handful of unionized bullies in his right of entry to his own property. In such a case what would the first Roosevelt—the apostle of even-handed justice—do?

The week started with the southwest again blanketed with a wet snow. The winter has treated the prairie to a fall of moisture at stated intervals. One fall of snow has melted and sunk into the earth to be followed by another snow fall. The process has continued for nearly five months with the result that the ground retains the moisture instead of running off as in case heavy snow all winter and suddenly converted into flood waters.

The meadow larks, the blackbirds, the wild ducks and robins have returned. Green points of the blue grass pop through the wet earth since the melting of the snow that fell over the "week end." Indications, as I write, suggest the thought that the southwest is heading into the awakened lift of another spring.

Activity in military affairs is a reminder that O'Neill probably furnished more regular army officers than any town in this section. Three from here have graduated from West Point to be commissioned as officers in the standing army. Charley Meals, I believe, was the first and served during the World war. Owen Meredith and Francis Brennan both now hold important posts in our National defense forces. Paul Olson, a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Olson, former O'Neill residents, fills the post of instructor for recruits at a training camp in Washington.

Sentiment out this way is decidedly against the plan of doing away with the precinct assessors. In the first place the setup to take their place means no saving, it is contended. Property owners also feel that a resident of the precinct can certainly know more about the holdings and their value of their neighbors than one who never gets into the neighborhood. Objection is also heard to centralizing any more of our local government functions in one individual. A growing resentment is manifest over the perpetual legislative tinkering with established institutions.

When and if that barber bill becomes a law I will send to Ward's for hair-cutting equipment and make my home barbering 100 per cent. The barbers I know are a fine bunch of fellows but they are taking themselves rather too seriously if they favor such legislation. I recall as a boy being fascinated with a striking figure who rode into town from somewhere out on the wide prairie dressed in fringed buckskin; erect, handsome, hair falling in crinkled waves over broad shoulders; astride a thoroughbred in a saddle with polished solid silver horn. And I don't know but that today there lingers a bit of secret coveting of that style of long hair.

From the prophet Isaiah, Chapter 59 and verse 1, we read: "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy that it cannot hear." Christendom has been on its knees pleading that the dove of peace may again be sent to hover over mankind, yet the earth runs red with blood and carnage. Those who have just prayed now reproach the great God with failure or question His existence. Why are these pleadings for peace apparently of no avail? Read the next verse of the 59th Chapter: "But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you that He will not hear." So that's what's

Presbyterian Young Folks To Present Play Next Tuesday Evening

"I Will! I Won't!" is dramatic news! All over the country crowds have jammed theatres to see this new comedy in three acts. They have laughed at Georgette's method of getting "appreciation." They have enjoyed watching young folks play pranks on their teachers—just as they did in the old days! How natural they find it for girls to fall in love with their school doctors, and fool Elliot Fletcher, the boy who knows all about the women—he thinks. We all know girls like Glad Howard, jealous and possessive, and girls like Lynn Patton, who are a friend indeed. We envy Lucille Owen her pull with Dean Willis, who seeks favor with Lucille's grandmother; and Carney Underwood, well, who wouldn't like a daredevil playboy?

One peek at the cast below will convince you that the O. H. S. Auditorium on Tuesday, April 1, at 8:00 P. M., will be the place to be. Lynn Patton, a co-ed..... Betty Williams

Carney Underwood, a dashing playboy.....Gene McKenna
Lucille Owen, sophisticated co-ed, and Joan Stevens, her double.....Chickie Iler
Elliot Fletcher, one of (those) Englishmen.....Zane Cole
Mrs. Stevens, a domineering 70-year-old grandmother.....Lydia Halva
Mr. Howard, Mrs. Stevens' lawyer Jerry Toy
Dr. Tony King, handsome school doctor.....John Osenbaugh
Georgette, the colored maid.....Virginia Shultz
Glad Howard, a co-ed.....Margaret Halva
Dean Willis, dean of girls.....Ruth Osenbaugh
You've had a peek at the cast—here's one of the plot:
Scene—Fashionable co-ed school.
Action—Lucille Owen, supposedly campused for low grades, is sneaking out for the week end with Carney Underwood, leaving Joan Stevens to double for her. Georgette, the snooty colored maid, finds out about the plan. If she talks when "questified" by Dean Willis, Lynn will be expelled, and Dr. King will be blacklisted in every hospital in the country. Will she talk? What happens when Mrs. Stevens comes to the school? Will Glad land Dr. King? Will your sides split with laughter? The answer to that one is "yes." You'll have to come to learn the rest. Don't miss the play of the year, "I Will! I Won't!"

O'Neill Boy Appointed To St. Louis Hospital

Word comes from Lincoln that Robert F. Biglin, a senior in the University of Nebraska College of Medicine, in Omaha, has been appointed to the St. Louis City hospital, St. Louis, Mo., and will begin his internship there next fall. Last week it was announced that he had been selected for the Immanuel hospital in Omaha, but a correction was received the first of the week. The St. Louis City hospital is one of the choice internships, as it is one of the largest hospitals in the middle west, with all modern standard equipment and Robert is to be congratulated in receiving such a choice assignment.

the matter? I would not presume to preach nor perform the functions of priest or prophet, but I see only vain effort in pleadings for peace or any other divine favor unless Christendom is ready to confess it has missed the way and will reach out its feeble hand to that of the Almighty and asks to be led back to the path of divine precepts. Perhaps it has taken divine judgments to jar us loose from the greed, the follies, the sinful pleasures of a debauched age—"to the intent that the living may know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever He will and setteth up over it the basest of men." And why should innocent children suffer? Again it is written: "Visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation."

DISTRICT MUSIC CONTEST HERE APRIL 18, 19

O'Neill has the opportunity this year for the first time to entertain a District Music Contest. This contest will take place on April 18 and 19. Probably twelve hundred or more contestants will come to O'Neill on those two days.

To adequately entertain an event like this requires the consideration cooperation, and help of the entire community. Many citizens of the community have already voluntarily offered their assistance in whatever way they could be of help. Such a spirit is assuring that O'Neill will be a capable host.

In addition to the faculties and student helpers of the O'Neill schools, a number of committees have been set up to assist the contest. Mr. James Rooney, president of the O'Neill Commercial Club, has appointed Ed Gallagher to serve as General Chairman of all committees. Mr. Gallagher, with the assistance of a committee, has appointed the following committees:

Housing—Rev. Wright, Chairman; Mrs. Dishner, Mrs. Osenbaugh, Mother M. Virginia, Ralph Rieky, Roy Sauers and Rev. Spencer.

Stenographers—Ted McElhane, Chairman.

Entertainment Committee for Judges—Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Birmingham, Dr. and Mrs. Burgess.

Door Committee—Mrs. Lundgren, Mrs. J. P. Brown, Miss Anna O'Donnell, Co-Chairmen; Mrs. C. F. Grill, Mrs. K. L. Martyn, Mrs. John Shoemaker, Mrs. C. W. Porter, Mrs. L. M. Merriman, Mrs. M. J. Golden, Mrs. P. B. Harty, Mrs. Edward M. Gallagher, Mrs. W. J. Froelich, Mrs. Ed T. Campbell, Mrs. H. E. Coyne, Mrs. C. J. Gatz, Mrs. H. L. Lindberg, Mrs. C. F. McKenna, Mrs. Esther C. Harris, Mrs. F. E. Parkins, Mrs. W. B. Graves, Mrs. Melvin Ruzicka, Mrs. R. M. Sauers, Mrs. H. G. Kruse, Mrs. W. J. Biglin, Mrs. Ted McElhane, Mrs. H. J. Lohaus, Mrs. F. J. Kubitschek, Mrs. Bennett Gillespie, Mrs. F. N. Cronin, Mrs. O. W. French, Mrs. Jerry Miller, Mrs. Jack Arbuthnot, Mrs. C. B. Yarnell, Mrs. P. J. O'Donnell, Miss Agnes Griffin and Miss Bernadette Brennan.

Good Will Committee—Mayor Kersenbrock, D. H. Clauson, Co-Chairmen; Dr. French, Will Hanna, Ambrose Rhode, Bob Armbruster, H. J. Lohaus, Frank Parkins, L. C. Walling, W. H. Harty, John Sullivan, Fred Harper, Dr. Bennett, Mrs. D. C. Schaffer, Mrs. George Rector, Mrs. Jack Vincent, Gerald Miles, Father Parr, H. A. Yocum, D. H. Cronin, G. C. DeBacker, Art King, Melvin Ruzicka, Alva Marcellus, Steve Wallace, Mrs. Carl Asimus, Clark Wilson, Ray Shelhamer, Merle Hickey, Judge Dickson, Dr. Carter, Frank Biglin, F. N. Cronin, Hugh Coyne, Mrs. Georgia Rasley, Miss Elja McCullough, Harry Reardon, Mrs. Seth Noble, Mrs. Helen Sirek, Jim Corkle, Otto Herre, Jack Arbuthnot, Harrison Bridge, Ed Campbell, C. W. Porter, R. H. Parker, C. E. Jones, J. M. Hayes, Levi Fuller, Jerry Miller, F. M. Brittell, Max Golden, Judge Reimer, Irving Johnson, J. J. Harrington and G. L. Bachman.

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A surprise party was given on Tom Edwards and Victor Halva at the Edwards home last Thursday evening, it being their birthday, and they were presented with a birthday angel food cake by Mrs. Bob Cook. The evening was spent in playing pitch. High score prizes went to Fred Grandorff and Mrs. Cline, while Dave Loy and Mrs. Bob Cook won low. At midnight a delicious lunch was served and at a late hour all departed for home wishing Mr. Edwards and Mr. Halva many more happy birthdays.

Dean Selah, of Shemandoah, Iowa, arrived here on Tuesday to spend a few days visiting relatives.

Active Livestock Market Steady to Strong Prices

Liberal receipts of livestock at the local auction last Monday met with a brisk demand and the prices remained fully steady and, in some cases, stronger than a week ago. The market was very active throughout and buyers were eager to absorb all of the available stock on hand here.

Calf receipts were a little heavier than last week. The best of these went as high as \$12.95 and the bulk of this class ranged mostly from \$11.50 to \$12.50. Good quality light heifer calves brought \$10.50 with the less fancy kind and heavier weights selling for less.

Yearlings were rather scarce and prices were steady to strong with prevailing prices last week.

Cows were plentiful and prices were mostly steady on the better kinds. Those with less quality showed a slight weakness in price.

Bulls were here in heavier supply than usual. Young bulls were firm in price and the demand was active.

In the hog division, prices showed the current advance with an extreme top of \$7.95 on light butchers. Practical top was \$7.70. Sows rated an extreme top of \$7.65. Pigs sold as high as \$8.10 for the fancy lights.

About 15 horses were sold and prices were mostly steady.

The next regular sale will be held on Monday, March 31.

BLUEJAY BOXING TEAM WINS FIRST MATCH OF SEASON

The O'Neill High School boxing team invaded Atkinson territory Monday night and brought back the first athletic win of the year, a 5 to 4 decision over Atkinson High School's leather pushers. The spirited blue and white boxers, tutored by Coach Manny Segel, turned in a good account of themselves and showed much improvement over last week's bouts. The "blitzkrieg" of the evening was the final bout between Tut McKee and Zane Cole. A rushing, pushing, climbing, no punching, affair, with plenty of knockdowns, only to be climaxed by a knock-out punch by Cole to "Tut's" jaw in the last 5 seconds. The tussle was awarded to McKee.

Atkinson High will bring their team to O'Neill on Wednesday, April 9, for a return match.

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Mrs. Harold Lindberg entertained the M. M. Club at a dessert luncheon at her home on Wednesday evening. Mrs. H. Kruse won high score, Mrs. Guy Cole, average and Mrs. Harry Walling, low.

HIGHWAY TWENTY PUBLICITY DRIVE IS LAUNCHED

Representatives from Lusk, Thermopolis and other Wyoming points along the route are expected to be in attendance when the Better Casper association directors meet in noon luncheon Monday in the Crystal room of the Gladstone hotel to launch a publicity campaign for the Highway 20 association.

Call for the meeting was issued Saturday by A. E. Chandler following a preliminary conference with Bert Bell, executive secretary and manager of the highway association. Invited to attend are all Better Casper members and all others interested in the promotion of travel over the new route, which will be completed this year.

Publicity will take many forms, including the use of newspapers, magazines, radio, billboards and the distribution of highway maps and other literature.

Bell was enthusiastic yesterday in commenting on the support mobilized for publicizing the highway between Sioux City and Cody and the cooperation promised by numerous agencies. Great plans are being laid for the annual meeting of the association in O'Neill, Nebr., on May 15, when representatives will attend from all towns. Bell stated that the movement was receiving unanimous backing and that local units had been aroused to its importance.

At Monday's gathering, Bell will report on the recent big meeting at Sioux City, where enthusiasm is running high over the project as a result of interest manifested. Prepared to receive 150 representatives the city was surprised by the hundreds who formed a caravan ten miles long which paraded there. The same interest is being manifested all along the route, he declared, due to a certainty of a great travel increase, and preparations are being made to handle tourists in a volume never before known to the area served. Hotel and service station improvements along with camps and other accommodations are receiving first attention.

Highway 20 is now the shortest improved route from Chicago to Yellowstone or, with its connections, to the west coast from Boston, and it will be advertised as the scenic route to the national parks. The thousands of maps to be distributed will be printed in Casper, and the order for the first supply has been placed.—Casper, Wyo., Tribune-Herald.

O'Neill School Board Elects Teachers

At a meeting of the members of the O'Neill School Board held last Thursday night, the following teachers were elected for the coming year: K. L. Martyn, Principal; Ira George, Miss Marjorie Graybill, Lawrence Hanna, Virginia Johnston, Alfred Mathis and Miss Audrey C. Sich, in the high school. The grade teachers are as follows: Frances Rotherham, Zelma Waldo, Loretta Enright, Hilda M. Gallagher, Margaret Miller, Betty Jones, Johanna Englehaupt and Dorlin Lockman. Superintendent C. F. Grill was re-elected at a meeting some time ago, and Robert Houthens, who was elected to take the place of Harold Connors, who resigned, was at that time elected for the coming year.

Strikers are still rampant in many of the big manufacturing plants of the country and millions of dollars of defense orders are lying in the factories waiting for men to do the work. The government drafted the cream of the young men of the country and placed them in the army at \$21 per month and makes them like it. Why not draft organized labor, place them in the manufacturing plants and compel them to do the work at a fraction of the wages they are now drawing? This might put a little sense into the heads of the greedy and high salaried leaders of organized labor.

Mrs. Swan John Peterson

Funeral services were conducted this (Thursday) afternoon at two o'clock from the Butte Community church for Mrs. Swan John Peterson of Holt county, who passed away at her home, southeast of Butte, Sunday morning, while still asleep, at the age of 58 years, 6 months and 15 days.

Miss Lottie May Ellis was born September 1, 1892, in Holt county, in a log house on the banks of the Niobrara river, near Brush creek. She moved with her parents to Keya Paha county when six months old, and spent eight or nine years there before returning to Holt county where she grew to womanhood.

Peterson, November 24, 1909, and she was married to Swan John to this union were born two sons, Marx and Jacob and one daughter, Mrs. Gustav Widfeldt.

Early in her life, while attending high school, she expressed her faith in the Lord and since that time has attended the Methodist church whenever possible.

Mrs. Peterson was known by all for her unflinching helpfulness as a friend and neighbor, who would drop everything to help in time of need. Her family will remember her as a loving mother—her neighbors and friends as a friend indeed—and the stranger as one who showed hospitality. Her health had been failing for the past two years but her condition had not been regarded as critical, even by the immediate relatives.

She is survived by her husband, three children, two grandchildren, her mother, Mrs. Emma Ellis, two brothers, Edward of Bassett, and Frank of Butte, and a host of more distant relatives and many friends.—Butte Gazette, March 20, 1941.

The Nebraska Legislature

By Tony Asimus

More standardization and qualification for public officials received a jolt this week when L. B. 325, providing that county judges in counties of more than 6000 population be persons admitted to the bar, was indefinitely postponed. Many of the counties in this description could not qualify a judge.

L. B. 200, a so-called Omaha bill, was indefinitely postponed by the Legislature on Thursday. This bill provides that Omaha shall receive a higher percentage of the auto license fees allocated to Douglas county, but it was so worded that it could easily be amended to include all counties as well as Douglas.

L. B. 199, which provides for a full-time county assessor, and also for elimination of all precinct assessors and the handling of tax schedules by mail, was reported out on General File for consideration. On General File, the introducer of the original bill refused to father the amendment to eliminate the precinct assessors, and withdrew his name as introducer. The bill was sent back to the committee. This bill is very revolutionary, and will probably draw considerable debate and fire if it gets back to General File.

The "ton-mile" truck bill, L. B. 481, was argued before the committee Wednesday, and drew one of the largest crowds of any bill yet argued. Truckers were present from all parts of the state to protest this bill. It provides for a tax of one-half cent per ton per mile for all truck transportation. The proponent of this bill figured it would raise nine million dollars. The facts are, it represents a levy of a five-mill tax on the total valuation of Nebraska and would drive practically all trucks from Nebraska highways, and cause a rise in all costs of living, with pyramiding inconvenience.

Neal Ratliff, of Atkinson appeared before County Judge Louis Reimer on March 24, on a complaint filed by Patrolman Harry Brt, charging him with an overload. He pled guilty to the charge, and was fined \$10.00 and costs, amounting to \$3.10.

COMMERCIAL CLUB ORGANIZATION IS NOW PERFECTED

About seventy-five of the business and professional men and women of the city met at the assembly room at the court house last Friday evening for the purpose of completing the organization of a Commercial Club. The canvassers reported that 111 had signed and paid the installation fee, which is a mighty good start for the club.

The election of officers was then taken up, after reading the report of the committee on nominations and the following were elected: James W. Rooney was the unanimous choice of the meeting for chairman of the Club. J. D. Cronin was elected first vice president and Dr. O. W. French second vice-president. Bennet Grady was unanimously elected as treasurer of the Club. The selection of a secretary was left to the Board of Directors, they to recommend to the next meeting a man for this position.

By ballot the following were elected to the Board of directors: Mrs. Helen Sirek, for one year; L. C. Walling and W. J. Biglin for two year terms; Pat Harty and Henry Lohaus for three year terms.

The Club starts out with a fine membership and there is no question but what they can do a lot of good for the city and its citizens. As the largest city between Norfolk and Chadron, O'Neill is bound to grow and will shortly make the above named towns hustle if they desire to hold their leadership, as O'Neill is enjoying a good healthy growth and there are many things that the Club can do that will advance the interests of the city and the county as a whole. So join the Club and be an active working member.

Women's Project Clubs Achievement Day

The 380 homemakers, who are enrolled in 27 project clubs in Holt county, are planning to finish up their year's work by holding their achievement program in the O'Neill High School Auditorium on Thursday, April 24. The program to which the public is invited will include exhibits of the work done during the year as well as a program which will be very interesting to all homemakers.

Headlining the program will be Miss Elin Anderson, of the Extension Service speaking on the subject of rural health, which is being given so much attention in national defense. Miss Anderson, a Canadian, is an excellent speaker and her knowledge of rural health conditions furnishes some alarming facts about conditions.

All homemakers, whether members of a project club or not are invited to attend the program, which is being designed for their benefit.

Club Leaders To Receive Training Here Tuesday

Leaders of 4-H girls clubs will gather at the county agent's office in O'Neill on Tuesday, April 1, to receive training and assistance in conducting girls 4-H club work. This training will be in charge of Mrs. Mary Nelson from the State 4-H club office, who has charge of this work over the state.

Bad roads and weather have delayed 4-H club organization somewhat and many clubs will not have a leader as yet. Leaders from last year's clubs and persons who are interested in seeing 4-H work in their community are invited to attend in order that they may be ready to start off the year soon. Four-H leaders, who are in attendance, will find that the illustrative material and ideas to be given will prove very helpful throughout the year.

The Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
March 20	58	31	
March 21	40	28	
March 22	40	33	.29
March 23	34	28	.05
March 24	34	22	
March 25	34	28	
March 26	45	30	