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Many of our readers have doubtless thoughtlessly allowed their subscription to run along year after year, and we ask them now to come in and settle.

Payment of these little bills mean a good deal to the publisher as they run into hundreds of dollars. So we trust you will call, settle up, and start 1941 with a clean slate.

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THE DAYS OF LONG AGO

Fifty-Five Years Ago

The Frontier, May 27, 1886
O'Neill market prices: Rye 25c, Oats 24c, Eggs 7c, Wheat 45c, Fat Steers \$3.00, Potatoes 25c, Barley 20 to 30c, Corn 19 and 20c, Butter 9 and 10c, Hogs \$3.00 and \$3.10, Fat Cows \$2.25 and \$2.50.

Up to May 21st the rails on the F. E. & M. V. railroad were laid six miles west of Fort Robinson.

Mr. Bridges is on the ground looking after the construction of the new mill.

Mr. W. T. Evans, wife and child of Boone, Iowa, arrived in O'Neill last week and will remain permanently with us. Mr. Evans will engage in the restaurant business with Frank Thomas.

Fifty Years Ago

The Frontier May 28, 1891
A postoffice has been established at Spencer, Boyd county, the new town over on the reservation.

The Frontier has learned through Superintendent Dudley, who was out that way recently, of an experimental forest being set out by the government about five or six miles west of Swan Lake, in the southwestern part of the county. The work is being done by the residents and under the directions from the government. They are planting pine trees and have already set out 25,000 and are planting them right in the sand hills.

The Item, May 28, 1891
John Cronin, one of the pioneer residents of the county and one of its largest and most successful farmers, passed away at his home four and a half miles north of town last Monday morning, at the age of 87 years. He came to the county from Illinois in 1876.

Forty Years Ago

The Frontier, May 30, 1901
The report of small pox at O'Neill has undoubtedly spread like a wild prairie fire in October, and perhaps been magnified ten, twenty or a hundred fold. So far we have heard of only one case,

Jack O'Donnell who, until he was taken sick, had been helping with the branding on the old McClure ranch southeast of this city. He is getting along nicely.

Ed Grady and C. C. Millard left Monday for Keystone, S. D., to develop their mining property.

Thirty Years Ago

The Frontier, May, 25, 1911
Mrs. Emily Saunders, wife of Benjamin Sanders, died at her home in this city last Monday evening, after an illness of several years, at the age of 73 years and five months. She had been a resident of the county since 1879.

A splendid rain visited this section last Sunday and Sunday night and one that was badly needed.

Twenty Years Ago

The Frontier, May 26, 1921
Edward F. Gallagher died at the Clarkson hospital in Omaha last Tuesday morning, May 24, after an illness of several years, at the age of 64 years, 11 months and 15 days. He had been a resident of this city for thirty-five years.

H. E. Coyne, J. P. Golden and Frank Barrett left Monday morning for Lincoln to attend the state convention of the Knights of Columbus.

Two fine rains fell in Holt county this week. The precipitation Tuesday evening amounted to one inch and fourteen hundredths of an inch while the rainfall Wednesday night was eighty-seven hundredths of an inch.

Ten Years Ago

The Frontier, May 28, 1931
Genevieve Druke and Arthur O'Neill were married in Spencer, Nebr., on Sunday, May 17, 1931, by the Catholic priest. They will make their future home on the O'Neill ranch in the northern part of the county.

The O'Neill base ball team blanked the Creighton team in a fast game last Sunday. The score was, O'Neill, 3; Creighton, 0. Honeycutt and Holliday was the battery for O'Neill, Newhaus and Bartling for Creighton.

Frank Phalin expects to move his barber shop to the west room of the new building being erected by A. E. Bowen on east Douglas street.



Albert Engel, a representative from Michigan, has been a one-man committee to investigate expenditures in the construction of army cantonments. To date, he has visited thirteen of these places. To the approximately \$800,000,000 spent, he figures that about 30 per cent has been wasted. He is putting this information in the Congressional Record from time to time for the attention of members of Congress and Administrative officials of the government.

From the committees on Merchant Marine and Naval affairs have come far reaching measures that have passed the house during the week. The Naval Affairs Committee put through a bill authorizing the construction of many new auxiliary vessels needed by our fighting ships. They will cost about 5 million dollars each. No navy can move without auxiliary crafts. The Committee on Merchant Marine effected House passage of a measure to increase administrative power respecting priorities or cargoes and ship movements and to authorize the construction of additional cargo ships. The building of the two-ocean navy is progressing. In the meantime Uncle Sam is on record to maintain the freedom of the seas. Members are demanding armed protection for unarmed American merchant ships. Others demand transfer of ships to British registry to avoid the danger attending the ships hauling contraband.

Believe it or not, Carl Vinson chairman of the House Committee on Naval affairs, has accepted an invitation to visit Ted Metcalf—the Chief Admiral of the Nebraska Navy.

Experts say that it cost more to build the Martin Bomber plant at Omaha than it could be built elsewhere, but they admit that the reason it was built in Nebraska are because the location is strategic and much safer.

Less talk about convoys in Washington this week. Reason is that Admiral Land told House members that sinkings of ships bound from America to Britain are negligible. Big advertisements in Washington papers read, "Britain Delivers the Goods—Sixty thousand pieces of merchandise reach us safely from England within the

past few weeks. Prices about a third of what you have to pay ordinarily." Union Labor spokesmen ask embarrassing questions about labor scales in Britain and the effect of imported competitive goods on American products.

L. E. Tyson, Nebraska Aeronautics Commission Engineer, has been spending several days in Washington consulting CAA and Army officials respecting the joint efforts of the state and the Federal Government to develop the facilities of aviation. Mr. Tyson believes the Nebraska Aeronautics Commission program for this year is meeting with high approval here.

If Uncle Sam ever finds himself short of aviators some blame will attach to rules and regulations that operate against young men who have not had college educations. At the present time, the army will take not to exceed 25 per cent of the pilot trainees from among men who have had less than two years of college work. Even these non-college youth have one or more strikes against them. In our land today we have many farmer boys, mechanics, clerks and others who have had no college training but want to be service pilots. Some of them have many hours of flying to their credit. But they can't get into Uncle Sam's aviation schools to be trained to fly and defend this country in time of need. General Connelly, head of the CAA, who is a friend of the non-college boys, says something ought to be done about that. When war comes, we will have to go into civilian life for our defenders who must fight on the ground, in the air and under the sea.

Several Southern States require their citizens, in order to qualify for voting, to pay poll tax. The poll tax laws are so stringent that less than 15 per cent of the citizens exercises their right of franchise. As a result of this restriction five members of Congress from the South received fewer than 5,000 votes each in the 1938 election. These five members hold important committee chairmanship posts. Sixteen of our Southern Congressmen were elected in 1938 with fewer than 6,000 votes each and a total of 32 southern congressmen were elected with fewer than 11,000 votes each. This is significant in connection with the fact that without the votes of the congressmen from the poll tax states, and those with restrictive registration requirements for voting, the Lease-Lend Bill could not have been passed in either the House or the Senate. So, in this case a minority of the voters through their Representatives in Congress, determined the future war policy and welfare of the nation.

Recent visitors in the office of the Third District Congressman are Fred Berry, Wayne; Mrs. George Prasse and daughter Bertha, Columbus; Dr. G. E. Charlton, Norfolk; W. H. Anderson, Lincoln; Clarence Mackey, Fremont; Dwight Felton, Lincoln; Otha DeVilbiss, Lincoln; Bernice Mellenman, Norfolk; Louis A. Holmes, Grand Island; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ryan and son Thomas, Tilden; L. E. Tyson, Lincoln; Val Peter, Omaha; John Franek, South Omaha.

Minnie B. Hardy who was clerk of the Court at Stanton, Nebraska, for a long time, is visiting nieces in Bristow, Oklahoma, but she says she likes Nebraska best.

Norfolk will have some distinguished visitors June 15, 16, 17, when the Nebraska chapter of the Association of Postmasters holds its annual convention there. Bill Bray, special assistant to Postmaster General Walker will be there to speak, and Walter Myers the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General tells the Third District office that he, too, will be there if he can arrange it. The Fourth Assistant will dedicate a new post-office building at Benson, Nebraska, on June 14.

Late Rumors among the majority in the House indicate shake-ups in high places in Washington. One rumor is that Madame Perkins will be replaced soon. Another is that a place in the government in Washington is about to be made for Mayor LaGuardia of New York and also for Wendell Willkie. A stranger report is that Secretary Hull may step out but those close to the State Department activities find this difficult to believe. Robert Jackson, attorney general, is believed scheduled to succeed Chief Justice Hughes of the Supreme Court.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ryan of Tilden accompanied by their son William, came to Washington to visit their son Tom, who is already employed here. William will remain in Washington on account of employment previously accepted. Mr. and Mrs. Ryan will visit Miami,

Florida, before returning to Tilden.

Parity prices on farm products are prices that would place the farmer, the laboring man, and the industrialist on precisely the same basis as to their relative earning power as they were before the depression. With labor now having a guaranteed floor below which wages cannot drop, and with industry now receiving government contracts, on a cost-plus-profit guaranteed basis, many members feel that the farmer who is both the greatest consumer and the most important producer in the country, should receive similar protection.

Financially the days ahead are not bright. We are in debt now 50 billion dollars. On top of that we have already authorized a 40 billion dollar defense program. That means a 90 billion dollar debt. A rumor comes now regarding plans already drawn to double our defense program which means another 40 billion dollar expenditure and a national debt of 130 billion dollars, or a debt of \$1,000 upon every man, woman, and child in the United States. It may mean an army of several million American boys prepared to fight for Democracy at any time—anywhere.

In answer to several questions about the status of Sweden. The answer to that comes from Wollmar Filip Bostrom, the Swedish minister here in Washington. He states that Sweden is strictly neutral and is doing business as usual with everybody in the world who wants to do business with Sweden. He says anyone suspected of fifth-column activities is put in jail. Belligerent ships are searched. Belligerent airplanes flying over Sweden are chased away and the six million people of Sweden are trying to get along with everybody and want to be let alone. The Swedish army has been increased to war strength. All gasoline is reserved for military use and gasoline substitutes run commercial cars. The Minister tells friends he hopes Sweden can continue being let alone.

The best way to get favorable publicity from the Washington newspapers is to fight for more and bigger lump sum appropriations for the District. Maryland and Virginia members are great fighters for bigger grants of Uncle Sam's money to Washington. The reason is that Maryland

and Virginia taxpayers are relieved of a lot of expense by benefits received from government activities here.

The House voted down a bill which was designated to give the city of Washington revenues equivalent to about 21 percent of its annual expenses out of the Federal Treasury. That would be about nine and one-half million dollars a year and as the Federal government acquired more land in the city, the amount would increase. Members who want some of these government functions decentralized and moved out into the states, think that business is so good in Washington the people here ought to pay Uncle Sam a bonus instead of taxing him to stay here. The lump sum now given to the District of Columbia each year is six million dollars. The balance of the District's budget about 46 million dollars is raised by local taxation. But through other means the town gets much more from the government treasury than any other city in the country.

For fifteen years the American farmer has been hearing much about surpluses and overproduction. He has been told to reduce acreage in order to do away with surpluses and overproduction, the supposed twin obstacles to farm prosperity. Overnight the picture has changed. Now we are told we

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State department officials have been rather disturbed by occurrences in Argentina which are interfering to a minor degree with the "good-neighbor policy" which that department has been advocating and promoting. The showing of an American movie film in a Buenos Aires theatre precipitated a riot in which many in the audience were injured. Argentina has been a reluctant participant in the Pan American program. Recently it was loaned an additional 61 millions to help relieve the agriculture situation there, and it has been one of the countries which has had loans of many more millions in times past. Upon the latest loan, it shipped great quantities of food supplies to Spain. Then, too, Chili rather upset the diplomacy crowd by sending birthday felicitations to Hitler, and the little "republic" of Panama has been acting up a bit in the same direction.

A new corporation has been formed by nine large industrial concerns to promote trade with Argentina by the importation of more of its products into this country. Peru is also one of the countries which will furnish allotments of sugar under the new plan advocated by the Department of Agriculture. Other South American countries will share in the increased allotments. The beet sugar growers of the middle west sought to obtain the increased allotments of the sugar supply occasioned by the loss of the shipments from the Philippines and

the East Indies, but instead they will be recompensed by the subsidies payable from the special sugar tax of one-half cent per pound, which now raises 69 millions per year. Much of our nation's supply of sugar will continue to come from Cuba.

Eddie Gilmore used to write feature stories for the associated press here in Washington. One of his close friends was Art Hudson of Nebraska. When the A. P. asked for volunteers to go to London to cover news, Gilmore was the first to volunteer. Hudson followed him over with the Red Cross. The other day they met after a German raid. Both were doing voluntary firemen's work extinguishing fires.

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