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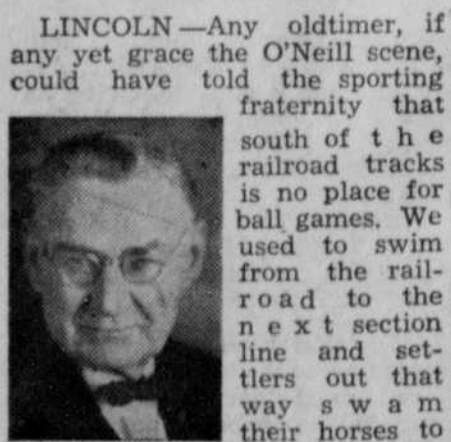
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## Prairie Talk —

### South of Tracks No Place for Ball Park; City's First Diamond Now a Built-Up Area

By ROMAINE SAUNDERS



Saunders

to get up on the gravel flats to play ball.

The first ball diamond officially and publicly recognized in the community was in the block now cluttered with buildings and houses on the north side of Douglas street between First and Second streets.

Then, when a more extensive field was needed to accommodate a few developing homerun sluggers, ball grounds were laid out on the open prairie east of town, south of Douglas street, grandstand and all!

Next move was to the northeast on the hill, where at one time was held a so-called county fair consisting of horse races, ball games and other sports.

Mother's day, May day, Memorial day and the floral bloom on plum and apple trees. As the typewriter responds to the touch today, thunder rolls in deep tones and clouds open their treasure store of rain. It is altogether fitting that a day be set apart in the bright month of May when in a special way mothers of America have our attention. A new generation of mothers has the past year been entrusted with their first child. Young mothers, mothers experienced in guiding the footsteps of youth, and grandmothers, all may feel the thrill the day brings. One way to observe the day would be for father to take over the care of the children and let mother have a day to herself. I would not overflow with gush, but to the mothers of Prairie land now living has been committed the destiny of their children, and to our mothers who have passed beyond the shadows of life's sunset we weave a wreath of their memory.

In the case of Mr. Young, late of the liquor commission, he would have been in much greater public favor by gracefully resigning instead of making a determined effort to hold on to the job.

A group of the editors of some of the country's notable newspapers at a gathering in Washington, D.C., called attention to what most informed persons have known for sometime. Official Washington covers up important matters, dishing out for public consumption only such information, or misleading information, as it pleases officialdom. The same cover up policy has filtered into state and city governments in various sections of the country. In times of strained relations with foreign powers, it might be well to be cautious about divulging anything that would give aid and comfort to a potential enemy. This being used as an alibi to keep the homefolks in ignorance of some things that are going on in official circles. But they are deceiving nobody, and the ballot box is still inviolable.

A white-haired patriarch down this way is still campaigning for William Jennings Bryan. Mr. Bryan made 3 attempts to break into the White House, but, of course, he was on the wrong side of the Mississippi river at that time, and the "crown of thorns" and "cross of gold" did not have the appeal that is always attached to the idea of the "full dinner pail." Moreover, Mr. Bryan launched into the hopeless task of reforming the democrats.

Perhaps the chiefs of staff think they'd better line up with the commander-in-chief lest they too get the ax.

Booze hounds have been liberal with the amber stream among the men entrusted with legislative authority this session of the unicam. Dictation and bribery on the part of this element is what brought about the Volstead act. It can do it again. Lobby and a form of bribery has become a profession. It has all too much to do with national and state legislative bodies.

State Senator Dwight Burney, of Hartington, has been trying to fix over things so Nebraskans will pay taxes every day. Most folks think once a year is enough.

## Look Behind You, Boys



South of the North Western tracks and a mile or so west of the then "downtown", Theo. Walmer built an attractive suburban home on 6 acres of land, with barn and other buildings. At the time he was in the flour and feed business on upper Fourth street. That suburban property sold for \$1,000 and the Walmers moved from the state. Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Boynton were the purchasers, coming here from Iowa. Mrs. Boynton was

a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walt Rathbone, who were O'Neill pioneers.

The Nebraska statehouse continues to be an attraction for visitors. A Sioux City bus was down the other day with a load of visitors to look the situation over. Most every day high school groups breeze in on the dull routine of the legislative sessions, which for the most part affords neither entertainment or instruction.

In the summer of 1900, an O'Neill merchant advertised ladies' shoes at 98-cents the pair. Today in the show windows along O street are displayed little dainty nothings of women's footwear at \$6.95 the pair. That is the way they have of saying 7-dollars now. At the next window you may run on to a pair of men's boots with a \$16.95 tag hung on them. Outrageous prices, we say. We have become enslaved to the custom of keeping up appearances.

Seed stores are quoting bluegrass seed up to \$1.25 a pound. This seed may come from the meadows of Holt county, so city lawns derive their velvet carpet, and city dwellers their roast beef from Holt's verdant grasslands.

Some convicts over at the penitentiary have been showing their resentment of regulations relating to inmates of that institution. If they do not like it they should have thought of that before entering upon a course of crime. One gent who goes to the electric chair next month seems to think he is a guest in a high-class hotel. His revolting crime was such that it excludes him from any prison favors.

Values are relative; that which one person does not want another does. And so the wheels of barter and trade keep rolling.

## Miltonvale Choir Visits Home—

CELIA—The a cappella choir from Miltonvale Wesleyan college, Miltonvale, Kans., of 25 singers, their director, Prof. of Music Edwin Foote, and wife, and also a bus driver, Robert Howland, were Tuesday afternoon, April 24, guests at the Mark Hendricks home.

They were supper, also over-

night, guests at the Hendricks home.

About 10:15 Wednesday morning they left for Sloan, Ia., where they sang that night. They also had 2 services each day the rest of the week and were to arrive in Miltonvale Monday evening, April 30.

Mrs. Joe Hendricks did the cooking. Mrs. Lawrence Smith also assisted Mrs. Hendricks.

Robert Hendricks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hendricks, is a member of the choir.

## O'NEILL LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Allen visited Mrs. Leslie Stewart, of Plainview, over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Asimus spent Tuesday, April 24, in Lin-

coln.

Mrs. Dean Ramsier, who for 3 weeks has been a guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Anderson, went with them to Hastings Sunday. There they met and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderson, of Benkleman. Mrs. Ramsier then returned to her home in Wray, Colo.

Dr. Fisher, Dentist. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Lower and family spent the weekend in Fremont.

Mrs. F. M. Brennan and Miss Bernadette Brennan visited their niece, Sister Benedict Joseph, at Hartington Sunday.

Mrs. Billy Ernst returned Tuesday to her home in Amelia after having visited Mrs. Thersa Murray for a few days.

## NOTICE!

### BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING

★ The Holt County Board of Supervisors will meet as a Board of Equalization on May 7th, 1951, for the purpose of hearing complaints and equalizing the assessment of property.

★ They will be in session May 7th, 8th, and 9th, and if necessary may be in session for as many as 50 days.

RUTH HOFFMAN  
County Clerk

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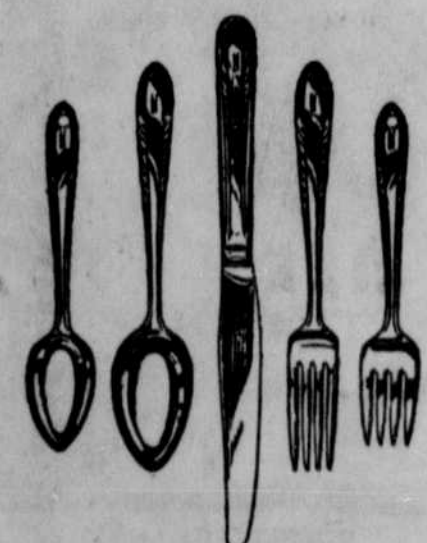
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