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Prairieland Talk-

Moderns Blush for Shame

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LINCOLN-A Dr. Walter O'Neill has come out of the East to O'Neill to learn something of the The Frontier 20 years ago: Mrs. Fanny Riley, Mr. promoter of the colony that set in motion the and Mrs. T. T. Baker, Ned and Mildred Saunders founding of a village called O'Neill, only to see spent a day in Albion . . . E. E. Young went to the moderns blush for shame.

70 years which had been the home of Mrs. O'Neill, her son and daughters. That, too, is gone-gone from where the General built it and where early memories cluster.

The town's first and only brick house stands today after more than three score and 10 years in the northeast section of the city a monument along with The Frontier to W. D. Mathews. A modest home on South First street is but a memory of O'Neill's first den-

tist, as a house on North Fifth street stands as a monument to O'Neill's first printer. Other houses that the pioneers built still

stand.

St. Mary's academy is a monument to the memory of Father Cassidy, long pastor of St. Patrick's church. And that large building near the post office that Joel Parker put there, might have been dedicated by him to the memory of his ancestors who were here before there was an O'-Neill. J. H. Riggs and G. M. Cleveland handed down the Presbyterian church as a monument to their memory. Bartley Blain's monument, the Methodist church, was torn down to clear the way for a more pretentious edifice. The monument at Fourth and Douglas streets stands in memory of Dave Adams, Dave Darr and John Dwyer-or was it Tim? And across the corner where Eddie Gallagher and Eddie Campbell take care of your cash is a monument to Ed Kelly and the Mann family. And just across the street stands a modern hotel, a monument to the memory of Tom Golden.

Up there in what seemed to be an unfavorable location is the beautiful Brennan park, a monument to a pioneer freighter and later hardware dealer. The Western hotel revives memories of the past of both Fred Gatz and Wes Evans.

And at Fourth and Everett Streets stands the old Commercial hotel, a monument to yet another John O'Neill.

. . . Out beyond the reach of human hand the unclouded sky hangs in blue radiance above green robed prairieland this July morning. Summer days come and go as human feet go rushing to and fro. It is the season of nature's full growing wonders tinted here and there with floral beauty that sends forth inviting fragrance. Roses are in bloom, sandcherry and apple blossoms are gone and hanging where they were two months ago today is ripening fruit. Wheat fields have given up their rich store of grain, the hum of mowers is heard throughout the miles of prairieland's hay lands. City dwellers look out upon the verdant beauty of vel-

Items from "Southwest Breezes" appearing in his former home in Kansas to close up some af-Nothing here stands as a memorial of Gen. fairs. . . A cow from the Riley ranch brought John O'Neill. A little house stood for more than \$105 in the sale ring at Burwell. . . Wm. Arnholdt

came over from Amelia with his power saw rig to convert cottonwood into fuel for DeLance Withers. . . As a result of the tuberculosis tests one reactor was reported in the herd of Raymond Bly and one at Bill Carpenter's, . . The funeral for Will Sammons was held in the Amelia Methodist church, Rev. Conrad, formerly of the community but at the time living in O'Neill, conducted the church service. . . Mr. and Mrs. Jay Roblyer, long residents in Swan precinct, were moving to near Atkinson. . . Two horses belonging to Cap Addison were killed by lightning.

. . .

He gave me the glad hand today. Once crowned with dark hair, Mr. Mills now steps about under a crown of white glory. He lends an attentive ear to any word concerning affairs in the Atkinson community. Mr. Mills is a nephew of the late Doctor Studevant and his brother Brantly who were among the pioneers in Atkinson. He continues his work in one of Lincoln's mercantile establishments supplying customers with coats, shirts and many other things.

. . .

Mr. Beck doubtless feels it his duty as attorney for the state to appeal the federal court decision in the Grandsinger case, but I venture a guess that Nebraskans are convinced that enough has been done to send an innocent victim to the electric chair and that no more state funds should be wasted in court proceedings in this case. Legal death decree blocked for a period of three years by mysterious circumstances leads to the conclusion that the convicted party is innocent of the crime charged. If our attorney general can hunt down the real perpetrator of the crime he will be doing the right thing.

. . .

O'Neill friends of Mrs. Nellie Hunt may be interested to learn that she " recently returned from a visit to members of her family in Cleveland, O., and in New York, stopping at St. Louis, Mo., on the return trip and then to her home in Lincoln. Mrs. Hunt's early childhood and her first years of married life were in the O'Neill community, her home for many years being in Lincoln. Mrs. Hunt's husband, Den Hunt, who was also a pioneer lad of the O'Neill community, died about a year ago after being struck by an automobile.

. . .

Weather marked and wrinkled, still in middle life but aged. I sat beside him today where loafers and superanuated patriots park at times in the shade. He had been everywhere, including Holt county, but Oregon is his elderado with the best of everything, including beef herds, peaches and climate. Boastful blow went on until the weather worn guy was reminded that Nebraska friends. has the makings of a beef sandwich and human



Betrothal Told

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lydon of Ewing announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Connie (above), to Ronald R. Park, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Park of Page. No date has been set for the wedding.

When You & I Were Young . . evelt. Lightning Invades Bedroom at Page Cow Is Killed

50 Years Ago

products. Miss Florence May Lowrie, O'Neill, was married to David E. bazaar to be held August 31st. Watkins of Kansas City Mo., . . ing some damage to Clint Town- ment for everyone.

send's house occupied by Albert Brown and family. It went Nelsons Host through the roof and the ceiling, to Relatives neighbors.

20 Years Ago

Arthur Wertz of northeastern 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julia Epaccidents. Mr. Wertz was thrown be stationed with the air force from his horse and suffered se- for two years. vere lacerations on his legs. Mr.

university

California. At the end of the week, Mr. Holt county and Milo Eppenbach, Nelson's brother, Mr and Mrs. Gordon Nelson of Kansas City, penbach, were injured in acci- Mo., will arrive. They will leave dents with horses in two separate shortly for England, where he will

The Dick Nelsons and family Eppenbach's horse fell on him returned from a week's vacation and he suffered an injury to his in Worthington, Adrian and a hip. He was taken to Norfolk. . . Lt. and Mrs. J. V. Carney and Visited her brother children and Mrs. Laura Kibler

arrived here to visit relatives and Go to Stuart-

For the Fourth of July the

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ents, the William L. Edwards and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McKenzie, Chris will go down for them at the r., and family went to Lynch end of the week, Sunday to visit Mrs. McKenzie, Miss Joan Higgins of Naper ar-

rived Sunday to spend two weeks Mr. and Mrs. George L. Mor- with her friend, Miss Diane Miss Condon is the daughter of lang went to Valentine over the Graves.

formerly of O'Neill and now of weekend. On the way they stop- Mr. and Mrs. Wally R. Shel-New York City, who has announc- ped at Ainsworth to visit his par- hamer and daughter were at Gaved the engagement, and the late ents. Mr. and Mrs Abe Morlang. ins Point Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Savidge Mr. and Mrs Edwin Seveik the son of Mrs. Gordon Boone were in Omaha Monday, July 8. had as their guests all last week

Mr. and Mrs. George Schaaf of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leland N. Y., and Norwood Rathbone Albuquerque, N. M., arrived Sat- Barrett of Lincoln. urday, July 6 to visit his parents. Miss Jeanette Straka of Atkin-

Miss Condon, who is with the Mr. and Mrs George Schaaf of Atkinson, and his brother, Mr. Mr. and Mrs are Atkinson, and his brother, Mr. Rubicam advertising agency, is a graduate of St. Mary's acad-saturday. and Mrs. Marcellus Schaaf until John N. Schmit. emy and has attended Fordham Mr. and Mrs Leonard Engler Mr and Mrs. Kenneth Curran

and Jimmy of Lincoln were guests and Linda returned last Thursday Mr. Rathbone is working for a of Mr. and Mrs. John N. Schmit evening from a vacation of near ly two weeks in the mountains of master of science degree at the Saturday. July 6,

Colorado. They visited friends on University of Southern California Mrs Zeffa Stein of Burbank, and is with the Royal-Globe In- Calif., arrived Friday from Wash- the way Mr. and Mrs. Dean Streeter and

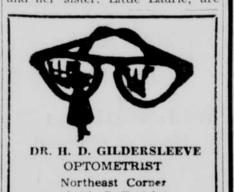
surance Group. He is a gradu- ington, D. C., where she had visate of the Pomfret (Conn.) School ited her twin sister. She is staying the Misses Patricia and Carolyn

Miss Elizabeth L. Hall, daughter Dr. and Mrs. Rex Wilson and of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward family left Tuesday for a vacation Ludlow Hall of New York, and a in the Black Hills.

Roosevelt Kin

Mr. Rathbone is

noon, July 10. Fourteen ladies re- in Omaha.



spending this week in Norfolk McKenzie returned Sunday from with their grandparents. Mr. and a 10 day vacation in Wyoming Mrs. Dwight Edwards. Their par- and South Dakota.

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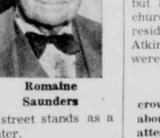
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Editorial-Fireworks Coming to Valentine

Save-the-Trains association and persons in north-Nebraska and southern South Dakota.

Monday, July 29, is the hearing date set by the Nebraska state railway commission on the Chicago & North Western railroad's application to discontinue the last two remaining passenger-mailexpress trains-13 and 14-plying daily between Omaha and Chadron, a distance of 450 miles.

The hearing will be held at Valentine, starting at 10:30 a.m.

C&NW recently offered a compromise -O'Neill as the western terminal (instead of Chadron) and substituting bus service between O'-Neill and Chadron.

The S-T-A president, Cal Stewart of O'Neill, says the association, organized three years ago to stimulate use of the two trains, now is marshalling forces to oppose the abandonment of these last two trains. "The association intends to stand or fall on the proposition of keeping the two trains in daily service between Omaha and Chadron.'

Judging from the articles appearing in various newspapers along the line, there will be fireworks at the Valentine hearing.

In the July 10 issue of the Gordon Journal, the editor says the removal of the trains would have a permanent adverse effect on the region, and pointedly raised this question:

"Have C&NW railroad executives placed freight business (notably livestock, grain, lumber, coal and farm produce) against the alleged loss suffered in operating the mail and passenger service? It is quite easy to read between the lines that the company is not as interested in breaking even on the deal as it is in pulling the passengermail-express trains off the track and making room for ponderous and profitable freight trains.

"If the North Western's curtailment attempt is successful, repercussions will echo down through the years," the Journal declared.

At Chadron, Hay Springs, Rushville, Gordon, Cody, and Valentine serious freight diversion movements got underway last week. Petitions are being circulated, particularly among major shippers, with forewarnings of diverting freight to trucks and to the Burlington railroad at Broken Bow, Anselmo, Seneca, Hyannis, Alliance, Crawford, etc).

The petitions are being forwarded to C&NW President C. J. Fitzpatrick in Chicago with copies to the Nebraska railway commission.

The Sheridan County Star at Rushville offered this

"We must show the railroad we mean business. We've got to let them know that if they persist in abandoning passenger service we are going to work hard to divert freight from their railroad."

M. H. Snider of Clearwater, special representative for the Save-the-Trains association, said many livestock men, who have shipped North Western for years, have volunteered to fill-out our questionnaires and to testify at the hearing. The feeling seems to have spread like a prairie fire.

"Many people have the idea the North Western has deliberately tried to downgrade service and speed the day they could take off the passenger trains. Nobody would offer much objection to taking off two trains if there were others. But these are the last two trains serving thousands of square miles and thousands of people.

The Hay Springs News said last week: "The loss to this community in the event of removal scripitons payable in advance only.

A last ditch stand is being developed by the | of these last two trains would be nothing short of staggering."

Fay Hill of Gordon, S-T-A director, summed it up this way while speaking before the Western Nebraska United Chambers of Commerce:

"The C&NW brass doesn't care to discuss the profit side of the freight business. They know this main line is highly profitable and always has been in terms of freight. They want only the cream off the top and they want to dismiss any other obligations in half the state where distances are vast and where there is no other service.

"The outcome may well be considered another golden spike-either driven through the heart of the region or riveting cooperation of people toward a common goal."

Weather and Reporting

Someone asked us the other day if mother nature is misbehaving more nowadays or whether it's a matter of more comprehensive (and some

times over-enthusiastic) news reporting? Without benefit of statistics and studies on the subject, we were hesitant to venture our views on the matter.

We will state, however, that television and radio newsmen are prone to dramatize nature's activities to the extent that storm warnings sometimes are unduly emphasized. The idea, of course, is to keep people glued to their receivers.

Occasionally, however, the weather service is criticized for not providing adequate warning, so take your choice.

We like to look back on interviews with some of the world-renowned scientists of the O'Neill wind test days.

Dr. Vern Sumi, head of meterology at the University of Wisconsin, told us one time that glaciers in this big world are good barometers of weather. Students of the glaciers, he declared, can forecast continental weather conditions, ie dry cycles and wet cycles, hot and cold cycles.

Correlating the continental studies makes a global picture, he told us. The glaciers are vast and slow, and their behavior must be studied on the one hundred year basis.

Nebraska and Kansas, for example, have been cyclone states for centuries. Dozens of twisters are sighted on a given day when temperatures are right for brewing up a storm. For years Kansas and Nebraska have been known as "hail states."

Some people firmly believe that H-bomb and A-bomb tests affect the weather.



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10 Years Ago

They had gone to pro-

test what they described as too great an increase" on the valuation of Holt's 77,000 acres

of school land. . . Col. and Mrs.

William Cummings of Norfolk,

her father, T. R. Cooper of At-

former Donna Day, who won fame

as a singer in Fred Waring's

One Year Ago Mr. and Mrs. Berlin Mitchell

and family of Stuart attended a

family reunion in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mitchell of Dal-

las, Ore. The gathering took place

at the Charlie Mitchell home near

Atkinson. . . Willis Rockey of Ewing was hurt when a tractor

fell over on him from a loading

Stop Briefly-Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Rossi-

ter and Terese and Claire of Hart-

ington stopped in to see Mr. and

Mrs Carroll W. Stewart Monday

evening. The Rossiters were en-

route home from a vacation at

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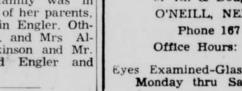
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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith and Stuart at the home of her parents, son, John, arrived from their na- Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Engler. Othtive England to fake their home er guests were Mr. and Mrs Alhere and join their daughter, Mrs. fred Straka of Atkinson and Mr. Byron Grenier. . . Five members and Mrs. Leonard Engler and Jimmy of Lincoln. Leaseholders organization were dissatisfied with their visit to



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