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WE ARE HERE TO STAY

That We Have a Keeley Institute, if You Please.

GOOD-BYE, OLD JAGS, GOOD-BYE.

O'Neill's Hustling Citizens Secure a Prize, While Other Towns Are Asleep—Perseverance Rewarded.

The stock-holders of the Keeley Institute company held a meeting Monday afternoon, which was called to order by T. V. Golden. W. D. Mathews read a letter he had received from the Blair people in relation to the establishment of the institute in O'Neill. The contents of the letter brought on a discussion, which terminated in the sending of a telegram to the managers of the Blair institute, advising them to come to O'Neill at once and close the contract and make the final arrangements.

Mr. E. A. Stewart, one of the principal stock holders of the Blair institute and one of the owners of the Keeley "right" or "privilege" for this state, came up last evening and met with the stock holders in the Republican club rooms. Mr. Stewart presented his proposition, which was accepted, and a committee of seven of the stock-holders appointed to perfect all the necessary arrangements and complete the deal. The committee consists of the following gentlemen: W. D. Mathews, M. D. Long, Clarence Selah, A. L. Towle, John J. McCafferty, W. J. Dobbs and Dr. Connolly. This committee will meet this evening, and will probably elect officers, who will manage the affairs of the company.

It is perfectly safe to announce positively that the institute will be established, and THE FRONTIER wishes to congratulate the stock holders upon their success.

It is proper at this stage, to take off your hat to the O'Neill Keeley Institute.

Mr. John Kennedy, living near Page, was an agreeable caller at this office yesterday. Concerning the re-establishment of the postoffice at Emporia, over which there was some strife, Mr. Kennedy said: "Although I am a patron of the Page office I would have readily signed a petition to re-establish the office at Emporia, as there are quite a number of people in that vicinity who will be greatly benefited thereby, and it is simply the justice to which they were entitled. I was pleased to see the office at Emporia re-established."

Mr. A. Barnett left Tuesday morning for McCook, Kansas, where he may locate. Mr. Frees, his former partner in the lumber business in O'Neill, having lumber interests in that city. Mr. Barnett will probably take an extended trip in the western part of these United States, ending his vacation in Chicago about the 1st of May. The well wishes of his host of friends in O'Neill accompany Mr. Barnett on his travels, and THE FRONTIER wishes him success wherever he may decide to locate.

Miss Mattie Gallant, niece of County Clerk Butler, who has been visiting at the Butler residence for some time past, started Sunday morning for Lincoln. She will visit in that city for a week and will then go on to her home in Osceola, this state. Miss Gallant has a large circle of friends in O'Neill, although her visit here was only a brief one.

Mr. Geo. Blinco started this morning for Elora, Ont., his old home, having received a telegram yesterday afternoon announcing the serious illness of his mother. Mr. Blinco will remain with his mother until there is a decided improvement in her condition, and will probably be absent from home several weeks.

Miss Kate Howard, sister of Miss Josie of this city, and who is well known in O'Neill, was married in Denver, Colo., last week to Mr. Peter Moldenman. THE FRONTIER joins the many friends of Miss Howard in this city in extending wishes for a happy and pleasant journey through life.

Mr. J. E. Mayes, brother of Reese, and publisher of the Lusk (Wyo.) Herald, was married in that city on Monday last to Miss Lizzie Hancock, daughter of Rev. J. J. Hancock.

Frank Mann went over to Spencer Tuesday and will remain there a week or two, attending to the business of J. P.'s establishment during the resident manager's absence.

THE FRONTIER's esteemed friend, Mr. M. B. Slocum, formerly of Holt county, but now of South Sioux City, is president of a Republican club at that place.

Mr. B. J. Flannery, brother of Mrs. D. A. Doyle, returned to Omaha yesterday, having spent three weeks visiting in O'Neill.

Mr. and Mrs. John La Rue entertained a party of young people last Friday evening. Dancing was the order.

The Butte Banner talks about the merry jingle of the hose-car, bell and the hoarse voice of the iron horse, and so on. The melodious laugh of the festive coyote may be converted into cat-pell sounds and the classical grunt of old "Yellow Horse" might possibly be taken for the snort of a locomotive, but in all such cases the ear must be properly trained in order to appreciate the pluck and plung of the sound. The editor of the Banner probably has the sounding boards of his ears trained to such a degree that, when the office cat yawns and the delicate ripple is conveyed to his hearing apparatus, he will be able to tell his readers, in his own graphic style, how the steam-heating machine in his wood shed became restless and blew off the handsome mahogany polish on his alabaster jaw. And the choir sang, "Comrades."

The readers of THE FRONTIER who are acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Bostwick, formerly of O'Neill, will be pleased to learn that they are quite comfortably located in Minneapolis, where they but recently moved. Mr. Bostwick has a responsible and lucrative position as head book-keeper for a large grocery firm, and THE FRONTIER joins the many friends of this young couple in wishing them success in their new home.

Mr. W. C. Evered has moved his family to Page, where he has gone into the general merchandise business. There is nothing definite about Mr. Evered remaining in Page, and it is possible that he may return in the course of the next year. THE FRONTIER takes pleasure in informing its readers in Page that Mr. and Mrs. Evered are most estimable people, and are honorable, upright, Christian citizens. We sincerely wish them success.

A party of gentlemen from the Knights of Pythias lodge of O'Neill, consisting of Messrs. Jesse Mellor, Clark Hough, Clarence Selah, Richard Clapp and Geo. D. Riggs, went down to Ewing Saturday and visited the lodge at that place in the evening. Clyde King accompanied the party as official guide.

Mrs. Edie Potter started last Friday for Boone, Iowa, her former home, where she will visit friends and relatives for several months. Mrs. Potter's many friends in O'Neill will be sorry to note her departure, and will be pleased to welcome her to their midst again in the early summer.

Postal Clerk Woodruff has been assigned to the Short Line run vacated by Clerk Reed, who resigned and moved to Missouri. Mr. Woodruff, who at present has a run on the F. E. & M. V., will not go on the Short Line run until the 4th of March.

Mrs. Sylvest of Omaha is visiting relatives and friends in O'Neill and is now stopping at the residence of her mother, Mrs. Harrington. Mrs. Sylvest is accompanied by Miss Harriet Cully, a young friend who also resides in Omaha.

The O'Neill dancing school will give a final party at the rink tonight. Prof. Hovey's orchestra will furnish the music. A large number of invitations have been issued.

A dance was given at the farm residence of Mr. and Mrs. Lawless, three miles east of town Tuesday night. A number of young people from O'Neill attended.

Mr. Thos. Dolan, cousin of Mrs. O. F. Biglin, who has been stopping in O'Neill for several months past, returned last Friday to his home in Clinton, Iowa.

Miss Druze Beck went down to Omaha yesterday morning. She will visit her sister, Mrs. Fitzsimmons, and will be away for two or three weeks.

Gene Cress returned Saturday evening from Blair, feeling and looking "like a new man" to use his own words. Success to you, E. H.

The date for holding the next state fair has been announced to be September 5 to 9, including the preceding Saturday.

Miss Ray Davis is acting as stenographer in the law office of R. R. Dickson during the absence of Miss Beck in Omaha.

Treasurer Scott has conquered the grip fiend and is able to be about again. He was quite seriously ill for several days.

Butte has a city council, and her citizens are also agitating the question of organizing a board of trade.

Miss Hilda Samuelson of Spencer, is in O'Neill with her sister, Mrs. Thos. Campbell.

A full account of the Boyd-Thayer case will be found on the inside pages of this issue.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. McArthur were down from Atkinson yesterday.

M. D. Long returned from a trip to the eastern part of the state.

The Temperance Meeting.

The inclement weather did not keep a goodly number of people from the Methodist church last Sunday evening, the occasion being a temperance meeting led by Judge Roberts. However, there were a number of persons who had previously signified their desire to attend who were unable to be on hand. Rev. Wilson, pastor of the Methodist church, opened the meeting with prayer, and Judge Roberts stated the object of the meeting to be the formation of a temperance club, which would be composed entirely of men and women of all shades of religious and political belief. The club was to be entirely separated from any church or party and would be non-partisan and non-sectarian. Owing to the absence of several prominent citizens it was decided to postpone the club organization until a future date, when a mass meeting will be held in the court house for that purpose. The audience was not disappointed, for the Judge spoke over an hour upon the temperance question, dwelling more particularly upon the points which effect the standing of the community at large.

Judge Roberts is a temperance enthusiast and poured the hot shot into the enemy's camp at a lively rate.

A Lincoln traveling man, Mr. Marshall, who was present, felt called upon to say a few words and offered encouragement in the work. He was listened to very attentively.

Mr. Neil Brennan wished to enlist in the cause and spoke a short time upon the license question. Mr. Brennan is an earnest advocate of temperance and will be one of the prominent members of the club, when it is organized.

Dr. Trueblood and Mr. E. H. Benedict both spoke upon the question, the former gentleman bringing up some new ideas and points which it will be necessary for all temperance people to consider. Mr. Benedict addressed his remarks particularly to the young people present and urged them to give their attention to this great question while yet in their youth. His words were very appropriate and well received.

The meeting then adjourned, Judge Roberts announcing that a meeting would be held at the court house at some future date to perfect the organization of a temperance club. THE FRONTIER will publish the date as soon as it is decided upon, and will also print the full proceedings of the meeting.

Death of Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. Julia Smith, wife of Norman Smith, living six miles south of O'Neill, after a lingering illness of several years of varied severity passed away last Friday morning in the 61st year of her age at her home, in the loving presence of her family.

Mrs. Smith was dearly beloved by her family as well by all her associates and friends, for her motherly and womanly qualities, and her death is to them a severe and painful blow. She with her husband and family came to Holt county in 1885 from Sandusky county, Ohio, where she was born and raised and spent the greater part of her useful life. Her family, consisting of a husband and four children, all survive her. There are two boys, J. C. and Adrian, the former married but the latter single and living at home. Her daughters are Mrs. Mehlig, now at Hot Springs, Ark., under medical treatment, and Mrs. E. Bonnell. The funeral service was preached by Rev. Wilson last Sunday morning at one o'clock. A large concourse of friends followed the remains from the M. E. church to the burying ground to their partake of the last sad rites which characterized the long and sorrowful parting.

Mother, thou art sleeping, thou art sleeping, You were called to join the blest, In the clear ethereal heaven, May you sweetly, ever rest.

All the cares that here beset thee, And the trials you've had to brave, They will never more surround thee In the land beyond the grave.

Mother, kind and fondly you have reared us Through our young and tender years, Till at last we've grown from childhood— Oh! The parting caresses tears.

Through your illness, long and tedious, Death you've suffered over and over, Would we wish the back? Oh never, From that gorgeous shining shore.

We know not when God may call us, Or how long we may be spared, But when called into His presence, May we be as well prepared. —ADRIAN.

A Lyceum League at Emmet.

The young people of Emmet have organized a Lyceum Club under the Lyceum League of America. The first regular meeting was held January 22. The question for debate was, "Resolved, That nature is more to be admired than art." It was decided in favor of the affirmative. The next meeting, which will be held Friday evening, February 5, promises to be a grand success. The question for debate will be "Resolved, That Napoleon was a better general than Washington." The L. L. A. No. 672 claims to be the first L. L. A. Club in Holt county. Let us hear of more.

TAKE NOTICE.

By an oversight in the proof the foregoing of the undersigned, the public may be led to believe that all the subscriptions prior to Jan. 1, 1892, belong to me. Such is not the case as all subscriptions accounted are now the property of the new firm.

JAMES H. RIGGS.

MR. HAZELET ON CHICORY

He Addresses a Letter to the Farmers of Holt County.

HOW TO RAISE THE PLANT.

A Review of the Points of Interest Connected With the Industry—What the Company Proposes Doing.

To the Farmers of Holt County. As per announcement in these columns last week, an organization has been effected to establish the chicory industry in this county. The factory will have the capacity for working 300 acres this year, and will be ready for operation September 1. All that now remains to be done to give this industry a thorough and practical test, is for the farmers of this vicinity to raise the required acreage in roots. To this end I have thought proper to give a few facts and figures bearing upon the production of chicory, realizing that it is a subject new to the majority of the farmers of this county.

Chicory is a plant resembling in many respects the carrot, belonging to the natural order composite and to the genus choricium. It is a native of all Europe, and has been cultivated for more than a century as a substitute for coffee. When analyzed it shows no elements detrimental to health, and, in fact, is recommended by physicians as a healthful drink, especially for the young.

It is adapted to a dry climate, needing no rain when once fairly started through the ground. Any soil will produce it well that is not full of gravel or alkali.

The ground should be plowed in April and the deeper plowed the better, as the nature of the plant is to go deep into the earth. It should then be thoroughly harrowed until all the clods are pulverized. Next, the ground should be rolled or gone over with a common corn-ground smoother. Next comes the marking, which is exactly the same as the marking of corn ground, except that the rows are but three feet apart. The planting is done from the 1st to the 15th of May, with hand machines made especially for this purpose. The work is now all accomplished until the plants is up two or three inches high, at which time cultivation should begin. This is done with corn cultivators and the field should be gone over two or three times, owing to the condition of the ground as regards weeds. If the field still remains weedy, the weeds must be taken out, either with hoes or by hand. The one thing necessary in the proper cultivation of this plant is to keep the ground free from weeds. Ground properly cultivated, as indicated above, will yield from four to eight tons per acre. Mr. Bazelman of this city raised an average of ten tons per acre last year. The harvesting occurs from the 1st of September to the 1st of October, and is done in the following manner: The roots are thrown out of the ground by means of a plow, the leaves square cut off at the base of the bottom of the first leaf, and the product is ready for the factory.

As compared with the cultivation of sugar beets, in point of labor and profit, I claim chicory far superior. In the first place there is no "thinning out" of the plant to be done. In the second place, the cultivation of the plant is accomplished by means of machinery now in use on your farm. In the third place, the value of your product does not depend on a chemical analysis behind bolted doors, and in the fourth place we bind ourselves to pay double the price of the best quality of beets.

If the German farmer can raise this product at a profit on land that costs him an annual rental of from \$100 to \$150 per acre, surely the Holt county farmer can produce it on land worth \$10 per acre.

I submit below for your careful consideration the form of contract we wish to enter into. Think the matter over carefully and all who desire to aid in the establishment of a new industry for the farmers of Holt county will please meet at the court house Saturday, February 15, at 2 p. m. I might add that we would much rather have 100 farmers raise the 200 acres desired than to have twenty raise it, as the more interested in the enterprise the more nearly will success be attained. Very truly,

G. C. HAZELET.

THE PRODUCER'S CONTRACT.

No. O'Neill, Neb., 1892. I,, do hereby agree with the Bazelman & Hazelet Chicory Company of O'Neill, Neb., to plant, cultivate and harvest, to the best of my ability and in a husbandman-like manner, .. acres of chicory, on the farm occupied by me, located in section .. township .. range .. west of the Sixth P. M. in .. county, Nebraska, it being understood that the seed be furnished and the planting done for me at a cost of \$2 per acre, the cost of said seed and planting to be deducted from the value of the chicory when delivered at the

factory, and that I am to deliver all chicory grown therefrom at the factory, with the tops closely and squarely cut off at the base of the bottom leaf, free from dirt and in a marketable condition, at ten dollars (\$10) per ton from September 1 to 15, at nine dollars (\$9) per ton from September 15 to October 1, and at eight dollars (\$8) per ton from October 1 to October 15, 1892. I further agree that in case the chicory is not properly cut or trimmed, or has dirt clinging to it, to allow the same to be cleaned and cut and the tare deducted therefrom.

Witness:

THE COMPANY'S CONTRACT.

No. O'Neill, Neb., 1892. We hereby agree to purchase from .. any and all chicory grown on .. acres of ground in section .. township .. range .. west of the Sixth P. M., in .. county, Nebraska, paying him therefore ten dollars (\$10) per ton from September 1 to September 15, nine dollars (\$9) per ton from September 15 to October 1, eight dollars (\$8) per ton from October 1 to October 15, 1892. For all chicory delivered at factory in a marketable condition, with tops cut off closely and squarely at the base of the bottom leaf. We also agree with the above named party to furnish the seed and planters and perform the labor of planting, charging therefore the sum of \$2 per acre, it being understood that the cost of seed and planting shall be deducted from the value of the chicory when delivered at the factory. Any chicory not properly cut and trimmed, or with dirt clinging to it, will be cleaned and cut and the tare deducted therefrom.

Witness:

THE FRONTIER hopes to see a large number of representative farmers at the meeting to be held at the court house in O'Neill, Saturday afternoon, Feb. 13. The more thoroughly this matter is agitated and the more it is discussed and studied, the more successful will the farmers be in the production of the plant. THE FRONTIER moreover believes that the farmers of Holt county should enter into this matter with a heartiness that will insure success.

The contract given above seems to be a fair one, there being no objectionable feature appearing, and inasmuch as the company enters into a contract to furnish a market for the chicory at a stipulated price, the producer is certainly running no great risk. Besides, he is aiding the young industry upon a sound and firm basis.

The demands made upon Uncle Sam's postoffice department and the clerks attached thereto are many, and the hard-worked officials are often compelled to strain every nerve to keep up to the requirements of the postal laws. Our readers have no doubt heard the story of the woman who wanted the postmaster to take her letter and deliver it to Sally Jones of Pikeville, Cottonblossom county, Virginia, and while there to inquire of Sally how the babies were getting along, etc., etc., and also of the man who wanted to paste postage stamps upon the shaply neck of his spring calf and deposit it in the mail sack. But one of the postal clerks on the F. E. & M. V. was confronted the other day by a poetical request to deliver a letter to a maiden in Stuart. While Mr. Woodruff, the clerk referred to above, was unwrapping a package of letters in his car a few days ago, his eye fell upon one the address of which ran like this:

Carry this letter direct and straight To Miss Jennie Blank in Nebraska state. She is a maid of beauty, and most fair, But never needs to curl her hair. In Stuart, I think this letter will reach her, And I think its contents will surely teach her. That I have not forgot that I owe her a letter And in the dim future will try and do better.

Mr. Woodruff, who is a married man and not at all given to frivolities, says that he is unable to decide what the man means by saying in the last line that "in the dim future he will try and do better." However, he is drawn toward the opinion, as anyone naturally would be, that the man has made a move to elevate the standard of poetry that he so ruthlessly casts into the boiling pot, around which the distinguished literary critics of the day are wont to gather.

Rev. N. S. Lowrie, who has been with the O'Neill Presbyterian church for the past five or six years, has severed his connection therewith and preached his farewell sermon last Sunday. Mr. Lowrie has had several calls elsewhere, but for the present will supply the pulpits of Lambert and Inman Presbyterian churches in addition to his work at South Fork and Bethany.

Prof. S. L. Anderson, principal of the Stuart schools, will preach in the M. E. church next Sunday morning at 10:30. All are cordially invited.

Rev. N. S. Lowrie will preach at Lambert Presbyterian church next Sabbath at 11 o'clock a. m., and at Inman the same day at 3 o'clock p. m.

Attorney Putnam was in town Wednesday attending to legal business.

M. F. Harrington went down to Omaha Wednesday morning.

Gone to His Last Rest.

For several months past, H. H. McEvony, familiarly known all over this county and up and down the Elkhorn Valley by all old settlers as "Hank" McEvony, has suffered from a complication of diseases and his suffering has been intense at times. He went up to Hot Springs several weeks ago in the hope that the baths and treatment there would effect a cure, but nothing availed and when he came home last week he was weaker than ever. He had wasted away until he was hardly recognizable, and finally succumbed to the inevitable on Tuesday morning, February 3, at 5:30 o'clock.

Thus a most familiar and prominent character has passed out of history in this county. And he helped to form the history of Holt county, being amongst the earliest settlers. Eighteen years ago last July Mr. McEvony and family and E. H. Thompson and others landed in this locality and settled on the farms they now own. Mr. McEvony was prominent in the organization of the county, the organization of the Odd Fellows lodge and various other enterprises. Mr. McEvony was a blunt-spoken and of the rough diamond order of men, but he had a heart as tender as a woman's and was beloved and respected by all. He always had a kindly word for those in trouble and anything he could do was always willingly done for such people. In short he was a big, noble-hearted man, and will be greatly missed by all.

OBITUARY.

Henry H. McEvony was born in St. Lawrence county, New York, October 1, 1830, where he resided until 1854. He was married to Miss Eliza Bitney on April 27, 1850. Three children were born to them, one daughter and two sons. In 1854 they moved to Ozaukee county, Wis., where they lived a year and then moved to Sauk county, same state, residing there until 1873, when they emigrated to this state, arriving in this county on July 13, 1873, locating on his present farm one and one-half miles southeast of O'Neill, on the Elkhorn river. He was a member of Forest Lodge, No. 106, I. O. F., in Sandusky, Wis., and a charter member of Elkhorn Valley Lodge, No. 57, I. O. F. In fact was really the originator of the lodge. He held all of the various offices in the lodge here and was representative to the grand lodge of the state, one of the positions of highest honor in the lodge. Mr. McEvony was a great sufferer for the past three years with rheumatism, a torpid liver and later the jaundice. He had a strong constitution and but for these troubles would probably have lived to a ripe old age. At his death he was 61 years, 4 months old.

Of the children two are married, the daughter being the wife of Mr. Byron Parker and the eldest son being our present county sheriff. The youngest, Joseph, is still single. Mr. McEvony was also a step-brother of E. H. Thompson. The wife and mother and children and grand-children, besides numerous friends and relatives, deeply mourn the loss of a kind father and loving husband.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral occurred Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock and was conducted under the auspices of the Odd Fellows lodge. An escort came up from the house with the procession and was joined by the main body of the lodge in front of the postoffice, from whence all marched to the rink, where the services were held. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Blackmer of Stuart, who is a member of the order. He delivered a very interesting sermon, and all the services were very solemn and impressive. The hall was crowded and the concourse that followed the remains to the grave was very large. The people vied with each other, in a quite yet effective manner, to show their esteem for the dead and sympathy for the sorrowing ones.

The services were held in the rink because no church was large enough to accommodate the people. Quite a number of Atkinson Odd Fellows and friends of the deceased attended the funeral.

North Nebraska Eagle. A Republican club has been organized in South Sioux City with the following officers: President, M. B. Slocum; vice president, T. J. King; secretary, Z. M. Baird; treasurer, E. Stamm. About fifty persons have signified their intention of joining the club and everything points to a successful organization. It would be well for other precincts in the county to organize and prepare for active work in next fall's campaign.

Col. Flannigan came in from Minneapolis Tuesday night and will remain in town for several days.

The dancing school gives a final party at the rink tonight. Prof. Hovey's band will be there.

Mrs. Geo. Jones has been quite sick for the past week, with a cold on the lungs.

Mayor Biglin visited friends in Iowa over Sunday, returning Tuesday evening.

Mrs. John Skirving was down from Stuart yesterday.

NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY.

If you want to buy cheap Boots and Shoes, you have an opportunity staring you in the face that you should hasten to grasp. The excellent stock of Boots and Shoes displayed at the store of H. Wilson will be sold under foreclosure, and the low prices will astonish you. Sale going on now and will continue for three weeks.