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## LOCAL NEWS ITEMIZED

The Local News of O'Neill as Caught by the "Kids."

### RATHER INTERESTING NOTES

General Items of Interest Published While News is Still New

J. W. Thomas had business in Neligh Monday.

Don't miss the School teacher's ball at the rink tomorrow evening.

Judge Kinkaid went down to Lincoln Tuesday to witness the state convention.

H. C. Baker, of Chelsea, was in the city Friday and made this office a pleasant call.

Wonder if bridge notices have anything to do with Lessinger's support of Crawford?

W. H. Pierce and C. E. Butler accompanied the state delegation to Lincoln, Tuesday morning.

Miss Tessie Dykeman left Friday morning for Iowa, where she was called by the serious illness of her uncle.

There will be a grand ball given at the rink on Friday evening, August 5. Everybody go. A good time is assured.

W. D. Mathews left for Peoria Sunday morning, and will take in the state convention at Lincoln before returning.

It is amusing to hear the Sun invent defenses for the supervisors. Charlie evidently don't know what he is talking about.

Mrs. Ray left for Chicago Tuesday morning where she will visit friends for several weeks. She will also visit in Indiana before returning.

Melbourne arrived in the city today with his grip loaded with thunder and lightning. He also carries samples of rain produced in Cheyenne.

Miss May Skirving returned from Stuart Monday morning, where she had been visiting her parents for a week, and is now assisting in the clerk's office.

A. H. Parsons, of Sioux City, Iowa, arrived in this city last Sunday evening and is visiting with his partner, Mr. Anderson, on their ranch southwest of this city.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. John Hynes, on last Saturday afternoon, a daughter of the usual weight. Mother and child are doing well, and John is decidedly happy.

A. J. Spindler, who resides near Eagle Mills, left at this office this morning some fine specimens of timothy and clover. The timothy is over 5 feet high and the clover measures about 3 feet.

Jess Mellor returned Friday evening from his visit to his parents at Coldwater, Mich. During his absence he also visited for a few days in Chicago and also in Ohio. He reports having a splendid time.

About forty of our citizens went up to Long Pine last Sunday to attend the Chautauqua, and recreate for a day down among the springs which abound in and around that popular resort. Every one enjoyed themselves and report a pleasant time.

Mrs. Hattie Squires, living at Leonia, was burned out Tuesday and lost her house and contents. She is a widow woman with three children. Hi Hodgkin was around with a subscription paper today to raise enough money to build her a new house.

Married, Tuesday in this city by Judge Bowen, Mr. Frank Heebe and Miss Agata Heebe. This young couple are both well known here. The groom has resided in this county about 12 years and has a fine farm about 9 miles northwest of this city. THE FRONTIER congratulates.

Mr. William Dorsey and Miss Kate Burke were united in marriage at Fort Randall last Monday. The bride is quite well known in this city, being a sister of Mrs. David Stannard, and has a host of friends here. They will make their home in Sioux City. THE FRONTIER extends its congratulations.

Prof. John Bland came up from Fremont Sunday evening to attend to some business matters here. Mr. Bland has been elected to the position of principal of the Plainview schools, to which place he went Friday morning. Mr. Bland is a good educator, and we predict will give good satisfaction to the people of Plainview.

Mr. J. A. Lander, a prominent citizen of Clarksburg, Mo., and widely known in that state, says of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy: "I have seen its good results and can recommend it." For sale by P. C. Corrigan druggist.

Jake and Joe Hershiser, Jim Davidson and Clyde King visited on the reservation the fore part of the week. The Kid will probably say something about the trip next week.

Dr. I. Perrie Johnson, oculist and aurist of Sioux City, will visit O'Neill on the 10th and 11th of this month, and may be seen at the Evans House. Dr. Johnson has had long experience in the treatment of eye diseases, having practiced his profession thirty years at Peoria, Ills. If you are defective in your vision or hearing, call and consult him.

Once out in the gloaming, way in Wyoming, a school teacher sat combing her golden hair; when all heated with roasting, all panting and foaming, there came up and hugged her—grizzly bear! It did not fright her—she laid back and murmured: "Still tighter, dear!" This broke up old bruin, he left off his wooing, sneaked back to the mountains and hid for a year.—Ashland Globe.

Sunday morning Fred Swingley and Fred Stannard left this city at 4 o'clock and started for Atkinson on their bicycles. They reached Atkinson at 7:20. This was very good time considering their roads. They stopped there until the excursion train arrived and putting their wheels in the baggage car went up to the Pine. The boys are now loaded with funny stories and incidents of their journey.

Ted Gallagher, well known to the O'Neill sport loving patrons, arrived in town Tuesday and has agreed to stop Cal Moffet, over middle-weight, inside of six rounds or forfeit the gate receipts. The match will take place on Thursday evening, August 4. Gallagher is in training now to meet Tommy White of Chicago, at Omaha soon. This will be the best contest seen in O'Neill for a long time and sure to draw a good crowd.

Last Thursday evening the Meredith mansion in this city was brilliantly illuminated and a large party of young people were there assembled. The occasion was a surprise on Miss Kittie O'Neill, it being her eighteenth birthday. Miss Kittie and Mr. and Mrs. Meredith are royal entertainers and the party was a very enjoyable one. Lunch and cream were served about midnight, soon thereafter the guests departed for home, wishing Miss O'Neill many happy returns of the day.

Since Doc Mathews returned from his visit east he has been kept busy explaining away the breaks made by the kids whom he left to run his paper during his absence.—Independent.

Well, this is indeed refreshing; especially when it is considered that Doc has no more control of this paper than the "Kids" have. Mr. Mathews has charge of the editorial page and if any "breaks" were made in his "absence" we suppose he had a perfect right to explain them away, but up to the time of going to press we have noticed no explanation.

The Independent's comments on the Rev. Byron Bell were entirely uncalled for and decidedly unprofessional. It appears to us that Lessinger is possessed of a most conveniently brief memory. He so easily forgets that it has been but a short time ago that he was an aspirant for a public office and failed to receive his party vote on account of the rottenness of his record both as a minister of the gospel and a private citizen, and he became so highly incensed at news paper comments that he instituted libel proceedings for \$20,000, for campaign purposes, which he let go by default when it was discovered he was not "in it." An attack by Lessinger upon anyone's private character comes with very poor grace to say the least.

"How doth the busy little ant Rejoice in plente signs, It bathes its feet in lemonade And dries them on our spines." A second stanza was lost in the southing of the great trees just as supper was announced which consisted of delicious hot coffee, buttered rolls, hot eggs, pickles, cakes, ice cream, lemonade and cigars for the lords.—Sun.

IF THE FRONTIER is a little thinner this week than its wont our readers will be kind enough to overlook the fact. Our entire force, after reading the above in last week's Sun, "jumped" their respective situations and sped with the swiftness of the cyclone breezes to Haynes' grove where they have been engaged up to date searching in the "southing of the great trees" for that "second stanza," which consisted of "delicious hot coffee, buttered rolls, hot eggs, pickles, cakes, ice cream, lemonade and cigars for the lords." How the author could be so supremely reckless as to let a stanza possessed of such great capabilities escape into the "southing of the great trees" is beyond our ken.

For sale or rent at a bargain 280 acres of good grass for hay 8 miles southwest of Atkinson, Neb. Will let on shares or sell. Address, G. W. MEALS, O'Neill Neb.

### The Fire!

Tuesday morning at 4 o'clock the city was startled by the cry of fire, and soon the fire bell was tolling, proclaiming to entire city that there was a fire in our midst. The fire was in J. L. Mack's store and was discovered by William Hagerty, who is in the employ of O. F. Biglin and was going down to the depot that morning to set up a binder, and as he was going by the store he was almost suffocated by the smoke which poured out of the building. He immediately ran to the rear of the store and awoke Mr. Mack, whose house is built onto the store. Will McNichols, clerk in the store and who rooms over head, with Robert Marsh, were also awakened and one of them ran down to the engine house and rang the alarm, and soon the department had the chemical engine and the hook and ladder truck on the grounds and were fighting the fire. By the time the boys got there with the engine the interior of the building was a seething mass of flames and no one present thought that the building, or in fact the entire block, could be saved and the crowd at once commenced to move everything out of McNichols' saloon, and soon had that building empty and then moved everything out of Mrs. Roberts' millinery store. In the meantime the fire department was hard at work fighting the flames and had got them under control. The entire stock was destroyed and the building badly damaged, so much so that Mr. Mack does not intend to repair it but will tear it down and build a new one where it now stands. Mr. Mack estimates his loss at \$2,500, with \$800 insurance. He had a car load of flour which he had received but a week ago and which was all destroyed. He expects to put another stock in the building next to the one which was burned and will in a couple of weeks be again pleased to see all of his old customers.

The citizens of O'Neill should be proud of their fire department, as they clearly demonstrated at this fire that they knew how to successfully fight the flames, and every member worked hard and did his utmost to get the fire under control, and they succeeded. This is the second fire which we have had since the fire department has been organized and both of them have been stopped, and that too after they had got a good start. Had it not been for the department the other night the entire block would have been reduced to ashes. The department is all right and should receive the encouragement and support of our citizens.

### The Rain Maker.

At 1:30 today they arrived in this city, in response to a telegram requesting him to come, Prof. Frank Melbourne, the rain maker, of Cheyenne, Wyoming, and his manager F. H. Jones. On learning of their arrival in this city a FRONTIER reporter went to the Hotel Evans to interview Mr. Melbourne in regard to his methods of producing rain. He was not disposed to say much about it himself, but he informed us that he had brought rain in the following counties in Nebraska: Cheyenne, Perkins, Dundey, Keith, Chase and Nuckelous. He also said that these counties tried to make a contract with him to supply them with water the year around. He agrees to give Holt county 1/4 inch of rain in less than four days for \$3000. The rain is to be general all over the county.

There is one thing certain, that we need rain in this county in order to save the corn crop, and while we have not got much faith in the rain maker, still if he produces rain, why we may have some confidence in him, although he informs us that he has never had a failure. Couriers have been dispatched to the supervisors to bring them in town in order to make arrangements for paying the \$3000 if he is successful. He expects to commence operations tomorrow. We anxiously await results.

### The Institute.

This week O'Neill is crowded with school teachers who are in the city attending the institute. There are teachers of all grades and classes and from all parts of the county, and it promises to be one of the largest institutes ever held in the county. There are about 150 in attendance at the present time. Superintendent Dudley informs us that he expects several more next week, and that there will be about 175 all together. The instructors this year are Prof. E. W. Hunt of the Nebraska State University, grammar and elocution; Prof. J. B. Emery, principal of the Neligh high school, mathematics and history; Mrs. Lizzie Bowen, principal of the grammar school at Lincoln, methods and drawing.

On next Tuesday evening Prof. Hunt will deliver a lecture in the court house. The professor is a fine speaker and those who attend the lecture are promised a rare treat.

The teachers of Holt county will meet next week to arrange the Holt County Teachers' Association for the ensuing year.

The teachers are loud in the praise of Superintendent Dudley, his amiable wife and his efficient corps of instructors.

### Letter List.

Following is the list of letters remaining in the postoffice at O'Neill, Neb., unclaimed, for the week ending July 28, 1892: Mrs. Dyanine Krestine Ejlstase In calling for the above please say "advertised." If not called for in two weeks they will be sent to the dead letter office. J. H. RIGGS P. M.

### ANANIAS OUTDONE.

#### A Mass of Falsehoods and Garbled Reports Palmed off for Truth.

Above is a part of the caption under which the Independent last week attempted to explain away the charges made by THE FRONTIER against the supervisors. Lessinger could have selected words no more appropriate for the heading of his article as its falsehoods and treachery would cause Ananias to see the error of his way and were he alive to-day would thank God that he was not the biggest liar on earth. Lessinger is either an unmitigated ass or an ignoramus who finds unlimited quantities of bliss in his ignorance and the records will justify the assertion. With one or two unimportant exceptions THE FRONTIER's statements were correct and we embrace the present opportunity to reiterate and, unlike Lessinger, again produce the figures to substantiate our assertions. He says:

In giving the amount that each member has drawn in this year why did THE FRONTIER raise the amount drawn by the independent members from \$5 to \$50 as was the case with the accounts of Bethea, Smith, Perkins and others, and lower the amounts received by republican members as was done in the case of Moss, Miller, Hunter and others? We will leave to our readers to decide why THE FRONTIER would thus try to deceive the people.

Attempting to defend Bethea, Crawford, Perkins, Roll and Smith he only succeeds in plunging them still deeper in the unsavory broth. He charges THE FRONTIER with raising the amounts drawn by independent members of the board from \$5 to \$30 and lowering those of republican members and cites us to the bills of Bethea, Smith, and Perkins as the ones "stuffed" and to those of Moss, Miller and Hunter as those lowered. Now gentle reader, regardless of political affiliations, come with us for a few moments and together let us glance at the records and discover whether it is Lessinger or THE FRONTIER man who is dishonest and appears afraid of the facts in this case:

E. E. PERKINS.  
Bill number 602.....\$ 64 20  
" 605..... 27 10  
" 178..... 48 45  
" 190..... 9 00  
Total.....\$129 45  
No. 605 was not drawn, however, as the committee on claims rejected it and marked it "laid over" on the claim register. This does not excuse Mr. Perkins, however, as he solemnly swore that it was correct and would have accepted the money had the committee not drawn the line.

And then in Mr. Bethea's case we find the following:

Bill number 22.....\$ 15 35  
" 205..... 48 10  
" 222..... 27 10  
" 248..... 18 10  
" 504..... 21 10  
" 505..... 30 10  
" 507..... 34 00  
" 607..... 3 00  
Total.....\$107 45  
This itemized statement shows a difference in Mr. Bethea's favor of 90 cents as against our last statement, but lacks considerable of being \$30.

Next comes the only and original C. M. Smith:

February 15, 1892.....\$ 72 00  
February 15, 1892..... 11 70  
March 3, 1892..... 37 00  
May 7, 1892..... 22 00  
June 15, 1892..... 20 00  
July 15, 1892..... 31 00  
July 16, 1892..... 3 00  
Total.....\$187 70

These figures, like the balance, agree with THE FRONTIER's statement. There is no part of above bill for work rendered last year, Lessinger to the contrary notwithstanding, and still further we did not quote Mr. Smith's bill \$22 more than it really was.

Hunter's Moss' and Miller's claims filed since January 11, 1892, are as follows:

HUNTER.  
Bill number 80.....\$ 17 00  
" 180..... 20 20  
" 242..... 17 00  
" 519..... 14 00  
" 158..... 3 00  
Total.....\$62 20

MILLER.  
Bill number 127.....\$54 60  
" 177..... 9 00  
" 212..... 17 40  
" 605..... 14 00  
Total.....\$95 00

MOSS.  
Bill number 180.....\$34 30  
" 613..... 70 80  
Total.....\$105 10

These itemized bills are strictly in accordance with THE FRONTIER's statement and we invite any who may be in doubt to examine the records. They are open for inspection. Again, Lessinger, attempting to exonerate the independent members says Joe Hunter charges for February 21 (Sunday) which is unqualifiably false and we defy the anarchist down the way to find any such charge on the record.

Hear him:  
We found in one of Mr. Perkins' bills, allowed in this year, \$12.85 belonging to last year; \$3.25 was for freight advanced for election booths last October, "and so it goes." Yes, "and so it goes." Lessinger knows, if he knows anything, which we doubt, that the freight bill spoken of above did not amount to \$3.25; it was

only 25 cents. Oh, what a difference a little investigation discloses!

While we have this subject under discussion it may not be out of place to glance back over a little of the history of the past, 1891 for instance.

W. W. Bethea drew pay for December 28 and 31 but strange to relate the board was not in session those days. Filed bill June 13 for June 8-9-10-11-12-13, and July 17, another for returning from meeting June 14, Sunday. September 16 charges for July 19, which was Sunday. September 16 charges \$3.10 mileage that he is not entitled to at adjourned meeting. He also charges for Sunday June 26, '92, which was not mentioned in our last.

E. Kline charges for February 15, '91, which was Sunday. Also \$2.80 mileage, bill filed February 19, which same he is not entitled to at adjourned meeting.

John Crawford files a bill for January 12-13-14 and 15. Board was only in session the 13th and 14th.

C. M. Smith drew pay for January 12, February 16, June 13. Board not in session those days. "And so it goes."

In commenting on our expose of this rottenness Lessinger says: "Why does THE FRONTIER select only independent members, with one exception, as the object of its attack?" We will explain. Some four years ago when the county was under the old commissioner system of three and each drawing \$500 per year salary a great cry of extravagance went up from the people and then it was that the supervisor system was inaugurated. For the first two years, under republican rule, a great saving was made, still the expense was necessarily greater than it would be under the five commissioner system. But after this came the farmers' alliance avalanche. With great promises of still greater reforms, curtailment of expenses and watch-dog fidelity the independent majority was ushered into the county legislative halls and from that day to this the county has been sliding back, losing ground every day until now we find the supervisors drawing one-third of the total levy for their salaries alone, to say nothing of the endless expense saddled upon the county by their short-sightedness and blundering financiering. This is the reason we attack the independent members. We wish to show how faithfully they have kept their promises and hence this investigation. We have made it with a spirit of malice toward none. As private citizens we have found most of them to be very pleasant gentlemen, but we instituted this investigation that the people of Holt county might see how inconsistent the party is, how little regard its members have for pledges and how totally incompetent to economically administer the affairs of the county. That republicans and democrats have done wrong is no excuse for the independents as they are in the majority and supposed to see to those little things.

The Independent says it believes THE FRONTIER to be in favor of returning to the commissioner system. So we are. We believe five commissioners could do the work a great deal easier, quicker and consequently with much less expense to the county. Why, the very idea of our present board having already drawn \$3,500 for salary is outrageous. We also believe that if the question was fairly and honestly presented to the voters of Holt county they could not fail to see it in the same light. It is merely a business proposition. What excuse is there for having thirty-one employees when five can do the work? What is the object of employing thirty-one men, two-thirds of whom are merely figure-heads, vote occasionally and draw their salary with the regularity of an eight-day clock?

We were not aware until we read the Independent that petitions were being circulated to bring this question to a vote but are pleased to learn, even from such a very unreliable source, that such is the case and will do all in our power in support of the move, believing it to be to the best interests of Holt county taxpayers.

If Mr. Lessinger desires we can prepare another chapter on short notice.

### TIPS TO PURCHASERS.

FOR SALE—500 acres of the best hay on dry creek; six miles from O'Neill. Inquire of F. R. Stannard. 2-3

Cabinet photos \$2 per dozen at A. K. King's gallery for a short time. Those attending the teachers' institute will likely take advantage of this unparalleled price of photos. 4-2

### Stock Cattle!

We have on hand and are prepared to furnish stock cattle of all ages and in numbers to suit purchasers. Time given on approved security. Call at section 13, township 28, range 13, or address, FRANK ANDERSON & Co., O'Neill, Neb. 39-1f

We will pay Sioux City prices for 150 head of thin, dry cows. FRANK ANDERSON & Co., O'Neill, Neb. 44-1f

### Public Sale.

I will sell at public auction at Mullen's livery barn in O'Neill on August 6, '92, the following described property, to-wit: Two ponies 8 years old, one with colt by her side; two 3-yr. old colts and one yearling. Six months time will be given with 10 per cent. interest and bankable security. Ten per cent. off for cash. 3-2

PETER DONOHUE.

### The Convention.

The republican convention which was held in the court house last Saturday was one of the most successful as well as harmonious conventions ever held in the county. All matters of a personal nature, especially among the leaders, were laid aside, and everyone worked for harmony, and harmony was had. The ticket nominated is one that every republican can get out and work for and ask his friends to do the same.

At about 10:40 a. m. Chairman Hazlet called the convention to order and read the call. J. C. Gromer was then elected temporary chairman, by acclamation, and Geo. H. Bowering temporary secretary.

It was moved and seconded that the chair appoint a committee of five on credentials. The motion carried and the chair appointed: T. B. Marling, L. C. Roy, J. N. Menzie, Danford Taylor and John Darr.

A motion then prevailed that the chair appoint a committee of three on order of business, which was as follows: John Skirving, J. Hunter and E. M. Ogle.

Upon motion the following committee was appointed by the chair on permanent organization: A. L. Towle, C. W. Roark, F. Phillips.

The chair being given the authority to select a committee on platform and resolutions named the following: C. Selah, John Brady, W. W. Page, D. H. Cronin and G. W. Jones.

The convention then adjourned until 2 o'clock in order to give the committees time to prepare their reports.

Promptly at 2 o'clock the convention was called to order by Chairman Gromer. The report of the committee on credentials was read and adopted. The report showed that every township in the county was represented.

The committee on permanent organization reported that the temporary chairman be made permanent and that Clyde King be made permanent secretary. Mr. King refused to act, and the report on chairman was adopted and upon motion F. Phillips was elected permanent secretary.

The committee on platform and resolutions reported the following, which were unanimously adopted:

We, the republicans of Holt county, in convention assembled invite the support of the electors in November on the following declaration of principles:

Resolved, That we endorse the platform of the national republican convention as adopted by that convention in Minneapolis and heartily endorse the ticket nominated by that convention, which is headed by that gallant soldier statesman Benjamin Harrison.

We most heartily endorse the principles of protection to American industries as enunciated by the platform of the national party and exemplified in the main by our present tariff laws, under which, according to the results of senatorial investigations in Minnesota and Kentucky and Howe of Tennessee, is conclusively shown that the nation's necessities of life covered by the tariff have in the aggregate decreased nearly 1 per cent, that the wholesale price of the same articles have decreased 3.31 per cent, and the price of agricultural products have advanced nearly 14 per cent, while the wages of American laborers have advanced only 2 1/2 per cent. We hold these unanswerable proofs to be evidence strong as holy writ of the benefits of republican tariff and reciprocity, and appeal to the common sense of the voters.

We respectfully request their earnest cooperation and support.

We favor the free and unlimited coinage of silver, or as otherwise expressed, bi-metallicism—by international co-operation if possible in a reasonable length of time; but if not, then by the United States taking the initiative and asserting her independence in the control of her own monetary affairs.

We also hold that the national party is no longer necessary to the financial policy of the country, having outlived its usefulness, and we therefore demand the repeal of the national banking law.

Last, but not least, we favor the enactment of a maximum freight law in this state—a maximum freight law that is calculated to challenge opposition of the commercial sense of all intelligent voters and the combined business interests of the nation.

We will circumscribe the avarice of intolerant railroads and limit their earnings to compensation consistent with first-class service and fair and reasonable interest on the capital actually invested, and employed in the conduct of their business. We call upon our nominees for the legislature and state senate, if elected, to exercise their best efforts and use all honorable means to bring about the enactment of a law in strict conformity to the principles of this declaration.

With implicit faith in the common sense and good judgment of the voters of Holt county whose interests were neglected and confidence betrayed by those who represented them in a legislative capacity two years ago, we consign republican interests to their keeping, firm in the belief that the result will be gratifying to us and creditable to those who make it.

C. SELAH  
D. H. CRONIN  
JOHN F. BRADY  
GEORGE W. JONES  
W. W. PAGE

Nominations for county attorney were then in order and E. H. Beredict, W. H. Pierce and L. C. Chapman were named. The convention proceeded to ballot on the candidates, and the result was: Benedict 43; Chapman 33; Pierce 24. There being no choice a second ballot was taken, with the following result: Benedict 45; Chapman 35; Pierce 17. Mr. Pierce then withdrew and the third ballot resulted as follows: Benedict 45; Chapman 50. Mr. Chapman having received a majority of the votes cast was declared the nominee. Upon motion the nomination was made unanimous. M. Chapman was called for and thanked the convention for the honor conferred upon him.

W. F. Eisele and A. J. Clark were placed in nomination for representative.

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