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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 News.

Work on the mill is progressing rapidly.

Work has commenced on the water-works.

Attorney Atwood, of Fremont, had business in the city Tuesday.

Sam Bolon of Sioux City, is visiting relatives in the city this week.

O'Neill will miss the festive school mamma when she is no more.

The roll at the institute will reach one hundred and sixty this week.

Mrs. Ed. Buttler is confined to the house this week with a severe cold.

Mike Dee, the popular representative of the State Journal, was in the city yesterday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Slaughter last Tuesday, at Stanton, a girl, of usual weight.

Artist Austin got the school mams in line yesterday and took a snap shot at them with his camera.

Billie Roughler of Omaha, an old line democrat and a man who takes great pride in the fact, was in the city Wednesday.

The hammock social given in Mr. Kinch's grove last evening was an enjoyable affair and netted some money for the Presbyterians.

Marlin J. Sweeley of Sioux City, attorney for Farmers' Loan and Trust company of that city, was in O'Neill Tuesday on business.

Joe Hershiser, Frank Mann, D. H. Cronin and Clyde King rode their bicycles to Atkinson last Sunday morning, returning on the passenger.

The Republican Statesman, Bassett, advertises for a small pig. This is an elegant opportunity for the Page News to dispose of himself.

J. P. Mann is building a 30-foot addition to his store. We are pleased to see this evidence of Mr. Mann's prosperity and increasing business.

There will be a dance at the rink tomorrow (Friday) evening. The hope in honor of the school teachers who soon—too soon—will leave the city.

Johnnie Weeks and Dr. Wells accompanied the congressional delegation to Chadron Tuesday evening. Besides speaking in the convention they will see races.

Lessinger is silent on the subject of killing for the would-be assassin of Beck. The adage, "silence is golden," find here beautifully illustrated and satirically demonstrated.

Wait until Holt county needs more and then engage Melbourn and if succeeds in bringing it let it go for what he produced Tuesday's and pay him for it.

Ed. Thompson, John Planck, Ben Yarman, Bob and Frank McWhorter, Hileman and Jockey, Muggins, are looking after O'Neill's reputation in the red ring at Chadron this week.

Melbourn or no Melbourn it rained, though crops would have been benefited a great deal more had it rained a month ago the last sprinkle has placed them beyond all danger of a failure.

If the Page News man finds any particular enjoyment in misquoting speeches made at the republican convention we don't suppose the misrepresented persons will worry themselves to any great extent over the matter.

E. M. Clarke, of Ottumwa, Kansas, is in the city writing a local story. Mr. Clarke lays his scene in O'Neill and makes use of O'Neill characters. It promises to be interesting and will probably appear in THE FRONTIER next week.

The farewell party given Tuesday evening at the residence of Mr. Clear in honor of Mrs. Thos. Clear of Chicago, who has been visiting relatives here for some time, was a very pleasant affair, as all entertainments at the Clear mansion are, and will long be remembered by those who were fortunate enough to attend.

We will bet dollars to cookies that Harry Mathews, one of the boys in this office, can fold more papers than any print in town.—Tribune.

THE FRONTIER was never known to take a bluff in a case of this kind. Let the Trib. get a little money in sight and we will bet two to one that its judgment is no good.

Will Adams went up to Stuart Sunday evening where he will remain a couple of weeks.

Dan Holland came up from Butler county Sunday evening and will visit with his parents here for several days.

On account of the fire which destroyed my entire stock I desire to close up my business and request all those who are indebted to me to call and settle.

J. L. MACK
5-11

Married, last Saturday evening by Judge Bowen, Daniel W. Knight to Mrs. Helen Manny. The contracting parties have been residents of this city for a couple of years and are well known. THE FRONTIER congratulates.

The New York Central railway, in its exhibit at the world's fair, will strikingly illustrate the wonderful improvements that have been made in railway transportation by showing a magnificent complete vestibuled train and along side of it a reproduction of the first train of cars used in this country, the cars of which resembled old-fashioned stage coaches.

Walt Mason has at divers times intelligibly stamped his disapproval upon the young man or old man or middle-aged man who "accepts a situation," and upon the newspaper which so far forgets itself as to record the fact in those words and it was with wonder, surprise and sorrow that we noticed in a recent issue of the valuable paper with which he is connected that a certain gentleman had "accepted a situation as book-keeper."

Died, Friday August 5, of malarial fever, at his home near Spencer, H. O. Cross, aged 44. His remains were brought in to O'Neill the evening of his death and embalmed at McCafferty's undertaking rooms preparatory to shipping to his old home in Utica, Neb., Saturday morning. Mr. Cross leaves a wife and four children. He was formerly a resident of this county, residing near Chambers. His brother, W. M. Cross, of Utica, together with the wife and children of the deceased accompanied the remains.

Last week Planck and Thompson shipped the following swift horses to Chadron to enter in the black hills circuit, the first meeting being at Chadron this week: Newton B, record 2:17; Demonstrator; 2:29; Lucky Sweepstakes, Elsie Sweepstakes and one other horse. DeYarman Bros., shipped in the same car, Coramont and Kay S, two promising Hambletonians. Al. Hileman also shipped his running horse, Dan Wagner. This is a fine aggregation of horseflesh and the horsemen of the northwest need to keep their weather eye open if they expect to win any races.

The World-Herald speaks thusly of Holt's candidates and delegates and relates an incident of the trip: "Four years ago Holt county went down with a gaily decorated train and presented Bartley's name for state treasurer. This time Holt county went down with blood in its eyes and succeeded. The Holt county delegation was the rustler of the convention. Its forces were led by such men as A. L. Towle, Jim Perry, C. Selah, J. M. McArthur and Sheriff McEvony. The rank and file of the delegation comprised men no less energetic and enthusiastic. On the way down a colored man attempted to beat his way and was thrown off the train half a dozen times. The Holt county crowd captured the colored brother and paid his fare to Lincoln. They determined to use him as a mascot. At Fremont they rigged him up in a new suit of clothes and at Lincoln they fed him on the fat of the land. The colored man lived high and he was kept with the Holt county delegation until Bartley was nominated. But no sooner had Bartley won than the colored brother took to the woods. He never stopped until he reached Crete, and then he sat down and wrote a postal card to Jim Perry, postmaster at Atkinson, as follows:

mistur jim perri:
dere sur—I takes my pen in hand to tell you that I had to shake you holt co. gentlemen. I was sorry to leave you, but you were too rih for my blood. Give mistur bartley my love and tell him if he cant get there without me I'll come up and give him a lift. But I want you to feed me on corn bread for awhile. Yours,

WANTED—Local and traveling deputies for the Eclectic Assembly. Face of certificates from \$500 to \$3,000; limited assessment; no double headers; splendid commission to organizers. Write at once.

State Deputy, Mrs. L. ADAM,
6-m Lock Box 77, O'Neill, Neb.

We Yearn a Little Yearn.
Oh, for a carload of ice cream
And a lake of lemonade.
A million fans all run by steam.
A county or two of shade;
Clothing as thin as gauzy tales
Of husbands who have strayed.
Oh, for the blast from polar valves,
Or the grace of a Boston maid.
—Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.

Pronounces it Safe.
In accordance with instructions given at the last school election the board engaged an architect, James Martin, of Sioux City, to examine the building and following is his report:

O'NEILL, Nebraska, Aug. 9, 1892.
TO THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7, O'NEILL, NEBRASKA:
Gentlemen—Having been appointed to make an examination of your high school building and to report on its condition I would respectfully submit the following report:

After a careful examination at all available points I do not hesitate to pronounce your building perfectly safe under all ordinary conditions if put in a proper state of repair. The foundations are good and are amply sufficient to carry the superstructure. The cracks in the walls of the superstructure are due to unequal settlement of the walls and are not in anyway dangerous. Those in the east and west walls of the north room are due to the foundation wall extending some twelve feet beyond the basement wall, thus forming a sharply defined line of light and heavy pressure. The other cracks in the walls are due to unequal settlement caused by the erection of the building at different times and after the older portion had thoroughly compressed the soil underlying it. The rods that have been placed about the main building do no harm but might have been dispensed with. When the rods were put in no provision was made for expansion and contraction and the result is that they have opened the joints between the main walls and the buttresses. It has been stated to me that the building trembles during high winds, which I do not doubt in the least for it is something unusual to find a public building of this character that does not shake a little when exposed to the full force of our prairie winds. There is one point about your building that I do consider dangerous, viz, the defective condition of the plastering. In the front hall in both stories and in the school rooms in main building the ceilings are in such a condition that portions are liable to drop at any time and do serious injury to the pupils or worse still create a panic in which many might be hurt. I had no means of reaching the roof of the building but it is very evident that it is in a very leaky condition and should be repaired. I am informed that the gutters do not have proper fall towards the points of discharge; if this is the case it should be remedied. The condition of the building is such that I would recommend to the board of directors the following:

1. That the roof be put in thorough repair.
2. That all defective plastering be removed, the lath thoroughly cleaned and new plastering put on.
3. That the cracks in the exterior walls be cleaned and stopped with oil cement so exclude water.
4. That the outside walls be pointed up where the mortar is worn away and that the broken brick in the arch over the basement doors be repaired.

If the above suggestions are carried out and your building properly cared for hereafter, there is no reason why it should not be a good school building for the next twenty years, unless destroyed by tornado, fire, or some similar cause outside of the ordinary wear.

Trusting that the above will cover all the points desired, I have the honor to remain, very respectfully yours,
JAMES W. MARTIN, Architect.

Death of Henry O. Cross.
We chronicle with much sorrow the death of Henry O. Cross, of Boyd county, formerly of Chambers, Holt county. He was in his 45th year.

Henry Cross was born in Iowa in 1848, removed to Holt county in 1884. He was a member of the Bethany Presbyterian church of which he was an honored elder for several years.

Mr. Cross was largely instrumental in building the Presbyterian church at that place. He was also very useful as a Sunday School superintendent.

He is greatly missed among his old friends and neighbors in Holt county where he was recognized as a sincere and happy christian gentleman.

Last spring he took a claim in Boyd county and removed his family there.

He was sick about six weeks and bore his affliction with wonderful patience and resignation.

He found excellent neighbors in Boyd county who did all in their power to help his family in their trouble.

His was a triumphant christian death. He said he never had happier hours in his life than on his bed of sickness. Death seemed to him merely passing over. He said: "Death like a narrow stream divides that heavenly land from ours."

He died August 5, as the sun was setting in the west, and took his flight to the "Land that is fairer than day."

Loving brothers bore him to his final resting place in the cemetery at Utica, Nebraska.

His pastor, Rev. N. S. Lowrie, preached his funeral sermon before a large audience in the Presbyterian church at Utica, and at the setting of the sun we laid him to rest among his kindred to await the resurrection of the just.

"The memory of the just is blessed,"
"How blest the righteous when he dies."
"Let me die the death of the righteous and let my last end be like his."
A beloved wife and four children remain to mourn the loss of a kind husband and father.

AND THEN IT RAINED

The Flood Gates Were Opened But Melbourn Gets No Money.

EIGHT HOURS BEHIND TIME

Melbourn Takes The Credit But All Do Not Think He Deserves It.

That grand old man, Melbourn, arrived in O'Neill last Thursday evening with a grip full of thunder and lightning and several sample cases with specimens of rain and remarked loud enough to be heard that for \$3,000 he would cause Jupiter Pluvius to open up the flood gates and sprinkle a long suffering people. His liberal offer was accepted. Numerous conveyances were dispatched to homes of the supervisors to ascertain whether or not they imagined the county would be willing to diminish its exchequer to that extent for such a visitation. They thought it would and a contract was entered into and the grand old man turned himself loose in the cupola of the court house at midnight. He had been at work not more than six hours when a severe storm of thunder, lightning and wind was upon us. He said he was not responsible for that. It looked slightly rainy at times Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, but the clouds refused to respond to his squeezing and as time swiftly sped by as swiftly vanished prospects of his \$3,000. He had agreed that it should rain within four days, but the time passed with nothing more than a mere sprinkle, but Tuesday morning he said he would not give up, pay or no pay, and continued camping in the cupola until about 7 o'clock when he came down and said a shower would soon be upon us, and so it was. As nice a shower as one could wish to see, but it appears to have been a general rain from the Black Hills to Omaha. Public opinion is greatly divided upon the question of whether or not Melbourn was responsible for the shower. In fact that has been the all absorbing topic of conversation since the gentleman arrived in the city. Some positively assert that it was Melbourn's rain and others just as positively assert that it was not. Of course no man knows, not even Melbourn himself. It may be that he has a cinch on the atmosphere but THE FRONTIER is loth to see its accepted theories of the origin of rain all go up in a tea-cup full of Melbourn's gas. However, Mr. Melbourn seems to have implicit faith in his ability to produce moisture and offers to irrigate Holt and four adjoining counties the year round for 10 cents per acre, no rain no pay. This is a fair offer and THE FRONTIER would be in favor of testing the scheme.

The character of Tuesday's rain is a point that argues strongly in Melbourn's favor. It came with very little thunder and lightning and no wind, something that is very unusual in this country during the summer months. The clouds originally came lazily drifting from the northwest in broken masses, resembling white caps on a ruffled sea and had no indication whatever of rain but about 1 A. M. Tuesday they settled back again in the north and by 8 o'clock the entire sky was of a leaden hue and a gentle rain began falling which continued until the gauges registered a little over an inch. But on the other hand it seems that the rain extended along the whole valley from east to west and it would seem that the territory was too large to be covered by any artificial means of production. THE FRONTIER believes that rain can be produced and would like to see a contract made with Melbourn for an entire season in order to more fully test the efficiency of his work.

Holt county has had rain this season at every point in the county more plentiful than in O'Neill. Promising clouds would frequently appear but would always drift around in one direction or another, caused probably by the variable winds prevailing, which Melbourn says was a great drawback to his experiments here, the wind changing as many as seven times in one day. He had agreed to furnish Knox county with rain also from his seat of operation in O'Neill and we understand it did rain but not to the satisfaction of the people who now decline to remunerate him.

Melbourn himself might as well be dead and concealed in a winding sheet so far as the newspaper reporter is concerned. He will not talk about his business and efforts to draw him out are futile. But his business manager, Mr. Jones, although reticent, occasionally allows himself to converse a little on the weather and his man Melbourn. In a conversation with a FRONTIER reporter last night he said that Mr. Melbourn

was a scientific gentleman and advanced the prediction that "within five years his name would be as familiar to the scientific world as that of Edison. Not only in the artificial production of rain but in other and more difficult lines." He asserted that Melbourn is even now engaged in the work and would be heard from in the immediate future. He feels highly gratified with Melbourn's success here and says it is the grandest experiment he has yet made, notwithstanding he does not get a cent for his work. He says the conditions were unfavorable and laughs at the general rain of which we speak above, declaring that it is all Melbourn's and furthermore that he is ready and willing to contract to cover a tract 100 miles square any time.

Will We Represent?

OMAHA, Neb., July 30, 1892.

To the Presidents and Secretaries of the Local Branches of the Nebraska State Business Men's Association, and to others who are interested in the welfare of Nebraska.

The Advisory Board of the Nebraska State Business Men's Association held a special meeting in this city Monday evening, July 25, to make arrangements to send an exhibit train with the products of Nebraska east this season, and after a thorough discussion of the subject, it was decided to take a train, same to leave Omaha, September 15, 1892.

Each county taking part in this exhibit train will be required to pay \$200 cash into the train fund not later than the 25th of August, with the exception of Lancaster county, which must pay \$850 and Douglas county \$500. This will entitle each county to one delegate who can accompany this train, and have his railroad fare, sleeping car and hotel expenses all paid while on this trip. The duties of the delegate will be to advertise his own county with such advertising matter as may be prepared for him by his county, and each county taking part in the exhibit train is required to furnish not less than 15,000 pieces of descriptive advertising matter. Counties desiring to send an extra delegate along with the train can do so by paying an extra \$150.

The train will consist of one baggage car, three exhibit cars and one sleeper. The number of counties that will be permitted to take part in this exhibit will be limited to thirty counties, and will be accepted in the order of their application, which must be made to me here at Omaha, and the cash sent to F. M. More, treasurer, Kearney, Neb.

Counties expecting to take part must act promptly, as it is expected that ten days at the outside will see the entire space taken up.

Application can be made to me, certified to by three representative business men, that they will guarantee the cash to be in the hands of the treasurer not later than the date above mentioned. Counties must remember that "first come first served."

Credentials: Each county sending one or more delegates is required to mail to my address a duplicate credential signed by the president and secretary of their local association, or in counties not organized, by the president of the citizens' committee. Use the following form:

This is to certify that..... has been selected as delegate to represent.....county on the Nebraska Exhibit train, No. 2, under the supervision of the advisory board of the Nebraska State Business Men's Association.

Signed.....President,
.....Secretary.

DECORATION OF THE TRAIN.

Counties will not be required to bring but a limited amount of sheep grasses and grasses, as the board have already contracted with W. F. Coole, of Lincoln, to arrange fine panels made of all the different grasses and grains grown in the state, and each exhibit will be properly decorated and arranged by the time your small grains and vegetables will be ready for shipment to the train.

Exhibits must reach Omaha ready to be placed in their respective positions not later than two days after the close of the state fair; that will be the limit of the time until Sept. 12. Counties not taking part in the state fair, it is advisable for them to send their exhibits to Omaha not later than the 9th of September. The exhibits shipped to Omaha either direct from the county or from the state fair, must be marked "R. F. Hodgkin, Omaha, Nebraska, care Johnson Bros." The Burlington, Elkhorn, and Union Pacific roads have all granted free transportation on all exhibits sent marked as above described, and any county desiring to send a party to Omaha to help arrange their exhibit in the cars, by applying to me I will send them free transportation for such party to Omaha and return, but exhibit is will be arranged in the cars even if no one is sent to attend it.

Any county having extra fine sheep stuff or grasses, and would like same specially arranged to go over their own county, had better express them at an early date to W. F. Coole, Lincoln, Neb.

The advisory board will issue a catalogue of the train, which will give a full description of the state and a general write-up of each county that accompanies the train. Each county will be entitled to not to exceed 2,000 words. Such manuscript copy must be sent me by August 25.

When a county has raised their money notice must be sent me, either by letter or by wire, stating who the treasurer can make sight draft on for the same. Upon receipt of your notice I will notify the treasurer, charging his account with the amount of your assessment, and notifying him to make sight draft. Counties must remember that the funds must be in the hands of the treasurer not later than the 25th of August.

The exhibit train will leave Omaha the afternoon of September 15 by the way of the Burlington road to Chicago. From there over the Lake Shore, and will not exhibit until they reach eastern Ohio; then the train will exhibit from there on to Albany, N. Y.; and from there on to Boston, Mass., returning southwest from Boston, over the Boston road, until the Erie line is reached and returns through southern Massachusetts, central New York, northern Ohio through to Chicago, returning home from Chicago via the Northwestern R. R. The train will be gone at least thirty days.

Two advance agents will leave for the east September 1 advertising the train and contracting with the hotels for meals only.

Each county will be given ten feet of space on one side of the car for the arrangement of their exhibit. Small grains and seeds should be placed in jars not to exceed a quart or a half gallon. Vegetables not to exceed one peck of each kind. In packing the vegetables they should be sent in small sacks or tied up securely in cloths so that they will not become mixed. Small baskets will be furnished by the board and the vegetables properly arranged when received.

Special attention should be given to the selection of good corn and potatoes and winter wheat.

Counties desiring to show the thickness of their soil should make a box at least eight inches square, and the length to be according to the depth of their soil, and make one side of the box with a glass cover. It is clearly proven that on the exhibit train last year the thickness of the soil was a great drawing card. The arrangement of the box is very cheap and no county should be without one.

Each county sending a delegate should provide them with sufficient funds for necessary expenses which are naturally incurred on a trip of this kind, so that no delegate, whatever position he may be placed in while on this trip, but what will be able to show that Nebraska is strictly in it in every sense of the word.

For further information, address,
R. F. HODGKIN, General Manager,
Rooms 549 and 550 Board of Trade,
Omaha, Neb.

A Literary Find.

Mr. Bok has succeeded in unearthing a quantity of unpublished material by Henry Ward Beecher, which will shortly be published as a series of articles in the Ladies' Home Journal. The material is especially valuable since it deals with a range of topics both varied and timely, and will advance for the first time in print, the great preacher's views on a number of such interesting questions as marriage, home government, woman in public and private life, politics, etc. Mr. Bok has secured the co-operation of Mrs. Beecher and Professor Ellinwood, Mr. Beecher's private reporter, in the editing of the material.

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 Austin'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.

39-11
We will pay Sioux City prices for 150 head of thin, dry cows.
FRANK ANDERSON & Co.
O'Neill, Neb.

44-11
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.