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LOCAL NEWS ITEMIZED

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

OTHER INTERESTING NOTES

of General Interest Published While News Is Still News.

Charlie Hamilton was in the city yesterday.

Mann's is head quarters for Christmas goods this year.

Judge Bartow returned to Chadron yesterday evening.

James Skirving, of Dows, Io., is in the city this week.

Dr. McDonald, of Atkinson, was in the city Wednesday.

County Surveyor Page was in the city yesterday on business.

Marshal Hall captured a man Tuesday who had broken jail at Yankton.

Steve McNichols made a business trip on the road the first of the week.

J. P. Mann's store will be closed on Christmas. On New Year's day it will be at noon.

Mayor Dickson and G. C. Hazelet returned Sunday evening from a business trip to Omaha.

Grandma Kearney went down to Norfolk this morning to spend Christmas with her daughter.

Appropriate, desirable, useful and acceptable, are the Christmas goods you find at Mann's.

Mrs. S. F. McNichols and children left for Colo., Sunday where they will visit relatives for a couple of months.

It has been rumored about that Allen would give a bond this week, but advanced to a good round price.

We carry the best class of groceries which you can rely upon quality when you buy from us.

Geo. Bowring, of Stuart, appeared before the railroad commission in O'Neill yesterday and testified on behalf of the ditch.

Atkinson, Stuart and Page were largely ably represented in O'Neill Tuesday at the meeting of the railroad commissioners.

The Sunday dispatches announced that John Harmon would most likely receive the appointment as register of O'Neill land office.

Fine dishes, fine linens, rugs, cloaks, gloves, slippers, lamps, dresses, and any other useful and acceptable Christmas presents at Mann's.

J. P. Mann has just received the only assortment of fine china and cut glass ever brought to O'Neill. Don't fail to get them for Christmas presents.

Try our pail syrup the best in the market. Good Japan tea uncolored one pound for \$1.00.

Mrs. W. J. Bobbs and son Nye returned Saturday evening from Winona, Minn., where they had attended the funeral of Mr. Dobbs' brother, who died here last week.

John McHugh, Jr., left Monday for Peoria, Io., to spend Christmas with his parents. He will also visit friends in Minneapolis before he returns, which will be in about two weeks.

Another long list of names appended to a petition praying that the question of division be submitted to the people at fall was filed in the clerk's office yesterday. It came from "Cook."

Before buying your Christmas cups and saucers, mugs, fancy dishes or lamps, look our line over, we assure you are "in it" and have them from 10 cents up.

What are you going to buy your wife for Christmas? If you want to please her go to Mann's and see their beautiful dishes, fine linen, rugs, lamps, and etc. you can find there just what you want.

Our stock of groceries is complete for the holidays. Call on us for cranberries, lemon peel, citron, raisins and all kinds of dried fruits.

Messrs. Odell and Armstrong came out from Peoria last week and will remain in O'Neill for several days. Charlie comes out on business, while Mr. Armstrong will recreate for the benefit of his health.

The Academy Dramatic company is preparing the famous Irish drama entitled, "Shamrock and Rose," which they intend to put on the boards in about four weeks. A strong cast has been selected and the play is sure to be a drawing card.

Ab Wilcox was in from Ray Monday.

Judge Kinkaid held court in Neligh the first of the week.

Judge Wood, of Rushville, had business in O'Neill last Monday.

A. E. Barns, a prominent attorney of Ponca, was in the city Friday.

Tailor Bosshardt returned Tuesday from a business trip to South Dakota.

Thompson & Son have an elegant line of Christmas candies, nuts and fruits.

Go to Thompson & Son's for your Christmas candies, nuts and fruits.

It is now in order for 461 Nebraska papers to exclaim: "Practice wisdom 1894."

There is an opening for a school teacher in district No. 16. See ad elsewhere in this issue.

Dennis Trullinger, of Mineola, called Monday and took advantage of our liberal clubbing rates.

Mrs. J. A. Hazelet returned Monday morning from a few days' visit with relatives at Fort Niobrara.

Bill Beitha has moved up from Deloit and is occupying the McNichols property in the northwest part of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Mathews went down to Omaha Monday morning to purchase furniture to replace their recent loss by fire.

Ed. Gould, of Fullerton, arrived in O'Neill last night over the Short Line on his way to Rushville. Mr. Gould is owner of the famous horse, Shadland Onward.

It cost the county something like \$300 to obtain indictments that were quashed last week. And they were quashed because they were improperly drawn. There is a moral connected with this.

Marriage licenses were issued this week by Judge Bowen to L. B. Home-man, of Newman's Grove, and Mary A. French, of Ewing; also to Allen Bishop, of Lake City, Io., and Viola Springer, of Woodbine, Io.

The World-Herald says Cleveland has turned the search-light upon Minister Stevens. That's no more than fair, as Stevens manipulated the light first, and made Grover, old boy, squirm like an eel under its penetrating rays.

We will give away on February 22 a handsome parlor set of furniture to our customers. It will not cost you a cent, so if you are not lucky enough to get it you cannot lose anything by trying. Call at our store for particulars.

The school board of school district No. 16 of Holt county, Nebraska, wishes to employ a teacher to teach said school. One that carries a good second grade certificate. Apply to T. B. Harris, Blackbird, Neb.

The man from this city who gave a descriptive write-up of O'Neill in Monday's World-Herald probably meant well enough but he made a burlesque. O'Neill is too well known in the state to need any introduction to World-Herald readers, especially an introduction written in the style of the one in question.

A Mr. Williams is mentioned by Washington correspondents in connection with the receivership of the O'Neill land office. If the correspondents are correct it will be Harmon and Williams. No mention is made of the postoffice, although the Sun's demoralization mouth overflows copiously with water that could be corraled by storage and utilized to moisten democratic postage stamps.

The Jew, and others need lose no sleep holding their breath for THE FRONTIER to "change hands." It has been published in this city for fourteen years and stayed through thick and thin and now simply because Kautzman has found a "diamond field" is no evidence that it cannot subsist on husks for a year or two. Mr. Kautzman's wish was no doubt father to his thought that a "change" would take place, but he should know that neither wishes or thoughts are to be relied upon in cases of this kind.

State Journal: O'Neill has a number of people who claim to hold communion with the spirits of the departed. If they are not deceivers, nor themselves deceived, the question of immortality is settled. I've often thought as down I sat to think as oft I do, I'd like to hear the spirits chat, if what they say is true. I want to hear the dead folks come and talk and make a stir, with no two-dollar "medium" for an interpreter. But if they cannot make me hear, except through men like Gray, I'll be content to wait, my dear, till I am dead as they. And when my bones are in the dust and I am in the sky, I'll hold communion with the just from August till July.

Dick Clapp succumbed to the gripe last week and spent several days in close confinement with the swelled head that usually goes with that disease.

There is a move on foot to erect a building to be used as an opera-house and armory for the O'Neill militia. A building of that kind is badly needed and would no doubt prove a paying investment for those holding stock.

Chambers Bugle: Dr. Norvell and family have moved from the comfortably embowered home at Chambers, to the county seat, where they will reside for a time. What is our loss is O'Neill's gain. The doctor has been closely identified with the growth and improvement of Chambers, and we presume will not be backward in standing up for the interests of his old home.

The board of supervisors met Tuesday as per call and adjourned yesterday. We understand that they transacted no business of any great importance but were simply getting ready for the new year. A number of bonds were approved and an effort made to find Hayes' bond but it was a failure. A full report of the proceedings will be published in THE FRONTIER next week.

Miss Ona Skirving, while enjoying a star-light skate last Thursday evening with a number of companions had the misfortune to collide with a barb wire fence and the congested surface of the river. It was a terrible fall, but Dr. Gilligan by his science allayed the pain somewhat and closed a gaping wound on the back of the head by taking five stitches. Miss Skirving has more nerve than lots of people; although the pain was excruciating she neither fainted, screamed or shed tears.

The O'Neill militia company that has been talked of for the past four years, is at last taking tangible form and the prospects are that some time next week the boys will be mustered into the state service. A meeting was held last Friday night at the council rooms, the company sworn in by Neil Brennan, commissioned by the governor for that purpose, and the following officers elected: Captain, J. H. Meridith; first lieutenant, Neil Brennan; second lieutenant, Clyde King; first sergeant, D. H. Cronin; second, John Lappan; third, Ed Evans; fourth, Sam Thompson; fifth, Romaine Sanders; quartermaster sergeant, Charlie Hall; first corporal, Elmer Merriman; second Phillip Sullivan; third, Arthur Coykendall; fourth, Harvey Bentley.

Peter Greely, one of Holt's oldest and most progressive farmers, is taking an active interest in the matter of irrigation and has already completed a survey for an irrigation plant on his farm. He will build a reservoir that will have the area of one acre and will be 235 feet in diameter, 738 feet in circumference, and will hold a water area of 204 feet and will contain 733,500 gallons, 3 feet deep. This reservoir will be supplied by a hydraulic ram 1,150 feet from the reservoir; the ram will elevate the water 22 feet and work under a fall of 14 feet and will deliver 50 gallons per minute, or over 4 miners' inches at reservoir. R. E. Bowden, the engineer who made the survey, says that Mr. Greely has, with proper storage, water under his control to irrigate 1,000 acres.

How grand and inspiring it is to see an alleged newspaper that has exhausted the vocabulary of several continents and hades in its attempt to strike terror to the hearts of office holders—republicans of course—arise and coolly inquire "who of the boodle gang stole it" when it has been discovered that an important document has disappeared. THE FRONTIER is unable to answer the impertinent question, but it is safe to suppose that someone who is interested knows perfectly well what became of the bond. But as this great reform nincompoop treats this matter so lightly it may be well to remind people that his is the party that ousted one treasurer because his bond was said to be insufficient, and now they allow his successor to hold the office without any bond. Consistency, etc.

Before the smiling features of this family journal will again appear to its numberless readers, Christmas will have been ushered in and ushered out and departed to the region of the when, and young hearts and old hearts that have been gladdened by some token of remembrance will be pulsating regularly and looking forward to the new year. While it is probable that the hardness of the times will abbreviate presentations this season, we should bear in mind the maxim and give generously, and if per chance we should awake on the morning of the day and find our socks hanging limp, lonely and foreaken like the Jew, we should not feel badly, but on the other hand rejoice that in these stirring democratic times we have socks to hang up any way. We wish our readers, our friends and our enemies, a happy Christmas.

Banker Cheaney, of Creighton, had business in the city Tuesday.

Jim Sullivan was taken seriously ill last week and was a very sick man for a few days, but is now recovering slowly.

Back Berry has invited a number of his O'Neill friends out to the river to take part in a grand holiday wildcat hunt. Barret Scott, Sam Thompson and Kid King expect to go out tomorrow.

Butte Gazette: Co. A., No. 1, "Bartley Guards," Nebraska state militia, has been organized at O'Neill, and a right gallant and brave outfit it is, to be sure. They say they will be ready to come over into Boyd county to quell any disturbances that may arise, at a moment's notice.

Chambers Bugle: Two strangers, one of whom was a United Brethren minister, tarried over Monday night at the Wintermote hotel. They were in pursuit of parties who had stolen the minister's buggy which had been detached from the team at the church at Savage, where services were being held on Sunday evening last. The parties are supposed to be the ones who broke jail at Yankton, Dakota. They were seen by E. Angel Monday south of Inman. We hope they may be captured, and the property restored to the owner.

Messrs. Koontz, Diworth and Beardsley, of the state railroad commission, and Messrs. Hughes and Reynolds of the Fremont, Elkhorn and Missouri Valley, with their attorneys; White and Wright, were at the council rooms in this city Tuesday taking testimony in regard to the advisability of compelling the Fremont, Elkhorn and Missouri Valley railroad to put in a transfer switch in connection with the Short Line. A large number of witnesses from Stuart, Atkinson, Page and O'Neill were examined and it was the universal sentiment that the switch should be put in for the accommodation of shippers west on the Fremont, Elkhorn and Missouri Valley and east on the Short Line. The railroad is determined to defeat the project if possible and even solicited men in O'Neill to appear and protest against them being forced to do it. The members of the state board evinced a determination to get at the bottom of the matter and to determine whether or not the switch would benefit anyone, and they made many friends in O'Neill by their evident desire to protect the rights of the people. While the switch might possibly be of no benefit to O'Neill, THE FRONTIER thinks there is no doubt but the interests of towns west on the Fremont, Elkhorn and Missouri Valley and east on the Short Line demand that a means of connection be made. To towns on the west it would give as good as two lines and necessarily make a competition that would eventually reduce freight tariff. To towns on the Short Line it would open a western market for their produce and also enable them to get western coal, which is often preferred to that from Iowa. The switch should be put in. The interests of the people of Holt and adjoining counties demand it.

After many trials, discouraging on account of adverse circumstances, Barrett Scott is at last free to go and come at will and otherwise observe only the dictates of his own inclinations until district court shall convene next year. The bright rays of the morning sun will peep in at the east window of the jail and make fantastic shadows on the bars and wall of the cell as usual, but they will miss the character who has greeted them so many times in the last few months, because he will not be there.

Judge Bartow came down Monday morning, and after sustaining a plea in abatement made by Attorneys Dickson, Adams and King in answer to information filed against them by Attorney Murphy to take the place of the quashed indictments, he announced that the court was ready to proceed in the matter of Barrett Scott's bond. A large number of men from the city and country were at once recognized and the work kept up until 2 o'clock Tuesday when nearly \$90,000 had been justified, besides about twenty-five signers who did not justify. Murphy thought the bond was not sufficient but the judge thought it was. He said the object of the law was to prosecute and not to persecute; that Scott had made a faithful effort to get a good bond; that the constitution gave a man the right of a bond that should not be excessive; that the present bond was as good as any ever offered in Holt county; that, not being acquainted with the men on the bond, he had sought the advice of bankers and business men as to its sufficiency, and therefore he would approve it and discharge the prisoner.

Card of Thanks.

To the kind friends who so ably assisted us during the sickness and death of our brother we desire to express our thanks and to assure them that their kindness will long be remembered.

Mr. AND Mrs. W. J. DOBBS.

Obituary.

GOODHEART—At her home in Dorsey, Neb., on December 6, 1893, Rev. John Binkard and Rev. D. W. Rosenkrans conducting services, Mrs. Willomina P. Goodheart, age 63 years.

The deceased was born in the state of Pennsylvania, May 30, 1830. Mrs. Goodheart and her husband, James E. Bader, were the first settlers in this vicinity, coming to this neighborhood about twenty years ago. Mrs. Goodheart joined the Christian church when she was eighteen years old, of which she remained a faithful and devoted member until her demise. She was a kind, affectionate wife and mother, and leaves three sons and three daughters to grieve over her departure.

Dearest mother you have left us; Here your loss we deeply mourn, But 'tis God who has bereft us; He can all our sorrow heal.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to extend our heartfelt thanks to the friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted at the last illness and after the death of our dear, departed mother; and also to our aunt, Mrs. Anna Bader, who worked so long and faithfully over our mother in her last hours and death. Long will kind memories of her dwell in our hearts.

Mr. AND Mrs. W. M. E. BADER, Mr. AND Mrs. A. H. GADDIE, JOHN H. BADER, Mrs. F. L. JONES.

Another Good Horse.

Edgar Thompson last week returned from Kansas with a fine Hambletonian stallion that he traded for at Junction City. The Western Breeder, published at St. Joseph, Mo., has the following to say of the purchase:

S. J. Weeks, of O'Neill, Neb., has purchased of T. B. Kennedy, Junction City, Kan., the bay stallion, Robert Russell 2:13. Robert Russell is a promising pacer by Alley Russell, dam by Netherland. He took his record in a very exciting heat with Free Courage at Holton, but owing to the brevity of his training, was unable to stay with Smith, who won the race. He was bred by O'Reilly & Co., Junction City, Kan., and the reported price is \$3,500. Robert Russell's mile in 2:13 is the fastest race record for a Kansas bred horse.

There never was a stallion brought to north Nebraska that in point of breeding and speed will compare with Robert Russell, record 2:13. He is by Alley Russell 2:22, the sire of Mollie Russell that made a record in a race the fifth heat of 2:36 as a 2-year old, and that year held the record of the state of Kansas. Alley Russell is also the sire of Russell B, 3-year old, record 2:18; also sire of Frank Russell 2:25. The dam of Robert Russell is the dam of Mollie Russell, 2-year old, record 2:36; Walter Wilkes, a 3-year old, that was officially timed separately this year in a mile in 2:21, also the dam of Capt. Low, 2:40.

This colt was timed separately in a race this year in 2:12, driven by Bud Doble.

Robert Russell is the property of S. J. Weeks and Edgar Thompson.

THE FRONTIER believes the people of O'Neill are making a serious mistake that they do not build a race track. It would be a profitable investment besides offering encouragement to a home industry that has in the past, and will in the future, bring more strangers to our city and advertise it more widely than any other local enterprise.

To the President of Holt County Irrigation Society.

Irrigation seems one of the most important questions of the present time, especially to the people west of the Missouri river. There are many theoretic modes of irrigation advocated, but, in my opinion, there is but one which, under practical test, will prove of general utility. Though the well, pump and reservoir plan may eventually have an important place, under local conditions, I would caution would-be irrigators against a too hopeful expectation of desired results flowing from a thing devoid of systematic cohesion and organized effort. As the God of nature has given to Nebraska a wealth of teeming streams of living water whose flow is, in some localities, seemingly inexhaustible; I know the canal with its lateral ditches is the system best calculated for our immediate and future wants. All things considered, I also opine it will eventually be found the cheapest plan besides the very best and of the greatest durability. It is strange, but nevertheless true, that when any innovating subject is agitating the minds of the people looking to better results, for the general good, we should have such an army of mercenary critics invading our paths and shouting their old worn out cry of, "you cant," "it is impossible," and sometimes finishing what, to their satisfaction, is a well rounded period of squelching power, with the unfriendly fling of "hobby."

We owe much to this class of hobby riders. Every useful invention or discovery of a heretofore unknown force of nature has been and is the product of one of these visionary hobby riders. This class of citizens have done much for the world and is destined to do much more yet. As one of that un-thanked and unappreciated, but useful, class may I ask your pardon for thus bowing my presence astride of one of my pets? For years I have contended against a scoffing community that this county needed and would yet have an ample system of irrigation. I now contend that nature has been bountiful in bestowing on us, in a lavish degree, a wealth of water which is now unappreciated and running to waste through as productive a soil as was ever tilled with plow or produced a vegetable, provided it had the needed moisture at the proper time. I am an irrigationist on general principles, but my present article only deals with the subject as it concerns the northern counties of Nebraska lying along the banks of the Niobrara river. Here we have all the elements of agricultural wealth and prosperity if we only intelligently blend them together.

Now then, my plan is to tap the Niobrara river between Valentine and McCann and build a canal from there to Norfolk and thus irrigate all desired and suitable land in the counties of Cherry, Rock, Brown, Holt, Knox, Antelope and Madison, laying adjacent to this grand canal and its laterals. You may ask, can it be done? I answer, such things have been done and done by people with less than our boasted intelligence and wonderful energies. What has been done under like conditions can and will be done again. Yes, this thing can and will be done, and done in the near future. There are some objections against this plan on account of there not being water sufficient to cover the ground needing its laving influence. Now let us dispose of the potency of this fallacy. Here are a few figures I wish you would study and digest.

There are 187,000 miners' inches of water running in the Niobrara under Whiting's bridge, and every miners' inch will be sufficient to supply the deficit of moisture to seventeen acres of land in a territory like ours, which is only partly or semi-arid. Therefore we have in this one stream alone water enough for over 300,000,000 acres of land. It is said by competent authorities that forty acres of irrigated land is sufficient

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