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LOCAL NEWS ITEMIZED

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

ATHER INTERESTING NOTES

Items of General Interest Published While News Is Still News.

Otto Miltz and Cal Moffit visited Boyd county last week.

THE FRONTIER and New York Tribune both for \$1.50.

Miss Mamie Burke came up from Sioux City Saturday evening.

D. L. Darr returned Sunday evening from a business trip to Omaha.

We have a full line of all kinds of fish at popular prices.

O'NEILL GROCERY CO.

Mrs. Joe West, of Rushville, is in the city visiting her son, Gene Cress.

Hood's Pills are purely vegetable, carefully prepared from the best ingredients.

Carl J. Windfeldt took out naturalization papers before the district court yesterday.

That promised letter from Doc Mathews will be found on our fifth page this week.

Don't miss the underwear sale at Mann's next Saturday and Monday if you want bargains.

Dell Akin is in the city today to demand trial on indictment found against him by the grand jury last fall.

Have you seen those elegant samples—latest styles—of wall paper at the Golden Investment Co.'s store? 33-2

When in need of coal go to Biglin's coal yard. He keeps the best coal in town and his prices are reasonable. 261f

"Monkey" King would admonish the new that it is neither necessary nor wise to draw any ladies into this newspaper controversy.

The revival meetings now being held at the Methodist church are gathering the sinners into the fold at a rate that is very encouraging.

Professor Morrow was admitted to the bar last Saturday. Thus has another sewer of wood been spoiled with a mattering of Blackstone.

The Sun last week informed the public that Chairman Wilson is sick. It's no wonder he's sick. His tariff bill has made the whole country sick.

Place your order for wall paper with the Golden Investment Co.'s store, in time for spring cleaning. No old, dead stock, but the latest styles on the market. 33-2

The earlier symptoms of dyspepsia, such as distress after eating, heartburn, and occasional headaches, should not be neglected. Take Hood's sarsaparilla if you wish to be cured.

Jesse McEllor entertained a limited number of his male friends at his rooms Tuesday evening. Whist, refreshments and incidentals familiar to bachelorism furnished amusement for the guests.

Graphic: The sports who went down to the emerald tinted city yesterday to witness a scrapping match, now wish that they had served their God with half the zeal that they served the devil on that trip.

W. G. Palmanteer, of Oakland, Cal., arrived in the city last Saturday night on business before the district court. Pal has numerous warm friends here in his old home who are pleased to greet him once more.

For sale or rent, on easy terms, a good farm, 160 acres, four miles from O'Neill; all tillable land, 115 acres were under the plow last year. For terms and further particulars address, Wilbur Seed and Co., Milwaukee, Wis. 301f

Mrs. L. E. Whitehorn will give a term of eighteen lessons in vocal music for \$1. Beginning February 19. Class meet at residence in the northwestern part of town, at 4:30 p. m., Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Instrumental lessons \$8 per term. 321f

The O'Neill sport who will now argue that the Simpson-McDermott wrestling match was not a fake is hard to find. They wrestled in Atkinson Saturday afternoon and it is said thoroughly disputed ever/one. The twain were fel low travelers on Sunday morning's messenger.

Tom Golden forwarded a brace of fine cigars to this office last Thursday evening, not necessarily for publication but as a guarantee that a child was born. It was a girl and weighed about 16 pounds. Mother and babe are doing nicely and Tom doesn't seem to care a snap whether she gets the land office or not.

Harry Broome of Omaha, Mr. Fisher, of Chadron and A. L. Tingle, of Bassett, are among the foreign attorneys doing business before the present session of court.

Miss Delia Halloran and Fred Downey were married yesterday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Halloran, at Inman.

See our special drive on rice, syrup and jelly. We can save you money. 33-2 O'NEILL GROCERY COMPANY.

Mrs. Judge Bowen's mother is very ill at her daughter's home in this city, and it is quite probable will that she will have passed "beyond the limit" before this issue reaches our readers.

The Nebraska teachers' association will hold their eighth annual session at Columbus, on the 27th, 28th and 29th of March. A flag will be voted to the county sending the greatest per cent. of teachers to the meeting.

Graphic: THE FRONTIER is now being besieged by a pedagogue. There are a multitude of calamities with which the press has to contend, but when a pedagogue cyclone hits it, the terror is only equaled by the verbosity of the "blow."

Shorts and chop feed at reduced prices. We are the people. See us before buying. 33-2 O'NEILL GROCERY COMPANY.

The Ewing Advocate's county printing argument is so disgustingly ridiculous that no fair minded man could give it a moment's thought. It says that the supervisors who voted against the tax list steal are dishonest cusses and should be sent to the rear in disgrace.

Graphic: McHugh denies that he is a son of a female dog, because he is of respectable parentage. That is all true. It is his second birth, the result of the marital relations consummated between Harrington and the populists, that gave Doyle reason to classify him with the cur family.

The Chadron Signal says "the people of Dawes county ought to take early measures to secure the use of all the water needed in the Niobrara valley." The Chadron people don't seem to know that the Niobrara River Irrigation and Power Company has a squatter's right on those waters.

Freddie Hatchet, of Stuart, aged 13 years, this morning went to the home for the feeble-minded at Beatrice, under a decree of Judge McCutchan. Application was made by the boy's mother through County Attorney Murphy, who alleged that the child is feeble-minded and deaf and "dum."

The Sun and Independent combined do not publish as many columns of proceedings as THE FRONTIER did last year when it held the contract. The board compelled us to publish four columns per week, and the question that occurs to us is, why does it not compel the official papers to do so this year?

District court convened last Thursday with Judge Kinkaid on the bench, and has turned out considerable business, but nothing of interest to the general public. The numerous political cases have not yet come up for hearing, but probably will before this time next week. Scott's attorneys have filed a petition asking for a change of venue, which has not yet been heard.

The professor's public speeches convince all within hearing of his rasping voice that THE FRONTIER's charge of incompetency is absolutely correct. "They is" and "he are" would sound all right coming from people in positions where the pedagogue should be, but the expressions do not sound at all becoming when used by a person who has charge of "chaining up young ideas in the way they should go."

Parties intending to buy flour in 500 or 1,000 lb lots want to distinctly understand that we will allow no outfit to sell the same grades of flour for less money than we do, and as for having the best flour in the market, all we have to say is the G. A. R., Patent and Daisy Straight are too well known to need any comment, and the manufacturer was never known to be driven from the market on account of prices, so remember we are doing business at the old stand. 32-2 O'NEILL GROCERY CO.

The Omaha Bee, truthful for once, says: "The township organization law for the government of counties has not proven an unmixt blessing in Nebraska. To saddle a small legislature upon the tax payers of a county in which three commissioners could do the work as efficiently and as honestly is of doubtful expediency." Now will some of the defenders of this outrageous system in this county who think the sun of wisdom rises and sets in the Bee's editorial rooms put this in their pipes and puff at it a while?

Frank Darr, of Scottville, left Tuesday morning for Downey, Cal., where he will make his future home, having advantageously disposed of his Holt county interests at public sale last week. Frank is a good citizen and Holt county is the loser by his removal. THE FRONTIER will visit him weekly in his new home.

Register Mathews has appointed Miss Tess Harrington clerk at the land office. The department allowed an extra clerk on account of the additional work caused by the consolidation with the Neligh office. There is no doubt that Miss Harrington, like Doc's other appointee, will make an efficient clerk, but there is also no doubt that she, like Doc's other appointee, is entitled to no \$900 position under a republican.

J. P. Mann informs us that the crowd at his special sale last Saturday was so large that his force of clerks was taxed to its utmost the entire day. Mr. Mann credits the phenomenal success of these "special" days to printers' ink and the fact that the public has long since learned that he always does exactly as he advertises. Judicious advertising is twice blessed. It blesseth him that advertiseth and it blesseth him that printeth.

Sun: THE FRONTIER claims the credit of having Reporter King to take down the speeches of Judge Emery and Mr. Moses and asks the public to give it credit for such enterprise. The facts are, Reporter King was hired by the local irrigation committee. Now let THE FRONTIER pay Reporter King. This is a sample of the truthfulness of the Scott organ.

Don't get excited, Charles. THE FRONTIER paid Reporter King more for a copy of the speeches than the society did for the original.

The Knights of Pythias Monday evening celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of their order by inviting a large number of their friends to meet with them in their hall and spend an evening in pleasant social intercourse. The invitation was accepted by a goodly number of genial souls and a very pleasant evening spent. The entertainment was opened by a few introductory remarks by G. C. Hazlet, followed with a solo by Mrs. Hazlet, after which Prof. Morrow addressed the guests upon the benefits of the order. Dancing and card playing, interrupted by an elegant lunch, furnished amusement for the guests.

The following from the pen of Doc Bixby, with the State Journal, we know will strike a responsive chord in the hearts of full many a patron of the O'Neill public school: "Children in our public schools are learning to read notes and draw fig leaves in crayon when they can't repeat the multiplication table up to and including the 'sixes.' I love to hear the children sing and know that they can paint a chigger, but mathematics is the thing to serve them when they want to 'igger.' I wish they'd drop the useless facts that take up time without requiting, and give our little girls and lads instructions in the art of writing. If teachers do not like to be so criticised in public places, I pray that they will come to me and let me roast them to their faces. A pupil of these schools of late, who hopes some day to go to college, is bent of form and bald of pate awaiting rudimentary knowledge. He learns to march, to mould in clay, and sing—that fact there is no dodging—His parents then grown old and gray, depend on him for food and lodging."

Anacoda (Mont.) Standard: One of the happiest marriages that ever took place in Butte was the one at St. Patrick's church at 9:30 this morning, when James McNichols, city marshal of Butte, and Miss Sadie Dolan, one of Butte's most popular young ladies, were made man and wife. The marshal for years was engineer at the Anacoda mine, resigning his position last spring to serve the city and take charge of the police force. His fair bride is daughter of William Dolan, foreman of the Wake-Up-Jim mine. The lovely bride was most attractively attired. Joe Dolan, her brother, was best man and Miss Stacy Kane, niece of Paddy Kane, superintendent of the Anacoda mine, was bridesmaid. The ceremony was performed by Father Baten, and was followed by an elegant wedding breakfast. The happy couple had intended making a tour of Montana cities, and had planned leaving for Helena this afternoon. The lamentable and sudden death this morning of the bride's nephew caused a postponement of the trip. Mr. and Mrs. McNichols will be at home after February 10, at No. 17 Ohio avenue.

The groom is a son of Pat McNichols who resides about 3 miles west of O'Neill and is quite well known in this city, having made a visit of about two months with his parents here about five years ago. His friends wish him happiness.

Notice. There will be a meeting of the officers and members of the Holt County Agricultural society at Frank Campbell's office in O'Neill, March 2, 1894, at 1 p. m. All are requested to be present. Business of importance. H. HODKINS, Pres.

Taking Tangible Form.
The following articles of incorporation have been filed by the Niobrara River Irrigation and Power Company:

We, the undersigned subscribers, hereby associate and incorporate ourselves under the following articles of incorporation:

ARTICLE I.
The name of this corporation shall be the Niobrara River Irrigation and Power Company.

ARTICLE II.
The principal place of doing business shall be at the city of O'Neill, county of Holt and state of Nebraska.

ARTICLE III.
The general nature of the business of this corporation shall be to promote irrigation and to develop and utilize water power in the state of Nebraska; to locate, construct, develop and improve canals, ditches and water courses, and to operate the same; to construct water courses, dams, flumes, races, water-gates and such other improvements as may be necessary from time to time to carry out the general purposes of the corporation; to acquire water rights, powers and privileges as well as such mill sites and other power sites as may be found beneficial and advisable; to utilize and apply such water power and water for irrigation purposes; to purchase, construct, own and operate such machinery, plants and appliances as may be deemed beneficial and profitable for the purpose of furnishing, applying and utilizing such water; to sell, convey or lease water rights for irrigation purposes, and to sell, convey and lease such power in different localities to consumers thereof for mechanical and other purposes; to acquire, purchase, hold, encumber and convey such real estate and interest therein, and other property as may be found necessary in and about said business, as well as such real estate and other property as may be deemed beneficial and profitable to acquire, purchase, hold, encumber and convey from time to time; to acquire such rights of way and other rights as it may be found necessary or advisable to acquire from time to time by statutory proceedings.

ARTICLE IV.
The authorized capital stock of this corporation shall be two million five hundred thousand (2,500,000) dollars in shares of one hundred (100) dollars each. Ten thousand dollars of which shall be paid in before the commencement of business. The remainder of the stock shall be issued as ordered by the board of directors. No stock shall be issued until the same be paid for in full.

ARTICLE V.
This corporation shall commence April 2, 1894, and shall continue ninety-nine years unless sooner dissolved by voluntary liquidation or by due proceedings at law.

ARTICLE VI.
The highest amount of indebtedness to which this corporation may at any time subject itself shall not exceed two-thirds of its capital stock.

ARTICLE VII.
The business of the corporation shall be managed by a board of directors, to consist of not less than seven nor more than eleven stock holders to be elected by the stock holders prior to the commencement of business, and at each regular meeting thereafter. Each stock holder shall be entitled to one vote for each share of stock he represents. Vacancies shall be filled in the board of directors by the board of directors.

ARTICLE VIII.
The directors shall choose from their numbers a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.

ARTICLE IX.
The annual meeting of the stock holders shall be held in the city of O'Neill, Nebraska, on the first Monday of April of each year.

ARTICLE X.
The board of directors shall have general charge and control of the property and business of the corporation and may adopt such by-laws not inconsistent with these articles, as they may deem proper.

ARTICLE XI.
The corporation shall have a seal, which shall have engraved thereon the words, "The Niobrara River Irrigation and Power Company, Corporate Seal."

ARTICLE XII.
The capital stock of this corporation may be increased from time to time upon the vote of two-thirds of the stock holders, voting by shares.

ARTICLE XIII.
These articles of incorporation may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the stock holders voting by shares of stock, but notice of the proposed amendment must be given all of the stock holders by mailing same to each of them at their last post office address as shown by the books of the corporation, at least ten days before the meeting, which notice must specify the article to be amended and contain the language of the article if amended as proposed.

In witness whereof we have caused our names to be hereto affixed on this 10th day of February, 1894.

In presence of:
A. J. HAMMOND,
A. U. MORRIS,
J. L. McDONALD,
H. A. ALLEN,
R. R. DICKSON,
J. P. MANN,
O. F. BROWN,
T. V. GOLDEN,
G. C. HAZLET,
NEIL BRENNAN,
J. A. TESTMAN.

Mr. Emery on Irrigation.
[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.]

up in the morning. Paris just as bad, Glasgow just as bad, and there is one acre in the center of New York that holds more human souls than any acre on this planet. You know how it is, Mr. President, your young men have been running off to Omaha, New York, Kansas City and Chicago. Your cities are congested. You are feeding your poor in Omaha. They were telling the people to go into their garrets and get their old clothes and give them to the poor. Don't say "tramps." It is a great army of young men, most of whom I think want work and can't get it. What are you going to do about it? Don't say you are not going to do anything about it, for if you don't do something about it, it will do something with you. (Loud and prolonged applause.) You can't forever feed the great army in Omaha. What caused that army to go there? Because we are entering on a new civilization and because we have no more open unimproved lands for your young men to go to. We have come to a new condition of things and that new condition is full of good things and is centrally situated. And how? It is arid America. Why Kansas and Nebraska, if settled as thickly as England and Wales, would hold all the population of the United States. We have immense room in the west but the trouble is it is semi-arid and arid.

Now my cure for this is the opening of arid America so that our young men and these Americans that are out of work can come out here and get homes. Not a home of 100 acres; irrigation means small homes. The curse of Kansas and Nebraska has been that we have all sought to be large farmers and we have had poor farming. Irrigation means small farms and good farming. A man don't need 160 acres to get a living off of, and he won't have it in the future. Now I want to invite your attention to the question of irrigation for a minute and what it is going to do for us. It means for you to go into the the Platte valley and take a pump or some cheap power and raise the water from that inexhaustible bed of sand and irrigate. The first year if you can't do much, irrigate a half acre; next year make it an acre and when you have got five acres irrigated in the Platte valley you are rich. Ten makes a man rich in California today, and why isn't an acre in the Platte valley as good?

Irrigation then means small farms and getting three crops of alfalfa a year and two crops of something else a year. In California it means to get five crops of alfalfa a year. You have got to make this land do all it is capable of doing. Your work is a work of education. I don't know how to farm by irrigation and you don't know, but we have got to learn it; it is an art. Irrigation now in California is carried to such perfection that they understand it pretty well. They know how to handle water. We don't know how much we are going to need. Some years we don't need a great deal and some years we need more; and I have another question: I will come to it presently. I want your son that has nothing before him and has a stout heart and strong arms to come out here and get ten acres of land, put up a wind-mill or a pump, or tap one of your rivers and irrigate a garden. Make a beginning and he will soon learn how much water he needs on that spot of earth from year to year and presently you will have rows of farms very different from your present modes of farming. You know about Greeley in California. A potato acre of land is worth more than any acre of land in the United States today. There is more money in raising potatoes than anything else we have. I went through one potato field south of Los Angeles where they had taken off the second crop and they had taken 500 bushels of potatoes this year, so you let a young man get his farm, go to farming by irrigation and it is a sure thing. It's like life insurance. A farmer said to me last night: "I have been here nine years and have raised some decent crops but the balance have been failures." That's the story of all semi-arid lands the world over. We have read about famine in India. England some years ago went to spending money to save the population when there came a dry year, and now India has become great wheat growing county all brought about by this art of irrigation.

The next thought that I want to bring out on this question of irrigation is that it is to be small farms. Then a man won't be discouraged. I don't blame a woman for not wanting to be shut off from neighbors. If you have a farm of ten or twenty acres you see that feeling is at once done away with. We men get into our buggies or on horse-back and go off and smoke our cigars and come back and the woman has been in that house all day, (loud applause) and she has become uneasy and her man is uneasy and he sells out and goes back to

his wife's people. Now how are you going to irrigate? Going to erect great plants? Well this is the way they talk about it to me: Where are you going to get the water? They think they have me where the Yankee had the sour apple tree. Now you have more water than we have in Kansas. The first thing is to use all the water in your running streams; draw out your running water, use it up. We haven't got much running water in Kansas to use up. Use up your running water, that's one way. Another way is to store your water—you know that's a very sensible thing to do. If you apply the law of economy to water as we do everything else, there is water enough running down the Missouri and Mississippi. The second method is by storing water. Hardly a farm on the western plains but has little inundations and you can make a dam. Do it and let your neighbor do it on his farm and percolation takes place, but store that water and then next July when you want it drawn off onto a garden you can do it. On a hundred and sixty you couldn't do it if you wanted to. One man will be busy the year round and ten acres keeps him hopping. You want to give up irrigating a hundred and sixty. Now I say build storages for storm water. That is what they are now doing in the mountains and that is what we want the general government to do by way of a general survey. That is what the general government is doing. These reservoirs in the mountains are very costly. They cost a great deal of money—a hundred thousand dollars—but they irrigate the whole country so that they pay for the investment. We on the plains have no such reservoirs to build, but we have smaller ones so that we can store. We don't need as much as they do. In California it is sand. Water and sand will produce anything on earth. It does in California. Some one spoke of 5 per cent. being irrigated, but only 2 per cent. of California is irrigated today. You irrigate that much and we see the results. You see the population that it will sustain. Now these reservoirs which I want to call your attention to and this is what we are aiming at. Uncle Sam is making an irrigation survey in the mountain states he has that laid off as I read here. (Here reads from paper.) A hundred and forty-seven reservoir sites. California has thirty-three of these, Colorado forty-six, Montana twenty-seven, New Mexico thirty-nine, Nevada two, your state has not got one, my state has not got one. There is none of this work being done east of the Rocky mountains. You will not get any of this work done until you ask him to do it and make him do it.

Now what does it mean to make these reservoir sites? They discover where there is a catch-basin of low land running down hill, they make a survey and learn how much water is caught on the land that runs into that particular place and then lay out a reservoir and take all that water that goes down that catch-basin, then they withdraw from public sale all the lands within that reservoir site and you can't buy them. They may be a few fellows living there but they will have to be bought out. You can take your capital and make one of your reservoirs, take your surveyor there and he will survey and you take your private capital and go to work, you can do it alone. For some it would be very expensive but what we want is for Uncle Sam to carry that survey all over the country and we want him to do it now. We need it for reasons that I have referred to in my remarks. So that my first method is to use all your running water by ditches. Second—Build reservoirs. In one county in my state they are now building only one reservoir. In the county of Finney in the valley of the Arkansas one man put in a little reservoir here, another there. He goes down a little ways in the sand and gets water plenty, and he's making a demonstration. We have got to learn yet how to do this. Your Platte valley is to be a great garden yet and it is not to be done by reservoirs but by water lifting; that is the great source of supply, because there is more of it there than anywhere else.

Did you ever think that the land, much of it, between the Arkansas and Platte valley is lower than either of these two rivers. They were once deep canyons. We have surveyed 300 feet in the Arkansas and the rod has gone through nothing but sand and water. I don't know how deep your Platte valley is but it is immense and the water all lies within a short distance of the surface of the ground. Now you are to lift that water up. How are you going to lift it? Why, lift it by wind power or by electricity before these boys are old men. One fellow says how are you going to do it? The wind don't blow half the time, you can't get water enough to water a garden. We are all looking out for the truth. I will tell you what I

2 DAYS

BIG SPECIAL SALE

ALL KINDS OF UNDERWEAR.

Saturday, Feb. 24, and Monday, Feb. 26, we will offer special cut prices on everything in the line of underwear—including ladies' gents' and children's winter weights and our full line of muslin garments.

J. P. MANN.

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