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

MATHER INTERESTING NOTES

tems of General Interest Published While News Is Still News.

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

P. J. McManus returned from Chicago Wednesday evening.

Jackson Wiley was in from the north country vesterday and called. W. R. Parker, of Scottville, is think-

ing of moving to town this spring. The Jew's last issue was the vilest

hing we ever saw-barring its editor. The Degree of Honor will give a gand ball at the rink on Easter Monday. Hood's pills cure all liver ills, biliousess, jaundice, indigestion, sick head-

norning returned to their home in Custer county. Mr. and Mrs. Garrison last Saturday

Mike Flannigan arrived in O'Neill Juesday evening from Minneapolis. He rent west tonight.

Attend the lecture to be given by Father Harrington, in the opera-house, h this city, on March 17.

Chan DeLance arrived in the city Senday to testify in behalf of the de-kedant in the Skirving impeachment

If you want to see fine, pure bred S. C. Brown Leghorns, visit pens of J. H. Riggs, south of Checker bard. Eggs, \$1

Mrs. Williams, formerly Mrs. Lamb,

Next week ws will publish an irriution article by R. E. Bowden, which is been laid over from time to time for ome weeks on account of lack of space.

Tried and true is the verdict of people who take Hood's Sarsaparills. The good effects of this medicine are soon felt in the nerve strength restored, appetite weated and health given.

G. A. Still, night operator at Hay Springs, was assassinated Sunday night while on duty, by some unknown shoot-

Ewing Democrat: What is the name he prominent independent who went

The Antelope Tribune boasts that it as a subscriber whose subscription is mid up to '96. That's nothing! THE RONTIER has on its list a man who scribed in '91 and is paid up to

0il cake \$2 00 @ 100. Shorts 75 @ 100. Chop feed 80 @ 100.

65 @ 100. Special prices on ton lots. O'NEILL GROCERY Co. Miss Tess Dykeman is conducting a

Rivate school at her residence in the orthern part of the city. She has ateen pupils. Miss Dykeman is a good cher and we understand is giving good

Our fresh garden seeds are now all te and open for inspection. We rantee them to be all strictly new d fresh, and in onion sets we have the hest you ever saw. Try us before hying. 35-4 O'NEILL GROCERY Co.

For sale or rent, on easy terms, a good am, 160 acres, four miles from O'Neill; liliable land, 115 acres were under be plow last year. For terms and furparticulars address, Wilbur Seed Leal Co., Milwaukee, Wis.

Buy corn lands in Charles Mix county, Missouri river county in South Dakota outh of the north line of Iowa. For

articulars and for map address CHARLES MIX Co. LAND Co., Edgerton, South Dakota.

Do you notice the teams coming and on the O'Neill Grocery Co., sch having from two to twenty sacks flour aboard? Why is it? Because is first-class and at the bottom price. ee us before buying. 35-2

O'NEILL GROCERY CO.

If Kautzman's friends relish the rot he es up weekly and weakly dishes up, en truly it may be said their literary hiy education in a coon diae.

T. F. Galbraith, of Albion, was in the city Saturday talking politics with the

Our county officials to a man refused to take any stock in the irrigation company. These fellows need no irrigation to successfully work their present

Marriage license was issued Monday by Judge McCutcheon to M. J. Spindler and Harriett Devol, of Turner, and Tuesday to R. F. Hamelton, of Chase county, and Jessie Tennent, of Atkin-

Mrs. Bull, who has been visiting her the past month, left Tuesday morning for home in northwest Canada. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss

Graphic: "Make," said John Crawford to Judge Bowen, "Akin's bond so high that he will have to go to jail, and we will re-elect you sure." Under the present aspect of affairs it looks as though the bridge boss is more liable to so we hasten to the facts: find penal quarters in the jail than is

Tomorrow evening J. P. Mann will return from Chicago, where he went a week ago to purchase his spring and summer stock. Mr. Mann has written home to make ready to receive the stock and he says he has purchased the largest spring and summer stock ever brought to north Nebraska, which shall be open to the public on March 17. All those who are desirous of purchasing should attend the opening day.

Stuart Ledger: The last week's FRON-TITE contains a highly interesting and readable letter from the pen of W. D. Mathews, giving his opinions and impressions of California. to which country he recently made a pilgrimage bent on slying very low at her home east of business, sight-seeing and pleasure.
two, and it is doubtful if she can re-The flowers of that sunny clime have captivated him and he intends to become a California lotus eater.

> A special from Holdredge to the dailies last week said: "Sheriff Knudson returned from Denison, Tex., bringing with him ex-Sheriff Conley of this county. Conley was the alliance sheriff for two years and last fall skipped out before his term had expired, leaving his bondsmen in the hole about \$1,100. When found he was running a saloon in Denison and was living with a picked

growing out of the excitement of irriga- out. Upon these charges the proseo O'Neill and by all kinds of threats tion in the northwest. There will be an and intimidations tried to induce Greg irrigation meeting at the opera-house conficent that it would be able to put to vote to rob the taxpayers of March 9 at 1 o'clock P. M. A letter rc- them by a great array of testimony. ceived from T. V. Golden, secretary of the Holt County Irrigation society, that they will be here and deliver a lecture on irrigation. It is desired that the farmers and business men turn out and talked all along the line.

The people of Sioux City have determined upon holding an inter-state fair more fully the resources of the great northwest. In this enterprise they should certainly receive the hearty support of this section of Nebraska, and it is earnestly hoped that our citizens will aid the movement as much as lies in their power. We all know the aid of judicious advertising to any country or business and now is a good opportunity to accomplish a whole lot of good for this country without a great deal of ex-

Graphic: If you have a secret you don't desire kept, deposit it with the First National bank at O'Neill. That institution has a tongue that will double discount the babble of any old tattling gossip in the land.

True, 'tis pity. The cashier of this institution has been known on several different occasions to take checks, drawn on his bank, out into the streets, byways and hedges and exhibit them promiscuously. A man who will in that heathenish manner rupture a business principle held invariably by ail men of sense and honor needs to advertise no key to his character or principle, as he has

Ainsworth Star-Journal: If the statements of the O'Neill FRONTIER, Atkinson Graphic and Stuart Ledger be true, and we have every reason to believe they are, Holt county is being invested with a set of official thieves floating under the alliance banner, whose hides ought to be hung on the fence and their carcasses patched in the penitentiary. A board of supervisors who would steal in open day \$1,650 of es are wonderfully made. His that already debt burdened county's bguage would not be tolerated in a money is a hundred fold more dangerespectable" bawdy house, therefore it ous to a community than Scott and all fair to presume that he received his the Shylocks in hell. Give the fools rope and they will hang themselves.

Impeachment Proceedings.

Something like an hundred years ago, French queen stretched her graceful neck across the block of the executioner and as the glistening blade was fondly In the matter of the bond he said that Skirving. He testified that the cases caressed by the individual whose office Skirving offered to approve it if all of it was to sever heads from bodies, spoke words that have since lingered in the refused. He was not postive on any minds of men and will continue to linger, no doubt, until the time shall arrive, if it ever does, when men have that was about the extent of his testino minds in which they may find a mony. lingering foot-hold. She said: "O! liberty, what crimes are committed in thy name!"

As we sat in the court room last Tuesparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilcox, day and saw the opening and heard the testimony in the Skirving impeachment case, the words of the executed queen came vividly to our memory and we few months visiting in that northern been had she only added: "O, justice!

> But we presume the public is more interested in the proceedings of the case than in any sentimental reverse that might have grown from the sight,

The board met at 1:30 P. M. as per adjournment and proceeded at once to business by roll call, which showed a

Clerk McCarthy commenced reading the minutes of the last meeting but was interrupted by a motion from Supervisor Hayes who thought that the work was not very interesting and that further reading might well be postponed. A majority of the board, scenting fresh blood, thought likewise, the motion prevailed and on they hastened to the slaughter.

Mr. Skirving was there with his attorneys Jackson, Golden and Dickson. The plaintiff, Robertson, was there with his attorneys, Harrington and Roberts. The plaintiff filed a motion asking leave to amend his original petition and verify the same, which was granted.

Defendant here moved the board that the case be dismissed on the grounds that the board had no jurisdiction over the subject matter in the case, and for the further reason that the cause was not being prosecuted by the proper authorities. Overruled.

Harrington then opened the case for the state by making a statement to the board of the charges and what he would try to prove. He said that the defendant had taken illegal fees; been absent from his office for more than half of the days since his election; had failed to ing him through the window, the ball up woman. He has a nice wife and family here." approve a bond and issue an attachment for Holt county in the Scott case until he had issued a like writ in favor of an cution based the cause of action and felt conficent that it would be able to prove

Mr. Jackson, speaking for the defendant, said they would deny, and he thought successfully establish the fact, that each and every allegation was false. He said that defendant had not been absent assist in this movement which is being from his office as charged, but if he had been the fact could not constitute sufficient grounds for impeachment. That in the bond case Harrington had asked this year for the purpose of advertising defendant to approve a bond in the sum of \$180,000, defendant said he would if board of supervisors would sign it, but this they refused to do and when it was presented to him the only signatures it bore were those of the chairman of the board and the county attorney. This he was urged to approve, not on the grounds that the sureties were sufficient, but that, as Harrington claimed the county did not, as a matter of law have to give a bond in an attachment wherein it was plaintiff. This was about 4 o'clock P. M. Skirving said he would have to satisfy himself upon this point before he would approve it, and went to Mr. Dsckson's office for advice, also to Judge Kinkaid, who said that owing to his official position he could not advise him, but cautioned him to proceed with due deliberation as it was an important matter. While all this was taking place the Union National bank dropped in and secured an attachment from Deputy Collins and that was the plaintiff's only grounds for the allegation.

In othe matter of illegal fees counsel stated that it was not the custom or the practice in any county in the state to count the words in every instrument filed, but on the other hand the number of words was always computed by estimate, and that to make that grounds for removal plaintiff would be compelled to prove that defendant overcharged with criminal intent.

Here the defendant objected to the introduction of any testimony in support of any count of the information, which objection was promptly overruled and the complaining witness sworn. His testimony was to the effect that he was a citizen of the county and secretary of the Holt county alliance, and that the proceedings at bar were

instituted by him on request of the cution was concerned and the plaintiff

Mr. Bradley, ex-supervisor from Inman, was then placed in the witness chair. the supervisors would sign it, but they particular point, but swore principally that Harrington had said so and so, and

Ex-Deputy Sheriff McBride being sworn said that about 11 o'clock A. M. on the day in question he received a writ of attachment in the case of the Omaha bank, and about 5 P. M. he received a second writ in the same case; that about 6 o'clock P. M. he received a writ in the case wherein Holt county was Anna Eliza Wilcox, who will spend a thought how appropriate it would have plaintiff. Plaintiff attempted to establish by McBride, the number of days what outrages are attempted in thy Skirving had been absent from his office, but the witness stated that defendant was generally there whenever he (the witness) had any business with that office. Never had any trouble in getting his business promptly attended to.

W. T: Hayes, supervisor, swore that Skirving said he would approve the bond if all of the board would sign it, but some of the members objected, himself among the number.

County Attorney Murphy was sworn. He didn't know much about the matter as he was at the depot sending telegrams in the Scott case. He said that his intention when he signed the bond was to bind the county and not himself individually. He thought that perhaps he was worth a couple of thousand dollars, and that the other signer, Mr. Bethea, was probably worth about four thousand, making in all six thousand on a one hundred and eighty thousand dollar bond, which the clerk refused to approve. He said further that with this exception Skirving had made a good clerk.

Gene Cress, being first duly sworn, said he had counted the words in four cases to see if illegal fees had been taken, and he found that more fees had been collected than were allowed by law. He said- that he had worked as clerk in different offices of the county and had been deputy county clerk, that it was not the practice to count the words, but rather to estimate them; that it was an easy matter to make mistakes, although a very close estimate could be made.

Will McBride, former employe in the clerk's office, said that contrary to plaintiff's petition, the clerk had been in his office more than half the days since his election.

Ed Gallagher was sworn for the purpose of proving at what time the notice Cunningham reward case: it was between 1 and 2 o'clock in the morning. It now being 5 P. M. the board adjourned until 8:30 o'clock Wednesday

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

. Harrington introduced a lot of testimony tending to convict Barrett Scott, stating as his reason that it was necessary to show that Scott did owe the county and that the county had been prejudiced by the alleged action of the clerk in refusing to issue attachment. He seemed to think that if Scott did not owe the county then the clerk had committed no crime, but if Scott did owe the county then Skirving was guilty as charged. Queer proposition of law

The forenoon wore itself out with a rehash of testimony not unlike that of the day before, the plaintiff up to this time having established nothing but that defendant was elected to his office, which allegation-defendant admitted.

AFTERNOON.

A large number of witnesses were examined yesterday afternoon, but the trend of the testimony was just about the case stands as we go to press. the same as narrated in the foregoing. We have not attempted to mention all of the witnesses called, or to give the sixteen. testimony in full, but rather to give only that of interest or relevoncy to the allegations in the complaint.

Frank Campbell, state's agent in the Scott case, was put upon the stand and in answer to questions propounded testi- the vote to lay on table. Members to-day fied substantially as follows: That Scott voting for conviction are, of course, was not willing to return with Cupping. was not willing to return with Cunningham, although he (Scott) said he would return with witness. Heard conversation between Scott and Skirving when they got off of the train at O'Neill. Skirving took Scott by the hand and said: "The d-n s-of b- to put a cripple in irons." That Cunningam took railroad ticket away from Scott, but saw him take no other papers. That Scott was handcuffed by Cunningham near Inman; witness said he, himself, did not think that was necessary. Didn't know whether or not Scott was under arrest in Mexico. If anyone can see any relation between this testimony and the charges filed against Skirving they have keener perception than that possessed by THE FRONTIER.

This ended the case as far as the prose

rested.

The firts witness called by the defense was C. P. DeLance, former deputy under cited in the complaint where defendant but was enforced by a rush of matters had taken illegal fees were cases that he had looked after, computed the costs public. and did all of the work and Skirving had nothing whatever to do with them. When questioned as to the method employed in ascertaining the number of words in an instrument upon which to base charges for filing, he said it was the universal rule to count the first page and estimate the balance. In one instance he had counted the number of words in a case, since this case arose, and found where the clerk had not charged enough by \$2.60. Said that Skirving had cautioned him to be very careful in estimating costs and make no over charges. In regard to the defendants absence from his office he testified that he was

on duty a greater part of the time. Rody Hayes, deputy under McBride, swore that under his administration he always estimated the number of words and believed that to be the rule.

Ed Butler, who had been in the clerk's office for six years, said it was the practice to estimate the number of

Mr. Mathews, register of the United States land office, said the custom in his office was to estimate rather than count. Judge Kinkaid was sworn for the purpose of showing that defendant exercised due caution in not approving bond in question until he had sought advice. He said that in regard to the bond in question defendant had come to his office and asked his opinion in the premises, but that he declined to advise him on account of his official position, but told him to consult some attorney, and proceed with due caution in the premises, as it was an important matter and no doubt would result in litigation. In regard to the defendant's reputation for honesty he had never heard it questioned.

Mr. Bethea, present county clerk, said it was his practice to estimate the number of words. He did not count them. Deputy District Clerk Collins said that

in the matter of the bond in attachment the one in favor of the Omaha bank had issued before the county attorney offered to file papers or demanded attachment. Ex-Sheriff McEvony was sworn and said that he generally found the clerk in his office when he called there, and

never had any difficulty in getting his official business promptly attended to. The defendant, Mr. Skirving, was then put npon the stand and recited the whole circumstances. His statement did not differ materially from the other to recitals of scandal and turn a muffled had told him that if he did not approve

the bond he would have trouble.

that Harrington is a prophet, for of fied to mourn with me; sigh as I sigh course he had nothing to do with inciting these proceedings.

until nine o'clock this morning. At this ing slumber when we tell of the good writing, ten o'clock, the attorneys are making their argument to the board and will not let the matter go to a vote before sometime this afternoon. Of course no one can tell what the result will be, but from the testimony we do not see how the board can find Skirving guilty as charged.

[LATER]—The arguments closed about four o'clock and Crawford immediately made a motion to find defendant guilty as charged. His motion was duly seconded and the vote stood thirteen for conviction and fifteen against; two mem bers not voting. A motion was then made and seconded that he be found not guilty but was laid upon the table by s tie vote, fifteen to fifteen, the chair casting the deciding vote. This is the way

The probabilities are that to-morrow a motion will be made to reconsider. which may be done by a majority vote, sixteen. We take it that to-day's vote does not indicate anything, unless it should be that Skirving will be found guilty upon reconsideration, which may e done by the two members not voting to-day voting to-morrow for conviction, the chair deciding the tie as was done in

Notice.

O'NEILL, NEB., March 3, 1894. Headquarters Gen. John O'Neill | Post No. 86 Dept. of Neb.

To the Officers and Members of Company F. 2d Regiment, Nebraska National Guards:

Dear Sirs-Post No. 96 G. A. R. hereby tender you a vote of thanks for your assistance in the burial of Comrade Barnabus Welton.

Now therefore be it known, That you are each and all expected to assist us on the 30th day of May, 1893, to decorate the graves of our deceased comrades.

We congratulate you upon your first appearance in public, and again we thank you. J. L. MACK, Commander. E. S. KINCH, Adjutant.

NO MAN'S COLUMN.

No Man makes his appearance again this week after a forced rest of some moons. The vacation was not one of any particular pleasure or profit to bim, of more importance to the reading

Mike Harrington bears about the same relation to a brilliant attorney that a lightning bug bears to an arc light.

Mary Lease claims to have taken the first othree degrees of Masonry, at the age of 16, through a key-hole in the door. Mrs. Lease is very fortunate that at 16, with her inquisitorial propensities, she did not get three degrees of anything worse than Masonry through a key-hole in a door. She doesn't seem to know that no woman can be a Mason, but it is a fact and if she will drop a line to this department, enclosing stamp for reply, we will tell her the reason that it is thus.

If I could sling a pen as pens have been slung

before, would write two pages for this sheet, and then I'd write two pages more:
My theme would not be metered to "gentle

spring, ethereal mildness come, Or to blooming buds, moonlit eves or the fly that 'round me hums.

I would scrawl a pleasing screed to the honest men our county brings,
And see that they were given more tuneful
lyres than those common supervisor

things.
For truly within her borders some honest

people dwell,
And sadly, on her broad acres live some

folks who would disgrace——well.

It becomes me not here to name the place
where they will go for endless space,
But true it is that no clime could well

be too hot for men who Boldly stole two thousand cold for a beastly beggarly Jew.

Editor Wertz last week dedicated a sarcastical satirical combination of rhyming euphoneous words to "K." Now as it happens that among the brethren are found two disciples with names initialed with the eleventh letter, No Mam deems it to be no more than right that Editor Wertz should print an explanation and a key, thereby boldly and unreservedly informing the public whether he meant Beast Kautzman or "Monkey King. If he shot the shaft at the former it is good and appropriate, but if aimed at the latter it is vile stuff and must be retracted or these virgin prairies may be irrigated with the warm blood of two noble shearers and tripod

Did you ever pause in your wild rush to harvest a mantle and a shroud, Horatious, and reflect upon the prevailing custom of humanity to lend an open ear Journal: A great boom for Long Pine is Omaha bank, thus shutting the county of injunction was served on him in the evidence, only that he said Harrington drum when a saint essays to relate a living virtue? If you have been thusly touched by a reproachful thought, you From subsequent events it would seem | may understand my grief and are qualiand mingle your tears with mine. We will not attempt to explain why it is that After Mr. Skirving's testimony had this is thus, suffice it that we realize that been taken the defense rested, and as it thus it is. Why it is that a whole conwas then six o'clock the board adjourned | gregation will close their eyes in refreshsomeone has done, and set up the cigars when we expatiate upon deeds of evil, is no doubt something that will remain a mestery until the dead and the deep give up their secrets. Let us say that it is human nature. Human nature in the abstract is wrong, all wrong, and being aware of that fact let us be on our guard against ourselves and plant in our hearts a slip of charity. Plant it deep and nurse it lovingly. It is a tender attribute of divine origin, one that is easily withered and blasted by the fires of hate and intolerance which generate simoons in the human breast, but when once its roots are mulched with the softening essentials of forgiveness it makes its possessor the salt of the earth and causes us and others to feel that perhaps life is worth the living after all, and causes us to heave a sigh of regret when the hour of dissolution comes. even though we go as does the faithful servant who "wraps the drapery of his couch about him and lies down as to pleasant dreams:" When we hear a tale of good about someone, Horatious, let us believe it; we may be deceived but it will not hurt us. When we hear a tale of evil about someone, let us pass it by; we may be deceived but it will not hurt us. While these things, and more, are true of your fellow man. Horatious, even so and more are they true of your fellow sister. Even as death loves a shining mark, so loves scandal a target crowned with a wreath of virtue. Tell nothing you know and believe nothing you hear, Horatious, and always bear in mind that the grave alone can reclaim the fatal doubt once cast on woman's

Notice

Is hereby given I forbid all persons from driving, herding horses, cattle, hogs, mules or asses on east half of section eight (8), town thirty-one (31), range nine (9) west, under the penalty of the law. 35-6 JAMES H. PINE.