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## SANS WHISKERS

of Interest Told As They Are Told to Us.

## AND HOW IT HAPPENED

Happenings Portrayed For General Edification and Amusement.

Westfall, formerly of Butte, of Missouri, is in the city this

Kinkaid has sold his interest in and sheep ranch to Frank Em-

Dickson arrived in the city Saturday after an extended business trip in the east.

Riggs started for Iowa Saturday morning, where he will visit a few days of his family.

Flour, corn, bran and all kinds of to the O'Neill Flour & Feed Co., 38-1f

Guth, of Valentine, was in the city for part of the week visiting under and family.

Mathews, of Butte, came up on the road Friday night and Sunday in O'Neill.

eye for an eye, and a tooth for a should be, and doubtless is, the of the "would-be Hockshaws."

ew J. Little departed this life today, at his home in this city. Funeral occurred Tuesday at 2

carpenter-deacon of the church at who so greatly abhors secret so- should now give us his version of disappearance.

ve-months old baby of Mr. and Keys died last Sunday of bron- The funeral occurred Tuesday Catholic church.

Bartlett, of the Jackson Criter- in the city last Friday. He was the purpose of attending the of Barrett Scott.

ha, L. H. Bruner and Bill Mosher, oph, were in the city last Friday the funeral of Barrett White in the city Mr. Boughn this office.

Auten went down to Randolph and while there purchased a shop, which he will take possession about two weeks. John is a barber and we predict will success of his business there.

Biglin will furnish you all kinds in carload lots or in small es. He can also furnish you al oil and gasoline by the gallon se. Get his prices before buying 15f

want an Overcoat. Fur Coat, tions or Wool Boots, J. P. Mann you cheaper than anybody, as too many on hand to carry over let them go at any reasonable Come and investigate before est. 28-3 J. P. MANN.

friends and neighbors that so died us during the sickness and the death of our husband and we take this method of express- heartfelt thanks.

MRS. ELLEN LITTLE. THOS. HAINER. KATE HAINER.

Byland Parker, died last Monday after a lingering illness of several The funeral occurred Thursday the Presbyterian church.

ed was one of Holt county's earliest and was greatly esteemed of friends. He leaves a wife several grown children to mourn

Pilot: Sheriff Hamilton, of Holt has made a record in the Scott at indicates there is a wide and occur somewhere in his upper He has neglected the search and spirits, mediums and clairvoyants the country, and when the body and returned to O'Neill it is was absent, no one knew where, "hook" mission.

Chadron Signal says: "The men ve pushed the investigation and Barrett Scott can do themselves air country no better service than wing equal zeal and urgency in the deeds of this crime to trial.' is no question about what these ight to do, but that is no indica- to what they will do. The men pushed Scott's investigation and were the very ones to start the re- and he had been "spirited away by breakfast on the morning of Jan- He was murdered on the night ember 31.

## Barrett Scott's Funeral.

Barrett Scott was born July 19, 1852, and died January 31, 1894, aged 42 years 5 months and 12 days. He was married to Miss Alice Darr in Randolph, Mo., January 20, 1874. To them two children were born, but one of whom is now living. Mr. Scott and wife came to Holt county in 1878 and have resided here since that time.

The funeral of Barrett Scott took place last Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, under the auspices of the Odd Fellows' lodge, of which he was a member. They were assisted by the Knights of Pythias, six of whom in full uniform acted as pall bearers. They were: H. C. McEvony, John Hazelett, J. L. Hershiser, Fred Pfunder, S. J. Weekes and Chas. Davis. The casket bore the simple inscription: "Barrett Scott," and a floral heart of white roses and immortelles.

The procession formed in front of the Odd Fellows' hall in the post office block and marched to the Scott residence, where the remains had lain since Thursday morning. From the house the procession proceeded to the Methodist church, where after an anthem by a mixed quartet, the Odd Fellows' ritual was read by Noble Grand Silas Smith and Chaplain James Riggs of the local lodge, and a brief discourse was delivered by Rev. E. E. Hosman. The sermon was from the text, "Whoever Liveth and Believeth in Me Shall Never Die." From the church the cortege moved slowly through the blinding snow storm to the Protestant cemetery, where the remains were interred. The services at the grave were abbreviated as much as possible on account of the inclemency of the weather.

A large number were in from neighboring towns and surrounding country, notwithstanding the severity of the weather. A light snow had fallen the night previous, and a cold northwest wind agitated it into a blizzard; and thus ended the earthly career of Barrett Scott. "Man born of woman is of but few days and full of misery. He riseth up and is cut down like a flower; he fleeth as it were a shadow and continueth not in one stay; in the midst of life we are in death." The quotation was never more applicable to any case. Scott had been closely identified with Holt county and its upbuilding since her infancy. He was no stranger to hardships and vicissitudes of pioneer life. His life's history in Holt county is worthy of embellishment by the pen of a scholar and adornment by the brush of an artist. He cast his lot here in an early day, for better or for worse. He was one of the brave forerunners of a better day; he followed the star of empire westward in its flight and assisted in building up the young empire that has furnished him an untimely grave. Here were spent the best days of his life; here were his children born and buried. To follow him with pen down the years would be an arduous task. To recite his history would not be a pleasant duty, but well done, it would read like a romance. From the days when he freighted from civilization to these then wild prairies, to the time he met his death would fill volumes. To relate the character of the man should be the office of a friend, Barrett Scott, away down in the innermost cells of his heart, was a good man, undeserving the contumely that has been heaped upon him. His one great fault was his open-heartedness and sympathy for suffering humanity. He could no more refrain from dividing his last dollar with the needy than he could from sharing with famine-stricken neighbors his last pound of flour. In talking over his treasurership shortage he one day said to us that he could not stand behind the counters of a bakery and see starving men pass by without giving them bread. That was the spirit that ruled him during his official career and led to his death at the hands of men whom he had not injured to the extent of \$15. each.

Perhaps the least said on an occasion of this kind the better. The dead should be permitted to rest in peace. The imagination of our readers will be allowed to supply what we have omitted to say. They may paint on fancy's canvass the drama of his life and the tragedy of his death; think, if they can, what thoughts crowded into his brain when torn from his family and carried away to a spot where a deed of darkness might be safely done: say to themselves what he said as the rope was adjusted to his neck and the unmasked faces of his tormentors stood revealed; think again as he thought when the cord tightened and the blood hastened to fire his brain; see, as his murderers saw, his last writhings, and then tell us if you may that mob law is justifiable. Tell us that a band of a dozen or an hundred men have the moral right to appoint themselves guardians or avengers for our county and convict our citizens unheard, by the rule of malice and hatred and finally condemn and execute in the name of justice. Away with such tribunals!

Scottie has been injured a thousand times for every injury he ever inflicted upon a fellow mortal. May his bones rest in peace.

## Another Man's Idea.

O'NEILL, NEB., Jan. 20, 1895.

EDITORS OF FRONTIER—With your permission and the kind indulgence of the public, I desire to refer very briefly to his satanic majesty, the editor of the Beacon Light in his last week's issue.

"The Hockshaw detective association are not coughing up many sensational finds this week, and are sleeping with their ears against the wall with alertness of Australian bush rangers, while the minds of the people are rapidly conforming to the belief that Barrett Scott is alive and well, and that the sweat-shop inquisitors made d—a—of themselves."

Thus reads the first paragraph of a long tirade of the sameness of a column and upwards. It is self evident from the above that it voices the sentiments of not only the writer and editor but of all his co-adjutors. Now Messrs. editors, as I sit here in my cosy little home, thinking the Barrett Scott case over from its very inception up to the present time I am compelled to believe that his dead body is the natural result, and was the intention from the first of the editorials that have appeared from time to time in the sheet above quoted. Not that I believe he had hold of the rope that was the means of the last torture that was administered to Barrett Scott, but that he and his cohorts secretly desired the results that subsequently transpired, cannot be successfully denied. "He that soweth to the wind shall reap of the whirlwind," has been demonstrated in these later days in this county by the ghastly remains that were taken from the Niobrara river on January 20. Such language and sentiments as have appeared in the above paper since the beginning of its present management would not be tolerated in any of the countries of the old world, and surely should not in the highly cultivated civilization of the United States.

"By their works shall ye know them, and by their deeds shall they be judged," is one of the highest laws that mortal man has ever received from an all-wise Being, and the ablest jurist that the world has ever produced has been unable to give us anything on our statute books to be compared with the divine law. Do you wonder then in the light of recent events, that this man should parade our streets with his two hands in his pockets (presumably holding weapons) and that his every movement should be fraught with fear? The trembling is yet to come. Do you wonder that Holt county has a bad name? If you do, just let your mind revert to the corpse of Barrett Scott and read the files of this foul sheet which was mainly instrumental in inciting the crime?

Methodists I hear some one say "you are too severe." Am I? Lets see. Who started the report that apparently gained so much credence, that the friends of this man had spirited him away to keep him out of the penitentiary? Who said that this woman was not shot, and that there were no marks of the same upon her, and that the attending physician was a liar? Who said Barrett Scott had no bullet mark on his neck and ear, and that there were no signs of blood upon the inside of the carriage? Who said the "hole thing looks thinner and thinner as men view it from cause to effect"? Who was it who asked why the bondsmen of Barrett Scott did not offer a reward for his return? Who is it that defies the people of O'Neill to harm a hair of his head, and who says that in the case of such an event the lives of a dozen of our citizens would be rendered up in expiation? Answer these interrogations my kind reader, if you can, and if not, kindly refer them to the poor forsaken wretch, who is so universally despised that no one worthy the name dare call him friend.

Read, kind friend what he says in regard to the business men who have been his patrons and who have contributed to the means for providing himself and his children with bread: "It is now time to draw the line. It is time that business men be made to show their hands. It is time to force every one of them to either take the side of the gang of thieves or else stand out and be counted on the side of the people who have been robbed, plundered and insulted, and publicly pass a resolution denouncing this would-be Hockshaw detective outfit of lawless devils. Let every farmer pledge himself that he will not buy another dollar worth of goods from a business man who is known to have taken an active part in this outrage by the gang, or one who will not openly condemn their actions, or who patronizes the advertising columns of the miserable pups of editors who defended the thieves and branded the populists as murderers. The way to cook these fellows is to put them on record." Yes, draw the line, and let it be drawn tightly. You have put your own party on record; the "line" is about your own neck and you are welcome to get all the weight on the other end which you possibly can. I do not for a moment, Mr. Editor, want you or the pub-

lic to think that the populists, as a party, murdered Barrett Scott, but I do think that every member of that murderous gang were populists, and from the mouthings of this man Kautzman, an unbiased public would be forced to believe that the populist party wants to shield and protect the murderers. Yes, Mr. Editor, I say draw the line, every person in business in O'Neill who has advertised in that sheet should boycott him; go after him hard; if we encourage by our patronage such a character to remain in our midst we are but nursing a serpent that will drive its poisonous fangs into our vitals whenever the opportunity offers. Our common welfare demands that the head of this viper be crushed beneath the iron heel of public sentiment. It is an undeniable fact that this man has done more to traduce the good name of our county than all of her other drawbacks combined. Talk of irrigation! What manner of men, may I be permitted to ask, would dare invest their capital in a community where men's lives are not safe, to say nothing of their property? And yet, men of O'Neill and Holt county, this very paper says you must not help prosecute these red-handed assassins. You are called on to pass resolutions condemning them as a gang of thieves for standing up for law and justice. Will you do it? My answer to Kautzman, for you, is yes, but the resolutions will neither be written or dictated by Kautzman, nor any of his ilk, nor will they be at all flattering to him. Oh you vile wretch of moral rottenness; you cursed, and marked by the wrath of God's displeasure; you obnoxious creature, selected to prove and reverse the theories advocated by Darwin: you leper of all that is virtuous, holy and manly as created by the Master. He yourself hence, and should you meet any animate object, cry as did the lepers of old, "unclean!" "unclean!" so that if any being be polluted by coming in contact with your vile carcass you will not be held accountable. May God have mercy on your poor spirit, and that the same may not be crying from the mountains to fall upon it and thus hide it forever from the face of its creator is the wish of

LAW AND ORDER.

## Dress Goods Sale.

We have decided to give our customers another chance to buy some cheap goods in order to reduce our stock before putting in our new stock. For two weeks, beginning Saturday, Feb. 2, we will sell our entire line of Dress goods, Silks and Trimmings at 20 per cent. discount. We will offer at the same time several special lots. Kid Gloves at from 25 to 50 per cent. discount. This will be a great chance to buy kid gloves cheap, but we are anxious to reduce our stock in this line. On Cloaks, Shawls, Blankets, etc., we are giving extraordinary discounts, as we are bound to sell them.

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Some of the members of this so-called Protective Association assert upon their oath, that it was formed for the purpose of "suppressing lawlessness, apprehending criminals and turning them over to be dealt with according to law." They do not say whether their laws are taken from the statutes of Nebraska or the by-laws of their Protective Association, nor whether they are to be applied by the advocates of the one or the other. A tolerably correct inference, however, may be drawn by referring the reader to the manner of law applied in the last two cases taken into the jurisdiction of their court. Their acts, too, appear to be just a little inconsistent, when you take into consideration the fact that the members of this Association have not exerted themselves to any appreciable extent in order to apprehend the perpetrators of the diabolical crime recently committed upon the very threshold of the building where their association meets. Well, we must confess that it would sound somewhat peculiar to hear that John Jones had caught himself committing a crime, had appeared at the office of the nearest magistrate, sworn out a warrant for his own arrest and after serving the same upon himself, grasped himself by the ear and started with himself for the purpose of turning himself over to the authorities, and that while proceeding through a dark and lonely spot he suddenly sprang out upon himself and at the muzzle of a winchester, and in the face of dire threats, compelled himself to adjust a rope about his own neck and hang himself to a cottonwood tree until he was as dead as the proverbial door nail. Then, to hide from himself all traces of the crime he gathers up his remains and drops them into the cold cruel waters of Niobrara river.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Cronin visited relatives in Randolph, Sunday.

We have another car load of that fine ground wheat, also shorts, bran and oil cake. See us when in need of any.

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O'NEILL GROCERY CO.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder Awarded Gold Medal Midwinter Fair, San Francisco.

## HEARING COMMENCED

Preliminary Hearing In the Scott Case Now On.

COMMENCED LAST MONDAY

The State Will Probably Rest Today. No New Arrests Made.

The preliminary hearing of Mullihan, Elliott, Roy and Harris for the murder of Barrett Scott, commenced last Monday morning before county judge McCutchan.

The state was represented by Attorney General Churchill, County Attorney Murphy, H. M. Uttley and R. R. Dickson, while the defense was looked after by the Harrington Bros. and T. V. Golden. It looked a little peculiar, although it is perhaps perfectly natural, that the attorneys who so persistently followed Scott from the time of his second election should now be employed to defend men accused of his murder. As we heard one gentleman remark, "they are after him yet."

The original complaint, that is the one upon which the defendants were arrested, was dismissed and a new one immediately filed. The new complaint was drawn up in the light of full information regarding the tragedy and charged the prisoners with murder and conspiracy to murder. The prisoners were ordered to stand and listen to the reading of the complaint, which they did, and when the proper time arrived pleaded not guilty to the charge.

The men charged with the commission of the crime did not exhibit any great amount of uneasiness, unless it might have been Mullihan, who appeared slightly nervous and evinced a desire to look at everybody in the court room at the same time.

Dell Akin was the first witness for the state. He recounted the long story of the search and the finding of the body. The examination was conducted by Attorney General Churchill, who required Mr. Akin to narrate in detail the particulars of the three week's search, the condition of the body and its identification. His testimony did not disclose anything new in the case.

Dr. Gilligan was the next witness. He was one of the physicians who held the autopsy. It was his opinion and the opinion of his co-workers that death was caused by strangulation and not by drowning. In other words life was extinct before he was thrown in the river.

Clark Young and Mrs. Young then testified, but their testimony elicited nothing new.

John McAllister was then called. He said he was about a mile and a half from Parker on December 31, between 2 and 3 o'clock and heard shots fired. He did not go to investigate and saw no one.

John Murphy was then called and testified as to the condition of the buggy and horses the morning after the assault. John McLaughlin also testified as to the condition of the horses and buggy and the route traversed in their search.

He was followed by J. L. Hershiser who testified as to the finding of the body and the search that led up to it. In company with Mark Erwin he found a loaded shell for a number 10 shot gun. It was given to Sheriff Hamilton.

Sheriff Hamilton then testified as to having received a shell from Mr. Hershiser which shell was produced by the sheriff. Mr. Hershiser said it looked like the shell he had given the sheriff.

H. C. McEvony was the next witness. His testimony was about the same as the others in regard to the search and nothing new was developed. Mark Erwin then testified as to the finding of the shell and said the one produced in court was like it.

Then Adolph Peterson was called. He said that a short time before Christmas he loaned his shot gun to Fred Harris, and gave him some shells, that it was returned shortly after New Years. The shell that was found by Hershiser and Erwin was like the shells he had given Harris. He did not know whether Harris had brought back all the shells he had given him or not. On cross examination he said Harris had borrowed the gun a couple of times before that. That there were lots of shells of that kind and several guns that it would fit.

The proceedings during the day were very dull and it fell to the lot of the last witness for the day, I. A. Polk, to liven things up a little. Mr. Polk, by his witicism and answers to some of the questions propounded to him by Attorney Golden upon the cross examination brought forth peals of laughter from the attorneys, prisoners and spectators and Judge McCutchan was compelled to rap for order several times. The substance of his evidence was as follows: On the morning of December 31 he started for Fred Harris' with whom he had some business. When about half way to Har-

ris' which was a mile from his place, he saw a buggy leave the yard and start in the direction of Parker. He then came to a gully in the road and upon again gaining the upland he saw another team hitched to what he thought was a spring wagon, going in the same direction. In the meantime he had got to within 40 or 50 rods of the house and he saw two men on horseback start in the same direction. He was unable to recognize any of them. He drove into the yard and a man named Harry Stanton was hitching up a team to a wagon with a double box. He appeared to be in a hurry and did not want to talk. He drove to the hay stack, threw in a couple of forkfuls of hay, jumped into the wagon, whipped up the horses and started after the others in the direction of Parker. The rigid cross examination that he was subjected to failed to materially change the evidence. Court then adjourned until 9 o'clock Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY.

The taking of testimony was commenced shortly after 9 o'clock. John Harvey testified that on the day of the crime the Niobrara river was open on the Boyd county side at Whiting's bridge.

Theo. Crawford and Slim Simonson elicited nothing new.

Mr. Girard said that he saw the teams leave Harris' on the morning of December 31 and drive toward Parker. He was not close enough to recognize any of the parties. Harris asked him to join the Protective Association some time ago.

J. L. Biddle testified that he was a member of the Protective Association and that they held meetings in the Scottville school house. He said the organization was for the purpose of suppressing lawlessness, apprehending criminals and turning them over to be dealt with according to law, and if the law did not punish them the organization would.

The court adjourned at 11:30 until 8 o'clock in order to enable the members of the bar to attend the funeral of ex-Judge Ryland Parker.

The most important witness upon the stand so far in the examination was Henry Schmidt, who was driving Scott's team at the time of the assault. He testified to the hold up and carrying them away from Parker for about three miles in a wagon, when the ladies were placed in a buggy and driven away. They kept them together until after dark, when an old house or barn was reached. They were then told to get out of the wagon, and Smith was taken to the south side of the building and was told that he might go, and that a man would drive him part way to O'Neill. The handkerchief that was placed over his eyes he kept working down until he could see fairly well. He was taken in a cart and driven off. The man driving had a mask on when they started but took it off or lost it during the ride. He was driven between three and five miles then told to get off and that he could remove the handkerchief. He did so. The moon, he said, was shining full in the face of the driver and he had a good look at him. Upon being asked if he had seen that man since, he said that he had. Who is the man? was the next question. Mose Elliott, he replied. I cannot be mistaken; I am sure he was the man that drove me in the cart for I had a good look at his face. Upon cross examination he said he would swear positively that it was Mose Elliott. The leader of the band at Parker he thought was the same man that done the talking to him at the place where he was part 3 from Scott, and said he was very sorry the girl was shot. This man he thought was George Mullihan but he could not swear to it, as he had not seen his face.

The next witness that took the stand was Dave Palmer. On Dec. 31, he was on his way to O'Neill. Between Minneola and Parker he saw a team about two and a half miles behind him. He thought the team was Scott's. About 80 rods east of Parker a man passed him going toward Minneola. He had never seen the man before. He thought he had seen him since and thought it was George Mullihan from his walk and general appearance, but could not swear positively that it was him.

About the only thing obtained from the other witnesses was that a party of men were seen going from Parker but no one was near enough to recognize any of them.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Henry Schmidt, Jake Hershiser, and Dave Palmer were recalled by the defense this morning, but nothing new was obtained further than that Schmidt said he was 29 years old and had served six years in the German army in India.

John Weekes testified that he identified the buggy belonging to Roy, from the description given by Mrs. Scott, as the one in which they were taken across the prairie. That Schmidt recognized Elliott as soon as he saw him as the man that drove him in the cart. Also that Elliott said that he, accompanied by Mert Roy were hunting horses on that day in the direction of Parker and had seen no other persons there. He was followed by C. E. Hall whose testimony was about the same.

Mrs. Scott and Miss McWhorter will testify this afternoon.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder World's Fair Highest Award.