

THE FRONTIER.

PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY BY
THE FRONTIER PRINTING COMPANY
KING & CRONIN, EDITORS.

THE INSIDE OF IT.

The Barrett Scott murder came before the senate yesterday in a new form. Thursday Senator Pope presented a resolution requesting the governor to immediately offer the statutory reward for the arrest and conviction of each of the murderers of Scott. In reply to this resolution which was adopted by the senate Governor Holcomb yesterday submitted to the senate a communication explaining why the reward had not been offered in this important criminal case, together with all correspondence between the executive department and Holt county officers. The communication is as follows:

Chapter LI, Sec. 542.—Whenever it shall be brought to the knowledge of the coroner or the sheriff of any county in this state that a murder has been committed their respective counties, and the person or persons committing such murder are unknown, or, if known, have fled from justice, it shall be the duty of the coroner or the sheriff to make the same known to the governor of this state, together with such facts as may come to his knowledge, going to show by whom such murder was committed and the whereabouts of the murderers.

Section 543. Upon receipt of the information as prescribed by the preceding section, the governor of the state shall issue his proclamation offering such reward not exceeding \$200 for each person murdered, as he shall deem proper for the arrest of the person or persons committing said crime and the delivery of said person or persons to the sheriff or jailor of the county where said crime was committed. Upon the trial of any person for whom such reward has been offered, if the presiding judge shall, under his hand and seal of the court, certify to the governor that the person arrested and indicted committed the act charged in the indictment, the person or persons making the arrest shall be entitled to the reward.

"As soon as this department was in possession of information that a murder had been committed in Holt county, I at once telegraphed to the sheriff of Holt county, Nebraska, tendering such assistance as was warranted under the law by this department for the apprehension of the murderers of said Scott. I also sent a similar telegram to the county attorney of that county, replies being received in each instance indicating that the persons implicated in the crime had been arrested and that no reward for their apprehension was required.

"Under the information thus received and the law as construed by this department, I deem it inadvisable to make public proclamation offering a reward for the apprehension of any person or persons supposed to be guilty of committing this murder.

"I transmit herewith copies of all correspondence had between the executive and the county authorities of Holt county, Nebraska, regarding this subject.

"I regret that under the law as I view it and my conception of official duty that I am unable to coincide with your honorable body in the views as taken in the resolution before quoted. Very respectfully,
SILAS A. HOLCOMB,
Governor.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

The official correspondence with Holt county officials began with the following letter from sheriff Hamilton:

O'NEILL, Neb., Jan. 9, 1895.—Silas Holcomb, Governor—Dear Sir: In regard to the disappearance of Barrett Scott, defaulting ex-treasurer of Holt county, would like to have you offer a reward for his body, living or dead, and also a suitable reward for the apprehension and conviction of all parties implicated. Kindly give this your prompt attention and oblige. Yours respectfully,
C. W. HAMILTON.

The governor's reply was as follows:
LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 12, 1895.—C. W. Hamilton, Sheriff, O'Neill, Neb.—Dear Sir: I beg to acknowledge receipt of yours of the 9th inst. requesting that a suitable reward be offered by this office for the apprehension and conviction of all parties implicated in the disappearance of Barrett Scott, late of your county. In response thereto, I have to say that I have consulted with the deputy attorney-general and upon such investigation as could be made, the authority for offering such a reward by the executive is very doubtful, in fact, in fact I think I have no authority to offer a reward, except it be made to appear that a homicide has been committed and the reward be offered for the person or persons committing the same. In the case mentioned it seems very uncertain as to whether or not a homicide has in fact been committed, and until there is some information tending to establish that fact, I am unable to see my way clear to comply with your request.

In the meantime, I shall be glad to have all the information which you may be in possession of regarding the disappearance of Mr. Scott, and at the first opportunity would be very glad to cooperate with the authorities of your county in apprehending any person or persons guilty of committing murder, if one has been committed.

I might add that your letter to Mr. Bartley, the state treasurer, has also been referred to me by him, and I have conversed with him some regarding this subject. Yours truly,
SILAS A. HOLCOMB,
Governor.

THE SHERIFF INACTIVE.

January 21 the governor sent a telegram to the sheriff asking if the state could be of any service in assisting in apprehending the murderers. To this the sheriff replied:

O'NEILL, Neb., Jan. 23, 1895.—Governor Holcomb, Lincoln, Neb: Don't know of anything the state can do. Everything is quiet here. Law and order

prevails. That is the sentiment of the good people of Holt county. Will ask assistance if needed.

C. W. HAMILTON, Sheriff.

It seems that it never entered the heads of the officers to offer a reward, even after the body of Scott had been recovered, and the governor felt obliged to stop hinting that there was a duty on their part left unperformed, so he sent this unspoken message by wire:

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 23, 1895.—C. W. Hamilton, Sheriff, O'Neill, Neb: The proposed assistance in my telegram referred to matter of reward for apprehension of murderers of Barrett Scott. If you deem it necessary that a reward be offered, wire me. SILAS A. HOLCOMB, Governor.

MURPHY SAID THEY HAD 'EM.

Failing to get the sheriff to formally apply for a reward proclamation, it appears from the correspondence that the governor then turned to the county attorney and sent this telegram:

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 23, 1895.—H. E. Murphy, County Attorney, O'Neill, Neb. Please advise me immediately if the state can be of service in assisting you to apprehend murderers of Barrett Scott. SILAS A. HOLCOMB, Governor.

In reply, County Attorney Murphy, with considerable assurance and with the assumption that all the murderers were under arrest, sent the following telegram:

O'NEILL, Jan. 23, 1895.—Governor Silas A. Holcomb, Lincoln, Neb.: All persons charged with the murder of Barrett Scott have been apprehended, brought before the bar of justice and will be dealt with strictly according to law. I know of nothing the state can do more than it has done, to punish violators of law in Holt county. This course shall be pursued. Will ask assistance in the future if necessary. Law and justice shall prevail in Holt county! This is the sentiment of our citizens.
H. E. MURPHY, County Attorney.

No action was taken on the governor's communication.—State Journal.

Now we have the inside history of the case. Hamilton and Murphy are to blame that no reward has been offered by the state. In this they have been guilty of great negligence. While it is true, as Murphy said, that all charged with the crime are under arrest, it is also true that others, not charged, were implicated, and a reward should be offered for their apprehension. It has been thought all the time that the sheriff and county attorney were luke-warm in this prosecution, and their correspondence with the governor strengthens the belief. If these officers have no desire to do their duty in this matter they should resign and give some one else a chance to look after the peace and dignity of the state.

The Sun says let Scott's friends continue in their investigation of the murderer. Why does the Sun say "friends?" Why did it not say officers of the law and citizens of the county irrespective of previous conditions?

Upon the Scott murder the Sun has made its position as clear as mud. It printed a pretty fair original editorial condemning the crime, and paralleled it with a "very sensible" editorial from the Sioux City Tribune which by inference said the murder was justifiable. If McHugh don't alight from his position astride the fence he will soon be split to the chin.

The following resolution was introduced in the house last Thursday, referred to the committee on resolutions, and subsequently laid over indefinitely:

Whereas: It is currently reported by the press and otherwise that Hon. J. A. Robertson, a member of this house, is a member of the vigil committee, which is responsible for the deplorable crime of the murder of one of our citizens, the late Barrett Scott; therefore, be it

Resolved, That there be a committee of five appointed to investigate this matter, and if found to be true the same to be reported to this body for further and more definite action.

EVERY once in awhile a pop is heard to say that if the Hill lynching had been investigated Scott never would have been hung. That may be a fact, but in this connection we desire to ask why the Hill matter was not investigated. We have a pop sheriff and a pop county attorney and a pop county board. Why did they not get their heads together at the time and investigate? It would have been no difficult matter to have arrested some guilty parties. Fact is if Scott's friends had not taken hold of the matter his murder would have been allowed to die out as quickly as that of the Hills.

We do not see how any man can accuse Barrett Scott—with all his faults—of having wrecked the Holt county bank. The men who persist in making this statement are uninformed, to say the least. Barrett Scott did not wreck the Holt county bank, such reliable authority as the Sioux City Tribune and other lesser lights to the contrary notwithstanding. The Holt county bank wrecked Barrett Scott. Scott kept the bank upon its feet for years and finally went into the vortex with it. The funds with which he proposed to carry on the business of the county were deposited in that bank and they are there yet. When the bank shut down Scott shut down. True, he should have had more money, but then he didn't. That he had it loaned out over the county does not in any way effect this case. He did not wreck the bank, unless it might be said that he wrecked it in that he did not furnish it with money enough to keep it open. This he was under no obligations to do.

O'NEILL BUSINESS DIRECTORY

R. R. DICKSON
ATTORNEY AT LAW
Reference First National Bank
O'NEILL, NEB.

J. C. SMOOT,
FASHIONABLE BARBER,
DEALER IN CIGARS, ETC.

DR. J. P. GILLIGAN,
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.
Day and night calls promptly attended to.
Office in Holt County Bank building.
O'NEILL, NEB.

E. H. BENEDICT,
LAWYER,
Office in the Judge Roberts building, north of O. O. Snyder's lumber yard,
O'NEILL, NEB.

W. R. BUTLER,
ATTORNEY AT LAW.
Agent for Union Trust Co's land in Holt county.
Will practice in all the courts. Special attention given to foreclosures and collections

DR. B. T. TRUEBLOOD
PHYSICIAN & SURGEON.
Diseases of the Eye and Ear and fitting glasses a specialty. Office hours 9 to 12 a. m. and 2 to 5 p. m.
Office first door west of Heinerikson's

A. J. HAMMOND ABSTRACT CO
Successors to
R. R. DICKSON & CO.
Abstracters of Titles.
Complete set of Abstract Books.

Terms reasonable, and absolute accuracy guaranteed, for which we have given a \$10,000 bond as required under the law.

Correspondence Solicited

O'NEILL, HOLT COUNTY NEB.

HOTEL
—EVANS

Enlarged
Refurnished
Refitted
Only First-class Hotel
In the City.
W. T. EVANS, Prop.

THE NEW
DONAHOE'S
is combating Religious Prejudice and economic injustice, and helping Catholics and Protestants to understand each other better.

THE NEW
DONAHOE'S
is brilliant without being superficial, instructive without being heavy, popular without being trivial.

THE NEW
DONAHOE'S
Will delight every American Catholic and interest every thoughtful Protestant.

Only \$2.00 a year.
Write for sample copy.
DONAHOE'S MAGAZINE CO.
611 WASHINGTON ST.,
BOSTON MASS.

THE OMAHA...
WEEKLY
BEE
13 pages a week—From now to Nov. 15,
covering the entire campaign, for.....

10 CENTS.

Send Stamps or Silver to

THE OMAHA BEE
OMAHA, NEB.

The BEST
Boys' Outfits
in the World

are offered to the public by THE HUB—Chicago's greatest clothing store! Made of strictly all-wool cloth—well fitting and strong—we can positively guarantee them the Best Bargains for the Money ever given by anybody.

The Hub's Famous
Head-To-Foot Outfits

For Boys from 5 to 15 years old.

consist of One Double-Breasted Coat, Two Pairs of Knee Pants, a Stanley Cap, made to match the suit, and One Pair of Shoes, made of solid leather very neat, yet as strong as a brick, and the price of the entire "Head-To-Foot" Outfit is

Only \$5.00

Tens of thousands sold to every state of the Union, and everyone is delighted with them. You'll be pleased, too, if you'll let us send you one—all charges prepaid to any part of the U. S. for \$5.75, or C. O. D. with privilege of examination before payment—if a deposit of \$1.00 is sent with the order.

Samples of Cloth and 60-page Illustrated Catalogue telling you all about the greatest line of Men's and Boys' Clothing, Furnishings Goods, Hats, Shoes for Men and Women, and Ladies' Cloaks and Furs, sent free and postage paid.

THE HUB

N. W. Cor. State and Jackson Sts.,
CHICAGO, ILL.

The Hub has no Branch Stores Anywhere.

MERCHANT

TAILOR....

D. H. Garhart has opened up to do a general Merchant tailoring business in O'Neill.

He will be found in the Mack building 4 doors east of Hotel Evans, where

he will be pleased to show you samples and take orders for new suits. Repairing and cleaning done neatly and promptly.

D. H. GARHART.

NEW YORK...
ILLUSTRATED
NEWS

The Organ of Honest Sport in America

ALL THE SENSATIONS OF THE DAY
PICTURED BY THE
FOREMOST ARTISTS OF THE COUNTRY

Life in New York Graphically Illustrated.
Breezy but Respectable.

\$4 FOR A YEAR, \$2 FOR SIX MONTHS

Do you want to be posted? Then send

your subscription to the

NEW YORK ILLUSTRATED NEWS,

3 PARK PLACE, NEW YORK CITY.

PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY.

O'CONNOR & GALLAGHER

DEALERS IN

WINES AND
LIQUORS

Of all kinds. A specialty made of

FINE CIGARS.

If you want a drink of good liquor

do not fail to call on us.

AND LASTING RESULTS
FAT PEOPLE
No inconvenience. Simple, sure, ABSOLUTE FREE from any injurious substance. LARGE AMOUNTS REDUCED. GUARANTEE A CURE or refund your money. \$2.00 per bottle. Send 4c. for treatise. MONT MEDICAL CO., Boston, Mass.

Always Buy the
Best. The...
Best is Cheapest

The Finest and Largest stock of good in the Hardware and... Implement Line in the Elkhorn Valley is found at

Neil Brennan's

John Deere plows, Moline wagons, Darr

Bradley & Co's famous Disc cultivators,

Riding and walking cultivators, harrows

Glidden wire, stoves, oils, cutlery, tinware

G. W. WATTLES, President. ANDREW RUSSELL, V-P.

JOHN McHUGH, Cashier.

THE - STATE - BANK
OF O'NEILL.

CAPITAL \$30,000.

Prompt Attention Given to Collections

DO A GENERAL BANKING BUSINESS

Chicago Lumber Yard

Headquarters for . . .

LUMBER,
COAL AND

BUILDING MATERIAL

The Stock is dry, being cured
By the largest dry-sheds in the world.

Yards,
O'Neill,
Page,
Allen.

O. O. SNYDER & CO.

EMIL SNIGGS,

PRACTICAL
HORSESHOE

And general blacksmithing carried on in connection.riage work in either iron or wood executed in the most skillful style possible. First-class plow and machine work that can be relied upon. No new experience used in any branch work. All my men are skilled workmen.

ALSO DEALER IN FARM IMPLEMENTS

Plano binders, mowers, rakes, Skandi plows, harrows and cultivators of all descriptions. Everything guaranteed to beat the best.
O'NEILL, NEB.

THE
INTER OCEAN

Is the most popular Republican Newspaper of the west and has the largest circulation. Terms by mail: Daily (without Sunday) \$5 per year; daily (with Sunday) \$6 per year; semi-weekly, \$2 per year; weekly, \$1 per year. As a newspaper the Inter Ocean keeps abreast of the times in all respects. It spares neither pains nor expense in securing all the news and the best of current literature.

THE WEEKLY INTER OCEAN

Is edited especially for those who, on account of mail service or any other reason, do not take a daily paper. In its columns are to be found the week's news of all the world condensed and the cream of the literary features of the daily. As a family paper it excels all western journals. It consists of eight pages with a supplement illustrated, in colors, of eight additional pages, making in all sixteen pages. This supplement, containing six pages of reading matter and two full page illustrations, is alone worth the price of paper.

THE INTER OCEAN

Is published in Chicago, the news and commercial center of all west of the Allegheny mountains and is better adapted to the needs of the people of that section than any paper farther east. It is in accord with the people of the west both in politics and literature.

By special arrangement with the publishers of the Inter Ocean we are able to offer.....

The Weekly Inter Ocean and The Frontier

The Frontier One Year and the Inter Ocean 6 Months, \$1.50.

Now is the time to subscribe.