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SANS WHISKERS

of Interest Told As They Are Told to Us.

AND HOW IT HAPPENED

Happenings Portrayed For General Education and Amusement.

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y. Darr left Tuesday morning for

me in Missouri.

Akin and Hez Chambers were

from Atkinson Monday.

Ed. Gallagher entertained the

ngton people Tuesday evening.

ew method of keeping fruits and

fresh by sterilized air has been

ered.

ams are all open, ducks and geese

aming in and other signs point that

ck of winter is lame.

Brennan handles the famous

City garden seeds. They give

satisfaction than any other.

Nina Ryan celebrates her 18th

day this evening by entertaining

number of her friends at her home.

because the English own so many

breweries that the democrats are

ed to increasing the tax on beer?

me to the "Match Social" at Mrs.

er's, Tuesday evening, March 5.

eds for the minister's salary. Only

ce.

nd is now on. It is meet that all

nd pause in the midst of their sins

devote forty days to the redemption

of their souls.

dam built across the Elkhorn by

Darr when he erected his mill

al years ago, is giving way to the

of ice this spring.

on't be frightened when you read

it is only to let you know that on

riday next Adam & Co., will sell 25

nds of sugar for \$1.00.

St. Louis brand of kisses come

A court decision has fixed the

at \$2,500 each, when taken with

the permission of the kissees.

is said that Dr. Gilligan is preparing

atise on Scratchology. Rumor also

it that the work, which will be a

comprehensive compendium, will be

ated to the Holt county vigilantes.

the Midland Monthly, the new maga-

published at Des Moines, Ia., is

y a gem of the west. It grows

fter and better each issue and is a

hit to western genius, pluck and

Representative Robertson was in the city Saturday and Sunday, returning to Lincoln Monday morning.

J. P. Mann, who is in Chicago buying his stock of spring and summer goods is expected home Saturday.

Miss Mae Skirving has returned from Stuart and is occupying her old position in the office of the district clerk.

Phil Sullivan will leave O'Neill, for Butte, Montana, next Monday morning, where he expects to spend the summer.

Miss Mills took Monday morning's train for her home in Meadow Grove, where she will visit for a couple of weeks.

Boyd county held another bond election last week. The proposition to bond the county for \$20,000 carried, and the residents of our sister county are feeling jubilant.

Charlie Baker has purchased the dray line formerly owned by Jess Mellor. Charlie is a deservingly popular young man and will undoubtedly make a success of his new undertaking.

The jury which was dismissed last Monday is expected to be on hand for duty Thursday, March 14, without further notice. State cases will be taken up not later than the 20th of that month.

The Bartley guards celebrated Washington's birthday by giving a public drill and parade. The boys are getting rapidly to the front and earning the praise that our citizens are not backward in giving.

The O'Neill band, assisted by the Spencer orchestra, regaled our citizens with some fine selections during the parade last Friday. Good judges of good music say the band was the best heard in O'Neill in years and years.

Bill Cleish, who has been spending the winter on his farm at Surprise, Neb., is in the city this week. He will remain in Holt county a couple of weeks making arrangements to return in the spring and occupy his farm at Turner.

C. E. Mills, of Ewing, was in the city Monday looking after supplies for the destitute of his precinct. Mr. Mills is one populist who is not backward about denouncing the murder of Scott. It is a pleasure to meet an honest populist occasionally.

A petition was in circulation Monday requesting the county board to refund the old Center precinct court-house bonds. The precinct is away in arrears on interest and it seems necessary that something should be done to satisfy the bondholders and ward of judgment.

Jesse Mellor left O'Neill Wednesday morning for Stuttgart, Ark., where he has purchased a half interest in the general merchandising establishment of D. L. Cramer. He has disposed of his business interests here and expects to make his future home among the flowers of the south. Jesse is a young man of business and social ability and will make himself felt in Stuttgart. He will be missed in O'Neill, where he leaves many kinds of friends.

The Workmen after closing lodge Tuesday night and securely stabling the goat, were very much surprised to find themselves surrounded and their forest invaded by the ladies of the Degree of Honor, who had called, uninvited, to have a good time. They were prepared for that purpose having in tow Prof. Smith's combination of excellent musicians who furnished the measures for one of the most enjoyable little dances of the season. Lunch was served at an appropriate hour.

Ledger: The Independent publishes the proclamation calling the special election to vote bonds under the head of legal advertising. The publisher will probably put in a bill for pay for same at legal rates, regardless of the fact that a resolution passed the board that it was to be sent to each of the papers of the county to be published without cost. Straws show which way the wind blows. If the bond issue is to be run into a steal thus early in the game the probabilities are that it better be killed as soon as possible.

At a meeting of the national board of directors of the Modern Woodmen of America, just concluded at Springfield, Ill., very interesting reports were made showing a large growth in membership and decrease in the price of insurance. January 1, 1895, the order had \$237,000,000 insurance in force, the average cost being \$4.95 per annum, and the annual cost of management only 65 cents per member, the lowest ever known. The amount paid beneficiaries in 1894 was \$1,250,000. The death rate was less than for five years.

Yes we know it is hard times but that is no excuse for any one not being neatly and stylishly dressed this season. J. P. Mann will furnish you with a neat fitting, well made business suit for from \$13.50 to \$20.00; or a dress suit for from \$18.50 to \$30.00. Look over his samples before you decide to go without a spring suit or before you give your order to some traveling agent who will charge you more for the same goods and give you no better fitting garments. 33-2.

Stuart Ledger: The genial John A. Harmon, Register of the O'Neill land office, as far as roughing it is concerned in frontier days of the county, has been through the mill. It is told of him "upon reliable authority," that he broke, through needle grass and hot sand, bare footed, with a yoke of oxen, 55 acres of prairie one spring and summer and regardless of what thoughts may have passed through his mind, he never let slip an oath. Such self-control and forbearance could hardly be more strongly exemplified in a saint.

A Missouri paper is authority for the following dialogue. It is pretty bright to have come from Missouri, but then surprises will happen: "A boy in Kansas was pulling a dog along the road by a rope. The boy called to his dog, 'come along 'Pop,' you ornery cuss! A bystander asked why he called the dog 'Pop?' 'For short,' answered the boy. 'Well, what's his full name?' 'Populist,' said the boy. 'Why call him Populist?' said the stranger. 'Well, sir,' the boy said, 'because he is just like a populist. He is the ornery dog in Kansas. He aint worth a durn only to sit on his tail and howl!'"

The Green Tree club gave a banquet on the eve of Washington's birthday that surpassed any previous effort of the society. There were eatables and drinkables and a dozen guests duly qualified to take care of both. When mirth ran highest and corks popped loudest over the feast board John Smoot, janitor and keeper of the bear trap, was presented with an elegant set of silver knives and forks. They were given him by the members of the club as a token of appreciation of the excellent work he had done in the past, and as a further mark of respect he was re-elected for another year. THE FRONTIER is indeed sorry that it has not space to follow this feast of reason and flow of soul from beginning to end, tell who made the speeches sang the songs and danced the dances and picture in glowing rhetoric and rounded periods the antics of the old fellows who were mixed with the boys.

Some people occasionally remark that the republican party in Holt county is dead. We have borrowed some lines that with a little remodeling answers them quite correctly:

When the lion eats grass like an ox
And the fishworm swallows the whale:
When the terrapin knit woolen socks
And the hare is outrun by the snail;
When serpents walk upright like men
And doodle bugs travel like frogs
When the grasshopper feeds on the hen
And feathers are found on hogs;
When Thomas cats swim in the air
And elephants roost upon trees;
When insects in summer are rare
And snuff never makes people sneeze;
When fish creep over dry land
And moles on velocipedes ride,
When foxes lay eggs in the sand
And women in dress take no pride;
When the humming bird brays like an ass
And limburger smells like cologne;
When plowshares are made out of glass
And Gutzky ceases to throw stones;
When ideas grow in Populists' heads
And wool on a hydraulic urn;
Then the republican party will be dead
And this county not worth a durn.

After the murder of the Hills last summer the Beacon Light, in speaking of the "boodle gang" used the following language: "Oh you miserable, degraded pukes, can you give any just cause why you should not be tried, and punished in the court of last resort in the Niobrara district?" And yet the big brute has the audacity to say that he has always opposed mob law and never incited men to murder Barrett Scott. The streets of hell are said to be paved with the skulls of such fiends. "Have you anything to say why you should not be tried and punished in the court of last resort in the Niobrara district?" Is that not equivalent to asking a man why he should not be murdered? Passing strange that a man who boasts that his life is an open book of spotless purity should rely upon a nocturnal court that seems to spring upon its victim from the night's Plutonian shore, do well its work, and vanish even as it came. But this is a strange world anyway, and sure it is that there are more things in heaven and earth than are dreamed of in our philosophy.

P. J. Biglin will furnish you all kinds of coal, in carload lots or in small quantities. He can also furnish you with coal oil and gasoline by the gallon or barrel. Get his prices before buying whereise. 15tf

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

Quiet in Court.
The week has been a quiet one in court.

Friday being a legal holiday, on account of the birth of that illustrious statesman, George Washington, no court could be legally held and a recess was accordingly taken.

Friday the case of Justin McCarthy vs. Bank of Ewing was tried to a jury who returned verdict for plaintiff. This is one of the old cases that has been on the docket for years.

In the case of Gallagher vs. Carr the plaintiff failed to appear and the case was dismissed.

Monday morning the case of the state vs. George Mullihan was called, and upon the application of Attorney General Churchill was continued until March 20th. The defendants protested vigorously against postponement, and were aided by the county attorney who said he was ready to go to trial, but it transpired that the attorney general had charge of the prosecution and the case went over upon the following affidavit filed by the state:

I, A. S. Churchill, being first duly sworn, upon my oath depose and say that I am the attorney general of the state of Nebraska, that upon consultation with the governor of the state and other members of the executive department of the state, I have assumed charge and control of the trial of the above entitled case, as provided by law that I may do. That the legislature is now in session, that constitutional questions are constantly arising which are of vital importance to the people of the state of Nebraska, and which need my immediate and constant attention, that the time of my deputy is wholly consumed in the preparing of cases for the supreme court, and in attending to cases in the banking department. That Mr. Hilton, the ex-attorney general, is a defaulter and that matter needs my immediate attention, that my duties as attorney general are such as to require my constant attention and presence at the office of the attorney general in Lincoln, Neb., during the remainder of the present session of the legislature, which has under the constitution of the state at least twenty days session yet to hold, that it will be impossible for me to remain and take charge of said case unless the same be adjourned until after the adjournment of the present legislature.

The revolvers that were taken from the defendants in the Scott trial and introduced as evidence at the preliminary, were returned to their owners upon affidavits filed. The affidavits stated that the affiants had received threatening letters and that they needed side arms for protection and that they were too poor to buy new ones. Application was first made to the county judge, in whose possession the arsenal was, but he refused to release them except upon an order from the district court.

Court adjourned Tuesday until the 14th inst., on which date the jury will return. In the mean time Judge Kinkeid will hold a term of court in Brown county.

He Wants a Change.
One of the horny-handed tillers of Holt county soil and a tax-payer who, together with hundreds of others, is at present groaning under the burden of taxation levied upon him by the populist board of executive czars, came into one of the business houses in O'Neill the other day and asked that a petition be drawn up requesting the above mentioned board to submit, at the next general election held in the county, a proposition to do away with the "thieving outfit" in charge of the county's affairs and return to the comparatively inexpensive commissioner system. "Why," said he, "I just came from the courthouse and while I was there those supervisors appropriated unto themselves about \$90.00 more of old Holt's cash." Upon being asked what foundation he had for such a statement he replied: "The board was called together to settle some matters relating to the affairs of the relief committee which, had they gone to work at it like men would who were endowed with ordinary brains and business ability, could have been finished in one hour. They didn't do that, however, but with their hands in your pockets and my pockets and the pockets of every other tax-payer in the county, proceeded to kill time and loiter over the work until it was too late to accomplish it within the prescribed day; they then adjourned for the ostensible purpose of putting in another day on it and adding a few more dollars to their exchequer, and incidentally a little more to the burden of the people." It was suggested that it might materially hasten the end so much to be desired if he would make it a point to inform his friends and neighbors of the methods employed by the supervisors to slich from their hard earnings the wherewith to keep themselves and families in comparative luxury while they who had to bear the brunt might sup from the hand of charity.

Short Line Time Card.
Passenger leaves 9:35 A. M., arrives 9:07 P. M.; freight leaves 9:07 P. M., arrives 7 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

PERTAINING TO IRRIGATION.

In North Nebraska folks say,
"Irrigate!"
We've a land that is fairer than day,
If we irrigate.

Our sunshine is plenty and simply sublime,
We can raise any crop, for our soil is fine,
But the rain we don't get that we should the right time.

So we'll irrigate.
We have water in boundless supply,
To irrigate.

From our streams that never run dry,
We can irrigate.
Large lakes and lagoons are at our command
And need but the wave of arts' magic wand,
To laughingly dance o'er our broad fertile land.

And irrigate.
The lay of our country is right,
To irrigate.

Our future is exceedingly bright,
If we irrigate.
And the point is now reached where our folks are agreed,
That if from the blight of the drouth we are freed,
And the farmer assured returns from his seed,
We must irrigate.

But we do something more than say,
"Irrigate."
We have found out a way
To irrigate.

And it's not on the old perpendicular plan
With a little brown jug and an old pint can
And a stream running down the gullet of man.

That we'll irrigate.
Oh, no! we've a company organized now
To irrigate.

If you wish, I'll relate to you how
We can irrigate:
In the county of Cherry at the head of the Snake,
(The Niobrara, too, there is more than one lake,
Whose waters can easily be used for our sake,
To irrigate.

From these lakes we will run a canal
To irrigate.
Run it down through Cherry, Brown, Rock,
Et al.

And irrigate.
We've already made a partial survey,
Located our rights and mapped out the way,
And we'll be throwing dirt in a nearby day,
And irrigate.

It involves no reflection to state
We must irrigate.
In the most prosperous country under the sun,
They irrigate.

And the crops that they raise
Are a source of surprise,
To men who depend for their wet from the skies.
Where they irrigate.

Let us then "get together,"
And all join hands,
In an effort to get this wet on our lands;
And raise decent crops on our productive sands.

Let's make no mistake;
Let's irrigate
Or emigrate.

Get upon the irrigation boat and all
take a ride—into the port of peace and plenty.

"Buffalo Bill" is the proprietor of a large irrigated farm near North Platte, this state. It is said to be an ideal place and a source of much profit to the owner.

A crop every year with irrigation. Not one in two years or three in five years; but every year. And a crop, not a part of a crop. And a large crop, not a fair or medium crop. A certain return and a large return every year for the seed and labor of the farmer. No starvation then; no appeals to more favored localities for sustenance; no appropriations out of the state treasury to buy provisions and fuel for drouth-stricken farmers; no voting bonds to buy seed for another crop; no turning the stock loose to rustle for themselves.

What do FRONTIER readers think of 975 bushels of potatoes being raised on an acre of irrigated land? Seems like a big story don't it? A sort of a fish story. Don't believe it, some of you will say. Well, we didn't see it done; don't know the party who did it, but the publishers of the American Agriculturist paid to him a handsome prize in 1890 for doing so. That year that paper paid out some \$10,000 dollars in cash prizes to potato raisers, and Mr. William J. Sturgis, of Johnson county, N. Y., took first prize on the above yield. Mr. Sturgis land—says the Agriculturist—was sandy loam, no fertilizer except copious irrigation; the water probably rich in potash; hills 2'x3' 1/4 foot apart; number 22,800; cut to one two and three eyes; 1,560 lbs. seed planted; varieties, Early Vermont, Manhattan, Rural New Yorker, No. two and three; varieties, contestant's own seed; profit \$714.00. The potatoes were dug in the presence of witnesses, says the Agriculturist, dried as free from dirt as possible the same day they were dug, and then were weighed and sorted in the presence of witnesses who saw the whole operation and who swore to the accuracy of the report, which the contestant also had to swear to. The American Agriculturist also sent a special representative to all the harvests. Never before were there so many safeguards about a crop contest and never were yields reported so thoroughly reliable. Now who is going to raise the largest yield in Holt county this season, on irrigated land. THE FRONTIER will take pleasure in recording the yields if our farmers will only report them to us.

Program

Of the Holt county Teachers Association, to be held at Ewing, Neb., March 9, 1895, 10:30, A. M.:

Paper—"Importance of the Study of Literature,".....
Miss Annie Lowrie.

Discussion—L. W. Warol, G. C. Haslet.
Paper—"Busy work for Primary and Intermediate Grades,".....
Miss Edith Smith.

Discussion—Sarah Davies, Tillie Mullen.
Paper—"Teaching Pupils to Think,".....
C. L. Anderson.

Discussion—Mabel Cleveland, Phillip Sullivan.
Paper—"Moral Training,".....
Miss Tillie Krebs.

Discussion—C. J. Malone, Maud Gillespie.
Paper—"The Place Rhetoricals should occupy in our Schools,".....
Miss Lizzie Carlon.

Discussion—P. E. Chase, Susie Quilty.
Teachers, and all others interested, are invited to be present.
W. R. JACKSON, Pres.
ANNA SLAYMAKER, Vice-Pres.
PEARL KELLY, Secy.

The Bonds Are Beaten Now.

Graphic: The proposition to bond Holt county to the extent of \$50,000 under the pretense of purchasing seed for indigent farmers, has all the earmarks of a gigantic steal. In every feature of the proposition can be traced the avaricious hand of Shylock, without one mitigating clause to commend it to the favorable consideration of intelligent men. The conditions precedent to secure the seed only makes it possible for farmers to invest in it who are able to purchase seed without availing themselves of this questionable aid. In this region where crop returns are extremely hazardous, no prudent man will burden himself with a debt drawing 17 per cent. interest, where there is not one chance out of five to reap any returns on the investment. The scheme is clearly diabolical and villainous, coined in the interest of a few money sharks in and around O'Neill—parasites who only consume, but never produce anything useful for mankind. The farmer who tumbles to this adroit scheme of speculative chicanery is to be pitied for his stupidity.

Special Sale

For the next thirty days we will sell, regardless of their cash value, 200 pairs of gloves and mittens, 150 pairs felt boots, 50 suits of under wear for men, and boys, and a lot of other goods too numerous to mention. These goods must be sold to make room for our spring goods, which will arrive about the first of March. Call quick and get bargains. These goods will be sold at half price for the next thirty days only at SULLIVAN'S MERCANTILE CO.

Alfalfa Growers.

Please send to Director, Experiment Station, Lincoln, Neb., the name and address of any person in your county or in the state, who has any land sown to alfalfa. The experiment station is to issue another bulletin on this subject and the director wishes to get the actual experience of growers in the state, as well as the total acreage sown. The bulletin when issued will be sent to you.

The F. E. and M. V. Ry. will ship all kinds of grain and feed except flour and other mill stuff, at the following low rates: From all points in Illinois on the C. and N. W. Ry., to all points in Holt county: 20c per 100 lbs. Regular tariff is 33c. From all points in Iowa to any point in Holt county: 15c per 100 lbs. Regular tariff is 25c. From Omaha, Council Bluffs, Missouri Valley, Sioux City and intermediate points: 10c per 100 lbs. Regular tariff is 16c. Minimum weight 24,000 per car. Taking effect Feb. 11 as an emergency matter to cover present condition in Nebraska. Expires March 31, '95. W. J. DOBBS, Agt.

Announcement.

O'NEILL, NEB., Feb. 12, '95—To our Friends and the General Public—Having opened a General Merchandise Store in the old Henrickson stand we will be prepared to attend to the wants of our customers on and after this date. We have a full and complete line of Dry Goods, Boots and Shoes, Gloves and Mittens, Hats Caps and Groceries.

Having purchased this entire stock of General Merchandise at sheriff's sale and at about half their cash market value, we are therefore in a position to give you bargains that no one—buying these goods in the regular market—can duplicate. It will pay you to call and get our prices. We will guarantee you lower prices than you can get elsewhere. We will be glad to show you through our goods and you can judge for yourselves by their quality and price, whether or not they are bargains. We sell exclusively for cash, and this, coupled with the fact that we got our goods at half price, is the reason we can sell them so much cheaper than any other merchant in the city and then make a fair profit. Call and see us, and take advantage of these great bargains. Times are hard and the place where you can get the most goods for the least money is the place to make your purchases. Don't forget the place—Henrickson's old stand—one door west of Morris & Co's. drug store.

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