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WISCONSIN WHISKERS

of Interest Told As They Are Told to Us.

AND HOW IT HAPPENED

Happenings Portrayed For General Edification and Amusement.

Little is visiting friends in Iowa.

Gallagher had business in Stuart Saturday night.

Hershiser has been sick of the city this week.

J. P. Spittler, of Ewing, had business in the city last week.

Doyle expects to take charge of postoffice about April 1.

J. Hayes is in Chicago this week. Expected to return Sunday.

The Sullivan Mercantile Co. take Butte Eggs in trade for goods. 35-3.

King your Butter and Eggs to the Dan Mercantile Co. 35-3.

Florida Oranges on Saturday next, per dozen, O'NEILL GROCERY CO.

G. Cortelyou, of Omaha, was in the Monday on business before the

evening display of Spring and Summer Millinery at Mrs. Nichols, March 20.

F. Biglin and Wm. Laviolette went to Sioux City Monday, returning Tuesday evening.

E. Scott and Hez Chambers were in the city Monday on business before county court.

Wurt re-convicted last Wednesday, Judge Kinkaid presiding. The jury returned Thursday.

O. Snyder and J. P. Mann are in town again this week. They went in Monday morning.

Misses Murtha and Smith, of Ewing, are in the city visiting the family of Mr. Clarence Selah.

Butter and Eggs wanted at J. P. Mann's in exchange for Dry Goods, Groceries, etc. 36-2

M. Hull, of Norfolk, representing Hatch Hotel Register Co., of Des Moines, Ia., is in the city this week.

In the neighborhood of seventy-five tons were in from Boyd Monday for purpose of transporting seed grain.

A new line of Dried Fruits, Fish and Canned Goods, just received. Try our Sugar Molasses at 35c per gallon.

J. P. MANN.

Romaine Saunders took a lay-off Monday on account of a sore eye. Homer Newell took his place as news editor on the Short Line.

Mrs. Clarence Selah returned Monday night from the southern part of the state, where she went to attend the funeral of her mother.

THE FRONTIER does not desire the right to pay off a mortgage that does not exist. If he will only bequeath to his whiskers we will be content.

Keep your eye on our bulletin board, when you come to town for special favors; we are in the grocery business and don't forget it.

O'NEILL GROCERY CO.

Emil Sniggs is building an addition to his plow factory and blacksmith shop. His business has so increased that the addition became necessary in order to properly look after the wants of his patrons.

Geo. McArthur, of the Atkinson Graphic, expects in a short time to remove with his family to Oregon. He hopes that his wife may enjoy better health in the salubrious climate of the coast.

Mrs. Blinco and family have moved to Olden, Mo., where they have purchased a farm and will make their future home. THE FRONTIER will visit them weekly and keep them posted as to their county happenings.

The clouds which so many have seen hovering over the big ditch project are breaking away and the sun will soon be shining. A FRONTIER reporter yesterday called upon Mr. McHugh, secretary of the company, and inquired for the latest. That gentleman said that the company had been disappointed in its contemplated meeting of New York and Chicago parties in Chicago, on account of one of the Chicago gentlemen being absent from the city; but that arrangements had almost been completed whereupon Donald W. Campbell, the noted civil engineer of Denver, would take charge of the survey and that he was confident work would be commenced on the west end not later than May 1.

We are reliably informed that a big alfalfa farm will be opened out under the Elkhorn ditch this summer. Let the good work go on.

Charles Hemstreet has leased twenty acres of his irrigated farm under the Elkhorn ditch to a Mr. Babcock. Mr. Babcock will put in twenty acres of potatoes, four acres of cabbages and one acre of onions.

The North Nebraska Teachers' Association will hold their ninth annual meeting at Norfolk, April 3, 4 and 5. A \$50.00 silk flag will be presented to the county having the largest percentage of its teachers who are in actual service, present at the meeting. Special rates at all hotels.

Sanford Parker and Cal Moffat came over from Spencer last Saturday to see the glove contest that was advertised to come off in the rink in the evening. The match had been indefinitely postponed and the Boyd county sports were disappointed. They returned home Monday afternoon.

Our attention has been called to an article in a late issue of the Marengo, Ill., Republican, wherein one, Mrs. J. Hewitt Broadus, of Ewing, represents herself as local agent of the state relief commission and calls vociferously for aid, to be shipped to her address. THE FRONTIER is authorized by Ewing parties to state that Mrs. Broadus is not a member of the state relief commission. All supplies shipped into the state should be shipped direct to headquarters at Lincoln, or to the county relief commission, to be found at county seats always.

A young man of some twenty-two or twenty-three years sauntered into the electric light plant the other evening, and after gazing intently about for a few minutes, approached Electrician Hershiser and said: "Say mister, I've heard a good deal about electric light plants and I'd like to see one growing. Where do you keep the plant in this establishment?" Mr. Hershiser is afflicted with heart failure anyway and he swooned away upon the spot. However, he fell where the fly-wheel fanned him into consciousness again, when he informed the gentleman that he was in the center of the blossom and surrounded by the calyx of the posey.

Cattle rustlers in Keya Paha county last Thursday murdered a woman by the name of Holten. It is thought that she knew a little too much in regard to the operations of the gang, and was willing to tell it in court. She lived alone on a farm, her husband being confined in the insane asylum at Norfolk. The body had been caused by strangulation after the mob had maltreated the woman in the most brutal and lustful manner. Two men named Miller and Hunt are under arrest charged with the crime. Attorney General Churchill received a telegram from the governor Tuesday requesting him to proceed to the scene of the crime and make an investigation. It is high time these proceedings received a quietus.

A class of the high school will give an oratorical contest in the rink Tuesday evening March 26. The following members of the school will take part: Miss Terry O'Sullivan, Miss Maggie Hurley, Miss Alice Cronin, Miss Pearl Hawk, Miss Lettie Gillespie, Will Lowrie, Charles Meals and Parnell Golden. The recitations will come under the head of oratorical, dramatic and humorous. The object is to select two representatives to attend the North Nebraska Oratorical contest which takes place at Norfolk April 5. The two contestants receiving the highest marking will be selected to represent the O'Neill school. Admission 25 cents. Proceeds above expenses to go to school library. All patrons of the school should attend.

Our widely known citizen, Mr. Henry Haynes, has returned from a tour through south Mississippi, where he visited his lately acquired farm. He reports most favorably on that section, and says: "I was most hospitably received and entertained by the people of Summit, Miss., near which little city is located my farm. They gave ample evidence that they would cordially greet and lend every energy to the desirable locating of the right sort of people. The land is good and adapted to a variety of crops, and the price of land is low. To those of my friends who desire to make enquiries we can cheerfully recommend the firm of J. H. Ryan & Co., which showed me various courtesies. I enjoyed several amusing war talks with men who had been in battles with me—on the other side. Any information desired that we can give will be cheerfully given by me to all who address me at Inman, Neb." Mr. Haynes will soon move his family to Summit, Miss.

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

Following are the prices which the Elkhorn Irrigation company will ask for water the coming season: To parties owning a water right, \$1.00 per acre. No water will be sold to parties owning land under the ditch and not buying a water right. Those owning 120 acres of land or more must own water right on not less than 120 acres in order to buy water. Those owning less than 120 acres of land must own water right on whatever number of acres of land they own. Water for wild hay or pasture land will be sold at 50c per acre. The company builds no laterals or lateral boxes except at the expense of the parties using the water.

Barney Ryan, manager of the O'Neill Grocery Co., is a persistent and judicious advertiser and makes money by the liberal use of printers' ink. Last week he inserted a little two-line local in THE FRONTIER, announcing a "drive" on oranges for the following Saturday, and in consequence thereof disposed of over 1,200 on that day, and it wasn't a busy day either. People of to-day are newspaper readers and always watch the columns of their local paper for bargains. The wide-awake business man who knows how and when to place the advantages of his wares before the public is the man who knows that advertising pays. The man who has no inducements to offer the trade is always firm in the belief that "it don't pay to advertise" and looks upon the local paper as an eleemosynary institution and therefore without intention or ability to give value received for money invested in its advertising columns. Cobwebs and must can always be found on the goods of such business men.

It is said that a meeting of the Holt county vigilance committee was held at Eagle Mills last Saturday, and that Geo. Mullihan presided. A delegation from the Boyd county association was there for the purpose—we understand—of forming an alliance between the two, but when the chairman read the iron-clad oath and other obligations which they would be compelled to take in order to form the combination and make it co-operative the Boyd county "outfit" weakened—they didn't care to obligate themselves to cut a throat or assist at a lynching at the behest of their more blood-thirsty associates—and hastened to place the ghostly valley and rapid waters of the Niobrara between them and their would-be brothers. They reported to parties on the other side that a Winchester rifle occupied the place of a gavel on the table of the chairman, that armed guards were stationed about the building and that every member was well "heeled" with death-dealing weapons. How long are the state authorities going to allow this state of affairs to exist?

Waterloo Courier: Mr. Conrad Wetlaufer and Mr. M. F. Harrington, both of O'Neill, Neb., and members of local relief committees, ask the charitable people of Waterloo and surrounding country to send them anything in the way of clothing, food or grain, but would prefer a car of corn. They say that people there are destitute and have no money to pay even freight on supplies, and request that if anything be sent them, the freight be paid here. Waterloo has contributed liberally to the sufferers in Nebraska, but there may be some yet who can spare something for those who are in dire want and distress.

O, rust from the widow's mite! Mike Harrington a member of the local relief committee! The only work of that nature that he is now engaged in is in relieving the county treasury of money to pay his attorney fees. Car loads of grain—freight prepaid—might be properly distributed by him and again they might not be. While it is true that such provisions may be needed in this section, it is also true that the county has committees organized under state laws, with headquarters in O'Neill, to whom all donations should be shipped.

Now that the Jew is devoting so much of his "valuable space" to besmirch Water Commissioner Hall, it is amusing to glance back over the files of the Smudge and note how its editor has become entangled in a web of his own weaving. In his issue of June 15, '94, he said:

The critics who have so freely combed Chas. Hall for performing labor on Sunday will undoubtedly at this time see the necessity for such work being attended to promptly. He worked hard all day Sunday putting in a broken water gate in the main running east from the school house, and it was only by his good judgment in doing so that the fire company was able to utilize the water works in the destructive blaze of Sunday night. Water Commissioner Hall is all right.

Now since the publication of that article Mr. Hall has attended as strictly and faithfully to his duties as before, but incurred the Jew's ill-will by exerting himself in an effort to uphold the law of the land by apprehending the murderers of Barrett Scott. In so doing of course Mr. Hall thought he was right, and there differed from the Jew, who thinks such things are wrong. He must think such commendable actions wrong, otherwise he would not use them as an argument against Mr. Hall, in the face of the following sentiment expressed by him in his paper:

The wise man will think twice before he indorses a thing he knows to be wrong, just because it is being used to help his side of the controversy.

SCOTT CASE DISMISSED

Attorney General Dismisses the Murder Cases.

COUNTY ATTORNEY OBJECTS

Murphy Says Churchill Has Not the Power to Prosecute.

A not unexpected move in the Scott murder trial was made Tuesday. Attorney General Churchill arrived in the city during the afternoon, and court being in session, filed the following motion:

MOTION TO ANNUL THE PROSECUTION
In the district court of Holt county, Neb.—The State of Nebraska vs. George Mullihan, Moses T. Elliott, Merto Roy and Alfred Harris.

Now comes the State of Nebraska and moves the dismissal of the above cause for the reason that upon investigation of the whole question of facts and the law a conviction cannot be had in Holt county. A. S. CHURCHILL, Atty. Gen.

This motion was filed by the attorney general without consulting the county attorney, Mr. Murphy not being in the court-room. When Mr. Murphy learned of the proceeding he was very indignant. It was a matter of great surprise to him that an insignificant attorney of a little state like Nebraska should come up here and ignore the great and mighty lawyer of a big county like Holt, so he immediately filed a motion to quash the attorney general—to have him enjoined from taking charge of the case and usurping and exercising the duties of the county attorney. His motion is altogether too long for publication, but it ended with the following paragraph:

Wherefore I, H. F. Murphy, as county attorney of Holt county, Nebraska, move the court to make an order prohibiting and restraining the said A. S. Churchill from taking charge, control and management of the prosecution on the trial of the above action on the part of the state, I further moves the court to make an order prohibiting and restraining the said A. S. Churchill from usurping and exercising the duties and functions of the office of county attorney of Holt county Nebraska, and from interfering with said officer in the performance of his official duties in the prosecution of this case.

Another motion was also filed by the county attorney, which objected to the dismissal of the case for the reason that the attorney general was not the county attorney and was not authorized by law to dismiss the case over the objection of the county attorney; and for the further reason that he had in his possession conclusive evidence that the crime had been committed in Holt county, and the evidence was sufficient upon which to base a prosecution and conviction.

An evening session was held for Mr. Murphy to conclude his argument in the premises, in reply to which the attorney general briefly stated that he was here at the request of the governor and senate, and in accordance with the statute, and that was all he had to say. The section of the statute giving him authority to appear in the case was published in THE FRONTIER last week.

In rendering his decision Judge Kinkaid said it was indeed unfortunate that trouble had arisen in the camp of the prosecution, and that it was a matter that ought to have been settled among themselves, and in fact a question he should not have been called upon to decide. But the county attorney having refused the court's suggestion to confer with the attorney general, left a question for him to decide and he would decide it. He called attention to the fact that Mr. Churchill has had charge of the case from the beginning without objection from the county attorney up to the time of postponement last month. He reviewed the law briefly and gave it as his decision that the attorney general had a legal right to take charge of the prosecution, therefore had a right to enter a nolle prosequi, and the motion to annul was sustained, the defendants dismissed and their bondsmen released from further responsibility.

While making his decision the judge chose an opportune moment to correct a mistaken idea that had arisen among a portion of the public in regard to adjournments in criminal cases. He referred to the law covering the matter which may be found in chapter 38, Secs. 389, 390, 391 and 392, of the Nebraska statutes.

WILL TAKE THEM TO BOYD.

From subsequent developments it appears that it was not the intention of the attorney general that the accused should go hence without day. He had been over to Boyd county and secured warrants for the defendants, and we are informed, several others not heretofore implicated. Sheriff Staniford, of Boyd, arrived in the city Tuesday afternoon with several deputies. It was his intention to arrest the men as soon as they were released, but when they were discharged they were not in court and none but friends knew of their whereabouts.

However, Wednesday morning they were found in jail.

Most diligent search and inquiry failed to reveal upon whose complaint they were arrested. County Attorney Murphy denied any knowledge or complicity in the affair. This move, of course, was made to prevent an arrest by Boyd county authorities.

Harry Stanton, the man who was working for Harris at the time the crime was committed, was arrested Wednesday, together with Jim Pinkerman and August Oberle and taken by the Boyd county sheriff to that county.

The attorneys for the prosecution and defense came to an understanding last night and an agreement was reached whereby the prisoners were turned over to the Boyd county sheriff, who started for Butte with them this morning. The agreement was that they should be released on \$5,000 bail.

O'Neill Explains.

CHELSEA, NEB., March 11, '95.

EDITORS FRONTIER—Gentlemen: I notice in your last issue you accuse me of writing some of the different articles which appeared in the Beacon Light. I have and am still writing the "Age of Thought" and have never tried to conceal the fact.

I never wrote an article against any person or paper for publication, only those which I wrote condemning Lesenger, (the editor of the Independent three years ago) one of the articles was published in your paper the other one was published in the Alliance Tribune. I have never published, or written for publication, one word against either of the editors of THE FRONTIER, or against THE FRONTIER either, or any other person, for if I had anything to say against anyone, it would suit me better to say it to them.

Now on the Scott business: In the article "Leather Stockings" he, Scott, is severely condemned and so are all secret societies.

Again, Mr. FRONTIER, I never denounced secret societies, or wrote one word against them. It is a rule of mine not to condemn what I do not understand, nor do I ever shield my ignorance behind an insinuation, or seek refuge behind a "nom de plume."

In Barrett Scott's election or campaign, I guess it is well known, I voted for him and did what I could for his election. My enemies then said he had "hired me, and that I had sold out." The assertion was untrue; he did not have to buy me nor did he try to in that campaign. It was said that Joe Bartley and Cheve Hazelet made the trade with me and paid me \$500. Ask Cheve the truth of that report.

If I ever received any of the county money, it was long after Scott was elected, and through the control of a bank by its claim on deposits, and I was a third party to the loan while the bank and I arranged the conditions and interest, and this I can prove, by as respectable men as are in Holt county, and I will not go out of Scott's circle of friends or the republican party either to find them. In regard to Scott, further, I was his friend before election; I was his friend after election up to his death, and I am his friend yet, and no man can truthfully say he ever heard me denounce him.

It matters not to me what reason the author of "Leather Stockings" had to write so severely against Barrett Scott, I at least had no right to do so, and, for this reason I never did. Barrett Scott always treated me friendly and no person outside his family circle in Holt county, was any more anxious for his successful release from prison or danger than I, and I can, without much trouble, prove this also by his best and most respectable friends, and by what you consider, apparently, some of his bitterest enemies.

When a person's sentiments are spoken, regardless of who they please or displease, there are always enough people, who are truthfully inclined, to acknowledge his position, and I hope those friends and the family of Barrett, for whom I entertain a regard, will not think that now, when he is dead, I would be base enough to hide behind a "nom de plume" and abuse his memory to their mortification.

My sentiments were freely spoken at all times, and were always spoken with the same import. I did not subside into silence when among his enemies, for fear of gaining their ill will; nor were my expostulations against his enemies the loudest, when among his friends, for the sake of gaining their good will.

I draw my own conclusions from surrounding circumstances, and I exercise the right of their expression regardless of friend or foe, on all subjects, be they theological, political, partisan or factional. I am never aggressive in contention and assail none who do not assail me, and believe that truth and civility can be exercised, without either threat or insinuation. In regard to the article "Old Settler," I have nothing to say only if there are any errors there let them be exposed and the proper author may defend them.

In your publications of the past, you refer to my efforts to side with the majority. I would prefer to have that decided by those who know from experience whether I shield myself behind a majority or not. Some of those who are not very friendly toward me now, might, from personal knowledge, decide that question.

Complete exposure is right in all things. I court no silence or dread or craftiness. If, on investigation, you find you have been misinformed, please to state the same; but if, on the contrary, your suspicions are well founded, and those insinuations you have made, are all based on truth, please so state it, but try and get your information from those who are acquainted with the truth.

Yours etc.,
HUGH O'NEILL.

"The Lancashire Lass."
On April 15, the Academy Dramatic Company will present the celebrated drama entitled the "Lancashire Lass," or "Tempted, Tried and True," a domestic melodrama in a prologue and four acts, by Henry J. Bryon. The following is the cast of characters:

Robert Redburn (an Adventurer)—Comedy
Ned Clayton (a Young Engineer)—Comedy
O. F. Biglin
Johnston (Character Lead)—Robert Marsh
Spotty (Lew Comedy)—John A. Mullen
Danville (Old Man)—John A. Harmon
Kirby (A Yeoman—Old Man)—Denis Hunt
Jellick (Lew Comedy)—Timothy Dwyer
Sergeant Donovan (Irishman)—M. F. Brennan
Phil Andrews (Utility)—Leahcim Nannerb
Milder (Utility)—Michael Brennan
Kately (Utility)—Leahcim Nannerb
Postman (Utility)—M. Patrick Brennan
Ruth Kirby (Lead)—Miss Maggie Harrington
Kate Garstone (Lew Comedy)—Mrs. T. Hanley
Fannie Danville (Walking Lady)—Miss Mamie Cullion

Died in Venezuela.

Mrs. M. V. Chatterton, of Auburn, N. Y., formerly of Cortland county, died in Maracalbo, Venezuela, S. A., February 8, 1895, after a five days' illness from congestion of the lungs. She went there in November with her husband who was sent by McIntosh, Seymour and Co., of Auburn, to set up one of their engines in an electric light station in that place. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Greenman, former residents of Truxton, her father died January 15, 1895, from injuries produced from being run over by a log sled in Evansville, Wis., an account of the accident being published in the Standard. Her mother still resides in Evansville. Mrs. Chatterton was buried in Venezuela and her husband has returned to the United States and is now in Cortland, which was his former home.—Cortland Evening Standard.

Mrs. Chatterton resided in O'Neill about three years ago; her husband worked at the round house. They built the cottage in Fahy's Park. She was also a class-mate of Prof. Jackson. Her many friends will learn with sorrow of her sudden demise.

Presented With a Watch.

M. Stafford, formerly road master on this division of the F. E. and M. V., but lately transferred to another division, was presented with a handsome watch by the railroad boys of his old division. The following lines accompanied the present:

The foreman of each section,
From Nellig to Long Pine,
Has shown a kind affection,
To a master of their line.
They say he was so pleasant
And never made a botch;
They owed to him a present
And bought for him a watch.
The present they have offered,
As pure as they could find,
They gave it to M. Stafford,
Who used them all so kind.
It gives those foremen pleasure
To speak in compliment,
And argue at their leisure
Of where their master went.
They sent the present to him,
Down on the Scribner line,
And others who may know him
May see his golden sign.

Refused to Explain.

STAR, NEB., MARCH 18, 1895.

EDITORS FRONTIER—Dear Sirs—A few days ago I wrote a letter to the Beacon Light in reply to an article I saw therein in regard to some relief corn that was distributed in this precinct. The Beacon Light did not publish the letter, but made some comments upon it in a way which leads me to think that its editor does not care to publish the truth in regard to the matter, although he says he has often warned his correspondents to give him nothing but facts for publication. Now, here is the letter which was given the Beacon Light for publication:

STAR, NEB., MARCH 7, 1895.

EDITOR BEACON LIGHT—Dear Sirs—I see in your issue of the Beacon Light of March 1st, an article in which you say Frank Phillips is a very "smooth duck," etc., and that the last "grand coup" of this eminent time-server of boodlesism was when he had charge, in his official capacity, of the distribution of about seventy-five bushels of relief corn. You also say: "we are informed that the poor widows did not get a kernel while able-bodied men were given two bushels each, and such 'walking cyclones' as John Menzie got four." Now, as I was one of the men that handed out that corn I wish to say that those statements are misleading. In the first place Frank Phillips was at O'Neill at the time the corn was given out, he having turned it over to a member of the township relief committee to distribute. There was no orders from Mr. Phillips except that the corn be given to those who most needed it for bread and other uses. The corn was taken to Dorsey and there distributed without regard to party or creed.

I am glad to say that the people over this way are able-bodied and one of the most able-bodied ones shouldered a sack of the corn and took it over to the grist mill and gave orders that it be ground for the only widow now living at Dorsey. There are other widows living in the township. I don't know whether they wanted any of the corn or not. If they had it seems likely that the relief committee would have been notified of the fact, as they all have teams and some of them have boys at home. It is safe to say that there is not one person in this community but that could have had some of that corn for the asking. As to the amount given each applicant: two bushels was the average. There were a few people, however, who only got one bushel each, and one of those was the "walking cyclone" whom you referred to as walking off with four bushels. Now, if all the statements in the Beacon Light are as true as the above, which all of us pups agree to be correct, I am afraid that if we should get to that good place you spoke of first there would be no room for the other fellows.

HENRY HARRIS.