

THE FRONTIER.

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

The sewer broke again last week and another half-column of sulphureted gas escaped.

It is not essential that Bro. Bates should concern himself about King's compensation. Virtue is often its own reward.

It looks as though somebody has been doing a little forcing on the division question. If that be true somebody has been forced.

The man who says this paper ever supported the Atkinson plan of division, if not a deliberate liar is a muchly mistaken individual. This paper said that the Atkinson proposition had less to recommend it than the one advocated by O'Neill, and further, that the only division that could carry would be a straight two-county cut west of Emmet. That's exactly what we said.

Few weekly papers possess editorial merit equal to that which has made the North-Western Catholic a brilliant light in the constellation of religious publications. Mr. Brennan, its editor, is a scholar and a writer whose productions are pleasingly destitute of ambiguity, while his religious arguments, permeated with tolerance and fairness, cannot put challenge admiration.

The press gang is roasting the state fair officials to a nicety. They kick because they have not been furnished a season ticket. THE FRONTIER arises to remark that the state fair will get no favors in these columns, nor will the editors ask any odds of the fair. If we want to see the pumpkins, the sheep, the parsimonious officials and the black bear pig we will present ourselves at the gates and make a tender of a coin of the proper denomination. The fair should be made a success, but the boys who do the advertising should not be treated as unwashed mendicants. If the country press of Nebraska would be respected it must respect itself.

The editor of the Atkinson Graphic went down to Lincoln last week and told to the State Journal a pitiful tale concerning the manner in which the board submitted the question of county division. From its interview with Mr. Jeness the Journal gathered and published among other misleading statements, the following:

Acting under the new law the people of Atkinson and Ewing recently set work and secured what they claim was a majority petition for a proposition to divide the county into exact quarters, to be called Adair, Fountain, Elkhorn and Holt counties. This proposition would leave O'Neill the county seat of Holt, Atkinson the seat of Adair, Ewing the seat of Elkhorn and no settled seat for Fountain county. Those who favored this plan of division presented the matter to the county board and asked that the proposition be submitted to the people, and then the trouble commenced. The board had a plan of its own, intended, it is claimed, to defeat all plans of division, and if that failed to at least have the division after their own hearts and in such a way as to leave Atkinson in the same county with O'Neill and powerless to do anything by ballot. So when the Atkinson plan was presented the board refused to receive the petition but did receive the other proposition and has gone so far as to vote for its submission to the people.

We see no reason why the editor of the Graphic should so terribly mutilate the facts. THE FRONTIER has no love for the board of supervisors but it objects to having them misrepresented: the good Lord knows that the truth is always bad enough. Now the facts are simply these:

Stuart and Chambers filed a petition praying that the three-county division be submitted.

Atkinson and Ewing filed a petition which besought the submission of a four-county proposition.

The board appointed a committee to investigate the merits of the two petitions. The committee worked night and day for a week and finally reported that the Stuart and Chambers petition was first on file; that it had the most signers and in the judgment of the committee was the only legal petition on file. This report was adopted by a vote of 16 to 4 and the proposition submitted by a vote of 18 to 13. The statement that the board refused to consider the Atkinson petition is wholly false.

The Journal says further that Billy Summers has been employed by Jeness to open up the case in the supreme court and that action would be commenced Friday in the supreme court against the board of supervisors. "The exact nature of the suit has not been decided upon," says the Journal, "but it will probably be a suit to compel the supervisors to open up the matter and investigate the petitions of both factions, or in the nature of an injunction to restrain them from submitting the proposition set forth in the alleged fraudulent petition."

This action comes with mighty poor grace from Atkinson. She made her fight and lost and should take defeat philosophically. Supervisor Wine, who led in the fight for Atkinson, sized the situation up about right when he said, after the battle: "Boys, we've no kick coming. They are too smooth for us, that's all."

The legal committee refused to make a detailed statement of its transactions as per order of the board. The board instructed the committee to prepare and submit a statement showing the amount of money received by it; the amounts paid out and to whom and for what; the amounts contracted to be paid; the amount of salary drawn by each member of the committee for committee work performed. The committee, having absolutely refused to throw any light on its business, gives the taxpayers ample license to infer—as THE FRONTIER always has—that something is putrid in Denmark; that the business methods of the committee have been such as to excite the indignation of the people should they stand revealed; that too much cash has been paid to Mike Harrington and the governor of Chihuahua, and that in the matter of personal remuneration it had too freely scratched the chronic eruption in the palm of its own hand. This committee has no legal existence. Warrants drawn in its favor were in direct violation of the statute which makes no provision for a simple appropriation, but says all claims against a county must be filed with the county clerk. In this case no claims were filed, but numerous warrants were drawn payable to the chairman of the legal committee, and now the people are denied the right to even learn what has become of them. If the taxpayers would pay less attention to the leak at the spigot and watch the over-burdened bung-hole they would get their eyes open after awhile.

A CERTAIN O'Neill paper says the people or the cattle thieves will have to leave this part of the state. We see no reason for an exodus on that account. A greater number of men have been murdered in Holt county the past year than there were cattle stolen.

"FRIENDS" OF THE PEOPLE.

The politician, who gets a living out of politics, and by far the greater part of whose business it is to influence votes, invariably poses as the "friend" of the people. Most of the people are poor and hard run; it is natural for them to feel that something or somebody is to blame—sometimes one or the other is—and the designing politician shrewdly turns this condition to his own account. He abuses without stint or distinction the lender whom these people owe; he rails at the property owner, whose lands they till, and whose houses they occupy; he slurs the seller from whom they obtain supplies; he denounces the employer who gives them work; he throws mud savagely at every class, and at every individual toward whom he can hope to direct the prejudice of unfortunate voters. He is a hypocrite. He is a wolf in sheep's clothing. He would, if it served his interests, blast the people he professes to serve. He goes to the legislature or to congress and accepts favors and bribes from unholy corporations and unscrupulous schemers whom he so savagely denounced when talking to the people. For a railroad or a street car pass, or a few shares of stock in a corporation, or in consideration of a "tip," as to the course of a stock on the stock exchange, to be manipulated by his bribers, he barter the people's rights, and lays upon them heavy burdens. To placate one class of voters he hurls epithets at another, to favor one class he levies tribute on and oppresses others, feeling sure always that the wronged ones are in the minority. To advance himself he betrays all, concealing as far as possible his treachery under the cloak of innocence.

It just now suits the purpose of most of these "friends" of the people to pose on what they believe to be the popular side of the silver question in their respective districts or states. The question itself begets prejudices, and they are making the most of those that are natural. They are trying to array class against class, interest against interest, the poor against the rich and well-to-do, sowing seeds of dissatisfaction, socialism and communism. They are trying to make it appear that the interests of different business classes are widely different, and have nothing in common, and that stagnation, contraction and loss will cheer and prosper one class, while it impoverishes and depresses all others. One must keep a pretty clear head, or he will conclude that the world is really out of joint when the preaching of such doctrine by such well known kind of preachers finds eager and attentive listeners. Right thinking and prudent men should denounce instead of embracing such dangerous heresies. Unjust and iniquitous combinations of capital do undoubtedly exist; combinations largely promoted and encouraged in secret by the bribe-taking "friends" of the people; and in the nature of things they will continue to exist until human nature changes or the millennium comes. But they are confined to no business class or condition of men. And even these unrighteous combinations are vitally interested in the prosperity of the country. It is a serious mistake to assume that anybody or any class can prosper on the general misfortunes of the country. It is a mistake fully as great to permit the judgment to be influenced by any office-seeker whose integrity and manhood are not known to be grounded on a rock. How many such did you ever know? How many do you know today? The "friends" of the people are humbugs.—Dollars or What.

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. EDWARD S. FURAY,
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

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.

Checker Barn,
B. A. DeYARMAN, Manager.


CHECKER
Livery, Feed and Sale Stable.
Finest turnouts in the city. Good, careful drivers when wanted. Also run the O'Neill Omnibus line. Commercial trade a specialty.

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.

THE OMAHA WORLD-HERALD
Edited by Ex-Congressman
W. J. BRYAN

Is the greatest newspaper west of the Missouri River.

It advocates FREE SILVER at the present ratio of sixteen to one.

Its news service is the best to be obtained.

Daily, \$6.00 per year; 50 cents per month. Weekly, \$1.00 per year.

Subscriptions for the WORLD-HERALD received at this office

PENNYROYAL PILLS
Chickster's English Diamond Brand.
Original and Only Genuine.
SAFE, always reliable. LADIES all Druggists for Chickster's English Diamond Brand in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with blue ribbon. Take in charge for partisans, sentimentalists and "Belle's for Ladies." In letter, by return Mail, 10-000 Testimonials, Name Paper, Chickster's Chemical Co., Madison, Tennessee, sent by all Local Druggists.

HOTEL

EVANS

Enlarged
Refurnished
Refitted

Only First-class Hotel
In the City.

W. T. EVANS, Prop.

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.

Sioux City, O'Neill and Western Railway
(PACIFIC SHORT LINE)

THE SHORT ROUTE

BETWEEN

SIoux CITY

AND
Jackson, Laurel, Randolph, Osmond, Plainview, O'Neill.

Connects at Sioux City with all diverging lines, landing passengers in

NEW UNION PASSENGER STATION

Homeseekers will find golden opportunities along this line. Investigate before going elsewhere.

THE CORN BELT OF AMERICA

For rates, time tables, or other information call upon agents or address
F. C. HILLIS, Receiver. **W. B. MCNIDER,** Gen'l Pass. Agent.

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.

P. D. & J. F. MULLEN,
PROPRIETORS OF THE

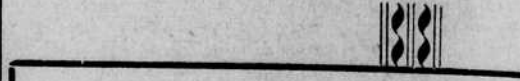
RED - FRONT



GOOD TEAMS, NEW RIGS
Prices Reasonable.
East of McChaffert's. O'NEILL, NEB.

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



Neil Brennan's



John Deere plows, Moline wagons

Bradley & Co's famous Disc cultivator

Riding and walking cultivators,

Glidden wire, stoves, oils, cutlery,



ELKHORN VALLEY PLOW FACTORY.....

O'NEILL, NEB. EMIL SNIGGS, Prop.

Manufactures the Hammell Open Mould-Board Single Plow. Also general blacksmithing and practical horse-drawn

Wagon and Carriage woodwork carried on in connection

All work guaranteed to give satisfaction. Also dealer in

Farm Implements. Handles the Scandi implements of the

Plano Rakes, Mowers and Binders. Parties wishing anything in this line call and see me.

G. W. WATTLES, President. ANDREW RUSSELL,

JOHN McHUGH, Cashier.

THE - STATE - BANK OF O'NEILL.

CAPITAL \$30,000.

Prompt Attention Given to Collect

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.

O'NEILL, NEB.
Page, Allen.

O. O. SNYDER & CO.



ONE DOLLAR PER YEAR

Descriptive of the West and Devoted to Irrigation

WESTERN AMERICA.

A Western Magazine devoted to

Western Interests
Western Literature
and Western Development
Through Irrigation

OF AND FOR

THE WEST

Send 10c. for Sample Copy

Howell Publishing Co.

OMAHA, NEB.

FACTS AND FIGURES.