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NEWS SANS WHISKERS

Items of Interest Told As They Are Told to Us.

WHEN AND HOW IT HAPPENED

Local Happenings Portrayed For General Edification and Amusement.

Six below Monday morning. Whew! P. C. Corrigan is in Omaha on business.

Storm sash of all sizes at O. O. Snyder & Co.'s. 16-17

William Laviollette visited friends in Sioux City last week.

Tracy Gwinn is working for Martin Wintermote at Chambers.

Hot Chocolate, the finest in the world, for 5 cents at Morris & Co.'s. 21-17

These frosty mornings bite alike the ears of the just and the unjust.

If you want NICE CLEAN fresh coal go to O. O. Snyder's. 16-17

Mrs Lee Herbiser entertained a small party of friends last Friday night.

The pupils of the city schools enjoyed a two days' Thanksgiving vacation.

Buy storm sash of O. O. Snyder & Co. and reduce the cost of your winter's coal. 16-17

The presents you want at the prices you like are all included in Morris & Co.'s splendid line of Holiday goods. 23

Bentley will give you value received and a music box and a watch besides. 20-17

The creamery project fell through at the meeting held last Saturday. It was found impossible to raise the required funds.

When you are cold get a mug of hot Beef Tea and a cracker for 5 cents at Morris & Co.'s. 21-17

Newt Mullendore left Wednesday morning for his old home in Illinois, in answer to a telegram announcing the sudden death of his uncle.

Try Clam Bouillon with a cracker at Morris & Co.'s; good as oyster soup and only 10 cents a mug. 21-17

Rev. Lee Hayes came up from Omaha Wednesday night and preached the Thanksgiving sermon in the Presbyterian church.

That Hot Soda at Morris & Co.'s, is out of sight. Lemon, Ginger, Beef Tea, Coffee, or Chocolate, price 5 cents. 21-17

Make your kindfolk and friends happy by selections from Morris & Co. Charming, attractive, useful and serviceable Holiday gifts for old and young.

Remember that a cup of hot Beef Tea contains the substance of half a pound of beef, all for 5 cents at Morris & Co.'s. 21-17

The boys have been pressing the cotton-tail rabbit pretty hard the past week.

Smoke the great Tree-Cutter 5 cent cigar. Nothing better made. Geo. Washington cut the cherry tree—he could not tell a lie, and we don't have to. 21-17

Mike Harrington went over to Boyd Monday to look after his cases in court, which is now in session at Butte.

WANTED—A girl for general housework. Mrs. R. R. Dickson.

George Clark brought into this office Monday a box-elder branch that showed a growth of seven feet the past season. Nothing slow about that, surely.

Art Coykendall, who has been employed on the Atkinson Graphic the last nine months, is again at home in O'Neill having resigned his position in the Star city.

The Ladies Working Society of the Presbyterian church will meet with Mrs. J. H. Meredith, Wednesday afternoon, December 11. A full attendance is desired.

The Elkhorn Irrigation Company have increased their capital stock to \$150,000. This company is in good shape and is bound to make irrigation a winner.

The Ledger will observe that the presence of THE FRONTIER in matters pertaining to the heart is almost infallible—like its presence in nearly every other matter of current popularity.

At the meeting of Holt camp No. 1710 Modern Woodmen of America held Tuesday evening, the following officers were elected: C. W. Hagenack, V. C.; Neil Brennan, W. A.; D. H. Cronin, clerk; Henry Zimmerman, banker; J. P. Gilligan, physician; Emil Sniggs, escort; B. Barrett, Watchman; Thomas McDonough, sentry; O. F. Biglin, delegate. G. C. Hazlet, B. J. Ryan and J. F. Pfunder, managers.

Doc Furay has been appointed to fill a vacancy on the pension board. The board is now composed of Drs. Gilligan and Furay, of O'Neill, and Dr. McDonald, of Atkinson.

The fur coat given away by P. J. McManus, on December 1, for the least number of potatoes weighing sixty pounds was won by John Harrington. Number of potatoes forty-five.

One of the secretaries of the state board of irrigation will be in the city on the 11th to adjudicate the rights of the various claimants to the water rights on the several streams in this county.

O. F. Biglin and Fred Anthony have put in a furniture store at Laurel, on the Short Line, which will be managed by Mr. Anthony. The citizens of Laurel will find Mr. Anthony to be a gentleman in every sense of the word and a valuable acquisition to their business circle.

Judge Kinkaid came down from the west last Saturday morning. He had been holding court in the different counties in the west end, the last sitting being at Harrison, Sioux county. It is expected to finish up the year's business in O'Neill. The adjourned term of Holt county court will re-convene on December 16.

The citizens of Dodge, Neb., have instituted proceedings against the F. E. and M. V. railroad company to recover damages to the amount of \$125,000. The town was nearly wiped out a short time ago and the plaintiffs allege that the blaze was started by a spark from an F. E. engine. These heavy damage suits always make us wonder if the railroads do charge too heavy for transportation. Their liabilities are certainly great.

Fourteen candidates were adopted into the mysteries of Woodcraft last Tuesday night by Holt Camp No. 1710 Modern Woodmen of America, of this city. F. O. Fritz, deputy head consul, was master of ceremonies. After the candidates were initiated the members adjourned to the Hotel Evans where a bounteous feast was prepared to which the Woodmen did ample justice. The occasion was one that will long be remembered by those present.

A party of gouse hunters from the vicinity of Neligh stopped in O'Neill Sunday night on their way home from the Niobrara. One of the party told THE FRONTIER that while on the river they met a hunting party from O'Neill and sold them two geese at 50 cents per head. Jim O'Donnell gave the editor a good cigar to have this matter kept quiet and for that reason we will not mention his name but recommend the reader to Joe Meredith for particulars.

Sing a song of penitence, a fellow full of rye, four and twenty serpents dance before his eye. When his eyes were opened he shouted for his life, wasn't he a pretty chump to go before his wife? His hat was in the parlor underneath a chair, his boots were in the hallway, his coat was on the stair; his trousers in the kitchen, his collar on the shelf, but he hadn't any notion where he was himself. When the morn was breaking, someone heard him call, his head was in the ice box and that was best of all.

Randolph Times: The Times man is very sorry to learn of the mishap to our old friend, W. J. Crow, of the partial loss of his eyesight. We understand he was hurt in some way one day last week on his run between O'Neill and Sioux City, and while at home the same evening talking to his family was suddenly afflicted with blindness. We understand further that it is of the intermittent order and the doctors think they can partially restore him. We hope his restoration will be rapid and permanent.

The secretaries of all public meetings held in Holt county in general and in O'Neill in particular, can place THE FRONTIER under eternal obligations to them by furnishing a copy of the minutes to this office for publication. The average country newspaper has no corps of salaried reporters to chase the illusive news item down the byways; the editor is not omnipresent, and the paper is therefore more or less dependent upon the public for its news service. A genuine item of news is always gratefully received?

At a meeting of the city council Monday evening Mayor Biglin recommended that the electric lights now used on the streets be cut off, and that the contract with the light company for pumping be canceled. The matter was put to a vote and carried. The city's finances are in pretty bad shape and the mayor thought a considerable saving could be made every month in this manner. John McHugh, manager of the plant, says he hasn't made up his mind yet whether or not this action by the council will result in the shutting down of the plant. However, nothing will be done before the first of the year.

Judge Kinkaid and Reporter King went over to Butte Monday morning to hold court. The 4-below nor'western that fanned their whiskers on the way over probably caused them to observe that the duties of official life are sometimes other than feats of ease and luxury.

Inter Ocean: An exchange speaking of Chicago papers remarks to its readers, "sustain your home paper first." That is right. The Inter Ocean has never sought to break down, but to encourage the home papers. Every community should take pride in making its local paper a success. The reader of a good local newspaper is very sure to cultivate a taste for a wider field.

The kind of a dollar the populists really want, an exchange thinks, is like this: What we want is a dollar easy to get and hard to let go; a dollar that will pay \$4 worth of debts and then come back by reason of a string attachment, a dollar that snuggles easy in the pocket of John Smith, but withers like the manna of old in the safe of a railroad president. A dollar that will buy some flour while it buys much whisky and tobacco; a dollar that is above drawing interest, and yet will double itself while the owner sits in the shade and spits at a crack in the pavement. A dollar that will circulate without depreciation; will buy shoes for the baby, while it buys fun for a man in places where he can't take his wife; a dollar that will surely repair the waste of both appetite and bad judgment; a dollar that comes to the lap of indolence like worms to the craw of a featherless robin; a dollar that will remove the sentence pronounced upon Adam, and reverse the order of nature and transform the nature of man.

Miss Lillian Bell, the clever Chicago authoress, prints rather a caustic view of "The Man Under Thirty-Five" in the December Ladies' Home Journal. She asserts that conversation with a man under thirty-five is impossible, because the man under thirty-five never converses; he only talks. And your chief accomplishment of being a good listener, is entirely thrown away on him, because he does not in the least care whether you listen or not. Neither is it of any use for you to show that he has surprised or shocked you. He cares not for your approval or disapproval. He is utterly indifferent to you, not because you do not please him, but because he has not seen you at all. He knows you are there in that chair; he bows to you in the street, oh yes! He knows your name and where you live. But you are only an entity to him, not an individual. He cares not for likes or dislikes, your cares, or hopes, or fears. He only wants you to be pretty and well dressed. Have a mind if you will. He will not know it. Have a heart and a soul. They do not concern him. He wants you to be tailor-made. You are a girl to him. That's all.

DOLL TO BE GIVEN AWAY.
See the beautiful doll at Morris & Co.'s. A ticket given with each 50-cent purchase of holiday goods. 23-3

THANKSGIVING DAY.
Thanksgiving day was decorously observed in O'Neill. Religious services were held at the various churches and were largely attended. Business houses closed at noon in order to give the clerks a half holiday. Most all of O'Neill families had a Thanksgiving turkey, and the tables "groaned with the delicacies of the season."

A turkey shoot in the afternoon was diversion for the sports and little inconvenience to the birds. The range was 200 yards, but the gun used would only shoot about two-thirds the distance and but one fowl was wounded, and that not dangerously. Andy Gallagher was the successful marksman.

The dance given in the evening under the auspices of the O'Neill Dancing Club was a most enjoyable affair and was attended by a large number. This was the first of a series of dances to be given by the club during the winter.

YOU KNOW IT.
If you don't come and see for yourself those superb Christmas goods at Morris & Co.'s. 23-17

TO THE PUBLIC:
We wish to call your attention to the fact that the Pacific Short Line is again making through train connection at O'Neill.

East bound train leaves O'Neill at 9:55 A. M., immediately after arrival of train from Black Hills and reaches Sioux City at 2:35 P. M. This is affording a through route to all points in North-eastern Nebraska, and saving three hours time to Sioux City. Depots at O'Neill are only a block apart and you need not be afraid of missing connection. Buy local tickets to O'Neill and re-buy there. 21-17

THE TEACHERS' MEET.

The Holt County Teachers' Association which convened in O'Neill on Saturday, November 23, had a most interesting session. The attendance was surprisingly large and all seemed anxious to make the meeting a success by taking an enthusiastic part in discussion. The O'Neill teachers are always most hospitable entertainers, and helped largely to make the season an enjoyable one. The first paper, "Marking pupils," seemed to elicit much diverse discussion, but the general consensus of opinion seemed to tend toward monthly or even term examinations in place of weekly; toward the disuse of the tally marking system as taking too much time, and toward a double base for promotions. The daily recitation as well as the written examination to be the test of promotion.

The paper, "How to Promote Friendly Relations Between Parent and Teacher" by R. Cross, of Atkinson, was well received and highly appreciated. Mrs. Clark, who opened the discussion, thought with Mr. Cross that being one's natural self always, and especially on the first day of school, is an essential point. That the teacher should always admit his mistakes. That parents may be induced to visit schools by having pupils write letters to their homes from the school room, and by inviting the parents to literary programs given by the pupils. Teachers under-rate their influence. The teacher's influence does not end with the school, but goes on forever and forever. Mr. Anderson thought it not always best to inform the parent as to poor work being done by the child.

One of the most practical and helpful papers presented at our association for many a long day was that by Miss Minnie Gayer, of Atkinson, "What to Teach in Geography, and Why." Some noteworthy points were, the teaching of location not to be decried as a mere memory burdener—reason from climate to production—use outline instead of the map questions found in text books—outside reading, especially of books of travel, recommended in the study of people, their customs, etc.—vary your methods in order to retain interest—topical method the best, although occasional questioning is good. Mrs. Ward opened the discussion. She thought the teaching of physical formation the foundation of all geographical study. Mrs. Clark was in favor of much map drawing, sand moulding and the use of books of travel as supplementary reading. Mr. Cross thought map drawing best allotted the pupil for home work. Mr. Chase added interesting points to the discussion.

"What the Public Schools Should Do for Our Boys and Girls," was the subject of an interesting paper by Miss Adelaide Murtha, of Ewing. She thought the instilling of right principles the essential thing. "The lives of children are as putty and are moulded by the teacher." Other necessary things were, a knowledge of good literature, the ability to write well, a thorough understanding of business and social forms of written intercourse, and a knowledge of governmental affairs. Mr. Anderson, opening the discussion, emphasized the point made in regard to the instilling of right principles. The aim of the teacher should be character building. Interest the pupil in good literature. Right reading is as necessary as right food. Read to your pupils.

Miss Lowrie, in her paper, "The Teacher's Outside Preparation," described her ideal teacher. She emphasized the fact that only the live teacher is needed, and that the teacher should magnify his office. Mr. Henry thought that if the country teacher of Holt county did not magnify his office, and with a very powerful lens at that, no one would be able to see it at all.

Mention must be made of the really fine instrumental music rendered by the high school orchestra and a trio of little tots from the primary room who sang most charmingly. Also the pleasing solo with which Miss Sullivan favored us.

In the evening the teachers were given a treat in the shape of a lecture on the mammoth cave of Kentucky by Prof. Ostein, of Creighton. Prof. Ostein is a pleasing speaker and all expressed themselves as highly entertained.

Miss Pearl Kelley, Secretary pro tem.

PHOTOGRAPHS CHRISTMAS.
I will be in my gallery December 3, 4, 5 and 6. A. H. CORBETT.

NOTICE TO FARMERS:
The Elkhorn Irrigation Company will furnish land, seed and water for one-third of the crop, to farmers who will put a sod crop in under their irrigation canal during the cropping season of 1896. Parties wishing to contract will please call at the company's office and earn details. All contracts must be closed by January 1st. 19-17
ELKHORN IRRIGATION COMPANY.

A "RUSTED SKERN."

The following letter, which we publish verbatim ad litteram, was handed us by a "sand hill" farmer who had a brother infected with southern fever some year ago and who emigrated to Arkansas. The gentleman's early educational advantages were evidently meagre but he has succeeded in giving a very graphic and amusing description of the resources of his vicinity and his "skern" to get away:

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deer Bil this is thanksgivin and it hes bin nigh onto six year now sence i left newbrasky for this dernd-cuntry wher they call the poor mans parrydiso i lowd ide jest stop hear in arcainsaw till ide rot afore ide ever ask fur help to git back after the way i talked to ya bout leavin the old place and cumin down hear where i lowd we cud git a sure crop evry year but the rottin process is purty dernd alow and i lowd as how youd ben havin good crops up thair this year you mite be willin to help youre old Brother jake to git back to newbrasky sence more i hav ben expectin evry year that the next one wood be better and i cud sel enuf to cum home but it is jest the same al the time what was writ in them papers bout the farmers hevint to ride in thair waggins to shuck thair corn is all a dernd lie i aint seen no corn that hi exopt in places where you wood haf to hev a noey's Ark instid uv a waggin to shuck it they aint nuthin hear to sel lessn its a fu hogs and you haf to orgynize the hul nayborhood like we yousto to hunt Cyoles in newbrasky to ketch the kriters the hay hear is like what we call slew gras in newbrasky and is tuffen tripe the Taters is big enuf but is so peaky soggy they aint fit to eat cabbiges is purty fare when they dont bust open and rot and the unyuns is al top they is sum frute hear wild graips and plums and water berys they is reptyles and Snake tho and that makes me think uv mi last skern to git outa hear you no when i left newbrasky to cum down here i was tolerbul peart and waid al a hundurd and sity and fid mi close purty saug but sence the ager tak me i Lev srunk uv sum and the old dubbel brandid shot gun wood make me a purty good fitin pare uv panse now and that makes mi panse purty lose and bagy like and the snakes what grab at me when im a waterin threw the gras git thair teeth stuck fast and cant git away till i kll em it used to set me to shakin worsen the ager wen they woqd lite out at mi laigs but wen i found thair was tu much swamp/atmusfer betwixt the panse and mi laigs fur em to due eny hurt i got over it and when they got so dernd thick that the county got tu ofurin rewards fur thair heds i lowd as how it wood be a good skern to git out and hunt em fur the rewards mockysin snakes and coper hed snakes and ratelers and strecker heds was wurth 3 bits a puce and i lowd tu whet up the old corn nife and hunt em a twist the snake it stoped raynin bout the time i got redy an i lit out fealin purty peart as i lowd bout 3 hunts wood let me out i started down the ege uv the gardin pach swishin and swoshin in the weads and gras and got thre goin down one side when i got round tu the shanty ide got eleven i lowd tu take em of and go down long the biyou fur sum mockysin and coper heds and then i lowd ide bout as wel keep em on and hunt em thre tu the county seat and git the money fur em about 9 mils i cud ste of the ager that long wen i got dnt tu the end uv the biyou the laigs uv mi panse was so ful uv coper heds and mockysin/het they want no room fur em to git holt no more thaid keep a grabbin on and i kep a whackin off heds till the panse woodent hold em and i cudent ketch em with out more panse that i aint got what witz the ager hednt shuck outa me was set to goin and i hit on the ide of rapin mi laigs with the slew gras that worked tu a charm the snakes kep a hookin on and i kep a slash in of heds and windin on more slew gras till i looked like a walkin hay stak and i begun tu git peaky hot and the snakes was a smelin sickinen and i dastent mov fur fere uv giten moar uv em and then i begun tu feal a creapin up mi back bone and i new it was the dernd ager agin and wen i got tu the slew gras i smart the snake heds and the slew gras begun tu fi threw the atmufear and wen i got thre a shakien they want a mockysin hed nur a coper hed nur a rateler hed in site but jest jake and i hiz panse and laigs and the skeem was bustod i burd the nunny hed gin out and the quelpine and they aint no doe tu git eny moar and if youll send me enuf stuf tu giten me outn this and bak tu old newbrasky the snakes and them leyin noospaper cuis kin hev arcainsaw rite soon yure luvin brother jake

IT WILL WORK.

London Light. A discussion has recently been carried on in the Vegetarian on the subject of the magnetic power of the cat. One gentleman writes: "Allow me, as one who has always had sleepless nights, and has tried everything you suggest, to suggest a remedy which I have found above them all, and which you do not notice. It is simply to take a pet cat to sleep with one. Cats are the very best magnetizers and hypnotists, and the safest. To obtain the remedy it will not do to take a cat into your bed and as soon as you have found relief neglect her. You must be kind to the cat before and after, and make her your friend. She will give you precious sleep, when all other remedies fail, and better than all put together. The cat is the truest friend of man, were man intelligent enough to know it. The Egyptians knew what we seem not to know. Do not force your cat to lie this way or that; let her take her own way. Do not even force her to come to you if she does not wish it, but let her be in the room, outside the bed. Sooner or later she will come in and nurse you as no other animal can. Even to look into the eyes or even the face of a cat will often produce a feeling of drowsiness, leading to sleep. Cultivate the friendship of pussy, and you will never regret it."

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Furniture!

O'NEILL, Nov. 14.

I have to-day purchased from the O'Neill Furniture Co. its entire stock of furniture, which will be combined with my own. In order to make room in my store this large addition, on next Monday will commence a great

SACRIFICE SALE

And invite my friends and my enemies to call and inspect the goods, which will be offered at prices never before heard of in O'Neill.

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