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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.

It is about time to begin to talk city politics.

John Drayton, of Ewing, was in the city yesterday.

G. F. Smith, of Ewing, was on our streets Monday.

County Clerk Bethea is under the weather this week.

E. B. Brain, of Basset, was in the city Monday on business.

E. E. Adams and wife were up from Chambers Tuesday.

C. J. Brook, of Atkinson, was at the county seat Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Davis are rejoicing over the arrival of a son.

A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weekes last Thursday.

C. P. Wiltse, editor of the Newport Republican, was in the city Sunday.

Dr. McDonald, of Atkinson, was transacting business in the city yesterday.

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

Judge Wood, of Rushville, was attending to legal business in this city Saturday.

The O'Neill Dancing club will give another entertainment at the rink tomorrow night.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Shively, of Norfolk, were in the city visiting relatives and friends this week.

The ladies' working society will meet with Mrs. John McHugh Wednesday, February 12, at 2 P. M.

Remember the Osmond Roller mills when you want to purchase flour or feed.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church contemplate giving a Brownie entertainment in the near future. Watch for date.

John Jennings, the 14-year old son of Richard Jennings, living in the northern part of Shields township, is quite ill with diphtheria.

Fred Anthony has returned to Laurel to look after his business interests. He intends to remove to that place with his family in the spring.

Rev. W. T. Matson, of Omaha, will preach in the Presbyterian church Sunday, February 9. Services 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Christian Endeavor 6:30.

Mrs. Az Perry was a passenger on Tuesday evening's train for the west. We understand she was on her way to Deadwood to join her husband, who is located there.

Rev. D. Marquette, of Neligh, will preach in the M. E. church next Sunday morning and evening. Communion services in the morning. All are invited to these services.

Do you lack faith and love health? Let us establish your faith and restore your health with DeWitt's Sarsaparilla. For sale by Morris & Co., druggists.

John J. McCafferty has improved the sidewalk along the east side of his store building. Others too numerous to mention could follow John's example and thereby vastly improve the beauty and safety of our walks.

The breaking up of the winter is the signal for the breaking up of the system. Nature is opening up the pores and throwing off refuse. DeWitt's Sarsaparilla is of unquestionable assistance in this operation. For sale by Morris & Co., druggists.

O. O. Snyder & Co., have the largest block of Deer Creek coal ever shipped to this city. They are going to give 2,000 pounds of Deer Creek coal to the person guessing the nearest to the weight of this block. Go and guess. 29 3.

An earthquake shock was felt in O'Neill and other North Nebraska points last Tuesday morning about 6 o'clock. There were three distinct vibrations several seconds apart, and while they were not heavy enough to be serious they made the dry bones rattle.

The county board met Monday at 1 P. M. as per adjournment. A few official bonds were approved and some tax matters adjusted, after which adjournment was taken until February 7, at 9 A. M. In the mean time the work of settlement with county officers goes merrily on.

That Novelty social next Tuesday evening will be something out of the ordinary. Go, and find out what it is.

Mrs. J. H. Meredith and little ones returned Friday night from a short visit with the family of Mr. Riggs at Randolph.

A Novelty social will be given by the ladies of the M. E. church at the residence of Mr. E. S. Kinch, on Tuesday, February 11. Supper 15 cents. Everybody come and enjoy a rare treat.

Mrs. G. W. Clark is enjoying a visit from her father, Mr. Goodyear, of Wausa, Neb. Mr. Goodyear recently traded his land near Mineola, this county, for valuable property in Iowa.

On March 17 the Academy Dramatic company will present the celebrated Irish drama, "Arrah-na-Pogue," or the Winklow Wedding, by Dixon Bouccault. This is one of the greatest Irish plays ever written, and will be quite a treat to the residents of O'Neill.

Chadron Signal: Al Towle, of Niobrara, formerly a member of the Nebraska legislature and a well-known republican wire-puller, was busy setting 'em up to the boys Saturday in this city. It was reported that he was working for George Brooks for treasurer and against Kinkaid for congress.

We have a special bargain in a fine cane sugar. It will pay you to see it when needing anything in that line.

31-2 O'NEILL GROCERY CO

Chadron Signal: Judge Kinkaid has written that he will not be here February 5 to hear the argument for change of venue in the Morrison case, so that it will go over to a later date. It is reported that Judge W. L. Green, of Kearney, will exchange places with Judge Kinkaid for part of the work in this district.

We are just in receipt of another car load of that celebrated Scribner flour. When you need a sack or 500 pounds see us before buying.

31-2 O'NEILL GROCERY CO

While we concluded our big sale last week and have discontinued discounts on regular goods, yet we are still offering a big line of shoes, overcoats, blankets, cloaks, gloves, mittens, etc., at cut prices, varying from 20 to 50 per cent, and will continue to do so until the season for winter goods closes; so if you still need any warm goods see us if you want them cheap.

Yours respectfully,
J. P. MANN.

What about dried fruits? Can't you use some at bed rock prices and of fine quality? We also have an elegant line of canned fruits and vegetables, equally cheap and good.

31-2 O'NEILL GROCERY CO

About forty of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Ryan sprung a surprise on them Monday night at their home, and took the place by storm. It was well planned and better executed, as they knew nothing of it till the advance guard made an attack on the front door, which gave way and admitted the crowd laden with good things to eat and drink. The evening was pleasantly spent in dancing and card playing. An elegant lunch was spread after which the guests departed for home, pronouncing it the pleasantest evening of the season.

Don't forget that we keep on hand bran, shorts, chop feed, oil cake, corn and oats. When needing any see us.

31-2 O'NEILL GROCERY CO

The fraternal goats that have been quartered in the McCafferty hall, stampered Saturday night, and are now nicely housed in the hall recently fitted up in the O'Sullivan building. And by the way, this lodge room is one of the "hottest little affairs of the kind in existence. Colonel Will Dobbs remodeled the Masonic furniture, painted it with harmonious colors and decorated it with appropriate emblems, and neatly arranged in the blue room it makes a very inviting place for the different orders to practice their mysterious rites.

We have now on hand an especially fine line of teas, fresh and fragrant, and they will please the most fastidious.

31-2 O'NEILL GROCERY CO

Editor Hilton, who made quite a record as state oil inspector under Crouse, says that "no fire was ever started by the flame from a lamp that exploded from combustion. The concussion caused by the explosion of a lamp from combustion extinguishes the flame instantly, and unless there is other fire from which the oil can catch, it is absolutely impossible for a fire to be started from a lamp explosion. The person who sets up a lamp explosion as the cause of a fire, no matter how honest and innocent the cause of the fire, is regarded by the insurance adjuster with suspicion, and his loss is examined into very minutely before the money is paid over."

J. P. Mann has just received a large invoice of latest spring styles in hats and caps for men and boys; also a nobby line of caps for ladies' and children's wear.

The "Uncle Hiram" company played to pretty good houses in O'Neill Friday and Saturday nights. The company was above the average, in point of ability, that make the country towns in this section. The cast here, however, was stronger than it will be again soon, two of their specialty artists having "yumped their yobs" at this point. Miss Marshall and Walter Smith are the retiring members.

We have just ordered a line of hotel dishes for the purpose of renting them for balls, parties, picnics, suppers, etc., at a nominal rental to pay for the expense of handling and investment.

J. P. MANN.

RUSTLER'S PRELIMINARY.

Jim Pinkerman was deputized Tuesday of last week to serve a warrant upon Sirene Holtz, of Boyd county, who was charged in county court of Holt county with having rustled a couple of head of steers from McClure's ranch during the herding season of 1894. The warrant was served and the prisoner brought over Thursday and placed in the county jail where he remained until Wednesday morning when his preliminary hearing commenced.

The case was prosecuted by County Attorney Murphy and Messrs. M. F. and J. J. Harrington, and defended by Attorney T. V. Golden.

The hearing of testimony occupied almost the entire day. It seems that defendant Holtz, who at that time lived in Cedar county, was running a herd near the McClure ranch, for some non-residents. Drayton and McClure were also running a herd on the latter's ranch and the two herds were in close proximity. Drayton and McClure lost two head of steers, and lately found one in the possession of Holtz that is identified by Drayton as one of the two lost.

After hearing all the evidence and the arguments the judge concluded to bind him over under \$500 bail to appear before the district court next Saturday, which is the first day of the term.

APOLOGY ACCEPTED.

The editor of the Blair Leader will please take notice that the man who compiles this department never writes an item for the purpose of seeing it reproduced in the Omaha Bee, or any other paper. He writes of matters and things calculated to educate, benefit and amuse its readers, and selects local subjects in preference to all others for the reason that THE FRONTIER is essentially a local paper and has no ambition beyond that. Remarks in these columns might be reproduced in the pride of two continents, and their author never knew it, as he has such a superlative dislike for Rosewater's politics that he never reads the Bee.

The above from the O'Neill FRONTIER is in reply to an editorial paragraph in a recent issue of the Leader, in which it was suggested that an editorial in a former issue of THE FRONTIER, commenting unfavorably upon Colonel Tom Majors, had been overlooked by the exchange editor of the Bee, and advising the editor of THE FRONTIER to send a marked copy direct to E. Rosewater, U. S. A. The closing sentence of the above explains the reason why THE FRONTIER's article on Majors was not reproduced in the Bee. The Leader knew there was some satisfactory explanation of how THE FRONTIER's article wasn't reproduced in the Bee, and not having personal acquaintance with the editor of THE FRONTIER, assumed that that was the purpose for which it was written. We humbly apologize to our brother up at O'Neill's place.—Blair Leader.

Up to Date Spring Goods.

We have opened for sale a large spring stock which embraces all the latest novelties on the market. It is worth your time to visit my store and see these nobby things, and purchase early before stock gets broken. The following articles are among the new goods received: Demity, merlin zephyers, cachmere fantastic, tiffata silks, knickerbocker plaids, also new skirt facings and underlinings, shirt waists, belts, new wool crepons, of latest shades and designs.

We also carry the largest and most complete line of hats and caps in the city, just arrived, nobby styles and good values. See this line. It is well assorted, from a child's to the largest size for men. My shoe line is also well assorted in infants', children's, misses', ladies' and gent's.

We would appreciate the opportunity of showing you through our stock and giving you prices on goods. You will find them cheaper than ever before.

Respectfully,
P. J. McManus.

FANTON 190 MILES AWAY

Gives Bail In County Court of Douglas County.

HAMILTON COMES HOME ALONE

Considerable Question About the Legality of the Omaha Proceedings.

"John Fanton, the alleged cattle rustler of Holt county, succeeded in obtaining bondmen for the \$1,000 bond required by the county court, and has been released. The bond is signed by J. H. Perry of Madison county, Nebraska, and W. C. Orr and J. C. Morrison of Omaha. It is conditioned upon Fanton's appearance before the county court of Holt county at 9 A. M., February 8, to answer to the charge of grand larceny."

The above paragraph from the World-Herald of Tuesday will give our readers a pretty clear understanding of the muddle into which the Fanton case has evolved itself.

As was stated in these columns last week, Fanton employed as counsel Will Gerly, of Omaha, and made application for habeas corpus before the county judge of Douglas county. Upon a hearing of the case the judge refused to liberate the prisoner upon the showing made, but admitted him to bail in the sum of \$1,000. As near as THE FRONTIER can understand the law by conversing with gentlemen learned in legal lore, the bail procedure was an unprecedented move on the part of the county judge; and it is freely asserted that the county judge erred in admitting him to bail. If that be true, Fanton is now as free as the winds that blow where they list, for this reason: If the admission to bail was unauthorized by law, the bond, although forfeited, cannot bind. It will be remembered that at the time Scott took a change of venue to Antelope county, the district court required him to go to that county to give bail. And in the case of Rock county's defaulting treasurer when he took a change of venue to Holt, he was incarcerated in our jail, and we believe made an attempt to give bail here.

A FRONTIER representative called upon the county attorney yesterday and asked him what he thought of the proceedings in Omaha. He said it was his opinion that the action of the judge was unauthorized and the bondmen will not be liable if Fanton fails to show up for trial; but, as he said, that is only his opinion, and there is a question as to how the supreme court would construe the section under which the Omaha judge acted. Fanton might be re-arrested in spite of his bond and brought back to this county, but if the supreme court should hold that he had been legally released in the first place, our sheriff would be liable for damages to the amount of \$500, and he did not care to take the chances, but preferred to wait until the 8th inst. and see if the prisoner puts in an appearance. If he does not of course another effort will be made to get him.

GRAND WOLF CHASE.

On Saturday, February 15, 1896. Everybody take a day off in the interest of their pigs, calves and chickens. The chase will include Shields precinct, the south township in Paddock and the east township in Rock Falls, with the center on the school section north of Conrad Wettlauffer's. Everybody invited to come. Come to the township line nearest you. Organize on each line by electing a captain, and start for the center promptly at 9 o'clock A. M. Leave your guns at home.

JOHN A. ROBERTSON.
E. A. GRAHAM.

WHY AN OLD MAID?

Kid King, of the O'Neill FRONTIER, has announced in his long felt want column that he is a candidate on the republican ticket for matrimony. So, if, during this year of leap year grace, some old maid picks him up and chucks him in her pocket and carries him off, there need be no marveling.—Stuart Ledger.

FOR SALE.

At the farm of the undersigned, 4 miles northwest of Mineola, wire and posts from 120-acre pasture, house, stable, cattle sheds, farming implements and 17 head of good horses.

J. B. FREELAND.

THE WETTLAUER CASE.

Last Saturday, a FRONTIER reporter interviewed one of the most trustworthy and reliable citizens of Shields township in regard to the arrest of Wettlauffer for soliciting aid in Iowa. The gentleman interviewed, whose name we withhold, said that he did not blame Wettlauffer for going to Iowa to solicit aid, and that the letter causing his arrest was but a continuation of a systematic persecution the man's neighbors have kept up against him for years.

He explained it upon the theory that Wettlauffer is anti-pop and anti-vigilante, and that a faction of those organizations are determined to make life so miserable for him that he will leave the country.

"It is a fact," he continued, "that Wettlauffer did raise some small grain, but it was taken from him on an execution, and his corn being destroyed by hail, left him in destitute circumstances and he was unable to obtain relief from the populist board in his township. He was forced to beg, that is all there is to it."

Our informant went on to say further that he did not believe Wettlauffer killed the horses of a neighbor, for which he is now under bonds to appear at the next term of court. He believes that the horses were killed by members of the vigilantes in order to make a case against Wettlauffer and send him to the penitentiary or drive him from his home in that section.

"Why," said he, "those vigilantes will do anything. I lately heard a pretty good story, which shows what kind of people they are. It seems that but a very short time ago one of them stole a drill from a neighbor. He was discovered and was likely to get into trouble, when other vigilantes came to his rescue and fixed the matter up by paying \$15 to the man who had lost the drill."

THE FRONTIER's informant is a gentleman worthy the highest confidence, and we have no doubt his opinion in regard to the matter comes very nearly being correct.

THE CAUSE OF IT.

From the Alton Democrat we glean the true cause of Wettlauffer's arrest. When the authorities received the letter from Wettlauffer's neighbors stating that he was a fraud, they sent the following telegram to the county judge at O'Neill:

"In Conrad Wettlauffer authorized to solicit aid for the sufferers in your county?"

In reply to this the judge wired as follows:

O'NEILL, Neb., Jan. 28.
Sheriff of Sioux County, Ia.: No he is not.
G. A. McCUTCHEAN,
County Judge.

"When this telegram was received," says the Democrat, "considerable indignation was expressed by our people. They have always been open-handed and prompt to send aid to the deserving and suffering, but they do not like to be swindled, and a warrant was at once sworn out for his arrest, charging him with obtaining money and goods under false pretenses."

This telegram from the county judge was not warranted, in the face of the credentials carried by Wettlauffer. THE FRONTIER does not wish to be understood as championing Wettlauffer's cause further than a desire to see him get a square deal. We believe he should be taken care of at home, and not be allowed to blacken our eye by soliciting aid abroad, but we also believe that he has some rights that should command respect.

O'NEILL WAS THE PLACE.

"A little incident occurred before a court in this state not long ago," remarked W. S. Summers, "which cast a gloom over lawyers and spectators alike. The populist county attorney, who was not noted for his English, was preparing to read from a decision and he wanted to impress upon the mind of the court that the case was analogous to the one at bar, so he lifted the book in his hand, cleared his throat and said:

"Your honor, this case is annie-logus."

"Annie who?" inquired the judge, putting on a quizzical air.

"Logus, your honor," was the deliberate response which came forth after an impressive pause, and settled down in limp heaps all over that court-room, until some of the learned lawyers had to go out and weep. W. H. Munger of Fremont, was one of the lawyers, who, if I remember correctly, was present. Annie Logus is still a bye word in that section.—State Journal.

DON'T FORGET US.

The Pacific Short Line train is still running regularly every day except Sunday, leaving O'Neill immediately after arrival of Black Hills train, reaching Sioux City three hours ahead of any other road. Making connections for all points. Buy local tickets to O'Neill.

NEBRASKA CLUB.

The meeting called for the purpose of organizing a Nebraska club, was called to order in the court room at 2:30 Monday afternoon by C. Selah.

There was not as large an attendance as was expected, and some marveled thereat, but it was explained later when it was discovered that through an error THE FRONTIER called the meeting for 5 o'clock instead of 2, and consequently several waited until the later hour.

The meeting was organized by the election of C. Selah as chairman and D. H. Cronin as temporary secretary.

The object and aims of the club were explained at some length by Mr. Selah, who was of the opinion that the club could do much good for Northwestern Nebraska.

Mr. Smith, of Ewing, and Mr. Jenness, of Atkinson, expressed themselves as heartily in favor of the movement.

Upon motion the board of supervisors were elected as part of the board of directors.

Upon motion the towns of O'Neill, Atkinson, Stuart, Ewing and Pega were allowed three delegates in addition to the supervisors, and the towns of Iaman, Chambers, Amella and Dustin two delegates.

The names of the following gentlemen were presented as directors, and were, upon motion, duly elected:

O'Neill—Neil Brennan, A. U. Morris and John J. McCafferty.
Atkinson—R. H. Jenness, E. D. Sherwood and J. L. McDonald.
Stuart—J. A. Rice, Frank Doherty and R. E. Chittick.
Ewing—M. N. Van Zandt, G. F. Smith and J. D. Selah.
Pega—E. H. Smith, Robert Gray and James Mullen.
Chambers—Lee Baker and W. H. Jeffers.

Amella—O. C. Sammons and C. L. Englehardt.

Dustin—A. S. Eby and Wilson Brodie.

The meeting then adjourned to meet Saturday, February 15, at 3 o'clock. All those who have been elected directors are expected to be present.

FRONTIER readers will please take notice that from this date, January 28, we discontinue our clubbing rate of \$3 with the Cosmopolitan. Parties desiring that excellent magazine in connection with THE FRONTIER must pay 70 cents in addition to the regular price of this paper. In quoting the \$3 rate we made a mistake in our figures and failed to detect it until we commenced receiving orders from our subscribers in all corners of the United States.

A NEW BAKERY.

In the near future I will open up a new bakery in the Millard building, one door north of the postoffice. Will keep fresh home-made bread, cakes, pies, etc. Cakes and pies made to order. Will also run a lunch counter in connection.

Mrs. E. H. Cassas.

One Minute Cough Cure touches the right spot. It also touches it at the right time if you take it when you have a cough or cold. See the point? Then don't cough.

Morris & Co.

"Give me a liver regulator and I can regulate the world," said a genius. The druggist handed him a bottle of DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills.

Morris & Co.

Don't invite disappointment by experimenting. Depend upon One Minute Cough Cure and you have immediate relief. It cures croup. The only harmless remedy that produces immediate results.

Morris & Co.

Soothing, healing, cleansing, DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is the enemy to sores, wounds and piles, which it never fails to cure. Stops itching and burning. Cures chapped lips and cold-sores in two or three hours.

Morris & Co.

J. W. Pierce, Republic, Ia., says: "I have used One Minute Cough Cure in my family and for myself, with results so entirely satisfactory that I can hardly find words to express myself as to its merit. I will never fail to recommend it to others, on every occasion that presents itself."

Morris & Co.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is famous for its cures of bad colds. It opens the secretions, relieves the lungs and aids nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition. It freely used as soon as the cold has been contracted, and before it has become settled in the system, it greatly lessens the severity of the attack and has often cured in a single day what would have been a severe cold. For sale by P. C. Corrigan, druggist.

Short Line Time Card.
Passenger leaves O'Neill, Neb. at 10:05 A. M., immediately after arrival of train from Black Hills, reaching Sioux City at 2:35 P. M., giving three hours time. Lowest rates. Purchase local tickets to O'Neill and re-buy there.