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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.

Mike Flannigan is in the city.

S. J. Weekes went down the road Sunday morning.

Charity ball at the rink tomorrow night. Better go.

Dr. Gilligan made a professional call to Boyd county last Friday.

A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Merithew last Saturday night.

Don't miss the great shoe sale at Sullivan Mercantile Co.'s. 32-3

The county board is settling with the sheriff this week.

A big slaughter on shoes for 30 days at Sullivan Mercantile Co.'s.

F. G. Coryell, of Norfolk, had business in the city last Saturday.

John Doblark and Frances Torler were married Tuesday in Atkinson.

Editor Baker and Will Butler were up from Ewing Tuesday, and called.

Attend the charity ball tomorrow night; charity covers a multitude of sins.

Attend the Nebraska Club meeting at the court-house next Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Cress has purchased the grocery store formerly owned by M. L. Adam & Co.

Bentley will give you value received and a music box and a watch besides. 20-1f.

The "Novelty Social" at Mrs. Kinch's last Thursday night was a very successful affair.

Remember the Osmond Roller mills when you want to purchase flour or feed. OSMOND MILLS, O'Neill, Neb.

Mrs. John McKernan, who has been sick for two weeks, is again able to be around.

Ed Gallagher is recovering nicely from his attack of typhoid and is now able to be up around the house.

A pleasant social gathering occurred last Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Lavolette.

The Ladies' Working Society will meet with Mrs. W. T. Evans, on Wednesday, February 19, at 2 P. M.

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.

A surprise party was tendered Miss Kittie McBride last evening. An enjoyable time was had by the participants.

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.

Lew Chapman is in the city attending court. Lew is now located at Hartington, Neb., and says he is prospering nicely.

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.

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.

A very pleasant masquerade party was given last night by the Misses Kate and Mattie Mann at their home. Dancing, cards and other judiciously selected amusements caused the hours to tread each upon the others' heels. Mr. Kautzman's orchestra made the welkin ring like the bells of Shannondale.

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.

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.

Plainview News: Mr. Mullen, of O'Neill, spent several hours this week in visiting the school. He may enter one of the departments presently and be a student for the remainder of the year.

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.

Geo. A. Eckles, of Chadron, candidate for state auditor, subject to the action of the next republican convention, is in the city.

The party given in the rink last Friday night by the O'Neill Dancing Club was a very pleasant affair, although not largely attended.

Miss Katie, the 18-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Coon, died last Thursday at the home of her parents, eight miles northeast of this city. The funeral took place Saturday from the Catholic church.

The Holt County Agricultural Society will hold their annual meeting February 19, 1896, at 2:30 P. M., at Campbell's office. Directors and members take notice and come out, and every one else that wants to have a fair in 1896.

W. W. BETHRA, President.  
Per W. J. DOBBS.

Butte Gazette: Deputy United States Marshal Lincoln arrested the Cassidy brothers, who live over near the military, on the charge of stealing timber on the Fort Randall military reservation. A test case will be made of this and if they are convicted 200 more arrests will follow. The trial is being held before the United States commissioner at Niobrara.

Having purchased the entire shoe stock of John Murphy we are prepared for the next thirty days to give you great bargains in shoes. Don't miss this sale for if you do you will lose money. We bought these goods at a reduction and therefore we are in a position to give you bargains. 32-3 SULLIVAN MERCANTILE CO. O'Neill, Neb.

Charlie Lockard came up from Deloit last Friday to appear in the district court on behalf of the school board of his district, which had been cited to appear and show cause why mandamus should not issue compelling them to allow the children of Justin McCarthy to attend school in his district. Some time ago the board passed a resolution instructing the teacher to issue no books to pupils living outside of the district, and from this arose the difficulty.

Madison Chronicle: A printer in making up news in the forms, getting the page ready to print, took a handful of type from the tail end of a fire item and by mistake put it against the first part of a funeral notice. In the paper it read like this: "The pallbearers lowered the body into the grave and as it was consigned to the flames there were few if any regrets, for the old wreck had been an eyesore to the town for years. Of course there was individual loss, but that was fully covered by insurance." The widow thinks the editor wrote the obituary that way because the lamented partner of her joys and sorrows owed him five years' subscription.

A good many of our old customers are liable to compare our prices on clothing of two years ago with present prices quoted in catalogues from abroad. We know the Nebraska Clothing Company and other houses quote some very low prices, but we want to say emphatically that we are competing successfully with them on the same class of goods and only ask a comparison of our present prices with theirs to satisfy you we are correct. When you find a \$10.00 suit in a catalogue, that you paid us \$15.00 for some time in the past, please don't jump at the conclusion that we overcharged you. Remember you can buy as good a suit now from us for \$10.00 as can be found in the United States, and our line of suits this season from \$5.00 to \$10.00 will surprise and please you. We are now receiving our spring stock and hope you will give us a chance to show you before you send your money away for a suit. If we can't do as well as anyone else, no matter where, we won't ask your patronage.

Yours respectfully,  
32-1 J. P. MANN.

Butte Gazette: A card from Alva Rowland locates him at the famous mining town of Cripple Creek, Col., where he has a position in a general store. Alva is enthusiastic over Cripple Creek and promises to write us a letter for publication soon. His report of the country has set several of the boys afire with the notion of going to that country.

Mr. Rowland was in O'Neill last Thursday on his way to his old home at Butte. His stay at Cripple Creek was brief and his only regret at leaving was that the train made such poor time. He said that times are good there and work at good wages easy to find, but that comparatively few people can stand the high altitude and consequently the death rate is something terrible. Pneumonia is the cause of the greatest number of deaths. Mr. Rowland had only been in the town a couple of days when he commenced spitting blood himself, and he concluded that the life of a poor man is preferable to the grave of a mine owner and at once struck the trail for home.

The boys of the Boyd county press are lashing their pens in fury over the arrest of some of their farmers for stealing wood from the Randall military reservation. It is no more honorable to steal from your Uncle Samuel than it is to steal from anyone else.

"One of the beauties and charms of an editor's life, says an exchange, 'is he deadheads it on all occasions. No one who has ever feasted on the sweets of that bliss can begin to take in the glory of its happiness. He does \$100 worth of advertising for the railroad, gets a 'pass' for a year, rides \$25 worth, and then he is looked upon as a deadhead or a half-blown deadbeat. He 'puffs' a concert troupe \$10 worth and gets \$1 in complimentary, and is thus passed 'free.' If the hall is crowded he is begrudged the room he occupies, for if his complimentary were paying tickets the troupe would be so much in pocket. He blows and puffs a church festival free to any desired extent and does the poster printing for half rates and rarely gets a thank for it. It goes as a part of his duty as an editor. He does more work gratuitously for the town and community than all the rest of the community put together, and gets cursed for it all, while in many instances when a man donates a few dollars to a Fourth of July celebration, base ball club, or church is gratefully remembered. Oh, it is a sweet thing to be an editor, and be passed 'free' you know."

### LOVE FINDS A WAY.

Last week a young man by name of Husted called upon County Judge McCutchan and commenced bargaining for a license to wed one Miss Higgins, of Chambers, but before the transaction was completed the girl's irate sire stepped from behind a door and called a halt. He said the girl was under age and could not have his consent to stick her head in the nuptial noose. The young man was somewhat perturbed but by no means cast down, and told the author of his love, as well as his present embarrassment, that he might go to; that he would take his fair innamorata and fly to Neligh for relief; but the father strode with long and angry strides to the telegraph office and indited a message to the judge of Antelope county telling him to show the youthful pair the marble heart.

Thus anticipated and foiled the young Adonis from the South Fork stilled the tumult within his breast long enough to whisper to the clinging maiden that they would journey to the land of the Dakotas, the land of lovely women, and there find surcease of sorrow. And thither they went, returning to O'Neill last Friday.

When a boy and girl will, they will and that's the end "on it." THE FRONTIER trusts they may never have cause to regret the compact entered into under such insubstantial circumstances.

### THE CATTLE RUSTLERS.

The arms of the law have been reaching in all directions the past week for cattle rustlers. George Barney, of Chambers was arrested last Friday. He waived examination and was bound over to the district court in the sum of \$500.

### A CEDAR COUNTY MAN.

John Donham, of Cedar county, was brought in Friday night. It is charged that he was implicated with Holtz, the man who was bound over last week. His preliminary is set for next Friday.

### FANTON APPEARED.

John Fanton, arrested in Omaha for the stealing of the Cross cattle, appeared in county court Saturday. His preliminary hearing was set for next Saturday. All of these cases are set for hearing in the district court next week, but the attorneys seem to think it doubtful that they will be tried. Under the law defendants in such cases are usually entitled to a continuance if they request it, and it is thought most of these defendants will prefer to let the cases go over.

### DISPUTE LAND TITLES.

An order was issued out of district court last week restraining a number of men on the borders of Holt and Boyd counties from cutting timber from an island in the Niobrara river, the title to which is in dispute.

A gentleman by name of Gray has a deed to the land, but it seems that a recent government survey places the land in Boyd county.

The men effected by the order of the court are thought to belong to the vigilantes organization, and we understand they—or some one else—have notified Mr. Gray to drop the legal proceedings or they will make it interesting for him.

### 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.

## THE GULCH BOYS AGAIN

Another Hold-up in the Niobrara District.

### YOUNG JOE RYAN THE VICTIM

A Rope Around His Neck and A Six-Shooter in His Face.

Joe Ryan, a young cattle buyer living about six miles west of O'Neill on a ranch, was held up in the "Niobrara District" and tried in the "court of last resort" last Monday.

In view of the fact that Holt county populists deny the reports published in regard to these hold-ups by the vigilantes, the story as told by the victim will no doubt be of interest to the reading public.

It was rumored on the streets Monday morning that young Ryan had been held up by the "gulch boys," and to verify the report a FRONTIER representative found Mr. Ryan and requested him to tell the story. The conversation that took place was substantially as follows:

"Mr. Ryan, is it true that you were held up last Monday by the vigilantes?"

"Yes sir."

"Where did the hold-up occur?"

"About 15 miles northwest of O'Neill."

"How did you happen to be out in that country?"

"Well, last Sunday I came to town to attend church, and while here met Stephen McGinnis, who asked me if I was buying any cattle. I told him I was. He said that Mr. Bigler, who lived a few miles beyond his place, had some cattle to sell and wanted to know if I would go out and look at them. I told him I would go the next day—Monday. He said all right, he would tell Bigler that I would be there. The next morning about 8 o'clock I saddled up my horse and went out to Bigler's; I found a man there chopping wood and asked him if his name was Bigler. He said it was and I then told him that McGinnis had told me he had some cattle to sell. He said he had some cattle he might sell, but as it was about noon to put up my horse and come in and have dinner, which I did. Just as we were about to sit down to dinner Mrs. Bigler looked out of a window and said she saw some people coming. Bigler got up and went out and when he came in said it was a man looking for a stray colt. After dinner Bigler said he guessed he would go out and water his horse; I offered to go with him but he said 'never mind, just stay here,' and I staid. When he came back we put on our coats, got on our horses and started to look at the cattle, which he said were about a mile and a half northwest. We had not gone much more than a mile when I looked back and saw three men coming on horse back. I told Bigler about it and he said 'yes, I have been held up here before.' The men were coming on the same road we had traveled. When the men got closer I looked again and saw that they wore handkerchiefs tied over their faces, but thought they wore them just to keep the wind off; but by this time they rode up and pulling six-shooters commanded us to throw up our hands, which we did. At this time I saw more men coming up out of the gulch; there were five or six of them all masked. We were taken from our horses and I was blindfolded; don't know whether Bigler was blindfolded or not, as I could not see. After putting the handkerchief on my face they led me ahead. One fellow said, 'where are the other fellows?' I asked them what they wanted with me and one of them said 'you s—b—you will find out. They then took me down into a gulch, where one asked 'if the place would do,' and the other fellow said he thought it would. My hands were then tied behind my back, and one of the men told another to bring the long rope. The rope was brought and placed around my neck. They then asked me what I knew about cattle rustling. I told them I knew nothing but what I had heard. They said that would not do; guessed they would have to take me to the river.

They did not seem to want to talk much; wanted me to do it all. They asked me about a good many cattle that I had bought and I told them all I knew. While talking they continually threw out insinuations to make it appear that I was in the hands of Scott's friends, and swore at different men known to be members of the vigilantes, but I know who some of the men were."

"How did Bigler fare during this time?"

"Well, after they got through with me they brought Bigler up and asked him what he knew about the killing of the Hills in '94. He told them about arresting the Hills and now they were taken from him by a mob; they also asked him what he knew about the stealing of the Henning cattle."

"Did they have a rope around Bigler's neck?"

"I don't know, although I heard him tell them once to not pull that rope so tight as it hurt his neck."

"Well, what did they do next?"

After they got through with Bigler they asked me more questions, but said the answers would not do and told a man to bring along the wagon and they would take me to the river. They then took the rope off my neck and untied my hands and led me up a steep hill, where they asked me if I thought I had been misused in any way. I said they had not hurt me in any way but I could not exactly understand the proceedings. They then told me I could stay on the hill for 20 minutes, after which time I was at liberty to take the handkerchief from my eyes and go, and they handed me my bridle reins. I asked them how I was to know when time was up, and one of them said I would hear a shot. I sat there and listened for that shot, thinking they intended to shoot me; I tell you that was great suspense. In about 10 or 15 minutes I heard the shot, pulled away the handkerchief, and found Bigler there with his hands tied and his eyes blindfolded. I untied his hands and took off the handkerchief and we got on our horses and started back to Bigler's house. On the way we passed some cattle which Bigler said were his. I told him I didn't want to look at them.

"I started immediately for home and on the way overtook McGinnis, the man who got me to go out in that country. He was at that time about two miles south and east of Bigler's. I told him of the hold-up and he seemed much surprised."

"Have you seen Bigler since?"

"Yes sir; I saw him this morning (Tuesday) at the depot. He was on his way to Alton, Iowa, to prosecute Conrad Wettlaufer for soliciting aid under false pretenses."

The man Bigler, who was held up with Ryan, is the man from whom the Hills were taken and disposed of. It was thought at the time that it was a put up job. McGinnis was heard to say after the Scott tragedy that he was sorry he had not been invited to the hanging as he would liked to have pulled on the rope.

These are the kind of reports the populists have been denying, and have even gone so far as to call upon the business men to hold a mass meeting to warn correspondents to "leave the country."

Considerable excitement was caused by this last outrage and the people are becoming aroused to the danger point. They say an end must be put to this kind of work and extreme measures are talked of. A FRONTIER reporter interviewed a prominent ranchman from the Niobrara Tuesday morning and he said there was going to be trouble; that the people in his section were getting very weary of the vigilantes and their officiousness and if it was not stopped hades would soon commence to pop. He was asked how many men he thought belonged to the organization, and for reply said, "get the last election returns and figure out the populist vote."

### WARRANTS ISSUED.

County Attorney Murphy yesterday swore out warrants for Stephen McGinnis and Charles Bigler, charging them of unlawfully assembling for the pur-

pose of doing bodily harm. The warrant for the arrest of McGinnis was given to Sheriff Hamilton and will be served today. Bigler is in Iowa and will probably not be arrested until his return.

### GOLD AND SILVER REDUCED.

This is a startling announcement but it is nevertheless true. We do not refer to the precious metals but to the two best brands of white shirts made or sold by anyone. For ten years the price has been \$1.50 and \$1.25, but we have decided to place the prices at \$1.25 and \$1.00 each, in any quantity for this season. At these figures we ought to sell everybody their shirts for there never has been such values offered before outside of special sales.

The gold is made as good as a shirt can be and is inferior in no way to the custom made shirts you pay \$3 each for.

The silver is simply out of sight of all competition for a dollar shirt. By taking your measures we can give you as good fitting shirts in every way as you pay fancy prices for. Try us next time and save money. 31-2 J. P. MANN.

### 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 Wettlaufer'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.

### SCHOOL REPORT.

The following is a report of the Blackbird school, district No. 233, for the month ending January 31:  
Per cent. of attendance, 90.  
Per cent. of absence, 10.  
Per cent. of tardiness, 5.

Those not tardy during the month were: Marlon Goodfellow, Lois Bedford, Emma Kennedy, Levi and Wesley Goodfellow.

Those not absent during the month were: Jessie Bedford, Marlon Goodfellow, Eddie Darit and Leon Sargent.  
MARY COLEMAN, Teacher.

### DON'TS FOR CANDIDATES.

New York Mercury: Don't trust entirely to the politicians; trust the people. Don't expect to be popular all the time.

Don't suppose that your county or state is all that there is of the United States.

Don't assume that money is all powerful. None of the presidents has been a rich man in the current sense.

Don't deny that you want the office if you really seek it. People may take you at your word.

Don't put your whole trust in "snap" conventions and political machinery.

Don't say the delegates were bought up because the convention refuses to "instruct" for you.

Don't revile your rivals.

Don't play double; let your real principles be known.

Don't believe that the victory is won until the votes are counted.

Don't be listless or over anxious. There is a wise medium between them.

## 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, merina sypers, cachmere fantasia, taffeta, silks, knickerbocker plaids, also new shirt 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.

### LETTER LIST.

Following is the list of letters remaining in the postoffice at O'Neill, Neb., unclaimed, for the week ending July 27, 1895:  
Andrew Tillinghast. Mr. Peter Koopp.  
Mrs. Lucindy Marien. Mrs. S. G. Smith.  
In asking for the above please say "advertised." If not called for in two weeks will be sent to the dead letter office.  
D. A. DOYLE, P. M.