

# THE FRONTIER.

PUBLISHED BY THE FRONTIER PRINTING CO.

SUBSCRIPTION, \$1.50 PER ANNUM.

CLYDE KING AND D. H. CRONIN, EDITORS AND MANAGERS.

VOLUME XVI.

O'NEILL, HOLT COUNTY, NEBRASKA, FEBRUARY 20, 1896.

NUMBER 33.

## 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.

Ab Wilcox is in the city.

Give us this day our daily fight.

J. D. Selah was up from Ewing Saturday.

John Flannigan was down from Stuart Saturday.

Wm. Davidson was in from Dorsey Wednesday.

Sanford Parker came over from Spencer Sunday.

Expert Stitt has been in the city for several days.

Doc McDonald was down from Atkinson Saturday.

C. N. Bigelow, of Stuart was on our streets Monday.

N. D. Jackson, of Neligh is attending court in O'Neill.

Judge Barnes, of Norfolk, was in O'Neill last week.

Peter Clauson, of Emmet, was a caller at this office Monday.

H. A. Allen, of Atkinson, transacted business in this city Wednesday.

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

Valentine's day was not observed in O'Neill this year as formerly.

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

D. C. Horton, of Ewing, was a visitor at the county seat last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Evans entertained the whist club last Saturday evening.

Pure bred brown Leghorn Cockrels for sale cheap. 33-2 B. J. RYAN.

Dick Johnson represented Stuart's legal fraternity in O'Neill Tuesday.

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

A pleasant surprise party was given to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McCafferty last Monday evening.

James McCafferty, John Morgan and Ben Ray, of Stuart, were in O'Neill Friday on business.

Mayor Biglin and John Murphy contemplate a trip through Montana in the immediate future.

Josiah Coombs Jr., and Miss Hannah Batty, of Badger, registered at the Hotel Evans last Friday.

A white cat with a yellow tail walked into our office sometime Tuesday night. Of what is that a sign?

The meeting of the Nebraska Club which was to have been held last Saturday failed to materialize.

Rev. Bates, of Long Pine, conducted services in the Episcopal church in O'Neill Sunday evening.

The case of Charles Bigler, arrested for complicity in the Ryan hold-up, has been continued until March 17.

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

Mrs. Messner has moved her dress-making parlors to the building one door east of the Holt County bank building.

We understand that Jim Greig left Holt county last Wednesday morning, and expects to reside in the future on his farm down near Columbus.

Holt county has a delinquent tax amounting to about \$150,000. If this were paid up the county would be in pretty good shape financially.

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

Neligh Leader: Rev. Newman, of Holt county, is visiting this week with his son and daughter who are attending Gates.

The charity ball at the rink last Friday night was a decided success in every respect. The ladies who had the affair in hand are deserving of much credit.

The wolf chase last Saturday was not much of a success. Seven wolves were in the circle but they all made good their escape. There were 108 men in line.

A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Golden Tuesday afternoon. Although Tom is a free silvite he thinks no other youngsters come quite up to the Golden standard.

J. E. Kearns arrived in the city from Chicago Tuesday night. He came to attend the funeral of his brother.

The ladies' have a very handsome crazy quilt to dispose of and will give every one an opportunity to guess.

Corbett's photo studio and dental parlors will be open from February 28, to March 5, inclusive. 33-3 A. H. CORBETT.

Joe Mann came over from Spencer last Friday and attended the charity ball in the evening. He returned with his sisters Sunday.

WANTED—A girl to do general housework. Will pay \$3.00 a week to a competent girl. MRS. ELMER WILLIAMS.

A change of venue will be asked for in the Harry Gillespie cattle stealing case, on the grounds that a fair trial cannot be had in this county.

Miss Kate Mann returned Sunday to Spencer to look after business interests. Her sister, Mattie, accompanied her and will remain for a short visit.

Harvy Bentley, who has been in the city the past week as a witness in the damage suit of Benedict vs. the city of O'Neill, returned to Omaha this morning.

Judge Westover and Reporter Maher came down from Rushville Tuesday morning. The two judges sat together in hearing the case of Benedict against the city Tuesday.

If you want to guess on that lump of coal at O. O. Snyder's yards you must do so this week as the contest closes Saturday, at which time the lump will be weighed. There are over 500 guesses now registered.

The big chunk of coal at O. O. Snyder & Co.'s Lumber Yard will be weighed Saturday at 3 o'clock. The committee will arrange the names and guesses, and the winner's name will be given as soon as the result is known.

A man from Atkinson by name of Anderson ran up against one of the Inman boys in O'Neill last Thursday afternoon, and in consequence thereof went home in strips. Fighting is not conducive to facial beauty.

A. G. Billmeyer, F. M. Tyrrel, E. F. Stephens and T. C. Miller, of Lincoln, were in O'Neill Tuesday for the purpose of appraising the Fitzgerald estate in this city. They completed their labors and returned home Wednesday morning.

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 Sarasparilla is of unquestionable assistance in this operation. For sale by Morris & Co., druggists.

Cal Moffit, Jim Myers and Bob Sterns came over from Spencer Sunday. They had been subpoenaed as witnesses in the case of Hudson vs. the Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias, involving the reward offered for the recovery of Scott's body.

W. S. Griffith took three car loads of sheep to Omaha market last week. Mr. Griffith is a protectionist, and it is not much wonder. In 1893 he shipped two car loads of interior sheep to Omaha and received for them, within \$10.00, as much as he did for the three cars shipped last week. And the wool—but why discourage the poor sheep?

E. S. Kinch expects to start in a few days for the east. He will represent the Elkhorn Valley Hay Co., recently organized in O'Neill, and will endeavor to make arrangements with eastern dealers to handle the Holt county product. He does not know how long the business will require his presence in the east, but it may be, perhaps, until May.

A telegram was received by John Murphy, Monday morning, from Thomas Kearns, Park City, Utah, announcing the death of his brother, James. He has been sick for some time with heart disease and it is supposed that was the cause of his death. He has many friends in this city who will regret to hear of his untimely end. The remains will be brought to this city for interment. The funeral will take place Friday morning.

A weather prophet in the east predicts that the coming year is to be one of unparalleled importance to the farmer. He says the planets have so adjusted themselves that this is bound to be a year of bountiful crops. Our has come in juxtaposition with Neptune and Neptune has reciprocated. Jupiter has made the proper number of gyrations around the necessary other bodies and Uranus has all but touched the heart string of Mercury which is always a premonition for good crops in Nebraska. A light extra planet has secured right-of-way through the body of other planets and is heading for the earth and this is believed to be a sign of rain in these parts.

Speese Bros. Colored Comedy Company and Tabor College Jubilee Singers are billed to appear at the opera-house in O'Neill on Saturday, February 22. Rod Speese has the reputation of being a bass singer of merit.

The Indians lately held a great powwow at Wounded Knee. John Maher was there for the purpose of reporting the proceedings for the dailies, but Chief American Horse refused to speak until the newspaperman had been removed from the room. The untutored Indian had probably heard of the manner in which John reported the Scott matter from O'Neill and Butte and didn't want to be misrepresented.

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.

The Ladies' Working Society of the Presbyterian church will give a supper in the Milliard building, next to the postoffice, next Wednesday evening, February 26, beginning at 6 o'clock. The following bill of fare will be served:

Cold Ham	Chicken
Boston Baked Beans	
Esooloped Potatoes	Tomato Pickles
Cucumber Pickles	
Rolls	Cake
Tea	Coffee
Eggs	
Boiled	Poached
Ham	and Eggs.

Judge Westover held court Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday in County Judge McCutchan's temple of justice. The case under consideration Tuesday afternoon was Hudson vs. the Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias lodges. The plaintiff seeks to recover the entire reward offered by these societies for the recovery of the body of Barrett Scott. The case was tried to a jury some time ago and a verdict returned favorable to the plaintiff, but a new trial was granted the defendants by Judge Kinkaid. The case went to the jury Tuesday evening and they brought in a verdict for Hudson.

Grand Island Independent: For some time past, Col. Cody has been in Washington, completing arrangements whereby he and a company of other gentlemen secure under a recent act of congress a tract of 350,000 acres of land in the Big Horn basin of Wyoming. This land is sold by the government to the company at fifty cents per acre, the land, or as much as possible, to be covered by the irrigation ditch now under construction by the company. It is understood that a part of the tract will be fenced for a game reserve, in which will be protected a number of the wild animals to be found in that section.

Plainview News: The town of Verdigris developed a genuine miracle last week, the truth of which is not questioned. It appears that the 8-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Clare had been a sufferer all her life, and on October 15 she was taken with a cough which grew gradually worse until her life was despaired of. Her parents who were religious people concluded to try the virtues of the bible in healing the sick according to the directions contained in James 5, verse 14, which is as follows: "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord." Accordingly three ministers were called in and a service of prayer held over the little sufferer and she was anointed with olive oil. The cough and her sufferings were eased immediately and a short time disappeared altogether. It is indeed a remarkable cure and for the time being "Schlatter," the Denver healer, isn't "in it" at Verdigris.

### A SHORT SESSION.

The board of supervisors held a short session on the 13th inst., and the proceedings had were about as given below: The roll call showed all members present.

On motion the county treasurer was instructed to call in, redeem and cancel bond No. 10 of series of funding bonds of Holt county.

On motion the treasurer was instructed to transfer the sum of \$25 from the bond fund to district No. 78; also to redeem from tax sale, tax of 1893, southeast quarter 17-29-12, same being paid March 17, 1894. Also to refund to S. W. Brown \$10.45 erroneously paid on October 18, 1895, on lot 12, block 9, Ewing, tax of 1894.

The report of the settlement committee in regard to settlement with county clerk was adopted.

The board met yesterday and adjourned until June 9, when they will meet as a board of equalization.

### COURT NOTES.

District court has been doing a rushing business the past week. The case of Patrick Murphy vs. Phoenix Insurance Company was tried before Judge Kinkaid last week. The jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff for \$514.82.

The case of Daniel Binkerd vs. the Canadian American Mortgage and Trust Company was decided in favor of the plaintiff. He got judgment for \$309.53. The divorce case of Mary Smith vs. John Smith was tried Friday. The plaintiff was granted a divorce, the custody of their three children and \$1,000 alimony.

Last Friday the case of Benedict against the City of O'Neill, for damages incurred in being thrown from his buggy by running against an electric light guy wire, came on for hearing. The plaintiff sued for \$10,000. The city made a vigorous defense, it being conducted by City Attorney Carlon, while R. R. Dickson looked after the prosecution. The case went to the jury Wednesday night, and is still out at this writing, (10:30 A. M.)

LATER—The jury came in at 11 o'clock with a verdict for the defendant. Judge Westover came down from Rushville Tuesday morning and occupied the bench with Judge Kinkaid until noon, when he took possession of the county court room and opened up another district court. The first case tried before him was the Hudson-Scott reward case, which resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff. A motion for a new trial was filed.

The case of Laura C. Putman vs. the Farmers' and Merchants' Insurance Co. was also tried before Judge Westover. Verdict for plaintiff for \$469.50.

The case of Gilbert L. Wiard against the Farmers' and Merchants' Insurance Co. is on trial today.

Judge Kinkaid went down to Omaha this morning and Judge Westover will preside until his return.

### EXPECTED NEXT WEEK.

Sioux City Times: The decision of the United States court of appeals in the Sioux City, O'Neill and Western and Sioux City and Northern railroad cases is to be handed down in St. Louis this week. Justice Sanborn is in New England attending the funeral of a relative, and it is said that the ruling will be given as soon as he returns.

This decision is awaited in Sioux City with considerable anxiety, for it virtually affects the ownership of the two railroads. The contention of the Credits Commutation company is that the securities for the two lines of road were wrongfully taken from the vault of the Union Loan and Trust Company by J. Kennedy Tod & Co. and by them hypothecated for a later loan. The Credits people further contend the bonds should be in their vault in Sioux City at the office of the Credits Commutation company. The decision will be made on an appeal from the decision of Judge Shiras.

### M'GINNIS NOT GUILTY.

The trial of Stephen McGinnis, arrested for being a party to the Ryan hold-up, took place in county court last Tuesday and was tried to a jury of three, composed of the following named gentlemen, all of O'Neill: C. W. Stamm, Walt Rathburn and Scott Hough.

Mr. Ryan testified positively that McGinnis was one of the three that held him up at the point of a revolver. He recognized him in particular as his face was not covered above his mouth.

McGinnis admitted that he was within a mile of the place where the hold-up occurred, but claimed that he was getting a load of wood and knew nothing whatever of the affair.

The jury after being out a short time brought in a sealed verdict of "not guilty."

### HUNT—CRONIN.

Mr. Dennis Hunt and Miss Nellie Cronin, both of O'Neill, were united in marriage Monday morning at the Catholic church, Rev. Father Cassidy officiating.

The young couple have many friends in this vicinity who will join with THE FRONTIER in extending hearty congratulations.

### 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 \$2 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. 32-2 J. P. MANN.

### THE FACTS IN THE CASE.

Editors FRONTIER: As so many false and conflicting statements have been published in regard to the holding up of young Groves, your correspondent deems it a duty to acquaint you with the facts in the case, as understood here.

Groves was staying with the Ernests on Honey creek when he was arrested on the charge of stealing a saddle from Fred Pine down in Steele Creek township. He was arrested by two men, named Doty and Sargent, both of Scottville, and taken before Justice Postlewait of Scottville, when the complaint against him was withdrawn. He had no trial, in spite of what the top papers of O'Neill so often affirm. The complaint being withdrawn Groves was discharged from the custody of the officer Doty. Then Doty informed him that he was going part of the way on the road towards Groves' home in Steel Creek, and he could ride with him that far. On the way suddenly masked men appeared and presenting guns ordered them to throw up their hands, which police request was of course complied with. Groves was then taken and his captors proceeded to question him as to the saddle, but mainly in regard to the people with whom he had been staying. In fact they did not seem at all anxious about the saddle, but wanted to know all about what he had been doing, where he had been, and in particular, about what the people had been doing where he had staid. They finally let him go, after warning him against keeping bad company.

As to the bad company part of it, Groves had staid nearly all fall with the Schimmelpennig's here at Scottville, and they have always been considered to be very good citizens. Since some time in November Groves had been at Ernests, in the Honey creek region. We do not know which the vigs consider to be bad company.

The truth of the matter is that very few people believe that the saddle was ever stolen, and if it ever was, it was stolen by the vigs themselves in order to get some excuse for their actions. That is one of their ways of inducing people to join them. They steal something from a man and then get him to join in order to find his property.

Your correspondent has simply reported the above just as it is generally understood here where the parties are known, and with no desire except to get it right, no matter who it hits.

Since the hold-up Groves has treated one of the parties to his trouble to a first class thrashing, doing it up in good shape, even if he is only a boy.

You will notice one thing in connection with this, and that is that Doty, who we understand is the man who swore out warrants for the arrest of some of the men suspected of killing Scott to keep them from going to Boyd county for trial, takes a leading part in this affair with Groves. And a similar coincidence is the recent affair in which Ryan was held up, a man named Bigler takes a leading part in this and also in the Hill case.

Very easy to put two and two together, is it not?

Now as to the stealing of cattle, etc., in this part of Holt county: The fact of the matter is that in all the northeast part of the county nothing at all has been stolen. The Sun and Beacon Light make a great cry whenever a report comes to town of cattle being stolen, but when it is found that the report is false they keep as still as mice about it.

When it was reported that Mr. Kelley of Scottville, had some cattle stolen they printed long articles in regard to it, which was all right to do, but when it was found that the cattle were peacefully grazing on the luscious grass of Holt county within a mile of home, neither of them mentioned it, and the same in other cases. They are doing Holt county more harm by so doing and spreading broadcast over the country the idea that northern Holt is inhabited solely by cattle thieves, than both of them can do good in a thousand years. Let every paper publish all the facts.

Your correspondent has lived in northern Holt nearly as long as anyone, has owned more or less stock all the time and has lost nothing by its being stolen; nor did he ever think there was any need of such a murderous outfit as the so-called vigilantes.

As to the character of the said vigs: On the start they got a number of good men to join, but that is a thing of the past. The true intent of the organization has come to light, the object for which the organization was created has been accomplished and they now are trying to cover their deeds beyond fear of discovery and let the thing die quietly.

When it is known generally, as it is known here, that all the law-defying, vicious element of all this region is in it they will command no respect from anyone. The great majority of the vigs have

nothing to steal and are simply hibernating in the sand hills hoping for another crop failure, so they may once again live fat on relief goods, and among their number are several known thieves, men who, when drunk, have boasted of stealing, and be very sure that they are leading lights.

During the days of the vigilantes in 88-84 the men who conducted it did so openly, and at no time did they try to hide their identity. None of them masked. When they wanted a man they simply went and got him and used means to cause him to tell all he knew. There was no masking; no foolhardiness; but even they went too far. Let every good citizen first do his duty both in electing peace officers and then in trying to aid them in the performance of their duties and all will be lovely; but as long as such men as now control the vigs know that many of our officers are in sympathy with them just so long will they flourish.

But remember that as soon as officers are elected in Holt county who will honestly try to enforce the laws, all such outlaw organizations will cease and cattle buyers and school children can again travel the highways in safety. Yours, X.

### IMPROPER NOVELS.

But if the didactic novel offends against the laws of art, the pseudo-realistic novel offends against the laws of decency. One is amazed sometimes at the frequency with which, in an age that shudders at the outspokenness of Shakespeare and shrinks from the pseudo-dealing of Fielding, stories only to be described as ineffably nasty are admitted to the chastest drawing-room tables. Sometimes these stories are written by young girls, who prattle with naive audacity of things they ought not to know; sometimes they are written by grown women, who believe emancipating their sex by depriving it of modesty; sometimes they are written by men, who have the hysterical tendencies of women or who are base enough to traffic in corruption. By whomever written, they sell; and while they sell they are bound to multiply. I wish we had a literary inquisition—some means of getting together all the novels of this kind known to exist, and burning them with appropriate ceremonies in the market-place.—Edward Fuller, in March Lippincott's.

### 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.

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. If 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.

### 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 Tillinger. Mr. Peter Koopp. Mrs. Lucindy Marren. 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. DOTY, P. M.