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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.

O. O. Snyder was in Sioux City Tuesday.

Editor Jenness was down from Atkinson Friday.

John Kearns returned to Chicago Monday morning.

Miss Fannie O'Neill went down the road Monday morning.

George Clark has been under the weather for a few days.

G. W. Smith transacted business in Sioux City Wednesday.

H. W. McClure, of Sioux City, had business in O'Neill Tuesday.

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

The one-week old child of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Lull died last week.

Pete Saunders, of the Leigh World, worshipped in O'Neill last Sunday.

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

Billie Fisher, formerly of Atkinson but now of Laurel, was in O'Neill Tuesday.

The working society will meet with Mrs. J. H. Meredith Wednesday, March 4, at 2 p. m.

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

Mrs. John Halloran, of Inman, was transacting business in O'Neill last Saturday.

Ralph Butler, Geo. Brien, Jake Roll and Leroy Butler were up from Ewing last Monday.

John Auten came up from Randolph Wednesday night and will visit friends for a few days.

John Weekes went to Bismark, North Dakota, last Friday. He will be absent about ten days.

Sanford Parker was in O'Neill Monday. He brought his billiard eye with him on this trip.

J. P. Mann went to Chicago last Sunday, where he will spend a week selecting his spring stock.

J. G. Cortelyou, of Omaha, was in O'Neill last week on business connected with the district court.

Mrs. Birmingham is now thought to be out of danger. Her case of fever was a difficult one to handle.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kearns and Miss Maggie left Monday morning for their home at Park City, Utah.

Mrs. Maylon Price came down from Atkinson Monday morning, where she had been visiting relatives.

Joe Mann came over from Spencer Sunday to take J. P.'s place in the store during his absence in Chicago.

Does Bro. McHugh still insist that Mayor Bigin refused to speak, when called upon, at the Short Line bridge opening?

The Speese Bros.' Colored Comedy Company played to an 85 house last Saturday night. The crowd was larger than they deserved.

D. H. Cronin went down to Randolph Wednesday morning and attended the meeting of the Northeast Nebraska Press Association held in that city.

Lincoln and a great many smaller towns have adopted the curfew plan of sending kids, under a certain age, home at 9 o'clock each night.

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 Giblin's residence was discovered to be on fire last night. The blaze was in the lath below the chimney and was discovered just in the nick of time.

O'Neill's business men observed Washington's birthday by closing their places of business. A great number of flags were also unfurled to the breeze that blew.

Miss Mary McGee came up from Randolph Thursday evening to attend the funeral of James Kearns, Friday. She returned to her home at Randolph Monday morning.

The west end of Charlie Moore's residence was discovered to be on fire one evening last week. No particular damage done. The small boy was probably the origin.

Whoever has occasion to sound the fire alarm should make an effort to get up a little speed. A feeble toll is hardly sufficient to cause one to become excited; and what's a fire without excitement?

Pure bred brown Leghorn Cockrells for sale cheap. 33-3 B. J. RYAN.

Springview Herald: For congress, Sixth district, give us Judge M. P. Kinkaid or give us death. With Kinkaid in congress, the Sixth district would be represented, and that in a creditable manner.

Coleridge Blade: F. Dowling, of Atkinson, has rented the Morrison-Starks blacksmith shop and will take possession the first of March. Mr. Dowling has had seventeen years experience in the business and comes well recommended.

On last Saturday Rev. George united in Marriage Lewis Coburn, of Phoenix, and Miss Ollie Berry, of Paddock, at the M. E. church in this city. The young couple will make their future home at Phoenix. THE FRONTIER tenders its congratulations.

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.

Cal Moffit, of the Spencer Advocate, has taken a few turns at the impression screws on his Washington press, and the result is a very decent print and a better impression on the minds of his readers. The Advocate stands up for Spencer and Boyd county admirably.

The remains of James Kearns, who died last week at Park City, Utah, arrived in O'Neill last Thursday night and were met at the depot by many who had been his friends. The funeral took place Friday morning from the Catholic church and was largely attended.

The prairie land adjacent to the "little ditch" presents an interesting picture at the present time. The company owning the ditch have purchased about 8,000 acres of land adjacent thereto and have caused it all to be placed in condition to irrigate, by the building of many miles of laterals.

The ladies of the Working society of the Presbyterian church feel highly flattered at the success of their supper given Wednesday evening. They wish to thank the public for their liberal patronage, and to say that the crazy quilt was won by Master Jesse Aiken, No. 507 being the lucky number.

Some unknown but gentlemanly correspondent to the Butte Gazette last week laid violent hands on the Sun editor, so to speak. He wrote a two column article concerning that individual that teemed with satire and truth. It's no use, however; when a man is a natural chump or a chump from choice he cannot be taught anything.

A small blaze in Tom Golden's law office was occasion for a fire alarm Tuesday afternoon. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is thought that a cigar stub thrown upon the floor set fire to some waste paper which communicated it to the letter files, and then to the woodwork on the window. The chemical engine sufficed to extinguish the flend while it was yet in its infancy.

A sensible man will not get mad because a newspaper man duns for money. A dun is not an impeachment of integrity, but is simply an outcropping of a publisher's necessities. For instance, 800 men owe a man from one to four dollars each. He has to dun them to pay expenses. Instead of getting angry the subscriber should thank the editor for waiting upon him so patiently, and pay up like a man.

The hydrant on the corner of Fifth and Douglas froze up and burst open some time ago and last Monday Street Commissioner Hall dug down to ascertain the condition of things. He found that the box-clder trees, growing some distance away, had sent out roots to tap the main, the pipe being literally covered with roots, some of which had grown up into the vent and completely corked the pipe. Nature is an economist that permits nothing to go to waist—ah! we should have spelled it "waste."

Muscotah Record: A printer doesn't go to the doctor when he is out of "aorts," nor to the bakery when he wants "pi," nor to the bible when he wants a good "rule," nor to hell when he wants the "devil," nor to the gun shop when he wants a "shooting stick," nor to the furniture store when he wants "furniture," nor to the wood pile when he wants a "stick," nor to the bank when he wants "quoins," nor to a lawyer when he has a "dirty case," nor to a girl when he goes to "press," nor to a pump when he has ten cents in his pocket.

The Northeast Nebraska Press Association held their regular semi-annual meeting in Randolph yesterday. It was a very successful and largely attended session. To the hospitable citizens of Randolph the boys are very grateful for the royal entertainment furnished them. Our only regret is that we were unable to stay and attend the banquet, but as Brother Murray, of the Pender Times, agreed to take care of our share of the tempting viands we feel satisfied that the duty was well performed.

A real live cowboy was in the city Wednesday night. He was rigged out in chaps, sombrero and six shooter and looked tough enough to be a vigilante. He hailed from Ft. Dodge, Io., and was on his way to the range to lead the life of a puncher as pictured out in dime novels. The boys here who have seen enough of such men as Middleton and Hall to know the genuine article, had considerable fun with the misguided stranger. If he is fortunate when he gets to the Hills he may get a job of hauling hay at \$8 per month.

The "Editor's Day" is outlined in the Dubuque Ledger as follows: "The editor riseth in the morning and knoweth not what the day may bring forth. If he telleth all the news he runneth the risk of having a tin ear put on him, and if he telleth not the news the people say he is n. g., and there is no joy in it. The crafty man cajoleth him into giving him a fifty cent puff for a five cent cigar and all the fond mothers frown upon him if he fails to flatter their freckle-faced broods. And all his ways are full of woe, and his days are full of sorrow. The life insurance man setteth snares for him, and on the whole he hath a deuce of a time."

Spencer Advocate: Sanford Parker, Cal Moffit, Jim Myers and Robert Stearns were over to O'Neill this week to attend the second trial of Hudson against the lodges for the reward offered by them for the finding of Scott's body, which reward was given at the first trial to Hudson. The finding of the jury however, was set aside by the judge as contrary to the evidence, and a new trial ordered, which was held this week, and although the evidence was stronger than ever against Hudson's claim, and the instructions of the judge plain, the jury again found in favor of Hudson. There is nothing like knowing how to work a jury, is there Mike? We don't think.

The ordinary sign of a jeweler is an immense watch hanging over the front of the store. These signs are all made by one man, and all show the same hour, 8:18. The explanation given is that Abraham Lincoln was shot in Ford's theater, April 14, 1862, at 8:18 p. m. The manufacturer was working on a sign for a Mr. Adams of Broadway, New York. While he was at work his employer ran in from the street and told him the news. "Pain't those hands at the hour Lincoln was shot, that the deed may not be forgotten," exclaimed Mr. Adams. The painter did so. Since that time every watch sign that has gone out of his shop has been lettered in the same way, the hands pointing to the hour of 8:18.

This mild spring-like weather is beginning to tell on the boys. Last Tuesday while the editor sat in the shade watching the young school girls skipping the rope and enjoying himself in reverie, he noticed Register Harmon, Court Reporter Maher and County Attorney Murphy come along one at a time and stop to watch the girls at play. Each of them paused for a moment or two, until seemingly overcome by recollections of their own school days, they rushed in where angels fear to tread and took a hop. John Maher was probably the most graceful jumper of them all, but then John has had experience. He has so often jumped from one political party to another that he finds no difficulty in skipping almost any kind of a trullaloo.

Another large amount of public money appropriated by the populists was found last Monday to have been thrown away. The pops claimed that Rhody Hayes was short in his accounts some \$500, and employed Expert Stitt to make an examination of his books. He found a shortage of about that amount and the county commenced suit to recover. Hayes admitted that he might be short a hundred or so and offered to pay a reasonable amount and settle the matter up, but an agreement could not be reached and the suit went on. The case was tried to Judge Westover and a verdict rendered by him against Hayes for \$113, and interest, a smaller amount than he had formerly offered to pay. The testimony of the expert was not admitted in evidence at all. H. M. Uttley, Mr. Hayes' attorney, found so many errors in his work that the court considered it unreliable and threw it all out. Mr. Stitt has had a fatiguing in Holt county at \$6 per day.

VIGILANTES MAKE MORE TROUBLE.

Mr. and Mrs. Prouty, who live at Paddock, on the Niobrara, were in O'Neill Monday on business occasioned by recent movements of the vigilantes headed by that notorious Geo. D. Mullihan, who figured so conspicuously in the defense at the Scott murder trial.

They called upon THE FRONTIER during the afternoon and recited the facts concerning the late difficulty. It seems that some time ago Mrs. Prouty sold a small island in the river to Mrs. Gray. Everything went along smoothly and the title was not questioned until settlers in northern Holt and southern Boyd commenced chopping down the timber on the island. Mr. Gray secured an injunction from the district court restraining the choppers and since that time the vigilantes have been determined to make trouble for the Proutys. They first claimed that the transfer from Mr. Prouty to his wife was illegal and told the Grays that if they did not prosecute Mr. Prouty they themselves would be in danger. They then sent word to Mr. Prouty that the vigilantes had \$1,500 to prosecute the case, but if he would pay them \$300 the whole matter would be dropped, to which Mr. Prouty politely replied that he was prepared to defend the title and the transaction and that he would see them in a decidedly warm place before he would be blackmailed.

Since that time the vigilantes have been obstreperous. They, that is, Mullihan, employ the county surveyor who went over and surveyed Mr. Prouty's farm. What his findings were are unknown, but anyway the Gray family were last week moved into a vacant shanty on the Prouty farm, which is occupied by a son-in-law of Mr. Prouty. A number of vigilantes superintended the capture of the farm, very prominent among them being Mr. Mullihan. Mr. Prouty's son-in-law was given formal notice to vacate the farm by March 25. This is the way matters now stand.

Mr. and Mrs. Prouty are in a quandry as to what course to pursue. They have lived there for over 20 years and passed through the Indian troubles of the early days, but say there never was a time when they felt as unsafe and insecure as they do today, surrounded by the vigilantes. "Why," said Mr. Prouty with a kindly glance at his wife, "I know some women who go armed, and take daily target practice."

The true cause of the hatred that the vigilantes have for Mr. Prouty is that he was a witness against them in the Scott murder trial. They threatened him at that time. We learn from another source that Mullihan sees ghosts. He says that the bridge, from which Scott's body was thrown into the river, is haunted and that Scott appears there every night at 12 o'clock. He says he happened to be at the bridge one time at the midnight hour and saw the apparition. He addressed the shade and said: "Who killed you anyway, Scott?" The specter answered: "Oh, Prouty," as he jumped off into the river. He also says he dreams of Scott every night and that he always says Prouty killed him. Some people think that his mind and conscience have more than they can bear.

A DISTRICT REUNION.

A movement is on foot to organize a district reunion, the district to be composed of Holt, Brown, Rock, Keya Paha and Boyd counties. A committee which was appointed at the last reunion in Holt county to effect the organization, has issued the following circular:

O'NEILL, NEB., Feb. 26, 1896. COMRADE—At the last reunion of old soldiers, held at Atkinson August last, by resolution then and there passed by the comrades, that there be a new organization formed, composed of the counties of Brown, Keya Paha, Rock, Boyd and Holt; at the same time by vote of the comrades it was ordered that a committee be appointed for the purpose of forming said organization and determine the time and place of holding the next reunion; said committee consisting of John Skirving, of O'Neill, B. W. Johnson, of Atkinson, and G. C. Whitney, of Stuart.

Said committee cordially invites you to meet us at Long Pine on the 4th day of May, 1896, to aid and assist in forming said organization, and selecting the time and place of holding said reunion, and transacting all other matters of business that may come before said committee.

JOHN SKIRVING, B. W. JOHNSON, G. C. WHITNEY, Committee.

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.

Corbett's photo studio and dental parlors will be open from February 28, to March 5, inclusive.

33-3 A. H. CORBETT.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Emaline Mathews vs C. W. Hamilton, by agreement jury was waived, and it was further agreed that the plaintiff recover a judgment against the defendant for the possession of the property in controversy; and that defendant recover from the plaintiff a judgment for \$35 and costs.

In case of Laura C. Putnam vs Farmers' and Merchants' insurance company, the jury found for defendant in the sum of \$468.50.

A. M. Huddleston vs A. L. Wilcox, jury returned verdict for plaintiff for \$15 and interest. Plaintiff sued on a note.

Gilbert L. Waird vs Farmers' and Merchants' insurance company, judgment for plaintiff for \$497.06.

State of Nebraska vs Sirene Holtz, charged with cattle rustling. Case called Friday and set for trial this week. Upon the affidavit of defendant a number of subpoenas were issued for witnesses in his defense. The case of John Dunhorn was called next and disposed of in a similar manner.

Ege & Van Zandt vs Justin McCarthy, jury found that plaintiff had no cause of action.

Motion for new trial in the case of Laura C. Putnam vs Farmers' and Merchants' insurance company overruled, and defendants given forty days to file bill of exceptions. A similar motion in the case of Waird vs the same insurance company was disposed of in the same way.

Saturday being a legal holiday, of course no business was transacted until Monday, Judge Westover and Reporter Maher going home to spend Sunday. They returned Monday morning and proceeded with the business by calling the case of J. M. Freeman vs John Lappan, which came up on a motion by plaintiff to amend his affidavit, which was allowed.

O. O. Snyder, receiver, vs Patrick Clear, demurer filed by defendant overruled.

County of Holt vs R. J. Hayes, tried to Judge Westover Monday. Court took matter under advisement, and on Tuesday rendered judgment against defendant for \$195.82. Amount sued for was \$500.

A. C. Mohr vs Thos. Hudson was tried to the court, which found judgment for plaintiff in the sum of \$25 and interest, amounting to \$80.

Elkhorn Valley bank vs Mary Marley, verdict for defendant in the amount of \$190.

Quincy National bank vs Lewis Radcliffe, jury found plaintiff had no cause for action.

Lunetta Rector vs John Chisholm, decree of foreclosure.

The case of the State vs Carberry came on for hearing Wednesday morning with Judge Kinkaid on the bench. Thos. Carlson is assisting in the prosecution of the case and N. D. Jackson, of Neligh, and Dick Johnson, of Stuart, are defending.

It is understood that when the Fanton case comes up for hearing a motion will be made to quash the panel, on account of some irregularity in drawing the jury.

THE GUESSING CONTEST.

The big lump of coal that the O. O. Snyder company had at their yards was weighed last Saturday at 2:30 o'clock. It weighed 2,795, and John Dressler was the winner of the ton of coal offered to the person guessing nearest to the weight of the lump. His guess was 2,795, the exact weight of the coal. There were 738 guesses. The following are the names of some of those whose guesses were close to the exact weight: J. C. Olson.....2790 A. Pelkin.....2765 M. McCounry.....2762 T. F. Lull.....2687 Mrs. Zimmerman.....2792 A. Gallentine.....2760 J. Eppenbaugh.....2790 J. F. Lull.....2795 Miss Nellie Joyce.....2799 J. Murphy.....2766 J. Trigg.....2768 L. B. Gallentine.....2765 T. B. Trueblood.....2767 Lizzie Meals.....2788 Mrs. E. S. Kinch.....2791 C. J. Coffee.....2783 A. U. Morris.....2780

An Aching Void

Which is hard to fill during Lent, but we are equal to the emergency. Look the following over and make your selection:

- Georges Bank Codfish.
 - No. one Mackerel.
 - No. one White fish.
 - Labrador Herring.
 - Holland Herring.
 - Smoked Herring.
 - Smoked Halibut.
 - Canned Salmon.
 - Canned Brook Trout.
 - Canned Lobsters.
 - Canned Mustard Sardines.
 - Canned Imported Sardines.
 - Canned American Sardines.
 - These are all first-class goods.
- 34-2 O'NEILL GROCERY CO.

THE DAMAGE SUIT.

The citizens of O'Neill in general and her officers in particular have every reason to congratulate themselves upon the outcome of the Benedict damage suit. While public opinion differed greatly as to Mr. Benedict's right to recover, there was but one thing for the city officers to do, and that was to resist the claim and prevent, if possible, the establishment of a costly precedent.

The case was one of the most important in a civil way ever tried to a Holt county jury, involving as it did, the city's liability to have to pay out in cold cash \$10,000. The trial was a lengthy and tedious one; complicated questions being encountered at nearly every turn. The plaintiff employed one of O'Neill's leading lawyers, R. R. Dickson, to prosecute the case, and the city entrusted the defense entirely to her city attorney, whose conduct in the matter fully justified the confidence reposed in him. As a general thing good lawyers are not found occupying the position of city attorney but Mayor Bigin, who does nothing by halves, looked upon the city attorneyship as an important position and chose to fill it one of the best practitioners to be found within the corporate limits of the city, and the outcome of this case shows that his precaution was a wise one.

Without going into the merits of the case, it is but justice to our city attorney, Mr. Carlson, to say that he has won one of the most important and vigorously contested cases ever tried in the county.

A couple of cases of diphtheria are reported at the home of Mr. Ernest, who lives about eight miles northwest of O'Neill.

WANTED—A girl to do general household work. Will pay \$8.00 a week to a competent girl.

Mrs. ELMER WILLIAMS.

Clay Center Sun: The best medium for building up Nebraska is the state press, and it is doing the work quietly and unostentatiously every day. An ably edited, neatly printed and well patronized general newspaper circulated in other states is the best advertising medium for the state that can be devised; better than a paper devoted wholly to booming the state, for such papers are generally accredited with overdoing things and thus exert comparatively little influence. The most profitable club for Nebraska would be one containing a list of every business and professional man and woman in the state pledged to advertise in and give material support to his home paper. Such a paper going abroad would speak as nothing else can for the state. The press stands up for Nebraska at all times. Let the people hold up the hands of the state press by giving it their patronage and it will be the Nebraska club that will knock the persimmons.

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. 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.