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Items of Interest Told As They Are Told to Us.

WHEN AND HOW IT HAPPENED

Local Happenings Portrayed For General Edification and Amusement.

Register Harmon went down the road Tuesday morning.

Judge Kinkaid is holding court in Ainsworth this week.

George Mead, of Fremont, had business in O'Neill Monday.

WANTED—A few day boarders. Rates reasonable. Mrs. DENNIS LYONS.

Dr. Dorbett will be here May 2, instead of the 8th, as previously announced.

Bargains, bargains; they still continue on shoes at the Sullivan Mercantile Company's store. 40-3

Be sure and get Sioux City seeds. They are the best. For sale by Neil Brennan. 35tf.

Ed Purdy was in the city Sunday with a 164-pound pickerel that was caught down near Stafford. It was a beauty.

Corbett's photo studio and dental parlors will be open from May 2, to the 14th inclusive. 42-4 A. H. CORBETT.

Buy the best garden seeds; the best are the cheapest. None better than the Sioux City seeds, sold by Neil Brennan.

After April 1, 1896, the building now occupied by the postoffice will be for rent cheap. Inquire of R. R. Dickson.

Misses Herrick and Brown will conduct a meeting for men only at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The Chicago lady quartette will give an entertainment in O'Neill on April 29. This company has the reputation of being first-class.

The Degree of Honor will give one of their old-time balls at the rink May 1. A good time guaranteed to all who wish to come and enjoy themselves.

Why not buy Nebraska grown garden seeds? They are the finest to be had, well matured and true to name. See them. 39-tf O'NEILL GROCERY CO.

After May 1, 1896, all delinquent personal tax will be collected by distress. J. P. MULLEN, County treasurer.

Since the Sullivan Mercantile Company have moved to their new quarters their new line of spring and summer goods is a sight worth seeing. Don't fail to see their immense stock when in town. 40-3

Licenses were issued this week by County Judge McCutchan as follows: Frick Johnson and Thresa Siegel, of Rock county; Joseph Sabey and Anna Lobez, of Stuart, Holt county.

We have just received a car load of an extra fine flour, and we are prepared to make you very low figures for good goods. Come in. 40-3 O'NEILL GROCERY CO.

Harry Mathews came up from Omaha Monday night, where he went to assist in representing Boyd county at the state convention. He went up the road Tuesday night.

The ladies of O'Neill and vicinity are cordially invited to attend a woman's meeting at the rink next Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Girls over 14 years old admitted.

We have a fresh lot of alfalfa, blue grass, red and white clover. Don't you want some? 39-tf O'NEILL GROCERY CO.

Walter A. Wyant and Miss Doretha M. Eisele, of Chambers, were married on the 8th inst. at Burwell. We will give a more extended notice next week.

Landreth's garden seeds have been sown for 112 years and have never been surpassed for excellence. We have a fall line of them. MORRIS & Co.

Next Friday there will be all-day service at the Methodist church. A lack of space prevents us giving the program, which promises to be interesting.

Landreth's vegetable seeds are fresh—pure and true to name and will satisfy the most critical demands of those who want the best and nothing but the best. These high grade seeds are carried in stock by 37-tf. MORRIS & Co.

The best display of produce at the Sioux City Exposition last year was raised and sent there by Neil Brennan and he raised them from Sioux City garden seeds. So if you want the best seed call at his place and buy your seeds for this season. 37tf

Mrs. J. H. Riggs and children, of Randolph, are visiting relatives in the city.

Romaine Saunders came up from Leigh Saturday night and visited over Sunday with relatives.

Busy people have no time, and sensible people have no inclination to use a slow remedy. One Minute Cough Cure acts promptly and gives permanent results. MORRIS & Co.

Sanford Parker came up from Omaha Saturday night, where he had been attending the state convention, and went over to Spencer Sunday. Mrs. Parker came over from Spencer Friday to meet him.

Mr. Hudson, who removed from Dorsey to Georgia last fall, returned to O'Neill Sunday night. He was not favorably impressed with that section of the south, and says Holt is all right after all.

There will be a gospel meeting held at the M. E. church, Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, for men only. The meeting is to be led by Misses Herrick and Brown. All men are earnestly requested to be present.

The Odd Fellows lodge is preparing to celebrate 77th anniversary of the order on Saturday evening, the 25th. All Odd Fellows, their families, and Rebeccas are invited. A supper and literary exercises are on the program.

We might tell you more about one Minute Cough Cure, but you probably know that it cures a cough. Every one who has tried it. It is a perfect remedy for coughs, colds, hoarseness. It is an especial favorite for children, being pleasant to take and quick in curing. MORRIS & Co.

The mammoth line of spring and summer goods now on exhibition at the Sullivan Mercantile Company's store is the grandest ever seen in northwestern Nebraska. Come and get our prices, we will guarantee to save you money. We are always in the lead when it comes to low prices. 40-3 SULLIVAN MERCANTILE CO.

What is more desirable on your table at this time of year than a plate of nice pickles. There are others, but none as good as Heinz Keystone brand. Buy nothing else if you want the best. In bulk we have their celebrated Dill pickles, something new, but already very popular; and their unequalled sweet mixed, as well as the regular sour pickles. Try these once and you will use no other. 41-3 J. P. MANN.

Perhaps you are well enough satisfied where you are trading for groceries, but in these hard times it will pay you to look around, and to show you that we would like a portion of your grocery trade we offer

- 20 pounds good dried apples for \$1.00
- 16 pounds California peaches for 1.00
- 20 pounds good raisins for 1.00
- 20 pounds dried grapes for 1.00
- 32 pounds rolled oats for 1.00
- 20 pounds good rice (not broken) 1.00
- 5 pounds Japan tea (a fair article) 1.00
- 3 pounds Japan tea (extra bargain) 1.00
- Pail syrup .65

We ain't saying a word about sugar, the prospects are it will soon be out of sight. Try our bulk pickles when you want something to give you an appetite. 41-3 J. P. MANN.

Down in Arkansas a man must pay his poll tax before he can vote. Here is an idea for some of the northern states. It is either a good way to fix the roads or a good way to cut down the vote, we are undecided which.—FRONTIER.

You have the wrong understanding of the meaning of our poll tax law. It is not for the purpose of fixing the roads. It is simply a license that every voter must take out, and it costs a dollar. The money goes into the school fund. Thousands of voters lose their franchise from a misunderstanding of the law, from carelessness, from lack of money, and because it is too much trouble to find an officer to pay it to. It is a good thing and yet a bad thing. See—Stuttgart Free Press.

Our stock of clothing has not been as large for years and our customers are fast finding out that it is not necessary for them to send away to get good bargains in cheap clothing. Our suits at \$4.50, \$5.00 and \$5.50 are all great surprises. They are not antineets but good cassimeres and chivviots. At \$6.00, \$6.50 and \$7.00 you get a much better grade, and at \$7.50, \$8.00, \$8.50, \$9.75 and \$10.00 we sell as good all wool suits as is produced in America. Our black clay worsted suits at \$10.00 will astonish you when you see the quality. In boys' two-piece suits we have some excellent values at \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00; cheaper ones \$1.50 and \$1.75 and combination suits, with two pair pants, \$3.75, \$4.00 and \$4.50. We hope you will favor us by examining our stock and if we cannot suit you as well and sell you as cheap then send for a suit, but give us a chance to show you ours first. 39-tf. J. P. MANN.

Landreth's celebrated garden seed. We purchase these seeds direct and guarantee them fresh and true to name. They should not be classed with the common run of seeds left with dealers on commission. Use Landreth's seeds, and a good vegetable garden is assured. 37-tf. MORRIS & Co.

Platte Center Signal: A young lady whose sense of shame would not permit her to address a certain unmarried clerk in one of our dry goods stores in ordinary English called for a pair of garters thusly: "It is my desire to obtain a pair of circular elastic appendages, capable of being contracted or expanded by means of oscillating burnished steel appliances that sparkle like particles of gold leaf set with Alaska diamonds and which are utilized for retaining in proper positions the habiliments of the lower extremities which inate delicacy forbids me to mention." The clerk was so taken back by the young lady's extreme modesty and ready flow of the English language that whenever he sees a young lady enter the store now he calls for the "old man" to wait on the prospective customer.

OBITUARY. Mary Ann Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Clark, who reside seven miles southwest of O'Neill, died last night of typhoid fever after a short illness, aged 23 years.

Deceased was born at Patterson, New Jersey, but had resided in Holt county for twenty years, where she had many friends who sincerely mourn her early death.

It was just five weeks ago to a day that her younger sister died from the same disease, and the bereaved family feels that the hand of affliction has indeed been laid heavily upon them.

The funeral will take place tomorrow at 10 o'clock from the Catholic church.

THE FRONTIER joins the many friends of the family in offering heartfelt condolence.

A WORD WITH THE CLOSE BUYER. Do not jump at conclusions every time some advertisement appears, which sounds cheap to you at first glance.

Carefully investigate the matter and compare it with prices to be obtained from merchants who regularly and not spasmodically, offer you what they call bargains. Remember that during the last eight years we have always made bed rock prices on groceries, quality and weight considered, and that we are in a position to not only meet ALL legitimate competition, but usually go them one better. Sometimes we are asked why we do not sell so and so as cheaply as such and such a merchant does? In reply we say: We meet competition from any merchant who pays for his goods, but we do not pretend to compete with those who do not. We can't do it and pay our bills. To those who have favored us with their patronage for the last eight years and to those who have not, and anticipate a change, we say, we will not be undersold, quality and weight considered, and invite an inspection of our stock which is always fresh and good. We do not guarantee to please every one, but we will do our best and then our responsibility ceases. Drop in when in need of groceries at bed rock figures. 42-1 O'NEILL GROCERY CO.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION. A delegate convention of the democratic electors of Holt county is hereby called to meet at the court house in O'Neill on Saturday, April 25, 1896 at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of selecting six delegates to attend the democratic state convention, to be held at Lincoln, Neb., on April 29, 1896, and for transacting such other business as may properly come before the convention.

The apportionment of delegates from each precinct and ward, based on the vote of the Hon. T. J. Mahoney, candidate for judge of the supreme court at the last general election, and including one delegate at large for each precinct and ward, is as follows:

- Atkinson 3 Pleasantview 2
- Chambers 2 Rock Falls 1
- Conley 1 Sand Creek 1
- Cleveland 1 Saratoga 1
- Dustin 2 Scott 1
- Deloit 1 Sheridan 1
- Ewing 2 Shields 1
- Hammett 1 Steel Creek 2
- Francis 1 Stuart 3
- Fairview 1 Swan 1
- Grattan 2 Verdigris 2
- Green Valley 2 Willowdale 1
- Iowa 1 Wyoming 1
- Imman 2 O'Neill 1st ward 3
- Lake 1 2nd ward 2
- McClure 1 3rd ward 2
- Paddock 1

It is recommended that the primaries be held on Friday, April 24, 1896. JOHN A. HARMON, Chairman Central Committee.

Frank Shepardon, an engineer on the Southern Pacific Ry., who resides at Los Angeles, Cal., was troubled with rheumatism for a long time. He was treated by several physicians, also visited the Hot Springs, but received no permanent relief until he used Chamberlain's Pain Balm. He says it is the best medicine in the world for rheumatism. For sale by P. C. Corrigan, druggist.

THE MILLS OF JUSTICE.

In the case of the state vs. Donham the jury brought in a verdict of guilty as charged and fixed the value of the cattle at \$75. A motion for a new trial was filed Monday, which states that the defendant has some newly discovered evidence. The motion will probably come up for hearing about May 4.

In the case of the state vs. Holtz the jury returned a verdict of petty larceny and the court fixed his sentence at thirty days in the county jail and decreed that he should pay the costs of the action. The jury found the value of the cattle stolen to be \$33.25. At the time these cattle were stolen the law was that in order to make a penitentiary offense it had to be proven that the value of the cattle was \$35 or over. Subsequently the law was changed making the theft of cattle of any value a penitentiary offense. He had to be sentenced under the law in force at the time of the theft, hence it will be seen that the jury allowed the prisoner to escape the penalty by fixing the value at \$33.25 instead of \$35.00. There was just a matter of \$1.75 between Holtz and the penitentiary.

The title of the old creamery building was quieted in the receiver of the Holt County bank.

The court found that for various reasons the jury would be disqualified from sitting on the criminal causes pending, consequently it was dismissed and the sheriff ordered to procure another.

On Friday Judge Kinkaid presided over the criminal court upstairs and Judge Westover occupied the county judge's quarters down stairs and heard civil causes. Both reporters were in attendance and the blind goddess stepped to lively music.

The court adjourned Saturday night until April 27, when a day's session will be held for equity work.

The session for the trial of criminal cases will commence on May 4, at which time the actions against Fanton and Barney will come on for trial.

THE TEACHERS' MEET.

The Holt County Teachers' Association held a meeting in Atkinson, April 11, 96.

The morning session was called to order at 10 o'clock, at the school house, by Superintendent W. R. Jackson, president of the association. While waiting for some to gather in, Prin. R. F. Cross, of the Atkinson schools, favored the audience with a very choice selection.

"The Dignity of Our Profession," was the subject of a paper presented by Prin. S. L. Anderson, General discussion followed. A paper on reading was presented by Rev. Bates. A number of good suggestions were brought forward especially on the kind of reading pupils should have. After a selection by the choir the association adjourned till 1:30 p. m., to meet at the M. E. church.

The first order of the afternoon was a paper on "Writing" by Anna Murphy. "Vertical and slant" writing received quite a little attention. "First Steps in Reading," was the subject of Edith Smith's paper. In her absence Annie Lowrie read her paper. After a discussion of this paper, Miss Lowrie favored the association with an instrumental solo.

Principal Cross read a paper on drawing, prepared by W. H. Blackmer. A general discussion followed led by Frank E. Simar. "The Teacher as a Reformer," was presented by Minnie Guyer. It was an ably prepared paper. H. R. Corbett, state superintendent, arrived on the afternoon freight, and addressed the association on "Fads and Foggies."

A large audience gathered at the church in the evening and heard the lecture on "Watch that Boy," by Superintendent Corbett. They were highly entertained for more than an hour.

Space will not permit us to speak at length of the many excellent thoughts suggested by these papers, and especially by the state superintendent.

The music for the occasion was furnished by the high school choir, and was one of the pleasant and entertaining parts of the program.

Superintendent Jackson deserves much credit for the success of our associations. His endeavors in the work are being rewarded by the hearty co-operation on the part of the teachers. After a vote of thanks to the citizens of Atkinson for their hospitality, the association adjourned. **

Bilious Colic.

Persons who are subject to attacks of bilious colic will be pleased to know that prompt relief may be had by taking Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It acts quickly and can always be depended upon. In many cases the attack may be prevented by taking this remedy as soon as the first indication of the disease appears. For sale by P. C. Corrigan, druggist.

A little ill, then a little pill. The ill is gone the pill has won. DeWitt's Little Early Risers the little pills that cure great ills. MORRIS & Co.

AS OTHERS SEE US.

Our Irrigation Enterprise Is Watched With Interest by Others.

A recent visit to Holt county revealed some new developments in various matters of public interest. In the first place there is considerable enthusiasm among local capitalists and the people generally over prospects for irrigation, and they are awaiting with some impatience and much interest the decision of the United States supreme court upon the test case of the Wright law of California upon the constitutionality thereof. The new company having control of the small ditch south of O'Neill, which was built two years ago, has bought up a large acreage under the ditch, and leased every acre of it and could lease twice as much more if it had the land. About 5,000 acres will be tilled and irrigated this year under the small ditch, which will give irrigation in that section a good test. Besides this, a good many farmers have small irrigating plants which have proved successful already, and they are prepared to baffle dame nature and prosper, despite the drouth that often affects their crops when they depend upon the caprice of Jupiter Pluvius alone.—Bassett Eagle.

"In keeping with my usual practice," said J. F. Hanson to a Tribune man today, "I shall have to tell you about a little tour of investigation I have just been making in some of the upper counties, namely, Holt, Rock and Brown, but more particularly Holt. I find things up there in a very fair state of prosperity, as prosperity goes these days, much better than I had supposed. It is queer how natural it is for people to underestimate conditions a little west of them. We are like people in the east, who expect to find wild Indians and buffalo around Omaha and Fremont.

"There are two great factors in the make-up of a large territory on the upper Elkhorn that are ultimately going to make it support a large population. These are the wonderful wealth of grass and the easily accessible underground supplies of water. I am gratified to note that people up there are gradually coming to make the most of both. In all these counties there is now as strong and rapid a movement as the means of the people will allow in the direction of dairying and general stock raising, for which that whole country is so eminently fitted.

"A good creamery costing something like \$5,000 has recently been put in and is operating successfully at Amelia, an inland point of the railroad about twenty-five miles southwest of O'Neill.

"The town site of Amelia, by the way, with valuable grass land in that vicinity, belongs to our townsman, J. C. Franklin, who I understand is adding gradually to his land holdings in that vicinity.

"Atkinson is organizing a creamery, Newport has one already, and I presume there are others. Many German and other farmers are making and shipping butter direct on a fair-sized and growing scale. I ran across one German farmer up there and among others where they are milking and churning from twenty-five cows, the result of a few years' gradual development along this line.

"I shall swatch with a great deal of interest operations now actually going on on a very considerable scale at O'Neill in the line of irrigation, about which I shall tell you something more for tomorrow's issue."—Fremont Tribune.

These upper counties, notwithstanding their abundant water supply for the purpose, have been slow at getting at irrigation, as compared with some other parts of the state and Kansas, but I am confident it is bound to come up there, on some of their farms and to the great advantage of that country as well as to Fremont's trade interests.

The town of O'Neill must be given great credit for its determined, untiring efforts for irrigation during the past two or three years and has apparently succeeded now in breaking the way. Plucky O'Neill! With all the faults and mistakes that have been ascribed to her, she has a Spartan record of doing, daring and spending to accomplish something along a score of different lines—efforts which if all concentrated from the first on irrigation would have brought large results to the town and county, and that are yet destined to be crowned with success.

Some strong Iowa and Illinois parties I am told have been interested by O'Neill people in an irrigation enterprise at that place. These eastern parties have purchased about 5,000 acres of valley land in a body south and southwest of town, and have constructed a main ditch twelve miles long, tapping the Elkhorn river nine miles west, and are nearly done now with cutting scores of miles of small lateral ditches through their lands ready for turning on the water. I inspected this work over a stretch of about six miles, and found it very interesting. There is a large force of men

now at work putting on the finishing touches. Colorado irrigation experts are superintending the construction work, and no pains or money are spared to make the undertaking complete. The spur ditches run eastward down the valley from the main ditch, and from the spurs run the numerous long laterals to the north, these laterals being only 200 feet apart. The water will flood the land from each lateral down the natural fall of the valley to the west. I can see no reason why the undertaking should not be a success. It is being done by men who have means and expect assistance to do it right. The land has the usual good valley shape, and the Elkhorn is a good sized and reliable stream even at this comparatively short distance from its source. The land thus irrigated is nearly all prairie soil. The contract has been let for breaking up about 3,500 this season. The intention is to put it all in alfalfa.—J. F. Hanson in Fremont Tribune.

KEM'S DREAM.

Kem had a dream the other evening. He dreamed he was dead and his spirit took its flight toward the pearly gates. Arrived at the heavenly paradise he knocked. St. Peter answered his call: "Who comes?" asked St. Peter.

"Omer M. Kem, late congressman from the Sixth district of Nebraska, knocks for admission to heaven," replied Kem.

"Omer M. Kem, congressman?" queried Peter in some surprise, "we have no knowledge of him here. But wait a moment; I will look at the book."

St. Peter turned the books while Kem shook with fear at the portals.

"No," sadly replied St. Peter, "your name is not on the books. You can't come in Omer."

With great disappointment and a sad heart Omer turned his back on heaven and commenced his descent down the hill he had just climbed so full of hope and expectation.

He had gotten partly down the hill when he met a pilgrim on his way up the hill to heaven, radiant with hope and sunshine. Kem recognized the face as that of Judge Kinkaid, and making bold he addressed him:

"Is this Judge Kinkaid?"

"Yes, Omer."

"Whither bound?" asked Omer.

"To heaven Omer."

"I have just come down from the gate Judge. St. Peter refused me admission—had not heard of me. You will hardly get in. It will go as heavy with you as with me."

"Not so, Omer. I have in nothing wronged my fellow men. I feel sure of admission within. St. Peter will, I feel certain, have heard of me, and admit me."

"Can't some arrangements be made for me to sneak in with you, Judge. Suppose I get down on all fours and you get on my back and ride me up to the gate and knock for admission, and if you are admitted you shall ride me through the pearly portals and then we'll both be in."

"Agreed," said Judge.

Omer got down on all fours and Kinkaid mounted and rode Omer up to the pearly gate and knocked. St. Peter called:

"Who comes?"

"Kinkaid."

"Ah, yes; Judge Kinkaid, candidate for congress. We have heard of you. Your record stands well here. I see you have ridden up the hill. Hitch your ass outside and enter in among the blessed, Judge."

[The above was handed us for publication by a lady friend at Turner, Neb. She does not claim authorship of the idea, but has worked it over to suit the occasion.—Ed.]

GLOVE SALE.

One hundred pairs of kid gloves worth from \$1.75 to \$2 per pair, will be closed out at 98 cents. Come early; they won't last long at this figure. 42-2 J. P. MANN.

STRAYED OR STOLEN.

One grey horse 9 years old, weight about 850; is branded —O on left shoulder. Has been gone about six weeks. The other one is a bay horse, 4 years old, weight 1100; tail clipped about the hock, mane sheared close. Lump on forehead; two white hind legs. Been gone about three weeks. Liberal reward will be paid for information leading to recovery of same. 40-4 WALLACE JOHNSON, Ray, Holt county, Neb.

MONUMENTS.

Don't buy marble or granite until you investigate. White bronze is much more artistic and enduring, and less expensive. Write for particulars. 40-4 WILSON BRODIE, Agt., Brodie, Neb.

It is not a miracle. It won't cure everything, but it will cure piles. That's what DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve will do, because it has done it in hundreds of cases. MORRIS & Co.