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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.

Dr. McDonald had business in the city yesterday.

Sanford Parker was over from Spencer Saturday.

The Holt County Fair commences next Tuesday.

John Skirving went down to Lincoln Tuesday morning.

O. F. Biglin is transacting business in Sioux City this week.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Meredith, last Monday, a daughter.

William Krotter, of Stuart, had business in the city Tuesday.

Wm. Lavolette made a business trip to Boyd county last Friday.

Frank Anderson, of Sioux City, had business in this city last Saturday.

Attorney DeBord, of Omaha, transacted legal business in this city Monday.

J. H. Bacon, Geo. Harrison and Chas. Anderson, of Neligh, had business in the city Tuesday.

Charlie Baker went down to Clearwater this morning. He will return Friday evening.

Miss B. O'Donnell left for Hot Springs last evening to spend a couple of weeks visiting with friends.

Charlie Stout left Tuesday morning for Tekamah, Neb., where he will visit relatives for a few weeks.

Chamberlain's Cholice, Colera and Diarrhoea Remedy always affords prompt relief. Sold by P. C. Corrigan.

Miss Ona Skirving returned from Lincoln last evening, where she had been attending school the past summer.

Mrs. Dolan, of South Omaha, who has been visiting her mother here the past six weeks, returned home Sunday.

For sale or rent cheap: My residence back of THE FRONTIER office.

Mrs. McKERNAN.

Frank Gapter came up from Sioux City last Thursday and will spend a couple of weeks visiting friends and relatives here.

You are going fishing? Well, before you start get your fishing tackle of Neil Brennan, who keeps everything in the sporting line. 44-tf

We have been informed that the grist mill, now under course of construction in this city, will be ready to commence operation by October 1.

Bishop Anson R. Graves, assisted by Rev. Bates, will hold Episcopal services at their chapel Sunday morning at 10:30. All are invited to attend.

A McKinley club was organized in Fremont last week with a membership of 700 the first day. They expect to double the list during the present week.

Corbett's photo studio and dental parlors will be open from August 21 to the 28, inclusive.

A. H. CORBETT.

A McKinley and Hobart club was organized in Paddock township last Saturday with twenty members. They expect to double the membership during the present week.

The whole system drained and underpinned by indolent ulcers and open sores. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve speedily heals them. It is the best pile cure known. Morris & Co.

Prof. John Bland, formerly of this place, was in the city Saturday looking after business interests and renewing old acquaintances. Mr. Bland has been teaching at Fremont the past year.

O. F. Biglin sells the best farm machinery manufactured. Every farmer knows the name of the best machinery; it is the McCormick. Harvesters, binders and 6-foot mowers for sale at prices that are right.

Mrs. Mark Irwin and family left last Sunday morning for Scranton, Pa., to join her husband. The family made many warm friends during their residence in this city who wish them success in their new home.

John C. Gromer, of McFall, Mo., is in the city to-day. Mr. Gromer, who formerly resided on a farm near Amelia, is now in the lumber business at McFall and is prospering nicely, a fact which his many friends here will be pleased to learn. He says Missouri is for McKinley.

County Judge McCutchan granted license to wed to Fred P. Blonden and Lillian M. Root, of Stuart, last Saturday. The groom is a son of Supervisor Blonden. THE FRONTIER extends its congratulations.

Leighton Shaw was in the city over Sunday visiting friends. Leighton left Georgia as soon as he recovered from his illness and is again back in Madison with Dr. Corbett. He has no earthly use for the sunny south.

A large delegation of O'Neillites, headed by the band, went down to Dixon last Saturday to hear the joint debate between John L. Webster, of Omaha, and M. F. Harrington, of this city. They report an enjoyable trip.

Primary caucus for supervisor in district number Five is recommended on Saturday September 19, and the convention on the Saturday following, September 26, at the LaRue school house at 2 P. M. J. M. ALDERSON, Chairman.

It is as necessary to get good cider vinegar when putting up pickles as it is to have pure spices. We keep the O'Neill brand that has no superior on the market. Try a gallon when needing any. O'NEILL GROCERY CO.

Now is the season when you want a good gun and want it cheap. I have a line of guns that cannot be beaten anywhere and am going to sell them cheap. Come early and get first choice. I also have hunting coats and sell them cheap. NEIL BRENNAN.

Those who want more reading matter during the campaign can get the Sioux City Twice-a-Week Journal and THE FRONTIER for \$1.55; the subscription to THE FRONTIER to continue one year, and the subscription to the Journal until November 20.

Theories of cure may be discussed at length by physicians, but the sufferers want quick relief; and one minute cough cure will give it to them. A safe cure for children. It is "the only harmless remedy that produces immediate results." MORRIS & CO.

At a meeting of the school board Tuesday evening Miss Anna Lowrie was selected to teach in Mrs. Clark's place until the holidays. The board was in session until 2 o'clock in the morning and it took eighty ballots to make the selection. There is still one vacancy to be filled.

Visitors to the Nebraska State Fair at Omaha, August 27 to September 5, can receive valuable information regarding rooms, etc., without charge, by addressing or calling on the Bureau of Information, (under auspices of Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben) Y. M. C. A. building, 16th and Douglas St., Omaha.

Bill Lavolette has been making some indoor improvements in the way of decorations and new furniture at the Exchange. The room is now artistically arranged and the venerable dispenser is better prepared to dish out the exhilarating in quantities to suit the thirsty individual than ever before.

F. M. Weidner, of Corning, Iowa, arrived in the city Tuesday evening. He was accompanied by Rev. Ewing, principal of the Corning academy, Walter Newman, A. B. Turner and Harry Turner, also of Corning. The party left yesterday for Wood Lake, Neb., where they will spend a few weeks hunting.

Dr. Scoggin and family left last week for their home in Norfolk, after spending a month in this city. The doctor desires THE FRONTIER to express his thanks to the people of O'Neill for their liberal patronage during his stay with us, and expressed a hope that at some future time he would again be able to visit our city.

If you ever have seen a little child in the agony of summer complaint, you can realize the danger of the trouble and appreciate the value of instantaneous relief always afforded by DeWitt's Cholice & Cholera cure. For dysentery and diarrhoea it is a reliable remedy. We could not afford to recommend this as a cure unless it were a cure. MORRIS & CO.

Col. Bates, of Atkinson, was in the city Saturday and Sunday. Monday morning he left for Charter Oak, Iowa, where he goes to assume editorial charge of the Times of that place. He is a trenchant and ready writer and the Times will present a noticeable improvement as it strides up to the rank of the leading journals of the Hawkeye state.

A farewell party was given Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Wm. Ryan by a number of our young people. Dancing was the principle amusement of the occasion. Refreshments were served at 12 o'clock. Mrs. Ryan has made arrangements to move to Omaha in the near future in order that her son Jay might more conveniently complete his course in medical college, and the friends of the family invaded their home on this occasion to tender them a last farewell.

About forty electors of Grattan township met in the court room last Saturday afternoon as per call. The meeting was a special one called by the town board in regard to the bonds voted by the township, in favor of the Pacific Short Line, some four years ago. As will be remembered, the fall after the bonds had been voted, some of the taxpayers of the township entered a protest against paying the bond tax and the case was taken in charge by County Attorney Murphy. It was tried in the district court, the taxpayers being defeated. It was then taken to the supreme court where the decision was reversed and decided that the bonds were illegal, the same being issued without due process of law. From there it was taken to the United States court, where it is still pending. Since the bonds were voted about \$9,800 has been paid in taxes into the sinking fund created for the purpose of redeeming them. About \$1,000 of this amount has been paid under protest. This money, \$8,800 was in the hands of the county treasurer. Mandamus proceedings were commenced against the treasurer to compel him to pay to the township treasurer the \$1,800 that had been paid without protest, and the money was so paid. Then the board engaged Attorney Murphy to take charge of the case, agreeing to pay him \$3,000 if he won the suit and \$1,000 if he lost it. According to agreement a warrant was drawn on the township treasurer in favor of Mr. Murphy for the \$1,500, the said warrant to be paid out of the money in the bond tax sinking fund. The treasurer refused to pay the warrant on the grounds that the money had been paid for a specific purpose and that the board had no authority to order it paid for any other. He also employed counsel to defend him in his position. The electors at the meeting Saturday endorsed the action of the township treasurer in employing counsel to defend his action. They also ratified the action of the board in employing Attorney Murphy to take charge of the case, and the warrant will be paid. They instructed the treasurer to place the balance of the money in a fund to be used in the prosecution of the case.

Last Friday night some light fingered gentry broke into Neil Brennan's hardware store and got away with about \$300 worth of goods, consisting of razors, knives, silver spoons, revolvers and cartridges. The burglars got into the building through one of the back windows which they pried open. They first attempted to gain entrance through the back door by cutting a hole in the door above the bolt, large enough to put a hand through, and pulled the bolt. This only gave them admittance to a storeroom, there being a second heavy door at the rear of the main room, which they could not open. Falling in this method they tackled the window and succeeded in gaining an entrance. Suspicion pointed to a couple of tramps who had been seen around town during the day, as the guilty parties. Early Saturday morning Sheriff Hamilton wired the officers up and down the road an account of the robbery and requested them to be on the lookout for tramps peddling cutlery. On Friday afternoon he received a telegram from the chief of police of Omaha stating that a couple of tramps had been arrested in Clinton, Iowa, while trying to dispose of some cutlery, and he supposed they were the parties wanted here. The sheriff wired the authorities at Clinton and was informed that the goods found in their possession corresponded with the description of those "swiped" here. The sheriff left Wednesday morning for Boone, having in his possession warrants for their arrest.

It is always gratifying to receive testimonials for Chamberlain's Cholice, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and when the endorsement is from a physician it is especially so. "There is no more satisfactory or effective remedy than Chamberlain's Cholice, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy," writes Dr. R. E. Roby, physician and pharmacist, of Olney, Mo.; and as he has used the remedy in his own family and sold it in his drug store for six years, he should certainly know. For sale by P. C. Corrigan.

On Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 26 and 27, we will have on exhibition for the benefit of our customers a line of fur samples from the celebrated firm of Gordon & Ferguson, St. Paul. This is a rare chance for those contemplating buying a fur garment this winter, and to those who are not, we invite you to come and see them anyway.

J. P. MANN.

Don't trifle away time when you have cholera morbus or diarrhoea. Fight them in the beginning with DeWitt's Cholice and Cholera Cure. You don't have to wait for results, they are instantaneous, and it leaves the bowels in a health condition. MORRIS & CO.

### "THE WOUNDED BIRD FLUTTERS"

Mr. McCafferty's late effort, (see the O'Neill Sun of last week) which may very appropriately be designated an after-birth, most emphatically justifies my characterization of his previous struggle with, or rather against, nature. If we judge from the symptoms, however, we are forced to the conclusion that the degree of agony in the latter trouble must have been far more excruciating than in the partition. Mr. McCafferty says he is something on obstetrics himself, which suggests the idea that he may have undertaken to act as his own attendant.

They say that a lawyer who pleads his own case has a fool for a client. A slight paraphrasing would make it read: "A midwife who acts as her own attendant has a victim for a patient." It is somewhat fortunate, too, for his party that he is skilled in the embalming and undertaking business. We will see that he has a 16 to 1 "stiff" to lay in its last resting place by the 15th of November.

Mr. McCafferty seems to have a burning desire to discover the identity of "Student." To a man who wishes to conduct a discussion on anything but personalities, it is immaterial whether he knows the name of his adversary or not. For my part I don't care a straw whether he uses the name J. J. McCafferty or his old umbrella "Poor Alpha," or any other title. It is a poor policy that depends for its efficiency either upon his reputation or mine. I have made no allusion which does not find ample justification in his own production, and which would not be as applicable to anyone who should father it, or mother it, as to himself.

I did not say, John, that Mr. Caldwell was denied a respectful hearing. Just look again and see who is the liar. You may deny that you referred to him sneeringly, but no one of sense who has read your remarks will believe you. But were you really afraid that Mr. C. was about to "shut the gates of heavenly bliss" in your face? If that were the cause of your disrespectful remarks you may find consolation in the thought that the good gentleman will have to reach the gate himself before he can close it.

What do you mean by saying "Student begs the question's conclusion," etc.? Evidently your words and your ideas (if you have any) are running amuck. The phrase "begging the question," as it is called, means, as almost everyone knows, assuming as true, in the course of an argument, the proposition which you set out to prove. Now if either one be forced to beg the question you are the one, for the burden of proof lies upon you. But even you are not driven to the *petitio principii*, for you have failed, so far, even to state what you wish to establish. You say "the gist of this argument is whether we had more money in circulation from '61 to '73 than from the latter year down to the present," and "whether cheap money is more conducive to the well being and happiness of the producing masses than dear money." And that "you say yes and 'Student' shoots back no." Well it would be difficult to crowd more nonsense and misrepresentations into an equal amount of space without writing between the lines. A few similar statements may cause people to question your sanity. Every other free silver advocate considers the policy of the free coinage of silver at the present ratio, the "gist of the argument," and incidentally uses the amount of circulation, per capita, at different periods in support of his position. But here we have the incidental used as the main proposition, and the latter thrown to the bow-wow!

Then Mr. Mc feels it incumbent upon him to speak for Student, saying "Student shoots no." Now, Mr. Mc, when I want to say "no" I can do my own shouting, and if I should need a substitute I shan't choose one who has proven a failure in his own case. The fact of the matter is, Mr. Mc, that the amount of money in a country above what is actually employed has very little to do with the prosperity of a country. It cannot be truly said that a country is in need of more money while it has millions of it lying idle.

The talk about "dear money" and "cheap money" is evidently another confusion of ideas. Any owner of United States money has but to tie himself across our southern border and have it doubled in quantity in quick time; or by betaking himself to some of the South American states, can have it trebled or quadrupled in the currency of those countries; or without leaving our own country can invest in confederate scrip and increase it to an amount limited only by his ability to "tote" it away. But how much will he gain? That's the question!

It is difficult to imagine to what use you wish to devote the array of figures you furnish, unless it be to show, as it does, most effectively, that there is a very large per capita of circulation in

this country at present—anywhere you say from \$20 or \$27 without counting a whole lot of national bank notes. That's larger than we claim, John, but we'll let it stand. You stick to your stigma upon the "laborers and factory hands," and as a justification for such contempt plead that THE FRONTIER boys have used similar language. For my part I don't know whether THE FRONTIER chaps are guilty of the offense charged or not, but allow me to give you a pointer, John: You cannot plead the commission of an offense by another in justification of a similar one committed by yourself.

John, your use of the old threadbare remarks about politics and bedfellows is too stale to be funny. Mr. Whitney and Herr Most have political rights as well as you have; so has your obedient servant, and whether it incurs your displeasure or not Mr. John, we will be likely to line up with which ever party we see see fit in the coming election—I know I shall, but of course I can't speak for the other fellows. They may ask your permission.

You say you never thought of concealing your identity, and if you did you could no more succeed in hiding your impulsive nature than Student can the flopping of his long ears. John, I am not so flippant about giving the lie as you are, but this is the third repetition in your piece under consideration, of the offense which cast a cloud over the reputation of Ananias for veracity. Who was it, John, but your truthful self, who in days of yore salled under the name "Poor Alpha"? It is a very common practice to use an assumed name, and no impropriety whatever attaches to it, and I see no reason why anyone should deny it unless from a fondness for prevarication. The gratuitous admissions of your uncontrollable or impulsive nature, of course, all will accept, but your mention of it is superfluous.

You say you made no effort to create prejudice against our creditors in other countries. Perhaps you did not mean what you said, but the words will bear no other interpretation, and the fact that you strive to shift the blame upon others (some of them dead) goes to show that you do not feel altogether guiltless. You do show a mit of candor when you admit that my charge of *nonsequitur* was correct. You excuse yourself by prating about reading the pages of financial history. Rate! There are children in town who know more about finance than—well, I will say all you have written on the question so far. But in the next breath you say there was a conclusion to what you said, and that you "indirectly led Student to it." What kind of gibberish is that, pray? Perhaps it had a double conclusion, like the tail of your ticket.

Your silly drivel about angliomanias and the Rothschilds, John, is now rarely used by any except the puppets of demagogues. The art of trying to make a point by creating popular prejudices is a low practice, resorted to only by tools and knaves, and is a sure proof of the want of legitimate argument.

I thought I would catch you, John, by the "hoosh pooh" bait. You swallowed it, however, more ravenously than I expected. Now, John, I don't know whether you have made diligent search to find the phrase or not, but if you have, and have failed, I will give you a pointer: Take Webster's or Worcester's or some other standard dictionary; run down the pages until you find the word "gold-bug;" continue until you come to words commencing with the letter "H;" somewhere in that row you will find "hoosh pooh"—that is, if you find the word "gold-bug." I will guarantee you will find the others. Now, if you say neither can be found in the English language, then, according to your own dictum, they must both be slang, but your polished self make frequent use of "gold-bug," so your only escape from being convicted (for the fourth time) of fibbing is by your showing that "gold-bug" has a place in the English vocabulary.

John, your laborious effort to construct a syllogism to prove that republicans want to increase the purchasing power of the dollar deserves commendation. I will save you the humiliation of dissecting what you would palm off as a syllogism. But, John, you do us proud—unwittingly, of course. Yes, we want, and have, a dollar which has a purchasing power second to none in this wide world. And we are pledged, and shall use every honorable means in our power, to keep it so. Why should this great American nation be inferior in ANY respect, monetary system included, to any other nation on the face of the globe? Don't you say so, John? And if not, where is your boasted patriotism?

That the silver dollar is a good, sound standard dollar, John, is no news to us. But your stupid insinuation that Grover Cleveland or the St. Louis republican platform has any intention to make it otherwise can only be accounted for upon the hypothesis of a change in the

moon. You're loney, John, you're loney! We're fighting to keep it so, John, and even Grover is with us. Do you know which side you are on, anyway? I notice that whenever you do chance to get in anything like a rational sentence it generally counts for our side of the question. But what do you mean, Mr. Mc, by saying that if we vote for the single gold standard we will cut the volume (naming a big string of figures, as usual) of our money in two. Why, you're growing crazier as you grow older. But a train stuffed so full of rusty statistics and worn-out platitudes can have little room for useful information. You should know, and if you don't it is time for you to learn, that we have been practically on a gold basis since 1834, and legally so since 1873. And that instead of "cutting the volume of money (metal) in two," we have more than doubled it in quantity. The fundamental principle of our industrial policy is to shape circumstances so that an honest toiler may be able to secure a day's work; and that of our financial policy, that, when he wipes the sweat from his face at night, he receives the best dollar that the world can afford. We will not victimize him by enacting a vicious law that would enable us to force fifty cents upon him for a dollar. Such is our policy on these two questions, the only questions I may say in dispute, and its interpretation is easy to any but the blind tools of a hired demagogue.

You seem to possess an inveterate hankering after dragging dead men from their graves, and garbling their words in a futile endeavor to bolster up your stupid absurdities. Why do you deprecate the name of Adam Smith and other honored dead by endeavoring to show that they sanctioned the gross absurdity that "the power of a unit depends on the number of units in existence." (These are your words verbatim.) Does the power of a man depend upon the number of men in existence? The population of the world, they say, is on the increase, but will you undertake to maintain that such has anything to do with the decline of Mr. Bryan's power for mischief? Is the power of an ox or of a horse so depending? Is the power of a spiritualist to call up the dead depending upon the number of spiritualists in existence? The sum of over seven millions of dollars has been added to the money of the United States within a few months. I ask the people of this, or any other, community whether they have felt its influence upon their money holdings. Bah, John! As Ben Butler once said to an upstart member of congress, "Shoo fly!" Nor would their sanction lessen the absurdity.

Now, John, I hope you won't take offense (but it is more than likely that you will) at a bit of advice: Quit your parrot prattle of at least the nonsensical portions of other people's sayings. Get yourself together and try to do a little thinking for yourself. If you try it once I am pretty sure you will like it.

Now, Mr. McCafferty, I shall pay no more attention to you unless you furnish something of some benefit, and in some reasonable shape. In other words, I shall pay no attention to your nonsense. It is merely an imposition upon the newspaper men and the public generally—using valuable space to bore them to death.

I will also state, in conclusion, that you are at liberty to call me an ass, a liar, a criminal or any other epithet of such nature that you, a self-styled gentleman, may see fit to use, but I warn you at the peril of your being made defendant in a suit for libel, not to praise me; commendation from such a source would be equivalent to the impeachment of a man's character. STUDENT.

MONUMENTS AND HEADSTONES. When you want anything in this line you can save agent's commission and expenses by purchasing direct from me. I guarantee first class work and prices as cheap as any eastern firm can ship it to you. 6-3 D. STANWARD.

HOUSEWIVES, ATTENTION! When putting up your pickles don't forget that it is necessary to get pure spices if you want the best results. We have them. Come and let us show you the difference between the pure and the adulterated. We have both. 6-2 O'NEILL GROCERY CO.

LOOK HERE. It is now the season when you want to buy the best machine oil for the least money, and when doing so always bear in mind that Brennan's is headquarters for all kinds of oil: Machine, gasoline, kerosene and sewing machine; also axle grease. Twine as low as the lowest. Deering Harvesters and Binders. Repairs for Walter A. Wood & Co.'s mowers and binders. Moline wagons, buggies, road wagons and the finest assortment of hardware in the valley. Anti-rust tinware warranted not to rust for three years. 51-tf. NEIL BRENNAN.