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NEWS SANS WHISKERS

Items of Interest Told As They Are Told to Us.

WHEN AND HOW IT HAPPENED

Local Happenings Portrayed For General Edification and Amusement.

Mike Flanagan was in the city last week.

Walt Townsend was up from Stafford Monday.

Rafe King went down to Sioux City last week.

Court Reporter King is attending court at Bassett.

For nice fresh bread, cake, pies or cookies go to Moler's. 10tf

Mrs. Blinco and daughter were fair visitors last Friday.

When you want a good square meal go to Moler's restaurant. 10tf

E. H. Benedict went down to Ewing this morning to attend the fair.

Miss Kittle McBride was visiting with friends in Sioux City last week.

Rev. J. M. Bates will hold Episcopal services in the church Sunday morning at 10:30.

Dr. Morris is confined to his home this week on account of an attack of erysipelas.

Mrs. W. A. Woodruff and children visited in Sioux City last Friday and Saturday.

When you are hungry go to Moler's restaurant. Everything neat, clean and up to date. 10tf

Ham Kautzman, wife and daughter, were in attendance at the Sioux City fair last week.

Art Mullen took in the fair at Sioux City last week and incidentally seen the sights of the city.

Judge Crawford, the old democratic war horse of Cumming county, was in the city last Monday.

Neil Brennan and son, Johnnie, were among the O'Neill people who visited Sioux City last week.

Andy Gallagher, who is now in business at Lead City, S. D., came down on a visit to his family Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Snyder and family, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Hobar and family visited relatives at Allen last Friday and Saturday.

Corbett's photo studio and dental parlors will be open from September 25 to October 2, 1896, inclusive.

9-5 A. H. CORBETT.

You are going fishing? Well, before you start get your fishing tackle of Neil Brennan, who keeps everything in the sporting line. 44-1f

William Laviollette and two sons, Earl and James, left Tuesday morning for Delhousie, N. B., where they will visit relatives for a few weeks.

Elmer Williams returned from his trip to Utah Monday evening. Mrs. Williams, who had been visiting relatives at North Bend, returned with him.

Jos. Wiar, of Bassett, has leased the Commercial hotel, formerly occupied by John O'Neill, and will run a strictly first class dollar-a-day house. We wish him success.

"Boys will be boys," but you can't afford to lose any of them. Be ready for the green apple season by having DeWitt's Colic and Cholera Cure in the house. Morris & Co.

John Fried, of Atkinson, was in the city Monday and made this office a pleasant call. Mr. Fried is an enthusiastic republican and believes that McKinley is sure to be elected.

Bob Marsh and Tom Tierney were numbered among the O'Neillites who took in the show at Sioux City last week. The weather was too wet for fair purposes but we presume the "boys" had a good time.

At Sioux City attending the fair last week were: S. F. McNichols, E. P. Hicks, W. T. Evans, Chas. O'Neill, C. W. Hamilton, Pete Duffy, Bill Fallon, Barney Hynes and B. A. DeYarman.

The days are getting short and the lamp season is at hand. If you want a good lamp or lantern, or anything in the crockery or glassware line at bed rock prices, call in and look our stock over. 11-2 O'NEILL GROCERY CO.

It doesn't matter much whether sick headache, biliousness, indigestion and constipation are caused by neglect or by unavoidable circumstances: DeWitt's Little Early Risers will speedily cure them all. Morris & Co.

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.

Our new crop May picking tea has arrived and are now on tap. When you want a cup of fragrant tea buy a pound from us. Prices from 15c to 60c per pound and satisfaction guaranteed. 11-2 O'NEILL GROCERY CO.

We have just received direct from Japan the largest shipment of tea ever brought to O'Neill at one time. We are strictly headquarters for tea, and our 35 and 50 cent Japan knocks out all competition. 11-2 J. P. MANN.

James H. Riggs arrived in O'Neill last Saturday evening from Randolph, where he had been attending to some business matters, and spent Sunday visiting with relatives and friends. Jim has evidently got a warm spot in his heart for the Emerald City.

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.

The Presbytery of Niobrara, comprising thirty-one churches in northeast Nebraska, will hold its session in the Presbyterian church in O'Neill on Tuesday, Sept. 29. Home Mission Conference, at 3:30 p. m., led by Dr. Sexton, and a sermon by Rev. E. V. Wright at 7:30.

There is no flour, at any money, as good as White Satin, and there is no flour for the price that equals G. A. R. They cost no more than other flour of the same grade, but will give better satisfaction. 11 4 J. P. MANN.

Don't trifle away time when you have cholera morbus or diarrhea. Fight them in the beginning with DeWitt's Colic 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.

A vote was taken on the train going to Sioux City Friday morning and resulted: McKinley, 81; Bryan, 18. The train was again polled on the return trip Friday evening with the following result: McKinley, 37; Bryan, 23. McKinley is going to carry Nebraska by 80,000.

Homer Garretson came up from Sioux City last Friday evening and visited over Sunday with friends in this city. Homer is now located at Worthington, Minn., where he has charge of an electric light plant that is owned by the city. He is prospering nicely, a fact which his many friends here are pleased to note.

Last evening the young people of O'Neill gave a social little dancing party in honor of Miss Minchin at McCafferty's hall. The event will be remembered by those in attendance as one of the most enjoyable affairs in the history of like gatherings. Lap luncheon was served at 12.

On account of the big republican rally at Sioux City Saturday Sept. 26, the Short Line will sell tickets at the very low rate of \$2 for the round trip. Generals Alger, Howard and Sikes, Corporal Tanner and Congressman Cousins will speak. The train will be held till 11 o'clock p. m. that night to give all an opportunity to hear them. G. W. SMITH, Agent.

The county board is being petitioned by citizens in different parts of the county to make an appropriation to buy plates from which to make steel engravings of the photographs which have been on exhibition in the post office the past week, for the purpose of being used to advertise the resources of Holt county. We believe the plan a good one, and if carried out will result in much good for the county.

The writer visited Sioux City last Saturday for the purpose of attending the fair. As it rained all forenoon the races and collision were declared off for that day, and we did not even go out to the fair grounds. About the first thing Sioux City should do, before she again attempts to get a crowd of Nebraska people within the confines of her municipality, is to get her streets in shape, or at least Fourth, so that a person could walk down that thoroughfare without being mired. Great place that, Sioux City.

"My boy came home from school one day with his hand badly lacerated and bleeding, and suffering great pain," says Mr. E. J. Schall, with Meyer Bros. Drug Co., St. Louis, Mo. "I dressed the wound and applied Chamberlain's Pain Balm freely. All pain ceased, and in a remarkably short time it healed without leaving a scar. For wounds, sprains swellings and rheumatism I know of no medicine or prescription equal to it. I consider it a household necessity." The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by P. C. Corrigan.

OUR STUDENT ACCEPTS

Selah's Falshoods and Falacies Annihilated, Laid Bare and Buried Beneath the Irresistible Force of "Students' Science and Logic."

FOOD FOR THE PRODUCER

The Necessity for a Return to Republican Principles.—A Parting Shot at Bryan's Playtoy.

It is a source of profound disappointment to me to find that the recent troubles of my quondam patient, Mr. Selah, which I thought I had removed beyond the possibility of a relapse, have again made their appearance in such an aggravated and violent form as may render the employment of a somewhat drastic treatment necessary. The fact that he has again expressed a desire for my services, leads me to believe that he has faith in my remedies, although mine is not by any means what is commonly known as the "faith cure." But, to business.

From my previous knowledge of Mr. Selah's constitution and a hasty diagnosis of the symptoms manifested in his present case, as presented in the columns of last week's Sun, I am enabled to discover some new cases for Mr. Selah's "trouble," and will proceed to prescribe accordingly.

Mr. Selah's feeling of disgust at the general policy of the republican party cannot be very deep-seated, as it can be traced back to but a very recent period. Under the administration of Mr. Harrison, which ended less than four years ago, his relations with the powers that were seemed to be, as the diplomats would put it, "most cordial." The files of the Item, during Mr. Selah's control of that paper, will show that he was in the most perfect harmony with the republican hosts, and as the republican party is not responsible for national legislation since that time, the cause of the nation's distress arising from legislation or the want of it, can hardly be laid at its door. Perhaps "a restoration," as the silverites would say, "to his former position" would be a proper prescription in this case.

Your contemptible effort, Mr. Selah, to create a prejudice against the republican party by meanly insinuating that the members of its honored dead would not be in harmony with it were they now in the flesh, could have no other effect than to subject you to the scorn of every right-minded American, were you considered responsible for your expressions; but your implication that these patriotic statesmen and heroes would countenance, much less approve, the political doctrine and the base practices of the demagogues and knaves of the party with which you have allied yourself, is simply despicable, and a gross insult to their sacred memory.

As to the pledges on the financial question in previous republican platforms, you must be very much wanting either in knowledge or sincerity if you deny that they have not been carried out to the letter as far as it was possible to do so. The very essence of the notion of "bimetallism" is the concurrent circulation of both metals. There is no nation on the globe today that has as much silver in circulation as the United States. There is not a free coinage nation on the globe that has one dollar per capita of gold in circulation, and hence not one that enjoys true bimetallism. There is not a free silver nation on the globe that is not on a silver basis and whose silver money is worth any more than its bullion value, outside of its own boundaries, for money purposes. The silver dollars of the United States, until the Bryan Junta turned itself loose, were exchangeable at their face value among the principal commercial nations of the world, but since the Chicago cabal their value has declined in the estimate of one of our nearest neighbors, Canada. And this when there is but a shadow of danger of free coinage. What the reality would produce it is easy to judge.

You talk about a "double standard." The conception of a double standard, the commercial value of both metals being subject to change, is about as intelligible as the notion of a square circle. And that their value will not fluctuate, is about as probable as that yesterday will return.

Your idiotic iteration and re-iteration of the lying assertion that the republican party asks permission of other nations to legislate for itself should be allowed to pass with the contempt it deserves, but, for the benefit of others, it is perhaps better to dissect it a bit.

There are but two sentences in the financial plank of the republican platform that have direct bearing upon the policy of the party upon that question. They are as follows: First sentence:

"We are unalterably opposed to every measure calculated to debase our currency or impair the credit of our country." Can you point out in that sentence the words expressing a request to be permitted to legislate for ourselves? Second sentence: "We are therefore opposed to the free coinage of silver except by international agreement with the leading commercial nations of the world, which we pledge ourselves to promote, and until such agreement can be obtained the existing gold standard must be preserved." This sentence is composed of two co-ordinate clauses, with a subordinate, or dependent relative clause, used parenthetically with the first. The first clause declares (makes no request mind you,) "we are therefore opposed to the free coinage of silver except by international agreement with the leading commercial nations of the world," (then comes the parenthetical clause,) "which we pledge ourselves to promote." Can you point out a request for permission in that clause? The second clause declares emphatically (does not beg,) "and until such agreement can be obtained the existing gold standard must be preserved." Where is the begging, request, or petition for privilege to legislate in either of these sentences? But Mr. Selah, I suppose, will still harp on the old string. The prescription in this case is, a moral training in the McKisley club and at least a year's attendance in Prof. Anderson's primary department.

Mr. Selah again lashes himself into phrensy, to spew out a lot of old worn-out epithets about Shylock and the incompetency of Grover Cleveland and such silly blubbering; in fact more than nine-tenths of his raving is nothing but worn-out hackneyed phrases that have been doing duty for the biatheristics until they become nauseous; until they "smell, as it were. He is stuck on Billy, of course, and says he is telling pleasing tales, and that a whole lot of people are following him etc. Yes, Clarence, Billy is scooting so lively through the country that the fool-killer cannot catch up to him. Hold on till the 15th of November. Then will be the f. k.'s. inning. What about the 800, or more, democratic newspapers and the hundreds of thousands of the most honorable members of that party that have turned their backs to Billy and marched in the other direction?

Mr. Selah says the opposition calls his party repudiators, idiots, anarchists, etc. In the language of the Great Leader, "what do you say they are?" The present outstanding debts of this country were contracted or renewed under a financial system that left not a shadow of doubt that they would be paid in gold or money of equal value with gold. Was it not the intention of the borrower to carry out the contract on that basis? It certainly was. The moral quality of an action is in the intention; therefore the debtor is morally bound to redeem his obligations in the quality of money referred to; and the crawling behind a technicality to escape it is something worse than repudiation. It is dishonesty.

For proof to the charge of idiocy, we have only to refer to the numerous absurdities and contradictions in every speech that Bryan and his satellites have made and to the persistency with which they cling to those absurdities and falsehoods after they are, very often through char. v. pointed out to them. Take your v. n. case, for instance. I have been scolding you now for over a month to take a tumble to yourself, as the boys say, but it seems I might as well be talking to the stand pipe.

The charge of anarchy, I think, does not stand in need of proof. Has not the foremost and most notorious of your leaders declared that they would accomplish their ends, regardless of law or the provisions of the constitution? What would you call Blood-to-the-brides Waite's preaching? or Pitchfork Tillman's preaching? or Demagogue Bryan's preaching? who is turning himself inside out, almost, in his endeavors to fire the minds of one section of the country against the other? or, to come nearer home, your own preaching in the wind-up of your silly tirade against Mr. Caldwell, where you declare that if you did not get free coinage at the ballot box you would get it some other way? Testimony could be multiplied to prove far more than is charged.

Talk against millionaires comes with a bad grace from a party in the service of one of the most gigantic syndicates of millionaires in the country, and one of the tails of whose ticket is many times a millionaire, with the other not far behind. Perhaps the question is pertinent: What amount of wealth, under the new dispensation, will disqualify a man for citizenship?

The quotation from the New York Tribune, Mr. Selah, is, if anything, rather mild. Mr. Bryan declared when preparing for his eastern tour that he was going into the enemy's country. Is there any language too forcible to denounce the incendiary who entertains

such a sentiment, or the party which sanctions it? and is not such an expression execrable—for a man aspiring to the most exalted position within the gift of a people the very existence of whose institutions depends upon their unity? And still you complain that your party is regarded as anarchical.

After afflicting his readers with a couple of hundred other old musty phrases, Mr. Selah treats them to the novelty (?) "silver was struck down by the financial assassins," etc. Well, that is certainly "fresh."

Now, Mr. Selah, will you please allow me to take part in the examination? You say that silver was worth \$1.50 an ounce when it was "struck down." (What a beautiful phrase!) That is not exactly true. At the time of the introduction of the bill to "strike down," the price was a little over \$1.50. The difference is not much, but it is very important, as I shall show.

The silverites strain their mouths shouting that at the time the bill referred to was under discussion, a syndicate of English owners of our bonds sent a man here with a large amount of money to bribe congress to discard silver that they, the bond holders, might be enabled thereby to collect in gold. Now let us see the reasonableness of this malicious calumny.

Bear in mind that neither silver nor gold was at that time coined for currency purposes. But, according to silverite testimony, the 41 2/3 grains of silver necessary to constitute a silver dollar, was worth \$1.08 in gold. Is it anywhere within the bounds of reason that any sane person, especially an astute financier, would pay a large sum of money to bribe congress to legislate so that he would receive pay for his bonds in dollars of 100 cents each instead of receiving dollars of 108 cents each? It is contrary to one of the simplest principles of human nature, that of self-interest, and the bribery fake is, therefore a vile slander.

It is too much to expect you, Mr. Selah, to be any more enlightened on the relative values of products than the average silverite, or to be able to refer effects to their proper causes. You complain that it was a "crime" to make gold the standard of measurement, then you turn round and, without a shadow of authority, make silver, grain and other products "measures of value." Gold is the lawful standard, and, as you truly say, an ounce of gold is equal in value to about 89 ounces of silver. This being their relative value, why, then, in the name of common sense do you make the unreasonable demand that 16 ounces of silver shall be declared by law to be the equivalent of an ounce of gold?

Mr. Selah's reference to the relation between the prices of silver and farm products is made, of course, with a desire to deceive the agriculturists by leading them to believe that the price of silver governs the prices of their produce—that they to each other in the relation of cause and effect—that a change in the price of silver causes a change in the prices of other commodities. If this is not the meaning of such references they have no meaning. It is hardly necessary to characterize such trash as stupidly falacious, much less to expose the fallacy; but Harvey, Bryan and some others of the cunning knaves have so successfully succeeded in leading so many unthinking people into this insidious snare that it may be well to give it a little attention.

The law of causation is immutable. You might as well undertake to convince an adult of ordinary intelligence of his non-existence as that an effect can exist without a cause, or that where the cause exists the effect is not inevitable. (When I use the word cause, I mean, of course, physical cause, or invariable antecedence.) We are as fully convinced that water will drown or that fire will burn as that we are living. But how is it in the case of the intelligent agriculturist, with regard to the dependence of the price of his products upon that of silver? Does he consider, or do you, or any one else consider, that an advance in the price of silver is a necessary condition to an advance in the price of commodities? The absurdity is too plain to need mention. The fact is, that it is safe to say not an agriculturist in ten thousand knows the price of silver for a single day in the year, or who has the slightest thought of its price when he holds his produce for higher markets. Still, they will continue, I suppose, to allow themselves to be fooled by those blatant knaves and demagogues and their tools, although even at this very time the price of wheat is steadily advancing, while the price of silver is declining. Pity!

It is not necessary to refer to the condition of the country up to the close of the last republican administration. Such prosperity as we then enjoyed was scarcely known by any nation on the earth before. Nor is it necessary to refer to the depression and disaster that

have followed in the wake of the reversal and destruction of the republican policy of protection and reciprocity. Our only hope to be able to bring about the former happy condition of affairs lies in our success in the coming election. Our success in this will, I am sure, relieve the country of this horrible condition in which Mr. Selah's party has placed it.

Mr. Selah quotes a part of a report made, he says, by some commission in 1876. I suppose the cause of its meeting the approval of Mr. Selah's party is the fact that the "commission" seems to regret that the United States has always been "punctual in the fulfillment of its obligations," and that it is "the only nation that has never made a default in its promises," but it has seen the strongest in Europe make default in their obligations, etc., etc. No doubt the members of that commission, if they are now in the flesh, are ardent Bryanites, unless some radical change has come over its members.

After delivering himself of the driest and feeblest attempt that he has yet made to patch up a list of hackneyed phrases and worn-out, disgusting platitudes, Mr. Selah calls upon "Mr. Hagerty" or "Student" to answer the above "facts or argument." As Mr. Hagerty considered that he could occupy his time to a better advantage than by catering to the whims of a mono-maniac, the hateful (I hate to be called upon to refute falsehoods and absurdities) task has fallen to the lot of your humble servant, Student.

As statements, Mr. Selah's jumbling of words is unskillful. To call it argument is a misuse of language.

The closing lines of Mr. Selah's banishes will leave little hope of relief from the system of torture which he persists in inflicting upon us. He threatens still to torture us with his hoarse, sepulchral ravings. Give us messages, whooping cough, colic, or even "rough on rats," empty Pandora's box upon us; visit upon our unfortunate heads any, or all, of these afflictions according as our inequities deserve, but save us from the squeaking, nerve-crushing, soul-torturing chastisement of what Selah designates his "articles." STUDENT.

REPUBLICAN RALLIES

John Skirving, chairman of the county central committee, and Clyde King, secretary, have arranged for the following republican rallies to be held in the county, speaking at each meeting to commence at 8 o'clock sharp:

- Ewing—Hon. J. S. Bradley, of Wyoming, on Sept. 24, and Hon. J. L. Caldwell, of Lincoln, on Oct. 8.
- Stuart—Hon. J. L. Bradley on September 25.
- Amelia—Judge W. H. Morris, of Crest, and J. H. Meredith, of O'Neill, on September 25.
- Chambers—Judge Morris and Dr. J. P. Gilligan, on September 29.
- Goose Lake church—Judge Morris and G. C. Haselet, on Oct. 30.
- Inman—Hon. J. Thomas McSheehy, of Ohio, on Oct. 1.
- Deloit township at the Maben school house—Judge Morris and John Trommerhauser, on Oct. 1.
- Dorsey—Judge Morris and S. J. Weekes, on Oct. 2.
- Eagle Mills—Judge Morris and S. J. Weekes, on Oct. 2.
- Page—Hon. J. L. Caldwell of Lincoln, on October 9.
- O'Neill—Hon. J. L. Caldwell on October 10.

The Latest.

Our new fall stock is now nearly all in and we have never been in as good shape to serve the people of Holt county as we are this fall. Our stock of dress goods never was more complete. It contains everything from a double width cotton worsted at 15c to the latest novelties in silks and worsteds. We call your special attention to our line of Bradhead worsteds, the most popular, most stylish and best wearing goods ever sold at 50 cents per yard, and they cost the same in O'Neill as in New York.

Our line of cloaks will surprise you when you hear the prices commencing at \$3.75 for a stylish light colored jacket and running up to \$15. For \$5, \$6, \$7, \$8, \$9, \$10 and \$11 we can give you values that cannot be equaled anywhere this side of Omaha.

On shoes we can do you more good than anybody, as we have the largest stock within a hundred miles of O'Neill and make a specialty of carrying the best goods obtainable. We have the well-known E. P. Reed & Co. fine shoes for ladies, Miller's celebrated racing shoes for every day, the Little Giant children's and Misses' shoes and Hinkamp Bros. celebrated shoes for men and boys.

We have a tremendous large line of underwear and some startling bargains. Think of a good heavy Jersey-ribbed, fleeced-lined ladies' vest or drawers at 35 cents each or 75 cents per suit, and an extra heavy one for 50 cents each. 300 suits of men's wool mixed shirts and drawers at 50 cents per garment, and the heaviest one you ever saw for \$1. Every one of these are a leader and hard to match anywhere.

Give us a chance to sell you your fall bill and we will save you some money. Yours truly, J. P. MANN.