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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.

John Anderson was over from Star Saturday.

Fresh oysters this week at Mrs. Cress' restaurant.

Sanford Parker was over from Spencer Saturday.

Dr. Blackburn was down from Atkinson yesterday.

N. B. Chapman was down from Atkinson Tuesday.

James Maher, of Bassett, visited in this city Sunday.

Ben R. Cowdry, one of the state bank examiners, is in the city today.

John O'Malley has been added to the force of clerks at the corner grocery.

Elmer Merriman was up from Laurel Monday visiting relatives and friends.

Jim Selah and Editor Raker were up from Ewing, attending the pop rally, last Thursday evening.

Frank Welton came down from Long Pine Sunday morning and spent the day with relatives and friends.

Last Tuesday Thomas Morris was appointed special administrator of the estate of the late A. U. Morris.

Corbett's photo studio and dental parlors will be open from October 23 to 30, 1896, inclusive. A. H. CORBETT.

At the populist supervisor convention held in this city last Saturday Mose Campbell was nominated for supervisor.

J. G. Creamer, a pharmacist of Sioux City, arrived in O'Neill Tuesday and has accepted a position in Morris' drug store.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. King and daughter, May, went down to Omaha Wednesday morning. They will return Friday evening.

Pat Killoran was on the east bound passenger Wednesday morning returning from a week's vacation up at Hot Springs.

Those wanting to buy winter apple by the barrel will do well to see us before buying. 14-16 O'NEILL GROCERY CO.

John McNichols and wife and Al. Miller and wife were in this city from Atkinson last Thursday evening attending the free silver rally.

You are going fishing? Well, before you start get your fishing tackle of Neil Brennan, who keeps everything in the sporting line. 44-45

Frank Shoemaker, who was seriously injured last week by being kicked by a horse, is rapidly recovering, a fact his numerous friends will be pleased to note.

Members of the Ladies' McKinley club, and others wishing to join, are requested to meet at the club rooms Friday evening, Oct. 9, at 8 o'clock sharp.

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. 114 J. P. MANN.

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.

Don't trifle away time when you have cholera morbus or diarrhoea. 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.

The two twin babies of Mrs. G. W. Clark, who have been cared for by Mr. and Mrs. John Fallon the past three months, were sent to the home of their grandparents at Dakota, Iowa, Monday morning. Mrs. W. A. Woodruff took charge of the little ones as far as Sioux City, where they were met by relatives.

The Hon. W. J. Bryan, democratic candidate for president of the United States, will speak in Sioux City October 9, at 9:30 in the morning. The Pacific Short Line will run a special excursion train leaving O'Neill early enough to reach Sioux City in time that all may see and hear him. The fare will be \$2 for the round trip. The exact leaving time will be announced later. G. W. SMITH, Agent.

Charles Ryan, who has been visiting relatives here the past three months, left Wednesday morning for Denver, where he will spend the winter for the benefit of his health.

W. N. Coats, of Stuart, was nominated by the republican supervisor convention of the Seventh district last Saturday. Mr. Coats will make an excellent member of the board.

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.

A social dancing party was given by the young people north of town at the residence of Henry Cook last evening. Several were in attendance from this city and report the occasion a most joyful event.

Judge J. G. Tipton, of Omaha, and S. J. Weekes, of this city, addressed the people of Dorsey on the political issues of the day last Friday night, and at Turner Saturday night. Large and enthusiastic meetings were had at both places. The Judge has many friends in Holt county, having spoken at different points during the campaign of two years ago. He is a fluent speaker and has done republicanism in Holt county much good by his recent meetings.

The ladies of O'Neill held a meeting last Tuesday evening and organized a McKinley and Hobart club with the following officers: President, Mrs. W. T. Evans; secretary, Mrs. Ed. F. Gallagher; captain, Miss Eva Harnish. The club was organized with a membership of sixty-five and promises to reach the hundred mark in a few days. Who can doubt the success of republican principles and the candidates of that party when the ladies are taking such an active interest in the campaign?

Rt. Rev. Richard Scannell, Bishop of Omaha, arrived in the city Monday evening accompanied by the vicar general of the diocese, Very Rev. W. Choka, Rev. B. Fitzpatrick, Hubbard, Rev. R. McGovern, Jackson, and Rev. M. Waldron, Norfolk. Tuesday morning solemn high mass was celebrated at 10:30 Very Rev. Wm. Choka celebrant. Rev. B. Fitzpatrick, deacon; Rev. M. Waldron, sub-deacon; Rev. R. McGovern, master of ceremonies. Immediately after mass the Bishop confirmed 164 persons. The beautiful picture presented by those approaching the altar to receive the sacrament of confirmation was one not likely to be forgotten by those who participated. Particularly noticeable was the rapt attention the children gave to the Rt. Rev. Bishop as he exhorted them to live righteous and holy lives. He especially cautioned the young men to be temperate in their habits and avoid the companionship of the blasphemous and frequenter of the dramshop. Rev. R. McGovern preached the sermon, and his eloquent efforts were appreciated by the large congregation present. To the untiring efforts of Very Rev. Father Cassidy who labored unceasingly for months instructing the children and preparing them for the event, is due the gratitude of a grateful people and who can doubt that they will become, through such holy influence, other than strong and perfect christians.

The silverites had a blow-out in this city last Thursday evening. Preceding the speaking was a torch-light procession. Notwithstanding the fact that they had delegates present from all the neighboring towns there were but 135 torches in line and about 80 of those were carried by minors. Every one they could get was pressed into service. They even dispensed with ringing the curfew bell that evening to get the crowd for the parade. Had the old bell pealed forth at the usual hour a large portion of their torch bearers would have been numbered with the slumbering youths of the city. The speaker of the evening, C. J. Smythe, of Omaha, was introduced by Clarence Selah. Mr. Smythe said that while he was called a democrat he was the nominee of three parties, but he did not say he was a democrat, being afraid, probably, he would lose some populist votes. He scored the democrats who are opposed to Bryan, and even the old war heroes, who were crippled in the service of their country, came in for a share of the venomous darts of the speaker. He also made a grand stand play for the vigilante votes by roasting General Churchill for coming up here and taking charge of the prosecution of the cases against the men charged with the murder of Barrett Scott, although he was authorized to do so by the popocratic governor who is now a candidate for re-election, and who was praised to the utmost as an able and efficient officer. Mr. Smythe made no votes for his cause here, but lost votes for himself on account of his many groundless assertions.

## LAI WASTE ONCE MORE

Selah Repudiates the Bryan Platform and

### ERECTS ONE FOR HIMSELF

Which in Turn Succumbs to the Crushing Force of Student's Logic.

"At arguing, too, the parson owned his skill, For e'en though vanquished he could argue still."

And so with Mr. Selah. Afraid to take a positive stand upon a single question at issue in the campaign, although having been invited, solicited and even dared to do so at various times, he still continues to afflict an innocent, patient public with his tiresome, disgusting, wheezing "articles."

Your humble "Student" having found it impossible to induce or force this political pariah to define his position, selected three or four of the questions upon which the Bryanites have done nine-tenths of their harping, thinking that, after analyzing them and exposing their fallacies, this pretended advocate of Bryanism would offer some of his "argument" in their defense. Well, he did, indeed, make answer, with his usual intelligence and force. As "General" Kelly said "preparatory" to his "argument," he informed his readers that Mr. Hagerty was "puff-bellied," a "warty old warrior," a "banker," that he was a man of large intellect, a "philosopher," an "author," etc.; in fact, if personal allusions to Mr. Hagerty were omitted there would be very little left of the "article."

I considered it proper to ask Mr. Hagerty whether he had anything to suggest in regard to such a free use of his name in the "article" and received the following reply:

"Now, Student," said Mr. Hagerty, "I am going to give you a few pointers which may at least do you no harm. One is: Never undertake to contradict what you know to be true. The above allusions which you say Aunt Selah made concerning me are true, every one of them; and I only wish I could return her, or rather him, the compliment in regard to being large-minded, philosophical, etc., but a rigid adherence to truth forbids it. The other terms I don't suppose he would wish to have attributed to him as they might interfere with the concealed notion he harbors about his beauty of person, etc. Well, they say conceit is as good to a fool as a physic, and if our phizsack neighbor does not stand in need of a political purging I don't know who does. So we will allow it to operate upon him. Another pointer, Mr. Student, is this: When you get a pig's snout in your nippers, the harder he pulls and the more vociferous his grunt, the tighter you must squeeze until you get the ring clinched in his nose. In short, you can see that Selah is driven to desperate straits for "argument." In fact he is afraid to state his position and therefore has nothing to which to argue; therefore you have his snout in the nippers, as it were, and all you have to do is to squeeze. I may give you a few pointers from time to time, but I think this will do for the present."

You admit, Mr. Selah, that there is nothing in the republican platform that can be construed into a request on the part of the republican party, from European nations, to be permitted to legislate independently on the silver question. Well, that point is settled, and you are on our side, regardless of the "tree." I will state here that the word "deponent," which the printers made me say in my explanation of the financial plank of the republican platform, should have been "dependent," as it was written. There is no "deponent clause." With this correction the analysis is correct. If not I would be pleased to have Mr. Selah point out the error, as I am but a student and wish to learn. You also admit that the Ernest Seyd fake was a silverite fabrication. Your testimony ought to be acceptable to the silver party—if you are a member in good standing, which begins to seem doubtful. Mr. Selah tries to deny in a funny way my statement that gold and silver were not coined for circulation about the time of the act of '73. Almost every one else, who has sense enough to go to his meals, and especially those who did business at the time, knows that there was not a dollar of metal money in circulation in this country, except a small amount of gold in the Pacific coast states, from '63 until '73; and that in '73 the amount of metal money in the United States treasury was only about \$25,000. Mr. Selah asks what the metals were coined for. It is in order for him to answer his own question. I need go no further than to establish my claim. I will state for his information, however, that the shipment of coined metals

from this country by dealers in money and bullion commenced almost immediately after the passage of the coinage act of 1793. Other countries have had similar experience. Besides this large quantities were coined and held by the owners.

Mr. Selah denies that he indorses the demand of the silverites that the government declare sixteen ounces of silver to be the equivalent of one ounce of gold. This he has a perfect right to do, as he has done in the case of the other Bryanite claims which I have refuted—the Ernest Seyd fake; the "double standard," the dependence of the prices of agricultural products upon the price of silver, and a few matters of less note. I have no right to define Mr. Selah's position upon any question, and it was for this reason that I so often requested him to state his position. As Mr. Selah pretended to be such an ardent Bryanite, however, and as he refused to explain where he stood, I was justified in presuming that he indorsed the whole list of silverite "principles." I find, however, that he repudiates, almost with indignation, those which I have mentioned, including that which stands at the very foundation, the very essence of the Bryanite doctrine of free coinage at 16 to 1, viz: that the government stamp has power to establish an equality between two quantities that bear the relation to each other of one-half to one. I don't wonder that even this dullard, who impudently assumes the role of pedagogue, would, when cornered, detect and repudiate such a naked fallacy; but we should not expect him to advance a "theory" far more stupidly constructed, but not a whit less absurd. This he has done, and it is the only "declaration of principles" that I have been able to squeeze out of him since he undertook the task of educating us by writing "articles." Here it is:

"I would have the government do no more in this respect than it already has done. The present legal parity is 16 to 1. I would have the government place its stamp of one dollar on 412.5 grains of silver, the same as it now does on 25.8 grains of gold; the same as it is doing today on 53 cents' worth of silver; the same as it is now doing on 7 cents' worth of copper. The figures 100 cents are not necessarily representative of the value of the material on which they are stamped, any more than are the figures of 36 inches on the yard stick representative of the value of the material which it is composed of. An honest yard stick is 36 inches long, though it may be composed of material costing one cent or one hundred dollars. The dollar is the measurement of value, just as the yard stick is a measurement of cloth."

Now, you tyros, what further excuse is there for your ignorance on the money question? Here is the whole theory in a nutshell. As President Cleveland would say, "It is a theory, not a condition, that confronts us."

This savant would have the government do no more than it is doing today, "place its stamp of one dollar on 53 cents' worth of silver," etc. A very moderate request, indeed, to ask the government to do what it is doing. The figures "100 cents" are not stamped upon the dollar, but the words "one dollar" are, and Webster and every authority that your humble servant has consulted—even the children's arithmetic—says that "dollar" and "100 cents" are, in a financial sense, equivalent terms. Hence, if this government declares, as it has done that a gold dollar shall be the unit, or standard of value, it necessarily follows that such dollar is equal to 100 cents in gold, as the yard equals 36 inches.

Again Dr. Selah says "an honest yard stick is 36 inches long." But he also asserts the analogy between the yard stick as a measure of length and the dollar as a measure of value; but that the function of neither is affected by the value of the material of which it is composed. Now, is it not as necessary that the dollar should be a true representative of the 100 lesser units of which it is composed as that the yard stick should be a true representative of the 36 inches of which it is composed? In other words would it not be as true to say the yard stick is a measure of 18 inches in length as to say the dollar is a measure of 50 cents in value? Exactly.

The same would be true of the silver dollar if it were the standard of value, viz: it would be worth 100 cents in silver. It is worth as much as a gold dollar at present in any capacity in which money is used, (except as a standard) but it is by virtue of the pledge of the government to maintain the parity on condition that it be allowed to control, or limit, the coinage.

The proposition that the volume of money in a country governs the prices there has been long ago exploded, and needs but slight consideration to discover its fallacy. Caldwell says: A prevailing inclination has long existed to establish a proportion between

the quantity of money in the world and the quantities of all other commodities, and to make that proportion the rule of prices. This plausible idea is very likely to have occurred to such thinkers as had very little practical knowledge of commerce.—Caldwell's Credit System, page 539.

This is borne out by facts. In 1800, when prices were high in this country, the per capita circulation was \$4.99. In 1847, when prices were very much lower, the circulation was \$10.59 per capita—more than twice as much.

France has over \$35 per capita circulation; her neighbor, Switzerland, has less than \$8. According to your theory prices ought to be nearly five times as high in France as in Switzerland. The fact is, there is hardly any difference.

Tooke, in his History of Prices, says: "There is not, so far as I have been able to discover, any single commodity in the whole range of articles embraced in the most extensive list of prices, the variations of which do not admit of being distinctly accounted for by circumstances peculiar to it. Circumstances do frequently operate with such force as to reduce prices in the face of any expanding currency, and to advance prices when the currency is diminishing. In point of fact, the expansion is frequently rather an effect than a cause of enhanced prices."

Proofs to the same effect could be multiplied. It might be necessary to give attention to Mr. Selah's struggle to disprove that the country had reached its highest rate of prosperity under Harrison's administration if that period had been more remote, but the fact is too recent to need more than mention, and is admitted by all fair-minded men.

Your Ladyship may be in favor of a protective tariff, but your actions contradict you. I don't think I ever said that a tariff law can take the place of money; but experience proves that it has, when properly adjusted, been a very effective means of replenishing the public coffers and of keeping a large portion of the money we have in circulation in this country.

You should be liberal enough, Aunt, to grant the alternative of reading your "articles" or accepting the other penalties. Surely you don't want to shoot us and hang us too.

You still continue to pollute the name of Lincoln by mentioning it in the same breath with that of the arch demagogue and incendiary, Bryan. You should rinse your tongue before mentioning the Martyr's name after that of such an arrant knave. Perhaps you have done so. Oh, no! Billy wants no assistance from millionaires! The multi-millionaire mine owners would just as leave your assertions were true.

It is difficult for this flimsy spinster to understand why the republicans should allow Hill, and Cochran, and Most, et al., to vote with them. But how about Tamany? I suppose that cess-pool of corruption should naturally be expected to line up with the party of "reform." After trying to coddle Hill for two or three weeks and failing to secure his support, he became "sour grapes" to Billy's party. As to Bourke Cochran, I think the republicans ought to be able to endure his company while he is casting his vote, seeing that they tolerated Mr. Selah to remain in the party for several years. And as to Herr Most, it is true that he is an anarchist; but he has the courage of his convictions, and declares himself as such. The difference between him and a large sprinkling of Mr. Selah's party is, that there are but few of the latter who have sufficient courage to give expression to their sentiments. What does Mr. Selah mean when he says his party is going to have free coinage by some other means if unable to obtain it by the ballot box? Or by the parody on Patrick Henry's words: "If this be anarchy, make the most of it!" What do these sentiments mean, I say, but that in case he should be defeated at the polls, he will "get his little gun" still he will froth from the tongue if you accuse him of a tendency toward anarchism. STUDENT.

Scott Hough returned from South Dakota Tuesday evening, where he had been working the past three months.

J. G. Creamer and Clyde King are taking an invoice of the stock of Morris & Co., having been appointed appraisers by Judge McCutchan this morning.

Henry Starkelbury, of Madison, was in the city last Tuesday. He says everything looks like McKinley down in his section. It must be that Allen is losing his grip.

Group Quickly Cured. MOUNTAIN GLEN, Ark.—Our children were suffering with croup when we received a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It afforded almost instant relief.—F. A. TAORNTON. This celebrated remedy is for sale by P. C. Corrigan.

## A WORD OF ADVICE.

To those in possession of the present currency which is supposed on one side to be 100 cents, on the other only 53 cents: At the day of reckoning some one will get left, so my advice would be to purchase some good merchandise, that represents full value for 100 cents. The place to find such goods is at P. J. McManus' as I have opened for sale the largest stock of general merchandise west of Sioux City. Ladies', misses' and childrens jackets a specialty. Ladies' fine shoes the best the market can afford in style and quality; also mens' shoes of the latest model the market has designed. Dress goods of up-to-date effects with all the latest trimmings. So do not hold your 53 cent dollar, but purchase the best value that has ever been shown the trade in Holt county.

13-3 Respectfully yours, P. J. McMANUS.

## NOTICE.

The republican electors of the city of O'Neill and Grattan township are called to meet in delegate convention in the republican club rooms in the city of O'Neill on Saturday, October 10, at 3 P. M., for the purpose of placing in nomination a candidate for supervisor for the Third district, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the convention.

The township and wards will be entitled to representation as follows, being based upon the vote cast for Judge Norvall in 1895:

- Grattan 8.
- O'Neill, First Ward 4.
- Second Ward 4.
- Third Ward 5.

It is recommended that primaries for the selection of delegates be held on Saturday, October 8, at 9 o'clock P. M. CLYDE KING, Secretary.

## What a Prominent Insurance Man Says.

H. M. Blossom, senior member of H. M. Blossom & Co., 217 N. 3rd St. Louis writes: I had been left with a very distressing cough, the result of influenza, which nothing seemed to relieve, until I took Ballard's Horehound Syrup. One bottle completely cured me. I sent one bottle to my sister who had a severe cough, and she experienced immediate relief. I always recommended this syrup to my friends.

John Cranston 908 Hampshire Street, Quincy, Ill., writes: I have found Ballard's Horehound Syrup superior to any other cough medicine I have ever known. It never disappoints. Price 25 and 50 cents. Free sample bottles at P. C. Corrigan's.

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Mrs. Mary Hannigan, mother of Mrs. John Fallon, died at the home of her daughter last Friday morning at 8 o'clock. Deceased came to this county in 1875 and was 97 years of age at the time of her death. She leaves two sons and two daughters, Mrs. John Heenan, Mrs. Mary Fallon, Mike Hannigan and James Hannigan of St. Louis, besides a large circle of acquaintances, to mourn her loss. The funeral took place from the Catholic church Saturday morning at 10:30, a requiem high mass being celebrated at 10.

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