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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.

Dentist, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30.

If you have number 673 call at Bentley's.

Pete Saunders is in the city visiting

Editor Jenness, of Atkinson, was in

the city Monday.

E. J. Mack transacted business in Atkinson Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Gallagher are

visiting friends at Jackson.

R. R. Dickson has opened up his law office in the rooms over Morris' drug

The Ladies Aid will serve meals November 4. Look for further notice next

Judge McCutchan issued license to O'Haver, of Inman, last Saturday.

Andrew Morrisey, of Chadron, spent evening.

S. J. Weekes returned Thursday evening from Lincoln, where he had been attending the grand lodge Knights of Pythias.

Chas. H. Davis and Pauline C. Mliner, of Atkinson, were granted a marriage license last Monday by County Judge

Dr. Scoggin, dentist, Monday, October 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30. Fine gold fillings, gold crown and bridge work a

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

WANTED-A girl to do general housework. Will pay \$3 per week to competent girl. Enquire of

MRS. E. WILLIAMS.

Mrs. B. Welton left Tuesday morning for Mankate, Minn., in answer to a telegram announcing that her daughter. Ada, was not expected to live.

Lost-About last Thursday, between the Checker barn and B. A. DeYarman's residence, a pair of child's mittens, blue with black cuffs. Finder please leave e at this office

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

Lincoln J. Carter's "Fast Mail" show appeared before a very small audience here last Thursday evening. The show was good and certainly deserving of a better patronage.

Dr. Scoggin, the Norfolk dentist, will again visit O'Neill, Monday, October, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30, prepared to do work in all the branches of dentistry. Office at Hotel Eyans.

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 11-4 J. P. MANN. satisfaction.

A hacking cough is not only annoying to others, but is dangerous to the person who has it. One Minute Cough Cure will quickly put an end to it. Morris & Co.

DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is an anticeptic, soothing and healing application for burns, scalds, cuts, bruises, etc., and cures piles like magic. It instantly stops pain. Morris & Co.

Speed and safety are the watchwords of the age. One Minute Cough Cure acts speedily, safely and never fails. Asthma, bronchitis, coughs and colds are cured by it. Morris & Co.

Senator W. R. Akers and Hon. James Witehead were in the city Sunday. They left for Lynch Monday morning where they addressed the people of Boyd county upon the issues of the day. They also spoke at Spencer and Butte.

There is trouble in the camp of the retail grocers and a broad smile on the faces of their customers, while the merchants are pounding each other on the back with cut prices. We want to tell our customers, and everybody else, that we are strictly in the deal and selling groceries at any kind of prices to get trade-ain't particular about profit, and samply make prices to get biz, regardless of cost or the price the other fellows 16.2 J. P. MANN.

There will a sociable given by the "KNOWLEDGE IS POWER" Christian Endeavor society at the home of Rev. Lowrie Tuesday evening, Oct. 27. A short program has been arranged. Hot coffee and doughnuts will be served. Price 10 cents.

We received a letter from C. J. Schram, who will be remembered by our old settlers as having been engaged in the general merchandise business here for several years. He is now running a grocery store in Milwaukee and is doing well. He says he has changed from a democrat to McKinley Right you are, Charley, McKinley is soon to be elected president.

If a man wants to get acquainted with human nature let him edit a newspaper for a while. He knows nothing of the ups and downs of life unless he has served in that capacity. He may have been a preacher, a banker, a merchant, traded horses, practiced law, sawed wood, been a member of the school board, janitor of the church or run for office, but he needs a brief experience as the editor-in-chief of a country newspaper to complete his knowledge of the eccentricities of human nature .- X.

RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolution was passed by Garfield Lodge F. and A. M. No. 95, wed to Joseph L. Riley and Jessie in memory of their beloved and departed brother, A. U. Morris:

Whereas In His eternal wisdom it has pleased Almighty God to remove to that Sunday and Monday in the city visiting undiscovered country from whose bourn He left for home Monday no traveler returns our beloved brother and respected friend, Alexander U.

Morris, therefore, be it Resolved: That in the death of our brother we recognize the loss of an exemplary Mason and friend, and keenly feel the sorrow of parting which abides always at the open grave. In his private life A. U. Morris was loved by all who knew him. His heart was full of sympathy and all kind impulse and his hand was its willing and generous servant. He was happy in his domestic surroundings, a devoted son, a loving husband and watchful father. His sense of honor was high and imparative. He illustrated the wholesome influence which true adherence to our principles can exercise in a community. He was a man of exceptionally pure habits. He lived in an atmosphere of moral cleanliness, a thorough gentleman everywhere and under all circumstances. He was not only a Mason when adorned with the emblems of the order in the lodge room, but always and everywhere. Over his grave the tears of affection have been shed. Upon his grave has been heaped the laurels of affection for many years to come. May the time never come when his example shall not be to the members of the order a bright, a burning and a shining light.

Resolved: That these resolutions be spread upon the records of the lodge and a copy be transmitted to the family of the deceased. W. J. DOBBS. CLYDE KING.

Committee \$2 EXCURSION. \$2 Palmer and Buckner, presidential candidates, will speak in Sioux City Monday, Cct. 26. The Pacific Short Line

JOHN McHugh,

will sell excursion tickets from O'Neill at the very low rate of two dollars for G. W. SMITH, Agt. A QUESTION

And an HONEST

ANSWER.

A fashionably dressed woman asked an O'Neill merchant this question: "What is style in a garment?"

"Style in a garment," he said, "is what all women want, what some women instantly recognize when they see it, and what no woman or man can describe. Style that is not absolutely correct is as bad as no style. Almost right is no better than altogether wrong. A stylish garment is usually well made, of up-to-date materials and it always fits. But good fit, excellent making and quality of material do not in themselves make a stylish garment. The only way to dscribe style is to show it." And that is what I am doing this fall-showing the largest line of ladies', misses' and children's jackets of up-to-date materials and styles. We hope to have the pleasure of showing to every lady who intends purchasing a garment this fall THE CORRECT STYLES and lowest prices.

There is one question I wish to submit, and that fact is: That they are well made, and upon the making depends the whole question of style, of fit and of service.

> Respectfully yours, P. J. McManus.

This Aphorism Once More Exemplfied. Selah's "Arguments" Again Knocked to Smithereens. His Sixteen Ounce Dollar Scheme Shown to be a

"CONSPIRACY

AGAINST SILVER.

A Complete Destruction of His Theories an Platform.IWith Our "Student" Soaring Majestically Over the Wreck.

It is difficult to comprehend what Mr Hagerty's banking business has to do with the "issues of the campaign," any more than has Mr. Selah's vending of irrigation stock-one-eighth wind and not worth quarreling about. Besides seven-eighths water. Mr. Selah must think it has, however, for, driven from what he deemed impregnable positions, he tries to rally what is left of him upon that irrelavant ground. He thinks that a substitute among his brethern, the terms banker, Shvlock, corporation, trust, etc. These epithets won't pass current for argument with all the brethren, Mr. Selah. A goodly number of them ere beginning to do their own thinking and tion or of any of the issues of the camsigning knaves and red-rag politicians. And then, isn't it likely to call to their dissolve the political bands which had minds the eighty corporate and individ- connected you" with the republican ual silver mine owners who are reputed to be worth \$700,000,000, who employ those red raggers to do their shouting? "corporate cormorant," and wouldn't he be a still greater one if he had not times, but the only time you attempted been foiled in his scheme to foist a or appeared to take a decided stand was bonded debt of \$250,000,000 upon the when you enumerated several things dear down-trodden people" of the dis- which you would have the government trict under the proposed "big ditch?" The glass house admonition would fit in nicely here, Mr. Selah, if it is at all you "laid down premises," etc. If you entitled to a place in this discussion, but I don't think it is, as a man's business has no more to do with it than the color of his hair. Nor, it is needless to say, do I offer the foregoing as an argu ment, but to show the inconsistency of those Coxeyites. (Mr. Selah does not gistically or in a manner that will be Bryanite") Mr. Selah and his co-laborers in the

vineyard have nothing but anathema for the owners of large accumulations of wealth. Their idea in regard to things social and economical is that the wealth uted. What they would call an equiis an equal share per capita. As the population of the country is about 70,-00,000 and the wealth of the country about \$60,000,000,000 the share of each individual would, on the above principle, he less than a thousand dollars. As the Bryanites will not tolerate corporations, except among their own partisans, and as a rigid adherence to the is gross idlocy, vile calumny. principle of "equal distribution" would prohibit the increase or diminution of individual "shares," excepting as above -among the members of their own party -isn't it pertinent to ask: how would it be possible for any one not in "good standing" with the triangular conglomeration European nation? I notice that Mr. to become or even remain owner of an enterprise such as a railroad, a ship yard, a factory, or even a huckster's shop that would involve a capital greater than his "divy" of the "aggregate wealth of the nation?" As it is no "crime" for corporations and millionaries to exist and thrive inside the pale of Bryanism. and as it is, or would be, treason against the game. the "people" for those on the outside of the same "ring" to unite their capital or efforts in the pursuit of such enterprises above referred to, are there not at least plausible grounds for the suspicion deep- laid scheme of its members, in case they should succeed to power, to confiscate the property of the "enemy" (those outside their own corporations) on the pretext of protecting the "people" (their own party) from the danger monopolies? The question is deserving of serious consideration. Mr. Hagerty authorizes me to say in

regard to the postoffice episode mentour or five others made up a purse of Mr. Mathews to bring from Monroe, Wis., a printing press which he owned from Niobrara, Mr. Brennan driving the an's fancy.

term. Taking time by the forelock, Mr. Mathews (unknown, of course, to and told him that if he would secure him the postmastership at O'Neill he (Mathews) would carry down the delegation in his vest pocket to support Val. at the convention. This ingratitude of Mathews, and underhanded scheming of Valentine did not go down pleasantly with Hagerty, so he "laid" for Val .- not "for the money that was in it," as in the case of Mr. Selah, when he threatened to turn The Item against Dorsey, but on account of the treachery and duplicity that were practiced toward him. The old settlers here remember the tacts and know that the money that was in in the office was Hagerty had more than he and three or four clerks could attend to in his store without the postoffice.

Mr. Selah falls back once more upon Mr. Caldwell to try to make it appear when he is out of argument he can use as | that Student was the "aggressor" in this little controversy. It won't do, Mr. Selah. Every one who has read your "articles" knows that you were trailing your coat for two or three weeks to get up a "discussion" of the money questo cease being excited to phrenzy by de- paign. You are aware, too, that you thought "it became necessary for you to party, and that "a decent respect to the opinions of mankind required that you should declare the causes which impelled Isn't Mr. Selah himself somewhat of a you to the separation." This I have asked and dared you to do, several do, every one of which it is already doing, as you yourself stated. You say have they were stowed away among the patent medicine advertisements. You cannot point to a solitary one in your alleged articles. I will be a little plainer with you if you wish. I say now that you are unable to state your case sylloseem to take kindly to the designation, binding upon you. But what you lack in ability you make up in impudence and stupidity, as shown in your per-Bryan or Coxey (whichever he pleases) sistent attempt to make it appear that the financial clause in the republican platform is either a mean duplicity or a cowardly cringing toward foreign powers, or both. Anyone sufficiently of the country is not properly distrib- intelligent to read and possessing the slightest degree of candor, or who has ment upon a ratio that would be common to all the nations that should enter into the agreement, and one which there would be some probability of maintain-

> There are three or four different ratios among the leading commercial nations of Europe, and all differ from that of ours. And how do you know that the movement for a larger use of Bryan's subjects have to quote European "bimetallists," and beg their opinions, and go into tantrums over a few lines visit from a Moreton Frewen, and their well that we be ready to take a hand in

ing. An attempt to distort the words

You deny that Mr. Bryan's financial scheme requires that the government declare 16 ounces of silver equivalent to And havn't we lots of these measures in 1 ounce of gold. His platform declares that silver shall be coined without limit that, among other dark designs of this and that such coins shall be a full legal Bry-Hoxyd of outlawry, is that of a tender. There is no country under a which such coins are worth more than their bullion value. Under the same system such coins cannot be worth more than their bullion value here, and hence to declare by law that an obligation, as- hundredth part is equal to the whole! of aggregated capital and corporate sumed with at least the tacit understanding that it is to be discharged by payment in gold or its equivalent, may be at that place, to publish a republican free coinage. We have the facts before

luded into the belief that a cold, heartfact the basis of a business transaction. They are open and frank about it. In the next place Mr. Hagerty avers that, under the circumstances men-

was coined. off as absolute conclusions drawn from such a conclusion must follow." Then, without affirming his major premise, which is necessary to the truth of the argument based upon such fallacious conclusion. A great many sophistries pertinent questions. are concealed in those "if" propositions. In regard to the Ernest Seyd case, I he alleges a "conspiracy" in connection to include all creditors of the United States at that time, instead of confining it to English creditors. I say, then, that no creditor of the government would conspire to urge such legislation as ment of his claim. How does that suit erative act presupposes a motive, and as there was not only absence of motive in on tenets of their own profession. the case referred to, but as the motive J. S. Mill, as shown by Doctor Bowen, acter omitted.

Mr. Selah seldom opens his mouth that now he sticks in both feet and thereby forms a very 'vicious circle, inside of which he again flounders with his paralell between the thirty-six inch yard stick as a measure of length, and the 100-cent dollar as a measure of value. silver will not be initiated by some He admits the completeness of my refutation of his financial theory with the exception of one point, and, thinkwill be set a rolling over there, and it is composing the dollar is worth only 50 cents is no evidence that the dollar is 2-quart gallon, or a peck half-bushel? further in your case of "Selah versus Selah." Suppose we reduce the material in your dollar (?) to the value of one system of unlimited silver coinage in cent-just as logical as any value less than 100 cents-then we have the value of the cent equal to that of the dollar. This gives us a new axiom, viz: under the Selah coinage dispensation, the one-

Oh yes, Mr. Selah, Student is perfectly well able to distinguish the essential difference between a measure of length discharged by payment of coined silver and a measure of value and, in order to at its bullion value is to declare, al- preserve this distinction from the destioned by Mr. Selah, that it happened though a falsehood, that 16 ounces of tructive quackery of Mr. Selah, will conabout like this: In days of yore he and silver, for debt-pa/ing purposes, is tinue to insist upon a rigid enforcement equivalent to 1 ounce of gold. It is of the law of identity, which declares three or four hundred dollars to assist immaterial what you think the value of that "every object is equal to itself." silver might be, or that Mr. Bryan may This forces the conclusion, that the be "fully convinced it would be" under dollar used as a standard of valuewhether it be a gold, silver or copper paper in O'Neill. Mr. Hagerty paid us and, although it may seem to you dollar-must be equal in value to 100 over one hundred dollars toward the en- to be an act of rash judgment. we pre- cents composed of the same material. terprise and hauled, without charge to fer to be guided by the experience of the Otherwise the whole would not be equal Mr. Mathews, three loads of his goods world rather than by your or Mr. Bry- to the sum of its parts. It does not enlighten us to tell us that the yard stick team which did the hauling. Mr. Hag- Mr. Hagerty thinks that you hold his may have no appreciable value. But it erty also paid two or three months' rent importance at too high a premium when knocks us almost speechless to tell us for Mr. Mathews after he started his you ask: "If" silver was remonetized, that the standard of value may be somepaper here. Mr. Valentine was then (he denies that it has been demonetized) thing else than what it purports to be.

representative of this, then the Third and "if" he was the owner of silver | But this prince of innovation, it seems,

congressional district. He was a candi- bullion, would he sell 3711 grains of it is not yet done with us. Routed at date to succeed himself for the next for less than one dollar? And "If" he every point and compelled to repudiate could get 3711 grains of it coined into a every essential which makes Bryanism dollar, would he be likely to sell it for what it is, he once more plunges into Hagerty) paid a visit to Mr. Valentine less than 100 cents? And "if" he would the industry of platform making, and not, then the commercial ratio is at | behold the work of his hands! Here it once along side of the legal ratio. Scat! is: "What they (he speaks in the third Now you have it. All that would be person this time) do demand is that the necessary under a system of unlimited government put its stamp of (100 cents) . coinage to bring the commercial down one dollar onto 16 ounces of silver and to the present legal ratio, and to keep it let the market price of the metal take there would be, that Mr. Hagerty own care of itself." Geewhitaker! Put the silver bullion and refuse to sell 8711 government dollar stamp upon 16 ounces. grains of it for less than 100 cents- a pound and a quarter troy weight, of whew! Now comes Mr. Hagerty and silver and cast it out upon the waves of answers, that, in the first place, if un- the world to take care of itself! Talk der the circumstances, he should be so about the "crime of "78," and other fortunate as to be a bullionaire he would, crimes, but here is a conspiracy, under like other mortal folks, be obliged to the guise of "rehabilitating silver," conaccept whatever the market afforded, in | cocted in the "house of her friends," to case he wished to dispose of it. De- "plunge the dagger of the assassin" into ponent further states that, although he her frail anatomy, and make her a makes very strong pretentions to being victim to the cruel treachery of those to good-looking, still he is not stuck upon whom she appealed for protection. himself to such an extent as to be de- Nor have those conspiratore, as in '78, come in the "dark hours of night," with less commercial world would make this the "stealthiness of the cat." No, no!

Now, as Mr. Selah has done with Mr. Hagerty, in Bryanesque style, let me ask tioned, he would expect to receive for Mr. Selah, if he were the owner of 7680 his 8712 grains of silver a silver dollar grains of silver bullion, and that, under worth just 100 cents in SILVER—that is. | an unlimited coinage law he could take the 3712 grains of silver would be that amount to the mint and have the worth just the same after as before it government stamp of "one dollar" impressed upon it, would be be likely to Nineteen-twentieths of the Bryanite take it there? Or would any one of fallacies are manufactured by palming ordinary intelligence do it? And if no one would do this, how many silver conditional premises. Bryan will say: dollars would be coined for circulation? "If such and such things are true, then And if none were coined, how would we secure a "larger use of silver," and hence increase the amount of "primary" money? And if such "dollars" were conclusion, he proceeds to construct an coined, would they fill the bill for the Bryanite "cheap dollar?" These are

Mr. Selah still, in a half-hearted manner, clings to the much-exploded theory will state that Mr. Selah cannot deny that the prices of commodities are truthfully (although he MAY deny) that governed by the amount of money in circulation, notwithstanding the fact with the coinage act of '73. I will there- that he need not go outside of his own fore make my statement general, that is, town to disprove its falsity. And he offers support of his statement the opinions of several eminent scientists. A question, Mr. Selah, must not rest upon opinion when it can be determined from facts. This is a question, not of authority, but would compel him to take the less val- of testimony. We yield to authority in uable of two kinds of money in pay- matters of opinion, but we accept testimony in matters of fact. And those very you? And where, then, was the motive men whose names you mention have been for a conspiracy? And as every delib- guilty of some of the most egregious blunders on record, in matters of opinion

table distribution, it is fair to presume, noticed the comments made upon that alleged is contrary to reason, therefore author of "Bowen's Logic," was found part of the platform knows that the there was no conspiracy of the nature wandering in the inside of a very "agreement" meant there is an agree- alleged in the passage of the act of "73. "vicious circle" in his attempt to explicate the principles of "inductive without an "Ernest Seyd" is somewhat reasoning." Other eminent scientists like a play of "Hamlet" with that char- erred with him. It was John Locke who advanced the theory of 'Tepresentative images"-that we obtain a knowland intention into any other meaning he doesn't "put his foot into it:" but edge of the external world by means of images, which pass from external objects to the seat of knowledge. Hume undertook to prove the impossibility of miracles, and did so to his own satisfaction. But it was shown that by confounding "intuition" with "inference" his attempt was an ignominous failure. By the way, John Locke is reputed to be the original monometallist—a silver ing, I suppose, that the overthrow of one, at that. Is the introduction of that one fell short of completeness, he John as a witness an attempt to lav a from a Bismarck, or a few words or a turns in and annihilates it himself, foundation for an "argument" in favor-Listen to the words of wisdom of this of silver monometallism? If Carlisle kind. It is possible, Sir, that the ball political acrobat: "Because the material was a good witness in "78, with eighteen years experience his judgment certainly ought to have improved. And it has. reduced to 50 cents." Certainly not! He is now on the "sound" side of the Isn't a 50-cent dollar as intelligible as a question. Therefore, while we may have and should have an unbounded respect for the opinions of men of eminence and use? But allow me to assist you a little integrity, still, to disprove what is known to be a positive fact, the opinion of. Solomon is as impotent as that of "Mrs. Grundy." The opinions of those gentlemen are not only opposed by that of others equally noted for learning and integrity, but are disproved by almost daily observation.

Mr. Selah's "abnormal condition" exception only helps to knock the stuffing

out of the theory he advocates. It would, I think, be safe to say that hardly a year has passed since Adam's advent into the world that there has not where among his offspring. The history of the world since the day Mother-Eve plucked the apple is one of "abhormal conditions." In fact, the "abnormal condition" is the rule and the normal condition the rare exception.

Mr. Selah still persists in desecrating the name of the Martyr President. It is almost an act of fiendishness to mention it in the same breath with that of Bryan, except by way of antithesis. To even insinuate that the noble soul, who declared of his countrymen in the dark days of the rebellion, when each brother's hand clutched the neck of his brother "we are not enemies;" to even insinuate, I repeat, that this angel of peace would tolerate, much less be in eague with, that enemy of peace and harmony who is now tramping the country endeavoring to kindle the flame, of discord in the breasts of a united people

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