

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.

The supervisors were in session this week.

Harry Huddleson was up from Pierce last Sunday.

Prof. Cross was down from Atkinson last Sunday.

WANTED.—A good milch cow. Apply to CON KEYS.

Dominick McCaffery went to Omaha this morning.

The Musical Union met at the rink Tuesday night.

George Triggs spent four days in Sioux City this week.

N. B. Chapman was down from Atkinson Monday.

Mrs. R. H. Jenness, of Atkinson, was in O'Neill Tuesday.

J. A. Rice, represented the legal bar, of Stuart, in the city Monday.

Rev. J. M. Bates will hold Christmas services in the Episcopal church this evening.

Miss Bertha Brown, of Atkinson, visited friends in O'Neill Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Mamie Cullen, who is attending college at Omaha, came home for the holidays.

Sam Thompson and Arthur Coykendall attended the ball in Atkinson Christmas eve.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilson, of Atkinson, spent Sunday in this city, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Anderson.

R. R. Dickson returned Tuesday night from Osage, Ia., where he went to attend the funeral of his father.

R. D. Saunders came up from Leigh last Thursday evening, and spent Christmas with relatives in this city.

THE FRONTIER will keep "open house" all day tomorrow. Begin the new year right, come in and subscribe.

For teeth or photos go to Dr. Corbett's parlors, 23rd to 30th of each month. Photographs 75 cents per dozen. 24tf

Prof. Anderson is representing the O'Neill schools at the meeting of the state teachers' association at Lincoln this week.

Butte Gazette: E. O. Blake was found guilty on five counts. Sentence was suspended pending a motion for a new trial.

Al Miller, the genial landlord of the Merchants hotel in Atkinson, accompanied by his son, Robert, was in O'Neill yesterday.

Bentley has a new baker and is putting out a superior quality of bread, pies and cakes. Everything is first class. 24-3

P. Whitney, general land commissioner of the F. E. & M. V. railroad, is in the city this week on business before the supervisors.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Jackson went down to Lincoln Monday morning to attend the annual meeting of the state teachers' association.

DeWitt's Sarsaparilla is prepared for cleaning the blood. It builds up and strengthens constitutions impaired by disease. Morris & Co.

The editor of this moral educator and family comforter went to Omaha yesterday morning in connection with matters of business and pleasure.

Chas. Davis, who has been in Omaha since the 8th of November serving on the U. S. jury, is home for the holidays. He returns to Omaha next week.

John Harrington, who made such a plucky fight against great odds last fall for the supervisors of this district, made this office a pleasant call yesterday.

Soothing, and not irritating, strengthening, and not weakening, small, but effective—such are the qualities of DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills. Morris & Co.

Fo. all of the warm weather we are having, the ice remains firm and smooth, and the young people are taking advantage, day and night, of the excellent skating thus afforded.

To cure all old sores, to heal an indolent ulcer, or to speedily cure piles, you need simply apply DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve according to directions. Its magic-like action will surprise you. Morris & Co.

Jim Gallagher, station agent at Laurel, accompanied by his friend Can Coburn, also of Laurel, spent Sunday in this city visiting friends.

Leap year is supposed to come to an end at 12 o'clock tonight, and the girls will not have another chance to pop the question for eight years.

WANTED—Lady or gentleman to represent a well established house. Salary \$50 per month and expenses. Address box 86, Ainsworth, Neb.

The old lady was right when she said the child might die if they waited for the doctor. She saved the little one's life with a few doses of One Minute Cough Cure. Morris & Co.

The wife of John Woidnick, of Spencer precinct, is lying quite sick at the home of her sister in O'Neill, Neb. She was visiting her sister when taken ill.—Spencer Register.

The length of life may be increased by lessening its dangers. The majority of people die from lung troubles. These may be averted by promptly using One Minute Cough Cure. Morris & Co.

Guy Green came up from Meadow Grove last Thursday evening and visited old friends in this city for several days. Guy looks as natural as he did five years ago when he was the "devil" in THE FRONTIER office.

Harry D. Phelps, of Hutchinson, Kansas, who has been appointed as clerk in the land office in the place of M. D. Long, removed, arrived Sunday evening and entered upon his duties Monday morning.

Miss Alice Sample, of Butte, passed through O'Neill yesterday morning on her way to Lincoln, where she is attending school. Her mother accompanied her this far on her journey, and will visit friends here for a few days.

Earl Corbett, who has made his home with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Coykendall, for the past six years, left for Madison Wednesday morning, where he will reside in the future with his father, Dr. Corbett.

Charlie Hall was called to Madison, Neb., Monday, by a message announcing the sudden death of his niece, Mrs. Ella Horrick, who was buried at that place the following day. He returned to O'Neill Wednesday evening.

The old way of delivering mail by post boys compared with the modern telephone, illustrates the old tedious methods of "breaking" colds compared with their almost instantaneous cure by One Minute Cough Cure. Morris & Co.

Roscoe Coughlin, a former O'Neill boy, now of Oxford, N. Y., sends us a renewal of subscription, Christmas greetings, and a new monkey story, all of which is highly appreciated. He desires to be remembered to all the old boys here.

Scaly eruptions on the head, chapped hands and lips, cuts, bruises, scalds, burns, are quickly cured by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It is at present the article most used for piles, and it always cures them. Morris & Co.

W. F. Robert, one of the prosperous farmers of Holt county residing near Chambers, was in the city last Saturday, and while in town called in and subscribed for this great family journal. He wants the news and knows where to get them.

We have opened up a bakery in connection with the "Little Gem" restaurant, and are now prepared to furnish the public with first-class bread, pies, cakes, cookies, or anything in the baking line at the lowest prices. 25-2 HATFIELD & THOMPSON.

C. F. Lytle, of Sulphur Springs, Ia., has traded Iowa real estate for the bank at Ewing, and is now a resident of that town. Judging from the flattering notices of Iowa papers Mr. Lytle will be a valuable acquisition to the business interests of Holt county.

The piles of corn that are seen the country over are simply astonishing. To see such immense stacks of yellow ears just heaped up on the prairie, without cover would be astounding to an eastern man. If we should tell them the bare facts they would say we were lying.—Greely Leader.

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. 71f NEIL BRENNAN.

"Excuse me," observed the man in spectacles, "but I am a surgeon and that is not where the liver is." "Never you mind where his liver is," retorted the other, "if it was in his big toe or his left ear DeWitt's Little Early Risers would reach it and shake it for him. On that you can bet your gig-lamps." Morris & Co.

Frank Hummel, of Gordon, and Miss Grace McCoy, of this city, were united in marriage by Father Cassidy at his residence Sunday evening at 6 o'clock. They departed the same evening for Gordon where they will make their future home, Mr. Hummel being engaged in business there. THE FRONTIER wishes them a long and happy life.

One of the enjoyable social events of the holiday season was the ball given by the O'Neill Dancing Club at the rink Wednesday evening. About thirty couples participated in the mazy whirl until the small hours of the morning, to which good music and an excellent supper served at the Evans rounded the pleasures of the occasion to the utmost.

Our general discount sale ends Saturday of this week, and if there is anything you need you can save 20 per cent by buying it before Saturday night. We will continue for a short time to discount Overcoats, Cloaks, Blankets, Gloves and Mittens. We will continue to give 50 per cent discount on about 200 pair of Ladies and Misses Shoes for 30 days unless they are all closed out before. 33 1/2 per cent off on all stamped linens and the balance of our stock of fancy dishes for next two weeks. J. P. MANN.

Don't be persuaded into buying liniments without reputation or merit—Chamberlain's Pain Balm costs no more, and its merits have been proven by a test of many years. Such letters as the following, from L. B. Bagley, Hueneme, Cal., are constantly being received: "The best remedy for pain I have ever used is Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and I say so after having used it in my family for several years." It cures rheumatism, lame back, sprains and swellings. For sale by P. C. Corrigan.

The Royal Neighbors of America held a special meeting last Saturday evening for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, and the following persons were elected: Worthy Oracle, Mrs. J. A. Testman; Vice Oracle, Mrs. N. Brennan; Chancellor, Miss Agnes Gallagher; Recorder, Mrs. Delia Hanley; Receiver, Mrs. C. W. Hagensick; Marshal, Mrs. J. F. Pfunder; Inner Sentinel, Mrs. M. Gallagher; Outer Sentinel, Mrs. P. Barret; Trustee, Mrs. P. Barret; Delegate to Grand Lodge, Mrs. J. A. Testman. This is now one of the most prosperous organizations in the city, and is rapidly increasing in membership.

Considerable interest is manifested among the business men at this time in regard to the formation of an athletic club. For this purpose a meeting was held Wednesday evening of last week at which O. M. Collins acted as chairman and Guy Hamilton as secretary. After giving the matter a thorough discussion it was decided to organize a club and a committee was appointed to draft a constitution and bylaws. A committee was also appointed on general arrangements, to find a suitable room, ascertain what material, furniture, etc., would be needed, after which adjournment was taken to Wednesday evening of this week, but on account of the dance and the committee not being ready to report the meeting will be held next Monday evening. Every business man who can possibly attend should do so, as it is intended to make the athletic club a social institution for recreation and healthful pleasure. It is the purpose to have the club room open every evening, to be in charge of a janitor, the same to be fitted up with all varieties of gymnasium goods to suit the requirements of the members. Aside from the amusement of such a club, it will be a means of healthful exercise for its members which will be of great benefit.

OBITUARY. CLEAR.—At the home of her parents in this city, on Saturday, Dec. 26, 1896, at 4 p. m., Lillie A. Clear, of nervous prostration, aged 28 years and 10 months. Deceased came to this county with her parents in 1889. Was born at Utica, Ill., Feb. 12, 1868. She was a young lady of exemplary character, and her friends were numbered by scores. The funeral took place from the Catholic church Monday, Dec. 28, at 10 o'clock a. m., the remains being followed to their last resting place by a large concourse of friends and neighbors, who in mourning her loss from their midst extend deep and lasting sympathy to the family of the deceased in their hour of bereavement.

CARD OF THANKS. To the citizens of O'Neill who have expressed their sympathies to us in our bereavement, we tender our sincere thanks; and to the ladies who have been so kind and generous to our beloved daughter in furnishing her with delicacies and everything they thought would benefit her in her long sickness, we tender our heartfelt gratitude, which time will not efface. MR. AND MRS. CLEAR.

SHORT LINE EXTENSION

The Extension of the Short Line From O'Neill Almost Assured.

MCLEAN IN THE CITY TO-DAY

Enthusiastic Meeting Held at the Court House This Morning.

Mayor Murphy received a telegram last night stating that Donald McLean would arrive in O'Neill at 10:30 to day on a special train, in company with a party of Sioux City gentlemen. He called a meeting of the citizens at his office at 9:30 o'clock for the purpose of making arrangements to meet and entertain the distinguished visitors. Mr. Murphy was made chairman of the meeting and Frank Campbell secretary. A reception committee was appointed, consisting of Mayor Murphy, R. R. Dickson, M. D. Long, Dr. Trueblood, O. O. Snyder, P. Hagerly and Neil Brennan. Several other committees were appointed and all necessary arrangements made to receive the party.

When the train pulled up to the depot at 10:30 several hundred citizens had congregated on the platform to welcome Donald McLean, the veteran projector who built the Short Line from Sioux City to O'Neill, and now says he will extend it to the coast. While the band played a lively air and general enthusiasm prevailed Mr. McLean climbed down from the cab of the engine, from which he had surveyed for the first time in six years the route that had promised so much during its construction, and fallen so flat at completion.

The other members of the party were: Jos. E. Booge, C. L. Wright, E. H. Stone, Jos. V. Mahoney, John N. Payson, E. R. Kirk, E. C. Wskelfield, Wm. Gordon, H. D. Booge, Judge Wilbur. Railroad officials: L. C. Hills, F. A. Seaman, W. B. McNider, M. H. Shilley, F. W. Ackley.

A procession was at once formed at the depot, headed by the O'Neill Cornet Band, followed by the reception committee and visitors in carriages, while the citizens on foot lined the sidewalks on both sides of the street. The procession proceeded to the court house, which was soon completely filled with an enthusiastic crowd of spectators.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Murphy, who, in a few appropriate and well chosen sentences reviewed the building of the Short Line road and concluded by introducing, amid great applause, its promotor, Mr. McLean.

Mr. McLean spoke but briefly. He said it was just six years ago to-day that he left O'Neill, and he was pleased more than he could tell by the reception accorded him and the party, as he had thought no body cared for him any more. He called the attention of his audience to the fact that when he left O'Neill he had said that if he ever returned he would complete the road, and that now he was here for that purpose.

Mr. Wright, of Sioux City, who was Mr. McLean's attorney during the building of the road, was introduced. He also thanked the citizens for the magnificent demonstration for Mr. McLean. He reviewed at some length the history of his former client and gave it as his opinion that anything Mr. McLean said he would do would surely be carried to fruition. The reason the road had not been completed according to the original design, he said, was on account of conditions in financial circles that no power could obviate. He said it looked to us, no doubt, that at present the building of the road was almost impossible, and would be for any ordinary man, yet he believed Donald McLean would accomplish it, and that without asking any subsidy from our people. (This statement, he said, was not made for the purpose of eliciting applause.) The remark was much appreciated by the audience. The extension of the Short Line he believed to be an assured fact, and that while in the city a preliminary corporation would be formed under the laws of the state of Nebraska.

Mr. Hills, of the Short Line, was called for. His remarks were brief. He said he was not here to make any remarks in regard to the extension of the road; that he was simply making a trip over his line and invited the other members of the party to accompany him, although it had been Mr. McLean's intention to come anyway. The speaker dwelled upon the pleasant relations existing between the road and its patrons, and assured his auditors that his heart was in the project, as were also some of his dollars that he used to save.

Mr. Mahoney spoke next. He thanked the citizens of O'Neill for the royal reception, and said he was glad to thus again meet the people of O'Neill. He alluded to his former connection with the road, and assured our people that

the citizens of Sioux City felt a kindly interest in their friends along the Short Line. About two weeks ago, he said, he was in Washington and there met Mr. McLean hobnobbing with national representatives and railroad men. Shortly afterwards he met him again in New York in close touch with moneyed men who said they were behind him and endorsed his project. Mr. McLean told him at that time that he was coming shortly to Sioux City to complete the Short Line, either from Sioux City or O'Neill—from O'Neill if present difficulties could be satisfactorily adjusted. When he mentioned "difficulties" the minds of his listeners reverted at once to the suit already commenced by tax payers to set aside the \$50,000 bonds voted as a subsidy when the road was built, but it is possible that he was thinking of something else.

M. F. Harrington, of O'Neill, was the next speaker. He pointed out the great assistance our citizens could lead the projectors, in the way of securing a cheap right of way through the state west from O'Neill, and closed by expressing his belief that the road would be built. He said Mr. McLean had never put anything on paper that he had not completed. He concluded his remarks amidst a grand outburst of applause.

R. R. Dickson, of O'Neill, said he was most heartily in favor of the road being built to San Francisco, Denver, Ogden, or any other place out of O'Neill. This remark touched a responsive chord in the hearts of the audience and the cheer that went up made the windows rattle. He endorsed the remarks made by Mr. Harrington, and proposed a vote by the meeting expressing its good will to Mr. McLean.

T. V. Golden, of O'Neill, was glad to see so large a meeting to greet the eminent gentlemen of Sioux City. He was in favor of the project of extension, and thought the building of the road would be a great stride in the direction of securing the big ditch, of which he spoke quite eloquently.

Colonel Brennan, of O'Neill, said he had been waiting for an opportunity to second the motion made by his friend Dickson, but that he wished to amend by including the other gentlemen and granting them the freedom of the city. He then moved an adjournment for dinner. This speech mentioning "dinner" was remarked by one of the visitors to be the best of the program.

The meeting then adjourned, after which an informal reception was held. At 1:30 a banquet was had at the Hotel Evans, participated in by the distinguished visitors and the business men of O'Neill, where were exchanged mutual hopes that the project would be carried to an early and felicitous termination.

The special started on its return trip at 2:30 p. m. The spirit of '90 is revived in O'Neill. Our citizens feel hopeful that this unexpected agitation of Short Line extension will result in the building of the road, while the enthusiasm existing in Sioux City is said to be not a whit less.

ROAD INCORPORATED. Certificates and articles of incorporation of the Sioux City and Western Railway Company were filed this afternoon with the county clerk. The incorporators are James E. Booge, S. F. Wakefield, L. A. Seaman, Donald McLean and M. F. Harrington.

The corporation is formed for the purpose of constructing, equipping, maintaining and operating a railroad within the state of Nebraska, between O'Neill and section 12, town 26, range 58, in Sioux county, extending through the counties of Holt, Rock, Brown, Cherry, Sheridan, Box Butte, Dawes and Sioux, or such of them as the line may finally be located in. The amount of capital stock is \$5,920,000, divided into 59,000 shares of \$100 each.

After five years absence, Donald McLean, projector of the Pacific Short Line, has returned to Sioux City with all his old time vigor and zeal, and announces that he has absolutely secured all the capital necessary for the completion of a railway line from Sioux City to San Francisco.

It is like a breeze from the olden times of prosperity to talk with Mr. McLean, and with his energy allied to ample capital Sioux City might see a realization of the dreams which inspired her in the days of the later 80s and the earlier 90s. A reporter found him in his room at the Mondamin, arranging a pile of documents, some of them time stained and some brand new, which contain the evidence of what he has been doing in enlisting \$32,000,000 of English capital in the enterprise which he originally inaugurated here for direct railway connection with the Pacific coast, but which misfortune smote as with a frost. The reporter asked Mr. McLean to tell the story of what he had been doing to carry out now his previously thwarted ambition. He said: "I have completed every arrangement

for the investment of \$32,000,000 of English capital for the construction of a railroad line from Sioux City, Ia., to San Francisco, Cal. My financial agent is the Continental Trust company, of New York, to which I refer any inquiring friends, whether bankers, railroad men, investors, or citizens generally. I have been working for six months to arrange this matter, and the line will be built upon its merits as a transcontinental route through a region at present unsupplied with transportation facilities, 150 miles north of the Central Pacific, through the Beckwith pass of the Rockies, a pass never troubled with snow, and therefore permitting the saving of millions of dollars for snow sheds—a route 264 miles shorter than any other to the Pacific seas, and traversing what is to be the great producing area of this continent. This is a brief outline of the project which I have come to Sioux City to carry into execution.

"While of course it will be my desire to secure the 130 miles of the Pacific Short Line as now constructed to O'Neill, as a link in the 1,600 miles to San Francisco, possession of this route will not be essential to the enterprise. In any event it will be impossible to secure possession of the Short Line before the expiration of a year or more, as at this time, owing to litigation concerning it, there is no tribunal which could pass conclusive title to the property. We should be glad to buy it and the combination bridge, and will do so if we can secure it upon satisfactory terms. But whether we shall be able to obtain possession of this property or not will cut no figure with our enterprise. If we cannot buy the Short Line and the bridge, we will build another bridge, and another line—for no complications affecting the Short Line will be permitted to interfere with our purpose to have a route to the Pacific as I have indicated.

"I am here to make arrangements at once for a survey of the route from O'Neill to the west. I have already had negotiations with representative parties from Utah and other states in the west, and the preliminaries are practically settled. I am not here to ask a penny's worth of financial assistance from the people of Sioux City, but rather to assure them that affairs are so shaping themselves that the contributors to the fund of three hundred and odd thousand dollars which this community has already invested in the Pacific Short Line will be amply reimbursed to them in due time by completion of the enterprise in which I am at present engaged. I hope to have, however, from the people of Sioux City, that sympathy and indorsement which benefits such as I hope to bring are entitled to. The fact is that there never has been proposed in the history of this community anything which is of such tremendous importance to it as the building of this transcontinental line.

"It may be of interest to those who are acquainted with my earlier connection in the Pacific Short Line project to say that none of those formerly associated with me are allied now in this new deal. The Manhattan Trust company is left out. Wendell Goodwin and John Waterbury have passed to other fields, and F. O. French is dead. Of local promoters of the Short Line project, neither Garretson nor Horrick, nor Booge nor Stone nor any of the others is with me now; but from them all and from the whole people of Sioux City I shall hope to have the most cordial good will.

"You can understand the gratification which I feel at being able to return to Sioux City after five years, prepared to realize the plans which I had then in regard to this great enterprise. I come now fully and thoroughly prepared to carry them out. A multitude of clouds which prevented realization of my hopes five years ago have disappeared, and never at any time in the history of anything with which I have been connected has the outlook been so promising as it is at this time with reference to the construction of this transcontinental route. Matters are in such shape that I will be entirely relieved of a host of distracting circumstances, and will be able to devote my entire attention and energy to the one sole object of carrying out the details of arrangements already made. I have worked alone in this matter, paying all the expenses of preliminary work out of my own pocket, and feel that now I have passed the experimental stage, and believe that I am master of the situation.

"With the experience acquired from my previous connection with the Short Line enterprise, and with assurance of the amplest capital secured through the same old channel, and with a determination to take advantage of the tremendous opportunities lying in the virgin region which much of this line will cover, I am convinced that if my life is spared Sioux City is certain to realize the dreams inspired in the days when we first commenced together." Sioux City Times.