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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.

The supervisors adjourned Monday.

Frank Emerson was in the city Monday.

John Halloran was up from Inman yesterday.

Arthur Cruise was down from Atkinson Monday.

Dr. McDonald was down from Atkinson yesterday.

Andy Morgan went down to Omaha this morning.

Sanford Parker was over from Spencer yesterday.

John Skirving returned from Omaha Saturday evening.

M. F. Harrington was a passenger for Lincoln this morning.

Mrs. Sanford Parker entertained the whist club last evening.

Elmer Williams had business in Omaha the first of the week.

Trace Gwinn was in Boyd county last week, returning home Sunday.

Miss Anna Murphy is now in the employ of the Sullivan Mercantile Co.

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

Dr. Blackburn, of Atkinson, and his 16 to 1 mile was in the city yesterday.

On account of the cold the musical club did not hold a meeting Tuesday night.

Frank Welton returned to his work at Norfolk Tuesday morning, after a month's vacation.

Charlie Welton who was visiting relatives here for a week, returned to Long Pine last week.

Mrs. S. C. Sample, of Butte, who was visiting friends in this city the past week, returned home yesterday.

Charlie Baker has resigned his position with the Sullivan Mercantile Co., and is now a gentleman of leisure.

Mr. and Mrs. John McManus are rejoicing over the arrival of a daughter at their home last Saturday morning.

Neil Brennan was around the first of the week with some very fine calendars, one of which he left at this office. Many thanks, Neil.

For teeth or photos go to Dr. Corbett's parlors, 28rd to 30th of each month. Photographs 75 cents per dozen. 24tf

Mike Kirwin is able to be out on the street again, after having been confined to the house for the past two weeks with a sprained ankle.

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

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

All members of the Business Men's Fraternity are requested to attend the next meeting, next Monday night. Business of importance to be transacted.

Miss Ladoka Porter, a niece of Chever and John Hazelet, arrived in the city last Saturday evening from Guthrie Center, Ia., and will spend the winter visiting here.

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.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Hicks left yesterday morning for a protracted visit with relatives in Iowa and Arkansas. In Arkansas they will visit with Mr. and Mrs. Harry DeYarman.

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.

A select dancing party at the Hotel Evans last Friday evening was the first social event of the new year. The large dining room was cleared for the occasion, and the guests danced away the time to excellent violin and piano music.

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

Dr. Dodd, of Newport, district deputy of the I. O. O. F. for this district, and W. B. Carey, of Long Pine, are in the city installing the new officers in Elkhorn Valley lodge No. 57.

Roy Woods came down from Atkinson yesterday morning, expecting to go to Laurel, but as the Short Line trains are not running on account of the snow blockade, he returned to Atkinson in the afternoon.

Hi Hodgkin was in from Leona yesterday and while in the city called and paid his subscription. It is a good way to greet the editor on a New Year. Try it and see the 8x10—not 18to 1—smile that will adorn his countenance.

Mrs. Della M. Shoull, of Victor, Col., is in the city visiting relatives. Owing to poor health in the mountains she was obliged to seek the healthful climate of Holt county, and since returning here her health has greatly improved.

Next Sunday's services at the Methodist church will be for and by the children. Sermon for the children at 10:30 a. m. The Junior League will have charge of the evening service, beginning at 7:30. All are cordially invited to these meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Jackson and family left yesterday morning for Lincoln, where Mr. Jackson takes the oath of office as state superintendent tomorrow. Mr. Jackson will return the first of the week and move their household goods to Lincoln.

It is doubtful if there is another state in the union which can give such a diversity of weather on short notice as Nebraska. Twenty-four hours after the blizzard a few drifts of snow were the only reminders that we were not living in a land of perpetual summer.

Rube Livinghouse, of Sioux City, arrived in the city last Saturday and is spending the week visiting relatives and old-time friends in this city. Rube is looking younger than when he left O'Neill five years ago. City life certainly agrees with him.

Frank Damerio and Oran Keeler, of Phoenix, were arrested last week upon warrants sworn out by Peter Duffy, charging the former with stealing about twenty, and the latter nine bushels of wheat from the granary of Frank Duffy on or about December 28. They were brought to this city and preliminary hearing set for January 18.

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 90 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. 26-2 J. P. MANN.

The officers of the Golden Irrigation district are in session this week. About the only business done was the appointing of clerks and judges of election for the regular election of officers in April. The board will adjourn today to meet Jan. 18, when it is expected that Donald Campbell, the great irrigation engineer, will be present to make an estimate of the probable cost for the construction of the ditch. After that is done the board can get down to business.

Judge Kinkaid and Judge Westover have arranged the following dates for holding court in the several counties in this district the coming year: Holt county, February 19, July 23; September 30, July October 4. Boyd, June 1, July 2; September 14, July 15. Rock, March 9, July 10; September 28, July 29. Brown, March 15, July 16; October 25, July 26. Keys Paha, May 25, July 26; September 21, July 21. Cherry, March 22, July 23; October 18, July 19. Sheridan, May 3, July 4; October 4, July 5. Dawes, March 26, July 30; November July 16. Box Butte, April 20, July 21; November 9, July 10. Sioux, April 13, July 4; October 25, July 26.

The banquet at the Hotel Evans last Thursday in honor of Donald McLean and the gentlemen who accompanied him from Sioux City, was worthy of more than passing notice. Although on such short notice that no elaborate preparation could be made, yet Mr. and Mrs. Evans were equal to the emergency, as the guests and business men of the town heartily testified. The viands were exceptionally fine in every particular, and served in a manner fitting to the occasion. It was a welcome to Donald McLean which that gentleman did not expect at the hands of our people, and he was visibly affected by the manifestation of honor and kindly feeling thrust upon him by the citizens of O'Neill.

SHORT LINE LATEST

A New York Attorney Writes Donald McLean About Opposition.

THE MEAT IN THE COCONUT.

The Letter Clearly Demonstrates That There Is Unlimited Capital to Build It.

Sioux City Journal, 5; Donald McLean yesterday received the following communication from his attorney in New York, which is given to The Journal for publication with the understanding that the name of the author be held: "New York, Jan. 2, 1897.—Donald McLean, Esq., Mondamin Hotel, Sioux City, Ia.—Dear Sir: Your telegram and letters, as well as papers under date of the 29th ult., duly received and contents noted.

"You have evidently stirred up a hornet's nest, as the New York papers have contained a number of items in reference to your doings, and one had a special from San Francisco containing an interview with Mr. Crocker. In which he said about the same as you quote him in your letter. The position taken by the present Pacific lines through Mr. Crocker because your road will have a fixed charge of \$900 a mile as against theirs of \$4,000 and upwards is the meat in your coconut, and the more you talk about that the better it will help you. The English money is all right, and can be relied upon, and you need have no hesitancy in using it as much as you please, as their position is this: They have been awfully by every railroad company that crosses this continent in both bonds and stocks originally issued, as well as reorganization bonds and stocks, and the reorganization of one of the Pacific railroads at the present time by J. P. Morgan for the purpose of squeezing out the original investors and again paying the indebtedness with watered stock and bonds to the tune of \$320,000,000, which mortgages were recently filed in Spokane, Wash., is proof positive that when opportunity is offered for investment in a legitimately built and legitimately bonded railroad from the Missouri river to the Pacific coast, ten times the required amount is ready for the investment, and as the attorney for the American representative of English money now pledged to build the Pacific Short Line I am instructed to authorize you to reiterate that statement as often and whenever you please. These instructions are given in accordance with a cable received by the American representatives from their principals authorizing it.

"Mr. Crocker's statement that English capital will not invest in a parallel line is not tenable, as your proposed line, while it reaches the same point of destination, will be a good deal shorter and will traverse a fertile and productive country, whereas the present lines traverse many hundreds of miles through deserts and through barren and unproductive territory

"I had a conference today with the president of one of the largest railroads in the middle west, in which he stated that there could be no legitimate opposition to the road you propose building, but that on the contrary, it was one that capital would readily seek investments in, because the fixed charges being so small compared with the other Pacific roads it would enable your road to carry freight at such reduced rates that it would give the people along the line an opportunity to share in the receipts of their products, to say nothing of the benefits to be derived by roads such as his east of the Missouri river.

"Your friends and co-workers here and in Washington join in wishing you a happy New Year and much success."

Omaha World-Herald: If Donald McLean is in earnest in his declarations that he intends to build the Pacific Short Line west from O'Neill during the coming season Nebraska will congratulate herself. This talk of extending the Short Line comes with every new year, but so far all has ended in talk. But McLean declares with all the earnestness of a man who knows what he is talking about that he has secured the necessary financial backing, and that the Pacific Short Line will soon cease using O'Neill as its western terminus and push rapidly toward the Pacific coast.

It would seem that there are enough lines to the Pacific coast and that another would only meet the financial fate of the Union Pacific. But the Pacific Short Line has some points of advantage over the present transcontinental lines. If built along the lines of the original survey it will be a much shorter route to the Pacific coast, and will traverse an exceptionally fine territory. It will open up a new and fertile territory in Nebraska and Wyoming,

thus extending the wholesale business of the first large distributing point that can secure the new trade. And right here is where Omaha is interested in the completion of the Pacific Short Line along the lines of the original survey. Omaha is already well connected with O'Neill, but better connections are needed in case the Pacific Short Line is pushed westward from that city. There is an immense territory in Northern Nebraska and Central and Western Wyoming not yet tapped by railroads, and as soon as this territory has railroad facilities such as promised by the Pacific Short Line it will develop at a marvelous rate.

Omaha should not lose any opportunity to seize and hold this new territory when its development begins. Omaha's commercial bodies should learn if possible what Donald McLean's intentions are and prepare to profit by any move he makes toward the fulfillment of his life's dream, the completion of the Pacific Short Line. That McLean means business is evidenced by his past career; the only thing to consider now is his ability to secure the financial backing needed to make the scheme a success. His road has been hampered by the same financial conditions that have operated against all lines of business during the last three years. If he is prepared to go ahead with his scheme the fact portends a returning prosperity that all will welcome with glad acclaim.

Sioux City Times: E. H. Stone was seen last evening at the Mondamin hotel just after he had come from a long conference with Donald McLean. When a reporter for the Times inquired of Mr. Stone his opinion concerning the success of Mr. McLean's project, the banker said:

"Donald McLean built the Short Line railway to O'Neill. If he could build 180 miles of road with the backing that he had at that time, he certainly can extend the line to Ogden with the 'people behind him whom he has at this time. The prospect for Sioux City to have direct connection with the Pacific coast never was so bright."

Mr. McLean was very busy all day yesterday. Two solid hours in the afternoon were occupied by him in the dictation of letters. There was a multitude of callers. To a reporter he said:

"I feel safe in saying that The Times can tell the people that by April 1st dirt will be flying on the work of the extension of the Pacific Short Line. Only details remain to be arranged. In a few days I will leave for Ogden, the eastern terminus of the Central Pacific. There the Salt Lake Valley and Eastern Railway company will be organized for the construction of a line of railroad through Utah to the western boundary line of Wyoming, near the Twin Creek coal fields. In Wyoming a similar company to be known as the Wyoming and Eastern Railway company, will be organized for the construction of a line of railroad across that state. These lines will be connected, and with the extension from O'Neill to the western boundary line of Nebraska, will be consolidated into one system, and that is to be the Sioux City and Western."

Mr. McLean has a copy of a letter which was written by James C. Clarke, formerly president of the Illinois Central, to Stuyvesant Fish, present president of that company, which contains many observations of special interest at this time. The letter was written before Donald McLean ever came to Sioux City, and was in the form of a report to Mr. Fish, who wanted information as to the following:

1. The probable gradient, alignment and approximate cost of the projected line, including suitable equipment.
2. The probable gross earnings, annually, of such projected line.
3. The estimated earnings of the Illinois Central company on business going to and from the projected line.
4. The traffic local to the new line, its character, probable volume and destination.
5. The enterprises, manufacturing, etc., that probably can be developed on the proposed line.
6. The probable competition with existing systems of railways, should the proposed line be constructed, and the effect of such competition, if any upon the Illinois Central system.

The observations and conclusions reached by Mr. Clarke in connection with this subject were as follows:

"It is desirable to increase the traffic and business on our system, from Sioux City to Chicago especially, and wherever it can be done on our main lines in Illinois and south of Cairo.

"I am of the opinion that if parties will build a railroad west of the Missouri river and work it in close connection with the Illinois Central, our company could afford to enter into a contract with them for a rebate or drawback, say of 25 per cent of our earnings on all business to and from such line, for a series of say ten years, or company to receive from the rebate or drawback the stock of their road at par.

BOYD COUNTY'S REQUEST.

D. W. Forbes, cashier of the Citizen's state bank of Butte, was in Lincoln yesterday on business, but incidentally he was looking over the ground preparatory to the introduction of a bill in the next legislature to reimburse Boyd county for costs which accrued in the trial of the three men, Elliot, Harris and Mullihan, who were charged with the murder of Barrett Scott. The total amount of costs which Boyd county must pay is \$4,822.80. For various reasons, the county officials feel the burden is an unjust one and the state will be asked to appropriate the sum.

The last legislature passed resolutions in regard to the matter, and the governor authorized the attorney-general to conduct the case for the state. A bill appropriating \$10,000 for the expenses of the trial was introduced but failed of passage. When the attorney-general looked the ground over, he deemed it advisable to dismiss the case in Holt county where it had been begun, and to swear out new complaints and bring the trial in Boyd county, which lies immediately north of Holt county. The result of the trial was an acquittal for the three men, and Boyd county was responsible for the costs.

Boyd county is a sparsely inhabited district, and at present contains a population of only 7,000. Notwithstanding it is an excellent wheat county, there is not a mile of railroad within its boundaries. It already is in debt \$50,000, and the taxable property in the whole county is listed at only \$200,000. The payment of the costs of the trial would consume the whole general fund of the county for two years under the regular levy, and would work a hardship on the taxpayers should other means be used to raise the money.

The people think that the trial had no legal status in their county and that it was brought there simply in the hope of defeating the aim of the vigilantes who were in sympathy with the men charged with the lynching. At the time vigorous objections were made to the change in the place of trial on account of the expense entailed. Now the objections are shaping themselves into the tangible form of a bill to reimburse the county. —State Journal.

About the finest game of politics ever played in this county was completed by the resignation of W. R. Jackson as county superintendent last Monday evening. The evident intention was to have that gentleman hold until after the old board would go out of office, being afraid that if his resignation was sent in to them a republican might possibly get the office. Delegations of the faithful worked with the board, and after numerous caucuses they decided upon a move and were then ready for resignations. On Tuesday morning the election of a county superintendent came up, and an informal ballot was taken with the following result: J. C. Harnish, rep., 3; John Morrow, pop., 2; L. W. Worrill, pop., 1; C. J. Malone, pop., 1. A formal ballot was then taken and resulted as follows: John Morrow, 4; J. C. Harnish, 3. Mr. Morrow has not as yet selected a deputy. We understand that E. Kline is a candidate for the position, but his chances for the office are no better than that of a republican.

See, Jan. 2: Dominick McCaffrey, of Pittsburg, Pa., the former boxing instructor of the New York athletic club and a heavyweight pugilist of prominence, is in the city. McCaffrey is spending the winter on his brother's ranch near O'Neill, this state, and ran down to the metropolis to spend New Year's with some old time friends. McCaffrey won his greatest laurels by staying seven rounds with John L. Sullivan at Chester Park, Cincinnati, in August, 1884. The fight was originally scheduled for six rounds, in which Sullivan was to knock him out or lose the stakes. The sporting editor witnessed this fight, and always held that McCaffrey's showing was the best ever made against the big fellow up to that time or since, up to his downfall in the Olympic club at the hands of Jim Corbett seven years later. McCaffrey not only stayed the six rounds, but one extra, owing to a mistake made by the referee, Billy Tate, a Toledo sport. So close was the contest considered that Tate did not render a decision at the park that day, but waited until two days later after he had arrived at his home at the mouth of the Maumee, when he gave Sullivan the decision.

The new year was ushered in with beautiful weather and the people were already beginning to lay plans for spring gardening and the transplanting of banana roots, but Saturday evening the visions of early horseradish and "sich like truck" were doomed by a threatened northwester. And it arrived on schedule time, with all the essential features for which a Dakota blizzard is known. All day Sunday the wind

howled and the air was filled with blinding snow, every hour adding to its intensity. But few people were abroad during the day, being content to remain indoors and see that heating stoves were run to their full capacity. Sunday night the storm grew in fierceness and at times the wind blew at hurricane velocity. Monday morning the streets were obstructed by huge drifts of snow, while the storm continued with unabated fury. Trains on the Elkhorn road were late, the eastbound passenger being tied up at Oakdale, while the westbound train only got as far as Cody. No attempt was made to run trains on the Short Line since Saturday. Late Monday evening the storm abated in its fury and Tuesday morning the people were glad to see the sun shining and the air as calm as the surface of a mill pond. The blizzard was over. Business men and clerks shoveled into their places of business, and all felt relieved that it was no worse. So far as known the storm did no damage in this part of the state, as the advance guard of winter in November had caused all to be prepared for just such an emergency. At no time during the storm was the mercury down to zero, the fall of snow was very light, and the prospects at this time are good for another season of delightful weather. Iowa and Dakota are reported as having lots of snow and all railroad traffic at a standstill.

At midnight Thursday night while most of our citizens were in bed dreaming of Donald McLean and the extension of the Short Line railroad, they were awakened from their slumber by agonizing screams from the whistle at the chicory factory. As the noise increased in density and agony, some person thought it was a fire alarm and in a few moments the fire bell was clanging as though half the town was on fire. A general rush was made for outdoors and the shivering populace at once entertained the idea that the chicory factory was on fire. The chemical was pulled out into the mud by hand, where it waited for further assistance, while members of the hose team manned the hose reel and started through the mud at breakneck speed for the factory, about one mile distant. In the meantime the whistle continued its "call" of agony and the bell clanged until the street was full of people. To add to the din a number of revolvers were shot off, and then it dawned upon the minds of the railroad builders of this future metropolis that the old year was being scientifically killed off. The boys with the hose cart got about half way to the factory when their wind gave out and they sent a messenger on horseback to learn what the trouble was, as no flames appeared from the factory nor any other part of town. Two short whistles announced "fire out," and the gallant hose ladders treaded back through the mud singing a New Year's carol common to mule drivers and canal boatmen. Everybody laughed and cursed and exchanged greetings for a happy 1897, all except the man who blew the whistle. At an early hour next morning there was a vacancy in his department at the factory caused by the manager. It is not customary in this city to usher in the New Year with a fire alarm, and scare our citizens out of a year's growth of good resolutions.

John Chudomelka, a Howells farmer, met with a great loss this week. He had ninety-six head of hogs in his yards valued at \$400 and now all are dead. A horse that was afflicted with distemper died in town and it was hauled into the hog yard and eaten by the hogs. The consequence of eating the diseased horse meat is the death of all the hogs and should be a warning to the farmers not to allow their swine to devour any dead animals. —Fremont Tribune.

To Close Out. If you are looking up good dealers in foot wear call at McManus as I have 200 pair to close at half price this coming week, before I start to invoice. Also ladies shawls, caps, leggins and many other items to which your attention will be called while investigating. Respectfully yours,
P. J. McMANUS.

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"Excuse me," observed the man in spectacles, "but I am a surgeon and that is not where the liver is." "Never your 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.