

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.

Dance next Monday night.

Leora Lane next Tuesday night.

Attend the ball at the rink next Monday night.

S. H. Trussell was up from Ewing Saturday.

O. O. Snyder spent Sunday in Sioux City visiting relatives.

Leora Lane at the opera-house next Tuesday night, March 2.

H. L. Putnam, of Council Bluffs, Ia., is in the city attending court.

Judge Jackson, of Neligh, was attending court in this city last week.

W. F. Pabst, of Chambers, was a caller at these headquarters last Tuesday.

F. J. McManus is in Chicago this week purchasing his spring and summer stock.

S. D. Thornton, one of Neligh's leading attorneys, was in the city last week attending court.

The Working society of the Presbyterian church will meet with Mrs. Moore Wednesday next.

Jerry Murphy left this morning for Butte, Montana, where he expects to reside in the future.

Allen G. Fisher, the goodlooking county attorney of Dawes county, was in the city last week.

Frank Dobney, one of Holt county's most prosperous farmers, was down from Atkinson last Friday.

Postmaster Doyle was confined to the house the first of the week, suffering from an attack of the grip.

Mrs. Clarence Selah returned from Omaha Monday evening, where she had been visiting for several weeks.

For teeth or photos, go to Dr. Corbett's parlors, 23rd to 30th of each month. Photographs \$1 per dozen.

The case of the State of Nebraska vs. Raymond Musser is occupying the attention of the district court today.

We sell good flour, corn meal, graham, bran, shorts, corn, oats, etc., at gold standard prices. 83-14 L. KEYS.

Barred Plymouth Rock cockerels, pure and fine, for sale by H. M. Uttley, O'Neill. Write him for prices. 34-4

WANTED—Ten young cows, at the school section, 4 miles north of O'Neill, for cash. 83-2 W. C. FAWKES.

O. M. Hayden, of Lincoln, representing the Woodmen Accident association was in the city on business Monday and Tuesday.

Austin Hynes was in from Turner yesterday and ordered this great family journal sent to his address. There are many others.

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

WANTED—Heavy span of brood mares, 3 set of heavy harness, and wagon, for cash, 4 miles north of O'Neill. 83-2 W. C. FAWKES.

Rev. Mr. Sharpless will begin a series of revival meetings next Tuesday evening, March 2, in the Presbyterian church of O'Neill. All are invited to attend.

Ed Graham, one of Grant township's most prosperous young farmers, called Tuesday and had his name enrolled upon THE FRONTIER'S subscription list.

J. D. Sturgeon, of Norfolk, was in the city last Saturday. He is the western agent for the Este pianos and organs and has appointed F. B. Cole as their agent in this city.

Something, 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.

J. P. Mann left for Chicago last Monday, where he will purchase his spring and summer stock. The public will do well to watch these columns for his announcement upon his return.

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.

Let us figure with you when you want a bill of groceries, we have the stock and prices.

33-2 O'NEILL GROCERY CO.

Edward Angel, of Spencer, and Miss Lizzie Kelly, of Turner, were granted a marriage license this morning.

W. H. Wilson, of Dorsey, called and increased the circulating medium at these headquarters to the extent of a year's subscription.

L. F. Wakefield, of Sioux City, was in the city last night. He informed a FRONTIER reporter that Donald McLean was in San Francisco and would return about March 15.

The entertainment given at the rink last night by the ladies of the Presbyterian church was a successful social and financial affair. Prof. Knowall will doubtless have many applications for his rejuvenating mill.

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.

Those persons who are desirous of securing cockerels to mate up their poultry for the season, can secure choice barred Plymouth Rocks from H. M. Uttley, O'Neill. Write him for prices.

The Leora Lane company, which was advertised to appear at the opera-house a week ago, but who were unaccountably detained, will be here next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, March 2, 3 and 4.

Representative Robertson has the thanks of this office for the reports of the state board of irrigation and the auditor of public accounts which we have received. They are valuable books of reference.

Wayne Republican: Commodore Hardy and William Reams have secured a herd ground in Holt county, with an abundance of water, and expect to take to it a good, big herd of horses and cattle as soon as grass starts.

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. Tif. NELL BRENNAN.

Mr. Nelson Lucia and Miss Theresa Engberg were united in marriage by Judge McCutchan last evening about 8 o'clock. THE FRONTIER tenders to the young couple its best wishes for a long and happy journey along the pathway of life.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Tierney are rejoicing over the arrival of a son at their house last Friday afternoon. Mother and child are doing nicely, and Tom, well, he is feeling better than he has for months and is of the opinion that prosperity is at hand.

It has come to the knowledge of the editor of this paper that one of our residents has been traveling over the county representing himself as president of the Y. M. C. A. of this city, but he has been unable to produce the necessary papers to prove his position.

Girls should carefully study the character of their sweetheart. Many little traits will often make it plain. If he economically puts out the light in the parlor when visiting her, that's a sign that he's going to be close, and will make a loving protector.

W. J. Mastick, of Ainsworth, was in the city last Friday. Mr. Mastick says a large number of farmers in his county want to raise chicory this season, and he came to this city to see what arrangements could be made to secure contracts. He returned home Friday evening.

Messrs. Cavanaugh, Ed Ward, O. E. Root and Henry Hershiser were among THE FRONTIER readers who called this week and contributed to our subscription fund. Many thanks, gentlemen. We have several hundred readers whom we hope will emulate their example.

"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.

Holt Camp No. 1710 Modern Woodmen of America, and May Flower Camp No. 386, Royal Neighbors of America will give a grand ball at the opera-house next Monday night. This promises to be one of the best events of the season, and all lovers of a good time are requested to attend. A cordial invitation is extended to all. Tickets \$1.

Persons having an interest in the Farmlee circulating library are advised that it is now in the office of H. M. Uttley in O'Neill, and subscribers are advised that there is now due on their contracts twenty cents, which if not paid on or before March 1, their certificates will be forfeited and sold to next applicant. MARY FAXN, Librarian.

WILL WE IRRIGATE?

A Question that is of Vital Importance to Our People.

SHOULD BE STUDIED BY ALL

A Few Things to be Taken into Consideration.

On account of the opposition that appears to have developed towards the district irrigation enterprise, it is believed that the undertaking is not understood, and it has been thought advisable to put the facts into a concise form for consideration. The following is therefor submitted:

1. We cannot depend upon having sufficient rainfall every year to insure good crops. For convincing argument on this point reference need only be made to the drought of 1893, 1894 and 1895.

2. In other parts of this state, almost at our own doors, irrigation is very successfully practiced, and a large crop is harvested each year whether there is rain or not.

Of the above two statements no one will dispute the former, and a little inquiry will convince anyone that the latter is undeniably true. It is, therefore, fair to assume that if we need more moisture, and irrigation supplies it in other parts of this state to the entire satisfaction of those trying it, it can also be done in this part of the state if the water and means are at hand. The questions that naturally arise then are:

Can we get sufficient water to irrigate our lands and, if so, can it be placed upon the land at a cost that will enable us to profit by it? These questions cannot be correctly and accurately answered at this time. They can only be answered when the survey which is now being made is completed. It was to get this information that an experienced engineer and his help were employed. To pay for getting this information a tax of three mills has been levied on all of the real estate in the district for this year. This tax, on an average, amounts to about \$4 per quarter section, and is imposed on all real estate in the district, whether it is owned by residents or non-residents. The non-residents have more than seventy-five per cent. of it to pay. At best it is but a trifling amount for each of us to pay to get definite information in regard to a matter of so great importance to us all. This is all there is to the undertaking thus far.

When the survey is completed all of the figures and data will be handed in to the board of directors and in turn given to the public by them. It will show what water we can get, and what it will cost to put it on our lands, and give us all the other information we want to enable us to act intelligently on the matter in the future. The board will then in due time call an election and submit to the resident land owners the question whether the ditch shall be built. If a majority of them vote against it it will settle the question of irrigation in this country. It might be timely, however, to call attention to the fact that if they had had a successful system of irrigation ditches in operation in this country in 1893 and 1894, there would have been no crop failure in those years, and if there had been no crop failure then a great many would not have been obliged to sell off their hogs and cattle. They would probably have stock today to which to feed the crop they now have but for which they can find no market on account of the abundance everywhere.

It might also be timely to call their attention to the fact that whenever we have a good crop here there is generally a good crop everywhere and prices are in consequence low. When there are crop failures prices are good but it is not often that we have anything to sell at such times, because we seem to have our failures whenever there are failures any place. So that in years of plenty we have plenty and can get no price for what we have, and in dry years we have our own failures and consequently have nothing to sell at the good prices that usually prevail at such times. The loss to many of us through the crop failures of 1893 and 1894 would pay our share of the expense of building a good many irrigation systems such as the one now talked of.

A large portion of the residents of the district are of the opinion that if they do vote the bonds for the irrigation district that they will have to pay an additional \$1 an acre for the water. This is an erroneous idea. The irrigation district is the same as a school district. In the latter, if you want to build a school-house, the district is bonded for an amount sufficient to build it, and the property in the district is taxed to pay the interest on the indebtedness and to eventually pay off the obligation it assumed when the bonds were voted. The school-house then belongs to the district. It will be the same way with the irrigation ditch. The freeholders of the district will then own the ditch and will be taxed for its maintenance the same as for school purposes, and no fee will be charged for a water right or for water.

Stuart Ledger: The coldest hour in the day, year in and year out, is five o'clock in the morning.

How did you find out, John? Can it be possible that you were so indiscreet as to arise at that hour and disgrace the profession? We cannot believe it, and unless you produce the proof will think that you are drawing on your imagination.

Sioux City Times: As was announced in this paper several weeks ago, the Pacific Short Line trains will begin about March 1 to run over the combination bridge, and will get into the Union passenger station over the tracks of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway. The idea of building a separate trestle over Perry creek was abandoned months ago.

Mr. Ward L. Smith, of Fredericks-town, Mo., was troubled with chronic diarrhoea for over thirty years. He had become fully satisfied that it was only a question of a short time until he would have to give up. He had been treated by some of the best physicians in Europe and American but got no permanent relief. One day he picked up a news paper and chanced to read an advertisement of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. He got a bottle of it, the first dose helped him and its continued use cured him. For sale by P. C. Corrigan.

"A FISHERMAN'S LUCK."

This laughable comedy drama will be presented by the Academy Dramatic Company at the opera-house on March 17. It is one of the best comedy dramas ever presented in this city, and is sure to please. Following is the cast of characters:

- TOM MANLEY, a poor fisherman..... M. H. MCCARTHY. WILLIAM FARRIN, alias Squire Hammond..... ART MULLIN. JAMES HAMMOND, Farrin's son..... D. H. CRONIN. DAVID MORRIS, known as Uncle Davie..... TIM DWYER. SELAS KIDDER, stage-struck..... E. J. MARSH. REV. GEORGE MEDHURST..... A. MARLOW. ROSE PRESCOTT, Hammond's ward..... NELLIE DALEY. MRS. MANLEY, Tom's mother..... MRS. T. D. HANLEY. RUTH MANLEY, Tom's sister..... ALICE CRONIN. LITTLE NELLIE, a waif of the ocean..... LORETTA SULLIVAN.

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.

POPULIST SCHEMERS.

LINCOLN, NEB., Feb. 23, '97.

Years ago some noble Christian women organized what is now known as the State Board of Charities. The purpose was to establish an institution which should be as a city of refuge, where penitent young women, deceived under promise of marriage, about to become unwilling mothers, grief stricken and homeless, without friends or money, might reveal their condition to a woman superintendent, receive medical treatment from a woman physician and women attendants, might be taught some useful occupation, be ultimately provided with a home among honest Christian people and thus have their erring feet turned back into the paths of happiness and virtue. It is the business of this Home, not only to receive, care for, educate, and provide homes for these penitent women, but also to care for and provide homes for the innocent babes, where they may be adopted into Christian families whose names and guardianship will shield their after life from the taint of a father's sin and a mother's weak consent. It was a woman's plan for women. It was prompted by the higher instincts of humanity. The Home, now established at Millard, has been managed by a board of women managers, serving without pay, and so well managed and so well conducted by the efficient woman superintendent, that no criticism has ever been uttered, and there is money in its treasury. It was original in its design. No such institution existed in any other state.

A committee from the legislature recently visited this Home at Millard.

They were so impressed with its lofty purpose and with the women's economy and the women's practical good sense everywhere manifested, that they agreed among themselves unanimously to make a highly commendatory report.

No sooner were they seated in the committee room than the governor's nimble little private secretary wiggled into the room, whipped around and whispered to the populist boss of the committee, and instantly the progress of a favorable report was checked. The populist bosses of the committee whispered mysteriously to the other populist members of the committee; and when pressed for an explanation, the information was given out by the boss that Mr. Maret and the governor had some "reforms" which they wished to inject into this women's home at Millard. The wiggling in and the wiggling out of the nimble secretary and the whispered messages which he carried back and forth from the governor to the committee boss and from the boss back to the governor being disclosed reluctantly during the work of the committee, revealed that the governor had made some political promises to some populist political women, and this home was to be readjusted so as to allow the governor to appoint a new board of managers who should be allowed to draw pay at the rate of \$150 per annum each.

It would seem as if this woman's home was one spot in this state and one star of hope in woman's sky so sacred that it would never be tainted with the sacrilegious touch of low cunning, and cheap political design. But where legislation is dictated by a cheap executive and a private secretary of nimble feet and whispering manipulative skill, the public may expect many petty schemes which broad-minded men would despise. One of the "reform" measures injected into the readjustment of this women's home provides that the penitent girl who knocks at this door of refuge must bring with her a certificate that she has proven her helpless and pitiful condition before a county judge.

"They appeal to the people to bust a ring, but no sooner is the old ring busted than the busters become a new ring more tyrannical and unscrupulous than the old. This is the first time I have been to the capitol since this new set got in." This was said by William Leese as he walked down from the capitol building one day this week. William Leese made many a gallant fight for populism at a sacrifice to himself when he might have made peace with its enemies. He was good enough to be shot at along with Jay Burrows, John Powers and John Stevens, who led the bold fights in '90 and subsequent campaigns, but he is not good enough to be consulted now in matters of party policy, but is classified as an old fogy, who is impractical in the more modern methods of the party.

They might have tendered him a place as secretary of the board of transportation, where his past record would be consistent with populist pretensions. But they gave the \$3,000 job to Gilbert L. Laws, who, as a former member of that board, used his energies to thwart at every turn the reforms proposed by William Leese.

While Laws held office as a republican, which was nearly all his life, the party never had a ring which he was not a part of, never made a blunder that he did not defend, and never put up a deal that was too raw for his stomach. When at last he was dropped from the list of republican officeholders, he suddenly became deeply interested in the welfare of the common people. But he did not come out boldly for populism along with William Leese and other reformers. He hung upon the old party's flank like a bushwhacker. Now that he has the gall to style himself a "republican" that there may not appear to be a violation of the law which requires that not more than two of the secretaries shall be of the same party. Inconsistency and ingratitude are illustrated in nearly every appointment at the state house. The state superintendent's office furnishes one of the many illustrations in this line. "Reform" was needed there. Prof. Goudey and Prof. Corbett had taught the children that the earth was round, whereas it is flat. This doctrine had been hatched out by the bank of England and had been foisted on the American mind through the subsidized press of the money power. When the news reached Peru that the populist state ticket was elected, city old Wm. Daily sought hurriedly the Goudey family. "If you can change your politics in 24-teen minutes," he said, "I can get you your old job." "We have just heard the election news," said Prof. Goudey, rubbing his hands and smiling blandly, and we were just getting it over. We did teach that the earth was round, but in the last few minutes we have come to the conclusion that the round system is a burden on the common people and that the farmers will never be rescued from the clutches of the money power until the flat system is adopted.

"It's enough," said the oily William, and the next day, in the office room at Lincoln, where William Daily holds a job as one of the oil inspectors, it was agreed that Mrs. Goudey, William's daughter, should go back to the old place where she had been four years as a republican, and that Prof. Leese had a score of other reformers whom he wanted to see the situation and had earned it, should remain in their little towns, on their little salaries, and help to keep the common herd in line for the next campaign.

June Abbott, a member of the notorious gang known as the Abbott Brothers, of Lincoln, who as carbuncle money lenders have plundered the poor of Lincoln with even less conscience than the firm of Holcomb & Kirkpatrick plundered the drouth stricken farmers of Ouster county, is the expert in charge of the auditor's office. This sleek, well-dressed young bloodsucker never had in his nature a single instinct, and never for a moment had a single impulse in common with the pretenses of populist reform; but because his father, Geo. A. Abbot, of Richardson county, stood in with Cornell, the state auditor, young Abbot was put into line with the family relatives of the auditor and they took possession of the promised land in the name of reform. A young lawyer of Lincoln, named Price, who held a clerkship in the republican legislature two years ago, and who was a candidate for police judge before the republican city convention last spring, has one of the best places in the state house.

Honest John Powers walks alone in pensive mood back and forth through the corridors of the state capitol. He sees the whispered manipulations of the "new blood" gang. He feels the tolls gathering about him and he says to himself, "they are after me." He meets Dahlman, the \$3,000 secretary of transportation, who conspired against him in 1890. He meets Joe Edgerton, another \$3,000 secretary who was employed as a secret attorney to seat James E. Boyd. He looks in vain for one of the old guard whom money could not buy and who stood about him in that memorable hour. He thinks of all the past and of how things have changed. He thinks of these things, and as he walks and thinks he says to himself:

"I feel like one who treads alone. Some banquet hall deserted. Whose lights are red, whose garlands dead. And all but he departed."

The feud between Messer, the business man, and Holcomb, the ambitious politician, grows more and more. As the breach widens between them the business sense of the one commends itself to the business sense of the people and the financial emergencies of the hour, while the selfish partisanship of the other pushes the state nearer and nearer the brink of panic and disaster.

J. W. JOHNSON.

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.