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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.

J. D. Selah was up from Ewing last Saturday.

See the vitascope at the rink Saturday evening.

Dr. Blackburn was down from Atkinson yesterday.

Col. B. W. Johnson was courting in the city last Saturday.

Attorney O. H. Scott, of Hebron, is in the city attending court.

Claim Agent Seamen, of the Pacific Short Line, was in the city Monday.

J. P. Mann returned from his eastern purchasing trip Monday evening.

R. E. Chittick, W. Krotter and H. Shank were down from Stuart Tuesday.

The ladies' working society will meet with Mrs. R. R. Dickson next Wednesday.

Charles Baker left last week for Cooper, Ia., where he will make his future home.

B. E. Sturdevant was down from Atkinson last Friday as a witness in the Musser case.

John M. Cotton, representing the World-Herald, was in the city last Saturday and Sunday.

H. W. McClure was up from Sioux City Monday, looking after his business interests in that county.

John Davidson came up from Norfolk Saturday evening and spent Sunday in this city visiting his parents.

W. D. Gailbraith, cashier of the Thayer County Bank, of Hebron, is in the city attending court.

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

We sell good flour, corn meal, graham, bran, shorts, corn, oats, etc., at gold standard prices. 33-1f L. KEYS.

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

Wm. Kelley, of the firm of Garrow, Kelly & Co., commission merchants of South Omaha, is in the city attending court.

The Holt County Teachers' association held a very interesting and instructive session at Atkinson last Saturday.

C. C. Crosford, of Omaha, government meat inspector in Cuddahy's packing house, is in the city this week attending court.

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

The ball at the rink last Monday evening, given by the Modern Woodmen and Royal Neighbors, was an enjoyable affair although not largely attended.

E. O. Root, of Inman, sold in this city last week three hogs, the average weight of which were 510 pounds each. That is the kind of stock that it pays to feed 12 cent corn to.

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.

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 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.

The vitascope show at the rink Saturday evening will be something worth seeing. The objects thrown on the screen having such a lifelike appearance as to make them veritable "living pictures."

Delegations from Stuart and Atkinson were before the county board Tuesday and Wednesday. The question of the removal of the Grand Rapids bridge was the magnet that drew our western neighbors to the city.

J. B. Anderson, of Star, was a caller last Monday and paid his subscription to January 1, 1898. If the rest of our subscribers would follow John's example, our financial condition would improve considerably.

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.

The damage case of Benedict against the City of O'Neill is now on trial in the district court. This is the third trial of this case. In the first trial a verdict was given for the city. A new trial was then secured on error, and the jury failed to agree.

Stuttgart Free Press: Charlie Odell was prancing around like a brindle two year old colt in a forty-acre blue-grass pasture, early Monday morning, and all because he was made a papa for the first time. He can't name the newcomer George Washington, 'cause it ain't built that way.

Lead (S. D.) Call: Last evening at the vitascope show there were nine bald heads sitting close to the foot lights. When the ballot girl did her act accompanied by Prof Windolph on the piano, the scene was so real that all those bald heads stretched their necks to get a better view of the lady. Although it was only a shadow that was dancing, force of habit made the bald heads "rubber neck."

C. N. Biglow and Miss Belle Eldridge, of Stuart, were united in marriage last Tuesday evening by County Judge McCutchan at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Skirving, in this city. William Krotter, of Stuart, was groomsmen, and Miss Mae Skirving, of this city was bridesmaid. The young couple took the evening train for their home in Stuart. We extend congratulations.

Our spring stock is now arriving and in a few days we can show you a beautiful assortment of late style suitings, and all the new things in spring and summer dress goods, capes, skirts, suits etc. In our clothing department we will have some extra good values in cheap and medium priced suits for summer wear, and we feel confident we can sell you if you give us a chance, as prices will compare with any you can get. J. P. MANN.

Mrs. Higgins, of Columbus, sued the A. O. U. W. for \$2,000 on a beneficiary certificate issued to her husband in her favor. She got a judgment for the full amount and costs. It did not appear on the lodge records that the last assessment previous to the death of her husband had been paid, but she proved in court that it had been paid, which entitled her to the judgment. It will undoubtedly be paid, as the order wants to pay every beneficiary when they can legally.

Mr. Ward L. Smith, of Fredericks-town, Mo., was troubled with chronic diarrhea 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 Diarrhea Remedy. He got a bottle of it, the first dose helped him and its continued use cured him. For sale by P. C. Corrigan.

Nebraska Editor: Such papers as the Broken Bow Chief, Central City Democrat, Fremont Tribune, Grand Island Independent, Papillion Times, York Republican, O'Neill Frontier, McCook Tribune, Red Cloud Argus, Hartington Herald, Norfolk News, Schuyler Quill, West Point Republican, Madison Chronicle, Ord Quiz, Tecumseh Chieftan, Sterling Sun, Nebraska City News, Geneva Signal, Trenton Register, Falls City Journal, Pawnee City Press, Holdrege Citizen, Central City Nonpariel, Crete Vidette, and all the other papers of Nebraska are hard to equal in any state in the union, size of towns considered.

If girls only knew that the habit of chewing gum was productive of wrinkles they wouldn't do it. Yet it is a stern fact, according to the statement of a well-known Philadelphia physician. "The incessant action of the jaws," he said, "throws the mouth out of shape, and must, sooner or later, bring out the wrinkles on the face. The first to appear are the little fine lines just below the temples. Then a deep, ugly line begins to make up a permanent residence about the corners of the mouth and next in the cheeks. The plumpest cheek that ever bore a rose will soon wrinkle under the force of this ugly gum chewing habit. As to whether gum chewing 'aids digestion,' or is good for the throat I am not arguing. Any girl who doubts this assertion may consult her mirror or the faces of some of her tutti-frutti friends."

MUSSER CONVICTED.

We, the jury in this case, being duly impaneled and sworn, do find the defendant, Raymond Musser, not guilty of murder in the first degree, as charged in the information, but do find him guilty of manslaughter.

The above was the verdict of the jury that tried Raymond Musser, in the district court before Judge Kinkaid, for the murder of Geo. A. Spence, after being out about four hours.

The case was hotly contested by the attorneys on both sides. M. F. and J. J. Harrington represented the defendant, while H. E. Murphy and the county attorney prosecuted.

The instructions of the court were lengthy, plain and explicit, and covered every possible point. They were calculated to make the duty of the jury plain.

From the evidence it was shown that Musser rented his farm to Mrs. Spence for her son-in-law, Mr. Huston, on April 5, 1896, and she was to pay for rent of said land \$25, said money to be paid in June before lease was signed. Huston could not get here in time to crop the land, and Spence put in the crop for him. Mrs. Huston came here from Montana the fore part of July. Mrs. Spence went to Mrs. Musser and asked for the key to the house. Mrs. Musser refused to give her possession of the place until the rent was paid, which they had agreed to pay in June. She said she could not pay the rent and asked Musser to release her from the verbal contract, which he agreed to. Then to settle the matter, Musser agreed to take a share of the crop, and told Spence that as soon as the corn was picked that would settle it.

In December Mrs. Musser rented the land to J. M. Campbell. The lease was dated December 1, 1896, and was to run to March 1, 1898. In July Spence told the cornstalks to Albert Swering. This was before the question of rent was settled between Musser and Spence. Musser told Spence that he had rented the place to Campbell and requested him to keep his cattle off. As Campbell had taken possession of the place December 1, he also notified Swering to keep his cattle off. Swering paid no attention to the request. On December 11, the day of the shooting, Musser went out to the place to repair the house and to get some corn that he had stored there. On his way to the house he saw Spence's and Swering driving toward the field with cattle. He then drove into the field and waited for them to come up, as he says he wanted to see whether they would go into the field or drive by. They held the cattle back and George Spence drove up to within about six rods of where Musser was and said:

"I rented this place."
Musser replied, "You are a liar."
Spence replied, "You are a liar," and added some other insulting epithets.

Musser then told him to quit using such language and to keep off his place, and then there would be no trouble.
Spence replied he would not go until he got ready, and stood up in the buggy and shook his fist at Musser.

Musser then fired, as he claimed, between the horses and the dash board, part of the charge taking effect in Spence's legs.

The shooting occurred on December 11, and on January 15 Spence died. A coroner's jury was impaneled and they decided that the immediate cause of his death was pneumonia superinduced by a gunshot wound in the legs; that on account of his enfeebled condition he failed to rally from the shock of such wound.

A motion will be made for a new trial.

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

Rheumatism Quickly Cured.

After having been confined to the house for eleven days and paying out \$25 in doctor bills without benefit, Mr. Frank Dolson of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., was cured by one bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, costing 25 cents, and has not since been troubled with that complaint. For sale by P. C. Corrigan.

Leora Lane Company held down the boards at the opera-house Tuesday and Wednesday. Last night it was good.

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.

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.

"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.

The story is told by an exchange of how a bunch of school boys and girls were at the depot last week, and one of them, in a casual way, lamented that all the scientific problems had been solved before they could have a chance to show their hands on such things, when a commercial man broke in about as follows: "Don't get clear down in the mouth children. Try your hands on what makes the sky blue, and how a hen makes yolk and shell from the same grub. Tell me why there is never an ear of corn with an odd number of rows of corn on it, or how lightning bugs make light without any heat. And while you are about it, tell me how the lightning bug can live 1,000 years, or forever, for that matter, on nothing, or why my hair is black and yours is red."

Atkinson Plain Dealer: Kollins' Comic Kolorod Komedians made their anxiously looked for appearance before a 47 house in Atkinson Saturday night. The public had been led to expect great things from this aggregation, and they were not disappointed, although the unfortunate occurrence of the train being four hours late delayed the arrival of a portion of the troupe until half past nine. Notwithstanding the inconvenience of coming right from the train without any preparation, they gave an entertainment that might put to shame many traveling aggregations. The orchestra, especially, was excellent. And should our O'Neill friends ever again visit Atkinson under more favorable circumstances, we bespeak for them a good house.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Hicks returned Monday evening from Stuttgart, Ark., where they have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. Henry DeYarman and family the past six weeks. Zeke is not in love with Arkansas, and says he could not be hired to live there. All of the O'Neill people there are well, but he is of the opinion that they would like to get back. Let them return. There is lots of room in "God's country" for them.—O'Neill, Nebraska FRONTIER.

Well, well, well, but wouldn't that cork ye? We can hardly credit the truth of the above item, in view of the way both Mr. and Mrs. Hicks spoke of this country while here. They expressed themselves as more than pleased, as being delighted with the country, and the last thing that Zeke said at parting was that the O'Neill people would hear nothing but good words of Arkansas and Stuttgart—that he was glad he came and found out that some people had lied about our country and our people. Henry DeYarman is so mad at the above item that he has written to his daddy-in-law for an explanation. Zeke, old man, if you have maligned us, (mind you we use the word us all when here, and say you wish you could be one of us, but that O'Neill people held out too big inducements to keep you up there to think of leaving just at present?—Stuttgart Free Press.

Mr. Hicks enjoyed a good laugh when he read the above effusion from the pen of Doc the boomer. He says that Arkansas is a good country for water, you can find it all over. It is also a good place for timber, whiskey, quinine and razor-back hogs, and that he wants none of it in his'n.

THE NEW BRIDGE AT SIOUX CITY.

Will be used by the Pacific Short Line exclusively, commencing March 1. This will enable that company to offer its patrons the best of service, as there will be no delays caused by other trains. Remember by taking that line at O'Neill you save three hours time to Sioux City.

Dangers of the Grip.

The greatest danger from la grippe is of its resulting in pneumonia. If reasonable care is used, however, and Chamberlain's Cough Remedy taken, all danger will be avoided. Among the tens of thousands who have used this remedy for la grippe, we have yet to learn of a single case having resulted in pneumonia, which shows conclusively that this remedy is a certain preventative of that dread disease. It will effect a permanent cure in less time than any other treatment. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by P. C. Corrigan.

THE RING RULES.

Lincoln, Neb., March 2.—Special correspondence: There is no sensation at the capitol. Events are sensational in their character. Ordinarily, this present history, this tangled web of embezzlement, bold plots and criminal conspiracies, as it is being unwound, revealing the crimes of those who have gone out and the contemplated crimes of those who have come in, would make the public mind dizzy with sensation and stir the blood of a betrayed people. But the public is so stunned and sated with all the sensation and misfortune of the last few years that it has lost its power to feel the deep thrusts of those who assassinate confidence, or to discern the dark stains that are being put upon its honor. We entered this slough of despond in 1890. We have been wallowing in its mire for six years. God only knows when we will emerge. The public looks on as spectators at this play of state government, dazed and doubting, silent and stoical, as if it would say to the actors, "Go on with your play and get through with it!"

The arrest of the ex-auditor for embezzlement, the embarrassed condition of the state treasury, the bold plot of the governor to commit a crime in the interest of his family relatives, the expenditure of \$80,000 in this session with no result except the passing of House Roll No. 5, the complete subjugation of the fusion majority to an unscrupulous ring of selfish plotters, and the complete abandonment by the "reformers" of all that they had promised the people, all these things which would ordinarily arouse the public are received with indifference, without surprise, as if it was just what was expected. The people, baffled and bullied by the bossism which controlled the old party, seeing the new party wound and bound in the same toils, seem in doubt which way to turn.

Republicans are humiliated by the defaults of the ex-auditor, while the populists are humiliated that the governor, who was his intimate friend, who knew the law and that those fees were being unlawfully held, had not the honor of a friend, saying nothing of his higher duty to the public, to say to the auditor, "Put that money where it belongs."

The governor had shrewdly appropriated to himself and his party the effect of the many grand-stand plays of which the auditor had been accused. It was the proud boast of the governor in his public speeches and in his private talks that there was one republican official with whom he could counsel in his pious zeal for the public good. He stood with Moore as long as Moore stood up and played into his hand. But when Moore was about to fall, and when the governor was privately informed of the report that was about to be made by the investigating committee, the governor stopped the committee and availed himself of the forced opportunity to pounce upon the falling man with a special message, as if he were the faithful watch-dog of the public money. It is but just to say that most of the fusion members in both houses recognize the selfish cunning manifested in the governor's message. I have talked with many republicans, and I have not found one who wanted to excuse or palliate the least iota of guilt in republican officials.

There is a fixed determination in the minds of republicans to put the party in the future, untrammelled and unbossed, on the higher ground that will bring back to the state the honest government it gave the people for twenty-five years, when republican state officers went out of the state house door with every dollar of the public money in its place.

Populism brought with it into this state a system of brass band honesty and sham pretenses that fooled the people and beguiled the weak politician. The mediocre man, poor in ability but rich in self conceit and bold in effrontery, seeing others of like character suddenly lifted from obscurity into dazzling notoriety by loud pretenses of personal honesty, became an apt and cunning manipulator of public confidence. Barnum originated the idea that people wanted to be fooled. Every cheap John rushed into politics and wanted a state office. When Kem from his seven hundred a year clerkship at Broken Bow, was suddenly boosted into congress with a whoop, it was a sign that Barnum had a great head, and that an era of cheap pretenses, cheap politics and cheap statesmen had set in. The mellenium of ragtag and bobtail politics had come, and every windy blow-hard who could toot the horn of personal honesty and "reform" could get an office. The public had become alienated from the substantial citizen and turned its confidence foolishly and blindly to the man who could prove his honesty by his pretensions and his poverty. Every man and everything that was real and worthy of confidence

lost confidence, while every sham and sham reformer rode high upon the wave of popular favor.

The chaperones of the republican party beguiled it into competition with populism in this game of ragtag and bobtail politics. They said, "We can't elect men who are of the higher grade. We must go into the highways and byways and get 'common fella's' who stand in with the common people." That was an awful comment on the character of our citizenship, but the following which populism obtained by that method seemed to justify it and make it a logical argument. Little by little the competition between republicans and populists in this game of ragtag and bobtail politics has lowered the public standard of men. We can all see the mistake now. Republicans are blushing for the past, and populists are blushing for the present. Every selfish, petty, political trick practiced by republicans is now duplicated and doubly discounted by the oil room clique of the populists. To show how the character of the executive office has steadily declined we need only to refer to the one fact that the governor, through his henchmen, has held this session forty days at an expense of \$80,000, and that every measure of reform has been held, or smothered, while house roll No. 5 was rushed through under the crack of the party whip.

What does this measure propose to do? It proposes to count in the supreme judge amendment, notwithstanding it lacked over 30,000 votes. And who is the beneficiary of this crime which is proposed? Lawyer Kirkpatrick.

And who is Kirkpatrick? The farmer in the country, reading of the judge who is to be seated by house roll No. 5, ask each other when they meet, "Who is this Kirkpatrick? Who has he been? Where has he been? What has he done? Where is he now? What is he doing now, and how did he get mixed up in this deal, anyway?" Populists all over the state, as they read these lines, will bear me out in the statement that they themselves in their state convention last summer knew nothing of Kirkpatrick, never had seen him, never had heard of him, and when his name was proposed for supreme judge they went about asking each other, "Who is Kirkpatrick?" They did not know him. They only knew that it was being whispered from ear to ear, by the ring, that the governor wanted some man by the name of Kirkpatrick nominated for attorney general if it could be done, but if not, then for supreme judge. Well, here's information for you, brother populist.

Kirkpatrick was one of the firm of Kirkpatrick & Holcomb, in the chattel mortgage business at Broken Bow, and is related to the governor by marriage. It seems the governor in two years, as chief executive, had begun to feel his power over the populists. He said to Kirkpatrick, "If you will go with me to the state convention and say that you are a populist, I will see that you get a nomination." Kirkpatrick, who had never been a populist, but who did not care particularly, only so he got on in life, being assured by the governor that the Bryan and free silver craze would pull the fusion ticket through in this state, consented, went, and was nominated. The amendment which provided for the two extra seats on the supreme bench lacked 30,000 votes of being carried. The governor, to force his plans at all hazard, has held every reform measure in abeyance to this one purpose at cost to the state of \$80,000. If it does not cost the fusion party 80,000 votes, it will be because the rank and file of the party are too blind to see the bossism put upon them by the governor and because their morality is too dormant to comprehend a crime against the constitution. J. W. JOHNSON.

From Cripple Creek.

After the big fire in Cripple Creek, I took a very severe cold and tried many remedies without help, the cold only becoming more settled. After using three small bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, both the cough and cold left me, and in this high altitude it takes a meritorious cough remedy to do any good.—G. B. HENDERSON, editor Daily Advertiser. For Sale by P. C. Corrigan.

Electric Bitters.

Electric Bitters is a medicine suited for any season, but perhaps more generally needed, when the languid exhausted feelings prevail, when the liver is torpid and sluggish and the need of a tonic and alterative is felt. A prompt use of this medicine has often averted long and perhaps fatal bilious fevers. No medicine will act more surely in counteracting and freeing the system from the malarial poison. Headache, indigestion, constipation, dizziness, yield to Electric Bitters. 50 cents and \$1.00 per bottle at P. C. Corrigan's Drug Store.