

# THE FRONTIER.

PUBLISHED BY THE FRONTIER PRINTING CO.

SUBSCRIPTION, \$1.50 PER ANNUM.

D. H. CRONIN, EDITOR AND MANAGER.

VOLUME XVII.

## 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.

John Maher is down from Chadron.

Joe Mann was over from Spencer Sunday.

J. G. Gallagher went over to Spencer Sunday.

Peter Greeley was in from Phoenix yesterday.

Miss Mattie Mann is visiting relatives at Spencer.

A. C. Powell was down from Stuart Wednesday.

H. A. Allen was down from Atkinson last Saturday.

D. D. Coburn, of Laurel, was in the city Saturday.

F. M. Dorsey was up from Sioux City last night.

J. P. O'Donnell returned from Deadwood Saturday morning.

Byron Parker, who has been quite ill the past week, is recovering.

"A Fisherman's Luck," at the opera house next Wednesday night.

See the Academy Dramatic company at the rink next Wednesday night.

J. E. Allison, J. M. Stewart and Dr. Blackburn were down from Atkinson yesterday.

Geo. W. Stearns, representing the Sioux City Journal, was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. S. G. Nichols is in St. Joe, Mo., this week purchasing her spring stock of millinery.

The ladies' working society will meet with Mrs. J. H. Meredith next Wednesday afternoon.

F. W. Boggs, of Spencer, county attorney of Boyd county, was in the city last Tuesday.

Judge Westover came down from Rushville yesterday, and is presiding in the district court.

J. J. King moved into the Kinch residence, in the western part of the city, the first of the week.

U. S. Adams, of Spencer, cashier of the Boyd County bank, was in the city on business Tuesday.

Chas. J. Enders and Mrs. Jane Hoxie were married by County Judge McCutchan last Thursday.

Christ Christensen and Miss Hattie Clevering, of Phoenix, were granted a marriage license Monday.

Eugene Sanford and Miss Abbie Riley were united in marriage by Judge McCutchan last Thursday.

The assessors of Holt county will hold their annual meeting at the court-house next Tuesday, as provided by law.

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

A. J. Potter returned last Thursday evening from Montana, where he had spent the winter visiting relatives.

We sell good flour, corn meal, graham, bran, shorts, corn, oats, etc., at gold standard prices. 88-tf L. KEYES.

Barred Plymouth Rock cockerels, pure and fine, for sale by H. M. Utley, O'Neill. Write him for prices. 84-4

P. J. Donohoe and F. W. Ackley, of the Sioux City, O'Neill and Western Railroad, were in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Hill, of Vinca, Wis., are in the city visiting relatives. Mrs. Hill is a sister of Mrs. S. M. Wagers.

Miss Kate Mann who has been visiting relatives here the past two weeks, returned to her home at Spencer last Saturday.

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

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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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 &amp; Co.

Dr. Gilligan is gaining a reputation as a surgeon, having performed many successful operations the past year.

The ladies' aid society tendered a surprise party to Mrs. W. T. Evans last evening, it being her birthday anniversary.

C. A. Stinbrann and Mrs. Lucy Shubert were married in this city last Monday by the county judge. The contracting parties are both residents of Atkinson.

Patrick Gaghan, who has been dangerously ill, is convalescing. His family desire to return their thanks to their many friends for the kindness and assistance tendered them during his illness.

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 &amp; Co.

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.

NEIL BRENNAN.

Niobrara Tribune: Mrs. A. L. Towle died at her residence in Niobrara at 12:23 o'clock Tuesday p.m. The funeral exercises will be conducted from the G. A. R. hall by Rev. Edward Murphy at 2 p.m. tomorrow (Thursday). The Tribune will publish the obituary next week.

"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 &amp; Co.

An exchange tells of an adventist who prophesied that the end of the world would come at a certain date, put on his ascension robes, climbed to the top of a straw stack and waited for the crack of doom. He got tired of waiting, and, forgetting himself, fell asleep. Some boys discovered the man and touched a match to the straw and awoke him. Gazing around on the flames, he exclaimed: "In hell, just as I expected!"

The jury in the case of E. H. Benedict vs. the City of O'Neill for \$10,000 damages, after being out about three hours returned a verdict for the plaintiff, assessing the amount of his damages at \$500 and costs of suit. The costs amount to about \$500. This is the third trial for this case. At the first trial the jury found for the defendant. A new trial was granted upon error, and the jury failed to agree. The city will file a motion for a new trial, and if that fails will appeal to the supreme court.

The vitascope show, which appeared at the opera-house last Saturday, Monday and Tuesday evenings, was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The scene where the fire department is just starting for a fire is especially realistic, and it is a very cold-blooded person that does not feel the glow of excitement as the big white horses dash by with the fire engine. The Black Diamond express is another very realistic scene. Messrs. Kehoe and Blunt will receive a warm welcome and a full house should they see fit to return later in the season, as they partly promised to do.

Spring is at hand here in Holt county, and while our farmers are preparing to begin spring's work and the housewife goes about with a scrubbing brush in one hand and a duster in the other, busy with house cleaning, and the small boy is getting out his store of marbles and looking for a dry spot large enough to make a "ring" on; up in South Dakota they are digging their way through from five to seven feet of snow; over in Iowa they are having excellent sleighing, and all of the trains leaving Sioux City for the north are carrying snow plows, and one or two lines are blocked. Come to Holt county.

Wayne Republican: The grocery peddlers thrive by selling their goods to the farmer, and the grocerymen of the towns and cities kick. There is no doubt that the regular merchant sells wares for less than the man who peddles from door to door, but how are the buyers to know it unless the merchant will adopt some method of bringing his bargains to the notice of the buyer? If they will not avail themselves of the advertising columns of the newspapers of their towns, it is difficult to see why they are not themselves more to blame than any one else. Don't expect the newspaper man to be after the peddler continually and you in your town refuse to take advantage of your opportunities. Remember newspaper men cannot live with wind as a filler forever.

## CORBETT OR FITZ?

The coming contest between Corbett and Fitzsimmons is occupying the attention of a large number of the people in this section. Dominick McCaffery was in from the ranch Saturday, and a FRONTIER reporter interviewed him upon the coming fight, and asked him to give his reasons why he thought Fitzsimmons would win. Dominick said: "Having refereed a great many fights in my time, I never met two men who would live up to their agreement in a contest in regard to breaking away fairly. One of them would always do the 'sneak act.' The best way to avoid that and to let the referee have a clear road, is, according to my way of thinking, to let the men fight all they wish with one hand free. It is as fair for one as the other. Furthermore, the rules don't cover everything, and a great deal rests with the discretion of the referee."

"I look for both men to be in superb physical condition. Billy Delaney, Corbett's trainer, told me some time ago that Corbett could do four men's work while training, and eat accordingly, and I know Fitz can run ten miles in an hour, which is extraordinary, considering that he is not a professional runner."

"I still contend that it is a great boxer against a great fighter, and the fighter will win, all things considered. To Corbett is due the credit of training more intelligently and introducing the latest devices to prepare for a contest. He is more up to date in catching on to anything that might further his interest in any pugilistic contest in which he might contend. On the other hand, Fitz has those real instinctive qualifications of a natural fighter that will not be denied when it comes to an issue. There are four natural qualifications of a first class fighter, and they are: Intelligence, speed, strength and hitting power. Now, I will compare Corbett and Fitz. Take Corbett outside of fighting and I consider he is more intelligent than Fitzsimmons, but in the art of fighting the Australian has that born fighting brain that characterized John L. Sullivan at his best. As for speed in boxing, and if it were for points, Corbett would be a sure winner, but this is a fight to a finish, and herein comes the distinction between a boxer and a fighter. In strength and hitting power, I consider that Fitz has more strength from the waist up than Corbett, where the strong points of a fighter are most needed. As for hitting power, he has better shoulders, better forearm, better wrist and a stronger hand, which are the essential points that make up a hard hitter. He also puts his whole heart and mind into it, and the judgment he uses in accuracy, time and distance in knocking out such great fighters as Peter Maher and Jim Hall, when at his best, with one blow is positive proof of his ability."

FROM MR. CAMPBELL.

DENVER, CO., March 1, 1897.  
Mr. E. B. BRAIN, Sec'y, O'Neill, Neb.  
Dear Sir—Your letter of Feb. 18 is received. I shall at all times be pleased to furnish the board with such information as is required to refute unfounded rumors detrimental to the interests of the district. To give such information is entirely within my duty, but to engage in newspaper controversy of any kind, is not. Of course this applies to the physical and engineering aspects of the enterprise only, not to its political bearings, with which, as an engineer, I have no connection. The economical features of the proposed system will be fully discussed by me in a final report when such is called for by the board, but to do so now would be forestalling the result of the present survey, and discussing a subject without data, the obtaining of which is the object of the survey. An estimate of the cost of the construction of the canal and its laterals for delivery of water over the district; a full knowledge of the water supply that can be depended upon; the storage capacity of the reservoirs; and the area of land to be permanently retained in the district, are conditions that must be known with certainty before any person can make a decision as to whether it is proper to construct or not.

After making a preliminary reconnaissance, I reported that the project was so meritorious as to warrant the expense of making a detailed survey. I am now more strongly of that opinion and hope to be able to demonstrate one of the best and most economical irrigation enterprises in the country to be within easy reach of the voters of the district, but until all the facts are known, I will not make any assertion ahead of my knowledge. When I have the requisite information, and am so requested by the board, I will give a decided opinion, favorable or unfavorable, as conforms with my judgment, and free from ambiguity. Yours very truly,

DONALD W. CAMPBELL,  
Consulting Engineer.

## TO PAY THE PENALTY

Messer Sentenced to Eight Years in the Penitentiary.

## A DAY IN CLOSE CONFINEMENT

The First Anniversary of the Shooting. He Can Then Meditate.

About 8 o'clock yesterday afternoon Judge Kincaid sentenced Raymond Musser, who was convicted a week ago of manslaughter, to eight years in the penitentiary, and one day close confinement—the first anniversary of the shooting.

Before pronouncing sentence the judge delivered quite a lecture to the prisoner. He said in part: "Such occurrences as men going to the protection of a small amount of property armed with a shotgun are too common, and I am gratified, the evidence having warranted it, that the jury have found a verdict which will require me to make an example of one who has been guilty of so reckless a regard for human life."

The jury had asked the court to give him the least possible sentence, which would be one year, but the court said that he would give him eight years, and if, after two or three years, residents of the vicinity of the fatal altercation should conclude that the sentence imposed was too heavy, he was sure the governor of the state would, on their petition, make a reduction. The court said that had the jury brought in a verdict of murder in the first or second degree he could not have set the verdict aside from the evidence.

The judges conducting of the trial, the verdict of the jury and the sentence imposed are very generally approved, and it is predicted will have a whole-some effect in this county.

## 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 FARREN, alias Squire Hammond ..... ART MULLEN.  
JAMES HAMMOND, Farren's son ..... D. H. CRONIN.  
DAVID MORRIS, known as Uncle Davie ..... THE DWYER.  
SILAS KIDDER, stage-struck ..... R. J. MARSH.  
REV. GEORGE MEDHURST ..... A. MARLOW.  
ROSE PRESCOTT, Hammond's ward ..... NELLIE DALEY.  
MRS. MANLY, Tom's mother ..... MRS. T. D. HANLEY.  
TOM MANLY, Tom's sister ..... ALICE CRONIN.  
LITTLE NELLIE, a waif of the ocean ..... LORETTA SULLIVAN.

## QUERIES?

The following letter was received by the officers of the land office here from a gentleman residing in New York city. In order that our readers may see the idea that some people have of the west, we publish it in full:

NEW YORK CITY, — St. March 8, 1897.  
REGISTER U. S. LAND OFFICE,  
Nebraska.

Dear Sir—I beg leave to address a few questions for information to your honorable person and office, for light on the prospects of an intended settler.

1 How much is the maximum land one settler can acquire on a free government grant under the homestead laws, or any other laws, or where, or how can I procure a copy of the homestead laws; or can one person secure a whole township or range; or what is the difference between a township and range; or what are the precise limits of a free settler?

2 What mortgage can a settler raise on his farm or ranch, and from what source does he get it, and what are the rates of interest charged on such loan, and for what term of years, if any, can he obtain it?

3 What is the land best adapted for that you have now at your disposal; and where could one find a market for their product of live stock or grain; and how much capital per acre is necessary to operate it successfully; and how much of it is grass land and how much timber in any grant, and what are the qualities of either grass or wood growing on them; and what is the best season of the year to take up a claim?

4 What are the taxes a settler is compelled to pay annually; and where do settlers find their first year's supply of seeds, and the necessary farming implements?

5 How near does any railroad or other transportation facilities come to the grants you now have; and how far is the most distant from such conveyance?

6 Are the grants well supplied with fresh water, spring or brook?

Hoping for such information as you may have at your disposal on those questions, and for an early reply, I remain,

P. S. Please give highest and lowest temperature in those regions wherein are situated the grants.

## THESE ARE OTHERS.

But none equal to McManus in men's fine shoes, hats, caps and furnishing goods. The largest stock and latest styles in the city.

## MASS MEETING.

There will be a mass meeting held in the court house in O'Neill next Tuesday afternoon, March 16, 1897, at 1 o'clock p.m., of the taxpayers of the Golden irrigation district, of Holt county, for the purpose of discussing the building of the ditch and the bonding of the district. All are requested to attend.

## COMMITTEE.

The largest stock of spring and summer goods ever brought to O'Neill is now on display at P. J. McManus'. He has just returned from the eastern markets with an immense stock of up-to-date styles in dress goods of all grades. Our capes and jackets will be on display soon. You will profit by calling and selecting your spring bill of me, as my aim and effort has been to show the trade the best goods for the lowest money, and I find my business is gaining steadily on those principles. I will say that my shoe line has never been so strong before as at present, as I have just received seventeen new styles of shoes and Oxfords which gives the trade the largest selection ever shown in the city. This only covers the ladies' shoes, and I am showing as many more in misses' and children's.

Respectfully yours,

P. J. MCMANUS.

## IRRIGATION IS THE THING.

W. F. Wilson, a farmer living north east of Humboldt, Neb., delivered to O. A. Cooper, the other day, fifty-nine head of steers, for which he received \$4,000. Several of the steers weighed over 1,800 pounds, and the entire bunch averaged about 1,600. Mr. Wilson says the corn he fed to these steers brought him over fifty cents a bushel.

The above item is respectfully presented to those who are opposed to irrigation and continually howling that "corn is only ten cents per bushel, and what could we do with it if we all irrigated our farms and raised large crops every year?" This line of argument used by the obstructionists is simply humbug, the great trouble is the fear of few would-be political leaders, that they would be retired, if the country gets settled up so the people have a chance to get acquainted with them.

If we could be sure of large crops every year we would have no trouble in getting the necessary capital with which to buy cattle—and there are thousands of them shipped through our country every year to be fed in Iowa and Illinois—and live stock to feed our grain to, but under present conditions a farmer dare not buy a score of brood sows for fear that he will not raise enough corn another year to fatten the pigs with.

G. C. Hazelet left for Omaha this morning where he expects to reside in the future. Mrs. Hazelet and the children will remain here for a couple of weeks, until Mr. Hazelet gets located. The FRONTIER hopes that Mr. and Mrs. Hazelet will prosper in their new home.

The Ladies' Society of the Presbyterian church had a social gathering at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Dickson in honor of Mrs. G. C. Hazelet, who will soon leave for Omaha, her future home. Mrs. Lowrie, on behalf of the society, with a few appropriate remarks, presented Mrs. Hazelet with a silver dish and spoon.

Sioux City Times: A quiet home wedding occurred on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. McClure. Morning Side, when their daughter, Miss Irene A. McClure was married to B. Warner Rice, of Chicago. The wedding was at 3:3