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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.

City politics are warming up.

Wm. Daly of Star was in the city Wednesday.

Joe McCaffrey was in from the ranch Monday.

Leo Loggerwell was down from Celia last week.

H. A. Allen of Atkinson was in the city Tuesday.

Judge Skuse was over from Boyd county Sunday.

Sheriff Hamilton spent a few days in Lincoln last week.

Joe Horriskey, who has been on the sick list, is improving.

When in need of lead pencils or tablets, call at Mrs. Cress.

Marshal Biglin has been on the sick list for several days past.

What has become of Donald McLean? He seems to have disappeared.

Attorney Scott and Hez Chambers were down from Atkinson Monday.

Dr. Berry is now located in the rooms formerly occupied by H. E. Murphy.

S. C. Sample, of Butte, was in the city Tuesday on his way home from Omaha.

J. J. King had a severe tussle with the grip last week, but is again able to be around.

Dr. Gilligan went down to Geneva last Saturday morning, returning Tuesday evening.

John Alderson was up from Chambers Tuesday and paid up his subscription to this family delight.

What reached the dollar mark at St. Louis last week. Another indication of returning prosperity.

One of the unfailling signs that spring is here is, that the boys are shedding their winter suits—of whiskers.

The court-house at Bassett, Rock county, was destroyed by fire last week. The county records were saved.

Last Saturday was the first day of spring, and some of our farmers north of this city were sowing wheat.

E. M. Grady started Saturday morning for Waterloo, Ia., where he will visit relatives for a couple of weeks.

Lou Boehme, the genial deputy marshal from Omaha, took a flying trip to the reservation Monday morning.

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. KYLES.

Dave Forbes, the free silver apostle of Boyd county, tarried Monday night in this city on his way home from Lincoln.

Chas. Davis, who has been on the sick list for the past five weeks, is up and looking as spruce as a march hen.

O. O. Snyder is around again after being confined to the house with that fashionable spring complaint—la grippe.

John A. Nelson, formerly of this county, but now of Le Mars, Ia., was in the city last week looking after some business matters.

Stuttgart Free Press: Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Odell mourn the death of infant baby girl, which sad event occurred Monday morning.

Hunting is now the order of the day and the famous hunters are vying with each other to see who can tell the biggest yarn about their hunting exploits.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Armstrong, of Butte, were in the city last night on their way to Lincoln, where they will visit friends for a couple of weeks.

The board of supervisors adjourned last week sine die. The regular meeting of the board will be in June, when they will meet as a board of equalization.

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.

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.

M. J. Sweeley, of Sioux City, attorney for the Farmers' Loan and Trust company, was in the city last week on business before the district court.

All persons who are interested in raising chicory and who wish to plant some this season, can obtain contracts by calling on J. P. Mann or W. J. Dobba.

E. B. Brain, secretary of the Golden irrigation district, was up the road last week posting notices for the bi-annual election of officers, which will be held on April 7.

Mrs. Jerry McCarthy and children arrived in the city last Saturday evening from Butte, Mont., and will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Dwyer, for several weeks.

Frank Damerio was before the county judge last Saturday, charged with perjury, preferred by Oran Keeler. He was bound over to the district court in the sum of \$300.

The receipts of the county judges' office for the year 1896, as shown by the report of Judge McCutchan to the board of supervisors the first of the year, were a little over \$700.

On account of the washout of a bridge near Randolph, the Short Line passenger which left this city last Friday morning, did not reach its destination until Sunday morning.

We received a letter from J. C. Smoot a few weeks ago. John is now located in Oney, Ill., and is once more the proprietor of a barber shop. He sends his regards to all old friends.

J. L. Mack, C. E. Farrier, of Chambers, S. H. Trussell, of Ewing, and James Ryan, of Emmett, assisted in improving our financial condition the past week by paying their subscriptions.

The hunters are making sad havoc among the ducks and geese, which are reported as being very plentiful this spring. Among the successful ones are "Steve" O'Donnell, Ben DeYarman and J. P. Mann.

County Clerk Bethea received in fees in his office, from all sources, during the year 1896, \$3553.95. The amount paid out in salaries for clerk, deputy and recorders was \$3,394.35, leaving an excess of \$159.55.

P. C. McCarthy, of Leadville, Col., will arrive in the city this evening, bringing with him the bodies of two of his children for interment in the cemetery here. We understand the children died some time ago.

An exchange says: "It is a very good thing to have a newspaper that will devote columns of space to encourage the people to patronize home merchants, but when it comes to the home merchant patronizing the home printing office—Oh! well that's different, you know. Rate!"

Exchange: Lives there a man with soul so dead, who never to himself hath said: "I'll pay, before I go to bed, the debt I owe the printer?" Yes, there are some, we know full well, who never such a tale would tell; but they; we fear, will go to—well, the place where there's no winter.

It is told that a teacher in one of the Norfolk schools last week, in trying to explain the meaning of the word "slowly," illustrated it by walking across the floor. When she asked the class to tell her how she walked, she nearly fainted when one of the youngsters shouted, "bow-legged, ma'am!"

The musical union gave another of their pleasing entertainments last Tuesday night. This time it was the little folks that rendered the program, and a most excellent and entertaining one it proved to be. The instructors deserve great praise for the faithful manner in which the children were trained.

A motion was made in the house of representatives yesterday to make tampering with the ballots in this recount business a felony. It was voted down by the fusion majority with a whoop, only twenty-four members favoring it. All of which is instructive, if not exactly cheering.—State Journal, March 23.

"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.

The Academy Dramatic Company have decided to present the celebrated comedy-drama entitled, "A Fisherman's Luck" in Atkinson, on April 22. The citizens of our sister city are promised a rare treat, as this is one of the best plays ever presented in this city by any company and its rendition here on March 17 by O'Neill's favorite thespians was pronounced superb by the critics.

On March 16 the county board made a settlement with Timothy Dwyer on the judgment standing against him as one of the bondsmen for the Holt County bank. Mr. Dwyer turned over to the county quit claim deeds to tax titles on land valued at about \$2,000. It was assigned to the county attorney, who holds it in trust for the county. Mr. Dwyer has been released by the board from all liability in connection with the county money lost in the Holt County bank.

O'Neill will have an experiment farm this season for the purpose of thoroughly testing the Campbell method of soil culture. A couple of our citizens were around town last week and raised \$100 with which to purchase machinery to cultivate the crops under this method. A contract has been entered into with John Kelly Jr., who will cultivate 50 acres under the directions of an overseer. He will also cultivate 50 acres, on land adjoining, using the system now in vogue in this county. This experimental farm will be watched with interest by farmers in this section.

The city campaign is just opening up and it bids fair to be interesting before the shadows of darkness gather over our city on April 6. John Skirving and B. S. Gillespie are the candidates for mayor. Bernard McGreevey is the only candidate so far in the field for city treasurer. In the Third ward Enil Sniggs is a candidate for aldermanic honors and he will probably have no opposition. We have not heard of any candidates for alderman from the other wards, but as they have until tomorrow night to file petitions, there is still opportunity for the patriots to get in the field.

Bixby: I have faith that Ole Hedlund would not tell a willful lie, and am fearful the commission charged some ballots on the sly. It is also quite apparent, to the members of the court, that the scheme to make two judges was not hatched out to abort. Since the purpose of the recount was to rectify the count, and restore to votes unvoted crosses in the right amount, the commission so appointed had no recourse but to yank out a vote for the amendment from each ballot voted blank. And it went on smooth and cheerful till injunctions stopped the deal, and the pen of P. O. Hedlund showed the nature of the steal. But a legislative posse stole the ballots, in advance, (and they'd steal the constitution if they only had the chance). They would kick from stable government its few remaining props to fill the state with terror and the supreme court with pops. And the purpose of this people—cannot be set forth in rhyme—is to keep up hellapenty in Nebraska all the time.

Easter fashions, Easter blossoms, Easter stories and Easter poems all combine to make the Easter number of the Standard Designer an unusually attractive issue. The fashions for ladies, misses and children are, as always, designed with good taste, and illustrated in a taking manner; the millinery columns show all the latest models in trimmed and untrimmed hats; and the other pages devoted to women's adornment and beautifying are all that could be desired by the most critical and exacting feminine reader. Flower culture is intelligently discussed, the latest books reviewed, the newest cotillon favors pictured and described, and some most delightful hints for fancy work given. The humbler topics of household matters and cookery are by no means neglected, nor are the children forgotten. In fact it would be hard to suggest any improvement in the generous Easter program prepared for the many readers of this most popular magazine.

PROGRAM. For the high school declamatory contest to be held in the rink Friday evening, March 26, 1897, at 8 o'clock: Music.....Smith's Orchestra. Declamation....."The Ghost." Laura Meals. Declamation....."How Jane Conquest Rang the Bell." Susie Uttley. Declamation....."Vocal Duet." Helen Lowrie and Tess O'Sullivan. Declamation....."Darious Green and His Flying Machine." Parnell Golden. Music.....Mandolin and Guitar. Fred Kautzman and Ralph Evans. Declamation....."The Slouch Chief's Daughter." Flora Lewis. Declamation....."The Cow and the Bishop." Maggie Mellor. Music.....Smith's Orchestra. Decision of the Judges.

The above program will be given to select a contestant for the declamatory contest of the public schools of North Nebraska, which is to be held in Norfolk March 31. (Next Wednesday.) An admission fee of 15 cents will be charged to defray the expenses. The public in general is invited to be present and give encouragement to this most worthy enterprise.

## HEDLUND'S LETTER.

Bee, March 19: P. O. Hedlund, one of the members of the recount commission, tonight delivered to Governor Holcomb a letter in which he makes startling charges of fraud in connection with the recount of amendment ballots. He gives in minute detail the methods by which apparently a large increase in the number of votes cast for the amendment has been discovered and makes charges which seriously implicate other members of the commission. He mentions no names in his letter, but his charges seriously affect every member of the commission who has had a hand in calling off the result of the count of each ballot. According to Mr. Hedlund's charges, there has been a fraudulent increase of nearly 400 votes in most of the larger counties handled by the commission. His letter to the governor is as follows:

"LINCOLN, March 16, 1897.—Hon. Silas A. Holcomb, Governor: Sir—On the 25th day of February, 1897, I was appointed one of the members of the board of canvassers under the act approved February 20, 1897, providing for the recount and canvass of votes cast for the constitutional amendment relating to the increase of the number of the supreme judges. On the 1st day of March, 1897, the board, consisting of six members, with the secretary of state ex-officio, entered upon the duties of inspecting and counting the ballots and canvassing the returns of the votes cast for and against said amendment. J. N. Campbell, of Nance county, was made chairman of the board. The principal work done by me has been keeping the tally list. The opening of the ballots and the calling off of the votes for and against the amendment has been performed by other members of the board. We have canvassed the votes of forty-one counties, consisting of Banner, Blaine, Box Butte, Brown, Cedar, Chase, Cherry, Dakota, Dundy, Frontier, Garfield, Gosper, Grant, Hall, Hamilton, Hayes, Hitchcock, Hooker, Keith, Keya Paha, Kimball, Logan, Loup, McPherson, Merrick, Nance, Pawnee, Perkins, Phelps, Rock, Sarpy, Scotts Bluff, Sherman, Sioux, Stanton, Thayer, Thomas, Thurston, Wayne, Wheeler and York, aggregating about one-fifth of the total vote of the state.

"The keeping of the tally list has not been so engrossing but what I could keep my eye upon the votes as actually counted and called off by some member of the board, and in some cases I have recounted the ballot of several of the precincts for the purpose of verifying the call of the ballots. I expected at the close of the canvass to make you a full report of the transactions and doings of the board, and in the event that I could not agree with the majority of the members of the board, as to the proper returns to be made by the board of canvassers, it was my intention to enter my protests to the manner in which the votes had been counted and to notify you fully as to the results of my observations. Inasmuch as an injunction has already been placed upon the board by the district court of Lancaster county, forbidding us to inspect or count the ballots or declare the result of the canvass, and inasmuch as the house of representatives now in session, on yesterday, by resolution, sought to take the ballots from the members of said board of canvassers, and the same have been locked up in the vaults of the secretary of state, and inasmuch as on account of this injunction and the action of the house of representatives of the twenty-fifth session of the legislature of Nebraska, the members of said board are not liable to proceed further with the count, and inasmuch as you have sent to the legislature a message recommending that the legislature take such action as will provide for the count of said vote in some other way than under the act creating the present board of canvassers, I deem it my duty to acquaint you as fully as possible with the manner in which the count has been conducted. As by your message you assert that no one has suggested or intimated that the count had not been fair and honest, I deem it proper to state the facts in regard to the canvass.

"Many of the ballots when opened and counted and canvassed by the board bear upon the face unmistakable evidence of having been tampered with, and many of them substituted for the ballots cast by the voters.

"It is difficult to say whether this tampering with the ballots was made before the ballots came into our hands or afterwards, but undeniably such tampering, changing and substituting of the ballots has been made. There has been undoubtedly a considerable legitimate increase of the votes cast for the amendment, but not equal to the vote as counted and canvassed in favor of the amendment by the board. It is within my observation, and I speak from actual knowledge, that thousands of blank ballots, which were voted

neither 'Yes' nor 'No' for said constitutional amendment have been counted 'Yes' by the said board of canvassers, and the hundreds of ballots that were voted 'No' by the voters of the state have been counted 'Yes.'

"In some cases a single ballot has been counted 'Yes' as many as ten or a dozen times. On an average of every ten votes counted for the amendment, at least two were not cast for the amendment in sight, but were fraudulently counted. I unhesitatingly assert that the fraudulent count of the ballots has been made in all of the forty-one counties so far counted; but the notable fraudulent count was in Hall, Keya Paha, Wayne, Phelps, and other counties. In some of these counties the vote for the amendments has been thus fraudulently increased as much as 400 votes.

"I make this report to you at the present time because I fear that the evidence of these frauds may be spirited away or destroyed. If those ballots are not tampered with and the tally list can be preserved, it will be found upon an examination of the ballots and the tally list that my statements and assertions are absolutely true.

"Since the ballots, poll books abstracts and tally lists have passed out of, or are about to pass out of our hands into the control of other persons, it is important that immediate action be taken to protect the ballots and the count and tally list in its present form and in the state it was at the time we were enjoined from proceeding further. As the members of the legislature and the party in power are largely influenced by your recommendations and wishes, I suggest in the interest of good government and for the protection of the ballot and for the purpose of obtaining a fair and honest count, that you take immediate steps to guard these ballots, tally sheets, poll books and abstracts so that I may be assured that the evidences of this fraudulent count will not be concealed, covered up or destroyed."

Respectfully,  
P. O. HEDLUND.

## ASSESSOR'S SCHEDULE.

The assessors of Holt county held their annual meeting in this city last week. Geo. L. Butler was elected chairman, and S. M. Aldridge secretary. The following rate of assessment was agreed upon:

REAL ESTATE.	
Atkinson	\$1.35 to \$3.00
Chambers	1.10 " 2.30
Conley	1.10 " 2.00
Cleveland	1.10 " 2.00
Dustin	1.10 " 2.00
Deloit	1.10 " 2.40
Ewing	1.20 " 2.50
Emmett	1.20 " 2.50
Francis	1.10 " 2.00
Fairview	1.10 " 2.40
Grattan	1.50 " 3.00
Green Valley	1.10 " 2.40
Iowa	1.10 " 2.40
Inman	1.30 " 2.60
Lincoln	1.10 " 2.40
McClure	1.10 " 2.40
Paddock	1.10 " 2.40
Pleasantview	1.10 " 2.40
Rock Falls	1.10 " 2.40
Sand Creek	1.10 " 2.40
Saratoga	1.10 " 2.40
Scott	1.10 " 2.40
Sheridan	1.10 " 2.60
Shields	1.10 " 2.40
Steel Creek	1.10 " 2.40
Stuart	1.10 " 2.60
Swan	1.10 " 2.30
Verdigris	1.10 " 2.40
Willowdale	1.10 " 2.40
Wyoming	1.10 " 2.30

All lands within one mile of any line of railroad, \$1 to \$4 per acre; within one mile of Ewing, \$3.40 to \$9; O'Neill, \$9.50 to \$20; Atkinson, \$5 to \$15; Stuart, \$3.50 to \$9; Page, \$3.50 to \$9.

PERSONAL.	
Horses, pedigreed	\$25 to \$60
Horses, first class	11 " 19
Horses, second class	5 " 9
Horses, third class	3 " 5
Mules and asses	8 " 16
Thoroughbred bulls	10 " 20
Thoroughbred cows	10 " 20
Common bulls	5 " 8
Common cows	4 " 5
3-year old steers	4 " 5
2-year old heifers	3 " 4
Yearlings	2 " 3
Calves, 6 mo. to 1 year	1 " 2
Goats, each, 50 cents	
Hogs, per 100 lbs, 40 cents	
Steam engines and boilers	23 " 237
Fire and burglar proof safes	9 " 130
Billiard and other like tables	9 " 95
Carriages and wagons	2 " 15
Busses and hearses	47 " 190
Gold watches	4 " 19
Pianofortes	28 " 143
Melodeons and organs	4 " 23
Bicycles	5 " 25

AGRICULTURAL TOOLS AND MACHINERY.  
Reapers.....\$4 " 19  
Mowers.....3 " 10  
Sulky plows.....3 " 8  
Planters and check rowers.....3 " 8  
Grain drills and seeders.....3 " 8  
Merchandise & actual cash value.  
Bankers, brokers and stock jobbers—assessors shall be governed by section 3211 of the compiled statutes of Nebraska, 1895.

## COMPARISONS OF RAINFALL.

Report of rainfall and melted snow at O'Neill, as expressed in inches and hundredths of inches, for last six years.

MONTH.	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897
Jan.	0.11	0.70	0.40	0.65	0.25	0.22	1.31
Feb.	0.75	0.43	1.20	0.50	0.15	0.34	0.15
March	2.10	1.45	1.50	1.50	1.75	1.50	0.25
April	5.35	3.33	2.10	2.14	6.73	6.30	
May	1.99	4.00	2.34	0.77	2.29	1.68	
June	2.93	1.54	2.97	1.36	6.33	5.77	
July	3.64	0.25	3.36	0.79	0.95	2.65	
Aug.	2.92	4.29	0.22	0.70	2.38	1.64	
Sept.	0.20	0.23	0.23	1.50	2.60	3.41	
Oct.	1.24	0.50	0.14	1.53	trace	1.84	
Nov.	0.35	trace	0.40	0.26	0.55	1.27	
Dec.	1.40	0.70	0.65	trace	0.10	0.10	
Total	29.81	30.96	16.67	11.34	24.57	38.94	1.78

In the months marked "trace" there was less than .02 rain fall.

O. M. COLLINS,  
Voluntary Observer for the Government Weather Bureau.

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.

## NOTICE.

All persons are forbidden to cut any timber on the old Jim Weeske place in township 31, range 10 and 11. Persons disregarding this notice will be dealt with according to law. This means business. 37-3 E. P. HICKS.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## J. P. Mann's Spring Announcement.

### NEW DRESS GOODS.

All the latest novelties in worsted suitings, Organdies, Laperis, Grenadines, Brodis, Picritines, Mulls and Percalles. And a full line of the latest trimmings.

### NEW CLOTHING.

Beautiful stylish plaid suits, all wool, \$8 and \$8.50. Cheaper ones \$5, \$6, and \$6.75. Block Clay worsteds, all wool, \$7.75, \$9 and \$10, as good values as can be found in the United States. Good suits for boys 4 to 14, \$1.50 and \$1.75. Fine ones for \$2 and \$2.50, and an extra good one for \$3.

### NEW SHOES.

And more of them than ever. Ladies', men's and children's. All the new things in high and low shoes. Ox Bloods, Tans and Blacks. We have some cheap shoes, but prefer to see how good a shoe we can sell you, not how cheap a one, as the best shoe is always the cheapest.

New Capes, New Skirts, New Wrappers, New Ties, New Hats, New Caps, and the finest line of shirt waists and fine shirts in this part of Nebraska.

McDonald's celebrated work shirts, overalls and pants in endless variety.

J. P. MANN.