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Items of Interest Told As They Are Told to Us.

WHEN AND HOW IT HAPPENED

Local Happenings Portrayed For General Edification and Amusement.

Bentley's for Crockery and glassware. "Mayor Skirving." Sounds well.

doesn't it? Miss Maud Gillespie is visiting friends at Tilden this week.

R. R. Dickson is transacting business in Omaha this week.

When in need of lead pencils or tablets, call at Mrs. Cress'. Charlie Blain, of Middle Branch, was

an O'Neill visitor yesterday. Prof. Anderson and wife are visiting

relatives at Creighton this week. Henry Julius, of Page, was transact-

ing business in our city yesterday. Your attention is called to the card of

Dr. C. M. Berry in another column. The working society will meet with

Mrs. Dobbs next Wednesday, April 7. The Independent workmen will give a

grand ball at the rink on Easter Mon-The Misses Mable and Bessie Snyder

are visiting relatives in Sioux City this S. J. Weekes was in Omaha the first

of the week, returning home Wednesday night.

John Skirving will make a good mayor, and he will be elected by a good majority.

If you want some of the best bread you ever ate you can get it at Bentley's ing some one give you the horse laugh. City Bakery.

James H. Riggs has disposed of the Dodge Criterion and is again out of the newspapaper business.

M. Lyons was down from Emmet Monday and had his name enrolled on THE FRONTIER subscription book.

How about rock salt? We have it in any quantity. O'NEILL GROCERY CO.

For teeth or photos. go to Dr. Cormonth. Photographs \$1 per dozen.

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

County Superintendent Morrow is at Norfolk attending the meeting of the

Northern Nebraska Oratorical contest.

for those who desire to join Tammany. When needing corn, oats, shorts or oil cake, see us. We have it at living prices. 2 O'NEILL GROCERY Co.

Norfolk Times: Miss Ida Hershiser arrived from O'Neill last Tuesday, and will visit her sister, Mrs. Thos. Shively,

The precipitation last Tuesday evening was 1.82 inches. More rain fell last month than during the same month for past six years.

J. N. Haskell, a real estate speculator of Omaha, was in the city last Monday. While here he purchased several quarters of Holt county land.

Walter Laviollette went down to Sioux Ctty last Friday morning, where he will attend college and take a course in vocal

and instrumental music. Mr. and Mrs. J. Coykendall returned Tuesday evening from Manchester, Ia., where they have been visiting relatives

for the past two months. We have Alfalfa, Red Clover and

Kentucky blue grass and they are fresh and nice. See them. O'NEILL GROCERY CO.

The bicycles given away by the popular O'Neill merchant, J. P. Mann, have been so greatly appreciated by his customers that he has decided to give another one away on July 4.

Did you attend the trial last Friday evening? If not you can read all about it in this issue of THE FRONTIER. It battles ever fought in the city.

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.

NEIL BRENNAN.

Vote for John Skirving for mayor and he will give us a good business admin-

Bentley's new stock of crockery and glassware is just immense. If you want any dishes don't fail to see their pure white semi-porclean. They are so

Representative Robertson came up from Lincoln last Friday evening, returning Monday morning. He informed a FRONTIER reporter that the legislature would probably remain in session two

Judge Jackson, of Neligh, who presided over the inferior court held at McCafferty's hall last Friday evening, returned home Saturday morning. The judge is of the opinion that there is no place like O'Neill.

John Darr, of Middle Branch, Andrew Just of Boyd county, James Crowley and Mrs. Scott of O'Neill. J. E. Allison of Atkinson, and P. C. McCarthy of Leadville, Col., paid their subscriptions since our last issue.

Urb Gibson, of Hamilton, Ill., was a caller at this office last Monday, and ordered THE FRONTIER sent to bis address the coming year. Mr. Gibson was a former resident of this county, having removed to Illinois about six

Rev. S. F. Sharpless will preach in the Presbyterian church next Sabbath morning and evening. Subject for the morning service: "Learn of Me." For the evening service to which the young people are especially invited: "As he Did Aforetime.'

There is an old and apt saying, "'Tis folly to be wise," and we believe it holds good on 364 days out of the 365, but on that one day-April 1-if you could only gather your shattered remnants of thought together and be wise, you would not have the satisfaction of hear-

Bee, March 30: A letter from a citizen of Holt county was received by the governor to-day, containing a draft for \$40 to be placed to the credit of the for a "reading." She had been informed "conscience fund." The writer explained that he had cut some timber from school land, and desired to ease his conscience by donating the amount named to the permanent school fund. The man did not desire his name to be straighten it up. She agreed to this and made public. The amount donated is one of the largest ever sent in as "con- Holt County bank for the amount, the bett's parlors, 28rd to 30th of each science" money. The usual amount has check being signed by one Davidson,

Former Holt county people are contesting for political honors in the municipal fight at Stuttgart, Ark. D. L. and diligent inquiry made to ascertain he is honest and will pay. Cramer, formerly of Ewing, and who if the man Davidson had money de-Cramer, formerly of Ewing, and who if the man Davidson had money de- In the obtaining of the confession was the republican candidate for county posited in any of the other banks. Of from Mr. Davis I state here that I in no manner intimidated him, nor did I atjudge, of this county, six years ago, i candidate for mayor of Stuttgart, and Grand Secretary Trigg is kept quite Charlie Pond, formerly of this city, is a busy these days making out applications | candidate for marshal If they are not more successful in securing the suffrages lodge that she "knew something" and part. of the people than Doc Mathews was, when he ran for the legislature, they are liable to come down the home stretch several laps behind. But here is hoping they won't.

Will Carey, treasurer of school district No. 39, was in O'Neill last Tuesday looking after the district's interests in a replevin case which came up before Judge McCutchan on that date. It seems that one Si Buck, a resident of that school district, through misrepresentation, gained posession of 17 text books belonging to said district, and refused to give them up, and also took them out of the district. A writ of replevin was secured by the district, but only two of the books were recovered. The case will be heard the last of the

The ladies of the Episcopal church will hold an exchange at their rooms Saturday, April 3, at which time and place they will exchange pies, cakes, doughnuts, cookies, white bread, rolls, Boston brown bread, Boston baked beans, etc., for the smallest amount of and had the ring of sincerity, and had money possible. All those wishing her listeners not been "onto" the job something good for Sunday, without baking it, and also willing to help the But to proceed with the story. Mr. church, the ladies would especially invite to call and see if they can be suited. or if they would leave their order with divulge the secret for a smaller amount the exposure was complete. Mrs. Morris the ladies will try and fill it

satisfactorily. As the day of the ballot battle draws nigh, the interest in the municipal fight was one of the warmest contested legal increases. Skirving and Gillespie are contesting for the honors of mayor. For city clerk there is only one candidate, the present incumbent, N. Martin. Bernard McGreevey is the only candidate for treasurer. There are no candidates for police judge or city engineer. and the voter will have to write in the name of his choice. The first ward is the only one in which there is a contest for alderman; E. P. Hicks and Earnest Adams are the candidates. In the Second E. S. Kinch is the only man in the field, while in the bloody Third, Emil Sniggs will have clear sailing.

Clairvoyant Falls Into a Hair Trigger Trap.

SAID SHE COULD FIND MONEY

The Boys Have a Mock Trial and Use Her as a Witness.

Mrs. Chapman, clairvoyant: Tells past, present and future. Truthful

advice on business and other troubles. That is the way her advertisements ead, and they were posted about town by an atrophied individual who represented himself to be her husband. The spiritualist found many customers and convinced some of them that she possessed powers not given to the ordinary inhabitant of this sphere. Everything was running along smoothly and she was enjoying a lucrative and increasing business until Tammany Hall laid a scheme to expose her. Tammany is a local burlesque on the famous political organization of that name and has headquarters at Michael Slattery's shoe shop. spiritualist found many customers and quarters at Michael Slattery's shoe shop,

defaulter in the sum of \$2,600, and offer her a liberal share it she could succeed

She said she could locate the money, but that it would require a little time. The president said that if she was successful five days. He never came back. she should receive for her services the

It was then necessary to have a treasurer, so Joe Davis was chosen to fill that honorable position. To help the plan along he went to the rooms of the lady that he wee the man so she "read" accordingly. She told him that she saw crime in his past and he broke down, confessed all and offered her \$150 to keep the matter secret until he could later received a check on the defunct who, it is unnecessary to state, is yet to be born. The check was presented at the Elkhorn Valley bank for payment, course he hadn't.

treasurer and told the president of the without threat or intimidation on my would divulge it for the consideration previously agreed upon.

Attorney Dickson was then employed last Friday by Tammany to prosecute the case. He sent word to the spirituathe case. He sent word to the spiritua-list that he would like to see her at his office for the purpose of talking over the ment after two and one-half years' exmatter of the confession of Davis and her testimony concerning it. A reward of \$900 looked pretty big to her and she came at once. There were present at this seance, besides Mr. Dickson and the ment, that the foregoing statements are true and that I am willing to appear in resented himself to be Michael O'Hollahan, grand organizer of Tammany lodges, and Clyde King, who officiated as Mr. Dickson's private secretary. The trio of officials adjusted each to himself a solemn and serious expression before the lady came in and and the proceedings were as impressive as though a man was about to be hanged.

The lady herself believed that the money had really been stolen, and acted as though she had in fact been an important factor in apprehending the defaulter. Her statements were concise they would not have believed her a fakir. O'Hoolahan objected to so large a fee for her services but as she refused to the people had supposed her to be, and he finally agreed to her terms. Mr. Dickson then dictated to the private secretary a contract, according to the of manner and intelligent in converterms of which she was to testify in sation. She had with her in the city a court and receive therefor the sum of young man about 23 years of age who 8900. He then said to her that it would claimed to be her son. An older man be neccessary for him to know what her who happened in the city with a phonotestimony would be and she had better make a statement, which his secretary would take down in writing, which she the bogus check was presented for paycould sign and swear to. The statement, which explains a number of matters not mentioned above, is as follows:

O'NEILL, NEB., March 27, 1897.
SLATE OF NEBRASKA, }
HOLT COUNTY 8. 8.

HOLT COUNTY I, Mrs. Belle Chapman, of Maquokato, Iowa, being duly sworn, do give true testimony in the matter of the embezzle ment of some \$2.600, by one Joe Davis.

O'Neill, Neb., No. 88, in an action about to be brought by said lodge, its officers and members, against said Davis, charging him with embezzlement, do make the following statement in relation thereto, which is of my own personal knowledge:

I came here two weekes ago last Monday night. Stopped at Hotel Evans over night. Went from there to a private house where I rented rooms. I did nothwith my professional business until a week ago Monday. Mr. Hammond, president, came to me one week ago Monday; he wanted to know if I ever did anything in regard to detecting crime or the recovery of money. I told him yes sir, but that would take a little time. I told him he need not look among strangers for his mony. That was all I would say until the next day. Then I askked him to get the treasurer to come to me. Mr. Smith sent to me a man who represented himself to have been the former treasurer of said lodge, and to be Davis. He went and shaved and came from the barber shop to me. He asked did this to cover your crime. Yes I did the said. Another man was at the head of it he said. He said, woman, I will give you \$100 to keep your mouth shut. Yes, he said, I will give you \$150 to not give me up. I have got the money in etock, and some money. I want ten days or two weeks to replace the money. I said, man, do you understand I could swear out a warrant for you and that you would have to acknowledge this before me? He said, woman, I could not deny it before you. My God! what have I done? Then he got up out of his chair and came over to where I was sitting, and kneeling down before me said, woman save me! I have made a confession. He said, don't let them arrest me; keep them from it. That is about all, except asking me not to give him up. He said he would bring the money in the days. He never came back. to save the country and devise ways and

He is what I would call a medium man, dressed in dark. Had on a dark overcoat. Wore a cap. Was dark and had a dark moustache.

He did not come on Tuesday as agreed, and on Wednesday, President and Grand Lecturer Hammond, of the lodge, came. I told him that I wanted to see his treasurer. He did not come but sent a small urer. He did not come but sent a small light-complexioned man, who representd himself to be Davis' partner. He was reatly under the influence of liquor. I would judge him to be a tough character. on Holt County bank No. 37, for \$150, payable to my order, and signed J. R. Davidson, envelope and check hereto attached and made a part of this affidavit. This check I caused to be presented and payment was refused. sented and payment was refused. I thought perhaps he had the money de-

This man said do all you can for Joe,

The lady failing to get the money became quite wrathy at the defaulting of his own free will and accord, and

I further state that while Davis was at my rooms that I exercised over him no undue influence, nor was he under any mesmeric influence. I think he was in fear and wanted somebody for a conperience, having given readings at Yankton, S. D., Beardsford, S. D., Hav-warden Iowa, and LeMars, Iowa.

I here state under oath, being mindful court and give oral testimony to the same facts. I do this that the laws of same facts. I do this that the laws of the state of Nebraska and the constitution thereof, as well as the laws and the constitution of the United States may be upheld and enforced and that justice guilty may be punished and the funds of the organization may be restored to its present treasurer, and that the wants age may receive kind treatment at the hands of their fellow brothers. I make this statement voluntary and with malice toward none connected with the embez-zlement of the funds of Tammany Lodge No. 83, of O'Neill. Neb., and in the presence of its grand organizer, Michael O'Hoolahan.

MRS. BELLE CHAPMAN.

When she took up the pen to sign the above she of course wrote herself down a fraud, just what a great majority of

The lady is probably 38 or 40 years of age, not bad looking, rather prepossing graph also took quite an interest in her. In fact he accompanied her son when ment.

A MOCK TRIAL.

The boys were uot yet satisfied with the case end decided to have Davis arrested and prosecute him on the infor- styles. mation secured. McCafferty's hall was secured for a court-room, the word after supper the large hall was crowded. out. late treasurer of Tammany Lodge of Judge Jackson, of Neligh, officiated as

udge, Joe Meredith as clerk and Mike McCarthy as sheriff, while R. R. Dickon appeared for the prosecution and M. F. and J. J. Harrington for the defense. Harry Phelps was court reporter. A jury was duly empaneled and the trial proceeded. The case was extremely funny to the spectators, but the lady, her son and the phonograph man were immensely interested and had not the slightest idea that anything was rotton in the state of Denmark. The opening statements of the attorneys were eloquent and most impressive. A number of witnesses were examined and questions relevant and irrelevant, material and immaterial asked and answered. It was useless for the prosecution to make any objections, as the court overruled him continually. The lady was one of the witnesses and testified to about the same facts enumerated in her statement. Her son and the phonograph man were also on the stand. The jury, without leaving their seats, returned a verdict finding Davis not guilty and assessing the costs, \$10, against the phonograph man. The latter gentleman protested vehemently against this. He said he knew nothing about the matter; that he knew nothing about the woman; that he just accidently met her at Yankton, and again at O'Neill. He wanted a new trial but the court wouldn't listen to him. He said he hadn't a cent, not a cent, and went and secreted his talking machine to keep it out of reach of attachment. They all took an early freight west the next morning.

It doesn't seem possible that in the year 1897 three smart, intelligent, educated and stylish fakirs could be found who could be so easily worked, but they

The teachers and pupils of the public chools are enjoying their spring vacation this week.

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.

P. C. McCarthy, who brought the odies of two of his childern from Leadville, Col., for burial in the family lot in the cemetery here last Friday, returned to his home Sunday morning. P. C. is interested in several silver mine in Colorado, and is getting to be well fixed financially, a fact which his many friends here will be pleased to learn.

On next Wednesday the qualified electors of the Golden irrigation district will elect officers. For treasurer there is only one candidate in the field, Fred Whittemore, of Long Pine, the present pneumonia, which shows treasurer. John J. Kelly, of O'Neill, that this remedy is a certain preand Sam Nelson, of Agee, are the candidates for assessor. For member of a permanent cure in less time than any the board of directors, First district, John H. Hopkins and J. W. Leeper, both of Ages, are the candidates. In districts No. 2 and 8, Mesers. Dodd and Hall, the present directors, are candidates for re-election, and they both have opposition. The election promises to be

The declamatory contest at the operahouse last Friday evening was quite largely attended. The young folks in the contest clearly demonstrated that the O'Neill schools can turn out a class of orators that could compete with any in Northern Nebraska. The contest was very close, there being only 21 points between the winner, Parnell Golden, and his nearest competitor. Maggie Mellor. The grand total of the judges on the six points marked, for each of the contestants, was as follows: Parnell Golden, 1138; Maggie Mellor, 1112; Flora Lowrie, 1107; Laura Meals, 1088; Susie Uttley, 1056. John A. Harmon, Rev. George and Prof. Morrow were the judges. Master Golden having won, represented the O'Neill schools in the oratorical contest at Norfolk yesterday, and while he did not succeed in winning a prize was highly complimented for his effort.

# Easter Sale.

I have now a large stock of spring wash goods suitable for Easter suits. Don't fail to see them before you get your Easter ball suits.

Lapport Muse is a nobby and elaborate cloth, stylish, and with beautiful colorings. It is the correct thing.

Fantise is the latest cloth out, and have just received a nice line of styles for Easter trade. I also have a nice line of patterns in grenadines and mot-

Remember my shoe stock is complete in all lines from the child's to the finest in ladies' or gent's; in all widths and

Also gent's furnishing goods. I have fine shirts in this part of Nebraska. the Monarch shirt, which has no equal. passed around, and when court convened In neckwear I handle the latest things Respectfully yours, P. J. McManus.

On July 4th we will give our custom-ers a high grade Impurial ladies or gents wheel. Shares will be given for sales, and collections of so

1897, at 10 a. m.

township 31, range 10 and 11. disregarding this notice will be with according to law. This

#### AN IMPORTANT MATTER

Before planting garden it is impost to get good fresh seeds. We have a better prepared to furnish et frat-class, fresh seeds, than we are spring. Before buying, look them over and you will be convinced that we are headquarters for good seeds.

PACIFIC SHORT LINE TIME PARLY. Passenger leaves, 10:10 A. M.; Arrives 9:80 P. M. Daily, except Su

O'NEILL GROCERY CO.

Through connections both ways with Black Hills train. By taking this line you can go to Sloux City and return the same day. Connections made with all trrins for the east and for South | Buy local tickets to O'Neill.

THE NEW BRIDGE AT MOUR 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 loux City.

After having been confined to the house for eleven days and paying or 685 in doctor bills without benefit, M. Frank Doleon of Sault Ste. Marie Mich., was cured by one bottle of Chan berlain's Pain Balm, costing 35 cand has not since been troubled that complaint. For sale by P. C.

The greatest danger from is greatest danger from in greatest danger from its resulting in preumoni reasonable care is used, however, and Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to danger will be avoided. Among tens of thousands wno have used this remedy for la grippe, we have yet to learn of a single case having rest tive of that dread disease. It will effect other treatment. The 25 and 50 co sizes for sale by P. C. Corrigan.

"Excuse me," observed the man in spectaties, "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 ieft car DeWitt's Little Early Ri would reach it and shake it for him. On that you can bet your gig-lampe." Morris & Co.

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

## NEW DRESS GOODS.

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

## NEW CLOTHING.

Beautiful stylish plaid suits, all wool. 88 and \$8.50. Cheaper ones \$5, \$6, and 86.75. Block Clay worsteds, all wool, \$7.75, 89 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. Pine ones for \$2 and \$3.50, 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 Wranpers, New Ties. New Hats, New Cape. and the finest line of shirt waists and McDonald's celebrated work shirt

overalls and pants in endless variety.

J. P. MANN.