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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.

Note O. F. Biglin's ad in another column.

Attorney Scott was down from Atkinson Tuesday.

Sheriff Hamilton went to Norfolk Tuesday morning.

O. O. Snyder transacted business in Sioux City last Saturday.

Ben DeYarman and son Hugh were in Sioux City last Saturday.

J. M. Kelley, of the Sioux City Printing company, was in the city last Friday.

Paper hanging 15 cents a roll. Satisfaction guaranteed by George Triggs and Sam Thompson. 42-2

Mrs. W. T. Evans and Mrs. Elmer Williams were visiting in Sioux City Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Minnie Miller and Miss Kate Prussa, of Atkinson, were O'Neill visitors last Monday.

Norfolk Times: W. T. Shively has gone to Hot Springs, Ark., to take treatment for rheumatism.

The best line of wall paper in Holt county, cheaper than you can steal it, at Hershiser & Gilligan's. 42-1f

Corn, oats, bran, shorts and oil cake always on hand. O'NEILL GROCERY CO. 43-1

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J. W. Leeper has contested the election of J. H. Hopkins as director of the Golden Irrigation district. He charges that several fraudulent votes were cast in this city.

C. J. Murphy, father of Mrs. J. J. McCafferty, died at his home in this city last Monday morning, after an illness of three days, of pneumonia. Obituary notice next week.

We carry a nice line of crackers, cakes, Newport flakes, lemon and vanilla wafers, and in fact everything that goes to make up a first-class grocery stock. Try us for fine groceries at living prices. O'NEILL GROCERY CO. 43-1

Fikhorn Valley lodge I. O. O. F., celebrated the seventy-eighth anniversary of the founding of the order last Monday evening, by entertaining the members and their families. An elaborate program was prepared and successfully rendered.

L. F. Weeks, general agent, Karbach block, Omaha, wants at once an active lady in this city to sell the Miss Lisk patent cake pans and the Missing Link garment supporter. Quick sellers, every lady wants them. Exclusive agency given. Write him at once.

Last Monday, accompanied by John Hazelett, we made a trip to the South Fork country. It was our first visit to that section of the county for about ten years, and we were greatly surprised at the indications of prosperity evident among the farmers of southern Holt. We reached John Alderson's at noon and were royally entertained and feasted by Mr. and Mrs. Alderson. They have one of the finest houses in the South Fork country, and are prosperous and happy. Lack of space forbids our giving an extended account of beautiful southern Holt.

James M. Merriman died at his home in this city last Thursday evening after an illness of about a year and a half, of paralysis. Deceased was born in York state July 10, 1836. When twenty years old he moved to Wisconsin where he was married a year later, 1857. In 1863 he enlisted in Company A 12th Reg., Volunteer Infantry and served until the close of the war. In 1879 he moved to this county and settled on a farm near Saratoga, where he remained until about seven years ago when he moved to this city. The funeral was held last Friday under the auspices of the G. A. R., of which organization deceased was an honored member. The remains were followed to the cemetery by a large concourse of friends.

THE CREAMERY INDUSTRY.

The creameries of Holt county certainly made a good showing last year.

The five creameries of Holt county and the one at Newport, in Rock county, put in circulation in this county not less than \$50,000. The figures as far as we have been able to get them are as follows:

Atkinson	\$8,000.
Amelia	9,950.
Blackbird	4,000.
Chambers	(estimated) 9,000.
Newport	10,000.
Page	8,600.
Amount paid for cream	\$49,615.
Estimated amount paid to cream gatherers and hired help	5,000.
Total amount paid out	\$54,615.

We have not been able to get the exact amount paid out by the Chambers and Blackbird creameries but the estimate we have made will fall below rather than exceed the true amount. It must be remembered that the creamery industry in this county is in its infancy.

When the farmers recover from the reverses of the past few years and get more stock around them, double the number of creameries can be supported in this county. There should be a creamery at this place. O'Neill, Inman and Ewing should each have one.

This county possesses many fine advantages. The man who utilizes them will succeed. Work along the lines for which the country is adapted will bring its own reward.—Stuart Ledger.

PROGRAM.

Of the Holt County Teachers' association to be held at O'Neill, Neb., May 8, 1897, in the court room.

Music.

Paper—"When Should the Sciences Be Introduced?"—C. L. Anderson.

Discussion—Maud Gillespie and C. J. Malone.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 1 P. M.

Paper—"When and How Should Arithmetic Be Taught?"—L. W. Shores.

Discussion—May Percival and P. E. Chase.

Paper—"Should Narrative History Be Taught in Connection With the Source Method?"—R. F. Cross.

Discussion—H. C. White and Nell Johnson.

Music.

Paper—"How Can Business Men Promote the Efficiency of the Schools?"—T. V. Golden.

Discussion—B. S. Gillespie and W. E. Scott.

Paper—"The Class Recitation."—Sarah Davies.

Discussion—Emma Greeley and Mamie McManus.

This will be the last meeting during the present school year, and every teacher in the county is earnestly requested to be present and help to make it a meeting profitable to all. School officers and all those interested in educational work are invited to be present and participate in these discussions. J. C. MORROW, President.

SARAH DAVIES, V. President.

INA ORCUTT, Secretary.

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The morning Side, Ia., college club rendered a very successful program at the college chapel last Saturday evening. The Sunday Sioux City Journal, in the write-up of the event, has the following words of praise for Walter Laviollette, of this city: "The program closed with musical selection rendered by two of Miss Abbie A. Lawrence's pupils. Walter Laviollette sang 'The Church Across the Way,' and responded to an encore with 'All For the Love of a Girl.' Master Walter has a charming voice, which not only exhibits natural talent, but also much careful training, and those who heard him Friday evening predict for him a brilliant future as a musician."

KILLED NEAR STUART

Complete Account of the Tragic End of Frank Cole.

VERDICT OF CORONER'S JURY

Two of the Accused Bound Over to the District Court.

Last (Thursday) evening a tragedy was enacted about three miles west of town. The victim is a young man about twenty-three years of age. He is said to be Frank Cole of Greeley, Center.

The parties responsible for his death composed a party of six farmers from Lutes, Keya Paha county. Their names are: Ralph Lewis, his son Harry, Edward Deemar, Arthur Newman, Wm. Wiley and Wm. McAllister; Edward Robinson, of Rock county, joined the party at the Niobrara river.

Thursday morning about 7 o'clock Harry Lewis discovered that his saddle had been stolen during the night. Footsteps and marks where the cinches had dragged in the sand were traced to where there were tracks of a buggy drawn by small footed mules. The trail was followed for four miles to the residence of Arthur Newman where another saddle was taken. A posse was organized and took up the trail. It was followed to Haugan's bridge. Most of the way it had avoided the road. Edward Robinson who lives this side of the bridge about a mile saw the team pass his place at 9:30 a. m. He joined the searchers. The trail from his place was through the prairie till about three miles west of town where it struck the road.

About sundown the pursuing parties found the alleged rustlers in camp on the south side of the snow fence about three miles west of town. They proved to be two young men named Everett Robinson and Frank Cole. Perhaps out of fear of being lynched, knowing the method of dealing out justice in the neighborhood where they stole their plunder (Robinson formerly lived there) they grabbed their guns and fled. Young Lewis and Wm. McAllister pursued them on foot. On the south bank of the Elkhorn Cole was shot. Lewis and McAllister mounted their horses and captured Robinson about one-half mile further on.

Ralph Lewis came to town and gave notice of what was done. Coroner Kline was wired. He came on the noon train today (Friday).

The coroner issued a venire for six jurymen and placed it in the hands of Constable Ailman for service.

They repaired to the scene of the tragedy where they were sworn in by the coroner.

On examination the body revealed the fact that the victim was shot from the rear, the ball entering the left shoulder blade six inches above the small of the back, two and one-half inches from the center of the spinal column, ranging upward, coming out on the right breast two and a half inches below the collar bone and two and one-half inches to the right of the center of the breast bone.

After making and examination of the body of the deceased where he fell, on the south bank of the creek about one half mile south of the snow fence the jurors adjourned to town and the body was turned over to the undertaker. Thirteen witnesses were subpoenaed.

In substance, the testimony of the witnesses was as follows:

Mat McCartney—Live six miles west of town. Was going home from town; saw some horsemen coming over hill from north; one man rode in front with gun; asked one man what was the matter; he laughed; drove on; men passed toward river; heard three shots; saw smoke of one; it was eighty rods away; saw men running quite a bit before I heard a shot.

William McAllister—Live in Keya Paha county; come on two men behind snow fence; they had guns pointed through snow fence; do not know whether it was Cole or Robinson that shot; think it was the shot gun; one of our men said, "they are going to kill us;" we shot two or three times; we fired at the men; I shot once; do not know whether mine was last shot; think there was one more; my gun was a Winchester; think there were six shots in all; some had six shooters and some had Winchesters; think the other fellows (Robinson and Cole) fired twice; they brought us horses; we ordered the other fellow (Robinson) to stop; he laid down his gun and came to us; fellow who fell stopped on other side of slough and fired at us and then started again; six of us, some on horseback and some on foot, in the chase; in field; we had no warrant; there was an officer with us—Wiley; one fired before our party did;

they (Robinson and Cole) fired twice, I think, once before they crossed the slough and once after; did not know man killed; they stole two saddles, one from Lewis and one from Newman.

Ralph Lewis—Live near Lutes, Keya Paha county; we followed trail from my place to the snow brake on railroad three miles west of town; I climbed upon snow fence; saw the thieves with guns leveled on the horsemen; I hollowed at them; they jumped and ran south; some of the boys went after them; some were on horseback and some on foot; did not see thieves shoot; saw them aim guns; saw none of our party shoot; saw Robinson's gun; it had two shells, both empty; think they had been loaded with buckshot; am not acquainted with dead man; Robinson had a grudge against us; I had been warned to look out for him.

Frank Biglow—Live near the snow fence; just got up from supper; saw three or four men and a buggy coming from the north; they rode up to the brake; saw a couple of fellows running south of the track; then two more; heard one shot; walked on; then heard another; could not see; all were in the hollow; two men were at the fence; one was old Mr. Lewis; went down toward the creek; met Mr. McAllister coming back; he said "I guess I did the business, it is too bad, he was on equal footing with me, he shot first."

Geo. Hallock—Saw party of men going towards snow fence; saw a man going fast south; two men after them on horseback; one horse was a dapple gray; saw him (Robinson) stop, draw up gun as if to shoot, and then lay it down; was forty rods away.

Ed Robinson—Live in Rock county; the men (parties in pursuit) stopped at my place to get something to eat; saw two men in a light wagon drawn by mules pass my house about 9:30; was not acquainted; went along with searchers; not far from snow fence I went east to grove to look for trail; had lost trail; in direction of snow fence I heard three shots; saw men running; all shots were close together; one sounded like a shot gun; the pursuing party had one Henry rifle; rode up to where Cole lay; could not get close, my horse jumped and snorted; two men went up within ten or twelve feet of body.

Wm. Riley—Live in Keya Paha county; was 100 yards in the rear; boys (McAllister and Lewis) dodged back; pretty sure the guns were pointed at us; our boys halted then; heard two shots beyond the fence; think I heard our boys fire one shot; it was a Winchester shot; our party had one Winchester and a couple of revolvers; did not see dead body; when they (Harry Lewis and McAllister) came back they said one was killed; six in our party from our county; I had no arms; there was no officer; I had no arms; am acquainted with Robinson, not with dead man.

F. E. Merrill—I heard three shots.

Harry Lewis—I was one of the party; live in Keya Paha county; one saddle was stolen from me; when we first found them (the thieves) some one said "look out, they are going to shoot;" they (the thieves) were behind the buggy; did not examine buggy to find stolen property; knew they were guilty, they ran from us; I followed; I told them to halt; one of them turned and fired; I did not fire at any one man; in all there were five or six shots; did not go to body; went on after other man; think McAllister had Winchester; was on foot; they brought us horses to chase second man; McAllister was with me; Robinson said when we caught him he would have shot me if he had not recognized me; I told him to lay down his gun, that we did not want to hurt him.

Geo. Morrill—Live near the scene of the murder; heard three shots.

Ed Demmar—Live in Keya Paha county; heard shots fired when boys got to creek; three or four shots; know Everett Robinson, we were raised together.

Arthur Newman—Live in Keya Paha county; we tracked team all day through the hills and came upon them at the snow fence; saw them rise up; could not see just what they did; was a little behind; first sight I got they were running; some of our party crossed fence and went after them; later I went through gate and through meadow; heard one shot; think altogether there were four shots; saw the man laying on the ground; Harry Lewis and McAllister followed; could not say who had rifle; I stayed with the body last night; I think Lewis and McAllister shot; there was no officer; I do not belong to a vigilance committee.

Wm. Brown—I work for Mart McCartney; I was with him; saw men behind the fence; saw no gun; am positive three shots were fired; did not see the fellows (thieves) shoot; they did not appear to want to shoot; could see the party as they ran except when they crossed the creek; did not see them stop at the body; kept on after the other one.

Everett Robinson (the captured thief) —Were camped behind snow fence; saw man on horse back; walked up to fence and saw seven or eight men; walked up to buggy and got shot gun; Frank got Winchester, which was not loaded; three shots were fired; we did not shoot; we took our guns and ran; Frank was behind me; I heard him say, "My God, I can not stand this much longer, I am going to stop." Both barrels of my gun were loaded; I had several cartridges in my pocket; I first knew Frank at Spalding; we have been hunting on the lakes; had known Frank some time; had not been hunting saddles until here of late; they called on us to halt but we kept on running; that is the gun, it is not just as I left it, there was a piece of paper under the break, that is gone; had my gun lying on my arm; did not point it at them.

McAllister recalled—I fired one shot; Lewis fired one shot; there were several shots fired I think; other parties shot; prisoner shot twice; I think it was the prisoner; he fired one shot on the north side of the stream and one shot on the south side of the stream; they both held their guns at us; think it was Robinson first; there were four or five shots; we followed them to bring them back; we did not fire till they stood us off; was about 100 yards away when we shot the last time; I shot at the men.

Wiley recalled—I am not a constable now, was for four years.

Harry Lewis recalled—I recognize this gun, there was no shells in it when I picked it up.

Ralph Lewis and his son were both again recalled. Ralph Lewis testified that there were shells in the gun and that he took them out. Harry Lewis then denied that there were no shells in the gun when he picked it up.

The jury then adjourned till 7 p. m. when they again met and were not long in reaching a verdict, which is as follows:

STATE OF NEBRASKA } ss.
HOLT COUNTY. }

At an inquisition holden at Stuart, in Holt county, Nebraska, on the 23rd day of April, 1897, before me, E. Kline, coroner of said county, upon the body of Frank Cole, lying dead by the jurors whose names are hereto subscribed, the said jurors upon their oath do say that said Frank Cole came to his death on the 23rd day of April, 1897, from a shot from a gun in the hands of one of the following named parties: Ralph Lewis, H. D. Lewis, Wm. Wiley, Wm. McAllister, A. Newman, Ed Robinson and E. Demmar, with intent to do bodily harm.

(Signed) DAVID CLAVENOR, D. C. BLOODIN, F. MCKAY, GEO. HAHN, Wm. GILL, J. N. HOVEY, E. KLINE, Coroner.

The evidence brought out at the coroner's inquest was so strong and of such a nature as to make it appear that the parties connected with the homicide were guilty of willful manslaughter. In accordance with the verdict of the jury, the coroner issued warrants for the accused parties ordering them to be taken before some magistrate to be dealt with according to law. The parties were arrested this (Friday) evening, and will be taken to O'Neill in the morning for a hearing before the county judge.

The unlawful and unjustifiable killing of Frank Cole is to be deplored. There is unity of sentiment here that the parties who have stained their hands with his blood should be punished and the majesty of the law vindicated. Everett Robinson was taken alive. In all probability he was the greater criminal and the more dangerous man of the two. There is no good reason why Frank Cole should not have been taken alive also. Nothing is known of the deceased except that he has a mother and step-father living near Greeley Center, this state. They have been notified and will be here tomorrow night.

Everett Robinson was taken in charge by Sheriff Hamilton and will be turned over to Keya Paha county authorities for prosecution.

Cole and Robinson camped last Sunday night as they were going north at the same place where they were captured.

There is no doubt but what they stole the plunder which was found in their possession—two saddles and a set of harness—but their theft does not justify the greater crime of murder and the stigma that it brings upon this portion of the state.

The above account of the shooting of young Cole and the evidence adduced at the coroner's inquest is taken from the Stuart Ledger of last week. The prisoners were brought to this city by Sheriff Hamilton last Saturday morning. They were brought before the county judge and hearing set for Monday morning at 10 o'clock. Monday morning they appeared before the county court and all except McAllister and Lewis were discharged. The latter waived preliminary examination and were bound over to the district court in the sum of \$3,500. They furnished bail and were released. The following are the bondsmen and the amount they swore they were worth over and above all debts and exemptions. On Lewis' bond: John Demer, \$500; S. O. Lewis, \$700; J. H. McAllister, \$500; C. E. Lear, \$5,000. On McAllister's bond: F. J. Rhodes, \$600; James Wiley, \$500; H. M. Bradstreet, \$500; Ralph Lewis, \$5,000.

The complaint of the county attorney, upon which they were arraigned, charged them with the murder of Frank Cole. The case will come up at the next term of the district court in September.

Young Robinson, who was with Cole when he was killed, was brought before the county court and his bond fixed at \$1,000 to appear as a witness against McAllister and Lewis. He was unable to furnish bail and is now in the county jail, where he will remain until the case is tried.

SHORT LINE EXTENSION

Donald McLean Declares Dirt Will Be Flying in a Month.

THE SITUATION IN THE WEST

The Right of Way Secured, and Only a Few Preliminaries to Be Arranged.

Parlor suite 201-203 at the Mondamin hotel, occupied by Donald McLean, builder of the Pacific Short Line and the projector of the Sioux City and Western railway, was a busy place yesterday. All day long there was a stream of visitors. Among the important callers in the afternoon were F. C. Hills, receiver of the Sioux City, O'Neill and Western, John Hornick and John Pierce, Mr. McLean and Mr. Pierce have buried the hatchet and again are working hand in hand.

It was arranged for Mr. McLean to go to O'Neill today or tomorrow, where he will be accompanied by Mr. Hills. Chief Engineer Wakefield will go along, and several matters in regard to surveys will be adjusted.

Mr. McLean was going into the dining room for supper when he was seen by a reporter for the Times and asked if there was anything new in relation to the road.

"No, nothing particularly new," replied Mr. McLean. "Everything is coming our way again, and the doubting Thomases soon will be convinced that Sioux City can have a railway to the coast. The capital necessary for the construction of this line is up, as the well informed people in Sioux City know, and with another month's application to the preliminary work of details, dirt will begin to fly."

While Mr. McLean was in the far west the Salt Lake Herald published the following: "The latest rumor connected with railroad building about Zion is the incorporation of the Wyoming and Northwestern road for the purpose of constructing and maintaining an independent line from Casper west through Natonia, Fremont and Uinta counties to the Wyoming state line and thence to the Pacific coast by way of Salt Lake. The capital stock of the new company is placed at \$6,000,000 and the names of the incorporators appearing in the papers are Thomas S. Moffat, Reuben Hatch and Thomas J. Brown, all Englishmen, the latter being the American agent of the British-American Exchange association. No further information can be obtained locally regarding the new incorporation, but it has a suspicious intimacy with Donald McLean, who is now on the grounds in the interests of the Pacific Short Line plan. Mr. McLean came near letting the cat out of the bag during his interview with a Herald man on Thursday evening, when he said that the stockholders in the new line were all Englishmen and that the extension of McLean's road from O'Neill, Neb., would cut the state of Wyoming in almost a direct line. Some years ago Mr. McLean was intensely interested in the piece of road 135 miles long, which extends today from Sioux City to O'Neill, and it was mainly through his efforts that this beginning of the Pacific Short Line was made. For some financial reasons the road never got any further than O'Neill, and the commotion over the most direct line to San Francisco died a natural death. Now the angel of the plan has emerged from his South American retirement and the scheme has again taken wings. Mr. McLean was entirely willing last evening to take the responsibility of the Wyoming and Northwestern incorporation, the veritable extension of the Pacific Short Line from O'Neill to Salt Lake. Beyond Salt Lake there is as yet nothing tangible, but Mr. McLean gives it out that he will bring out the other section between this point and Beckwith's pass, in California.

"The Wyoming and Northwestern incorporation is official, having been obtained from the records of that state. Mr. McLean darkly intimates that he may be getting another organization ready to incorporate under the laws of Utah, but he will make nothing public until the plans are ripe. The rather interesting operator was closeted in his rooms during the whole of yesterday receiving numerous obscure callers, whom he said were of importance to the deal he is now arranging."—Sioux City Times.

Donald McLean F. C. Hills, receiver of the Pacific Short Line, F. L. Seaman, general claim agent, and L. F. Wakefield, civil engineer, arrived in the city last Monday evening on the Short Line. The party were met at the depot by a delegation of our business men and escorted to the Hotel Evans. They were in the city all day Tuesday looking after business matters connected with the extension of the road. Mr. McLean informed a FRONTIER reporter that the road would be pushed on from this city this season, and that work would commence in about 30 days. He said they would put in machine shops here and would make O'Neill one of the best cities in northeastern Nebraska. He said that he would go to New York in a few days to finish the preliminary arrangements, and that upon his return work would commence. The people of O'Neill sincerely hope that Mr. McLean's predictions will be verified and eagerly look forward to June 1, when, he said, dirt would be flying all along the line.