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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.

Postmaster Doyle was in Omaha last week.

Wm. Krotter was down from Stuart Monday.

Theo Walmer was up the road Monday.

Joe Mann was over from Spencer Sunday.

There is nothing slow about this kind of weather.

Elmer Williams was in Sioux City last Thursday.

Miss Anna Morrow is now deputy county superintendent.

Miss Kate Mann spent Sunday in the city visiting relatives.

Bring the children in next Friday and give them a holiday.

S. J. Weekes transacted business in Atkinson last Saturday.

Miss Mae Mullen is down from Deadwood visiting her parents.

Thomas Campbell is building an addition to his residence.

Arthur Coykendall spent Sunday in Atkinson visiting friends.

Will Carey and A. L. Bruce, of Lambert, were in O'Neill last Friday.

O'Neill has more musicians than any other town of its size in the state.

Editor Raker was up from Ewing Tuesday on the Van Zandt case.

John Skirving was looking after business matters in Stuart Tuesday.

Attorney Searles and J. M. Stewart were down from Atkinson Tuesday.

Attorney Scott was down from Atkinson Monday attending district court.

Don't fail to see the Perry & Mathews' circus which exhibits at O'Neill Friday, May 14.

Plant your ads in THE FRONTIER if you desire to have them read by the people.

Jacob Humpal and wife, of Atkinson, had business before the land office Monday.

A medicine show furnished free amusement to O'Neillites several days last week.

The ladies' working society will meet at Mrs. John Skirving's next Wednesday afternoon.

How about that ball team? If we are going to be in line this season it is time to organize.

Carl Crocker, of Ewing, one of Holt county's most prosperous farmers, was in the city last Friday.

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

Jake Hershiser was up from Norfolk several days last week looking after his business interests here.

The young son of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Price has just recovered from a severe attack of the measles.

U. G. Miller, of Basset, and Miss Dora Doyle, of Stuart, were granted a marriage license last Saturday.

WANTED—Room and board by gentleman. Address with particulars and location, A. 27, this office.

Clinton W. Lowrie will preach in the Presbyterian church in O'Neill on next Sabbath morning and evening.

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. KEYES.

Several Ewingites were in the city Tuesday as witnesses in the case of the State of Nebraska vs. Martin VanZandt.

The best line of cigars, wall paper and paints at Hershiser & Gilligan's. Give us a call before you buy wall paper. 42-1f

Norfolk Times: Layton Shaw, late of Macy's photograph gallery, left yesterday for Fullerton to join a circus band.

The sound of the hammer is heard every day on "Kid hill." Ed Gallagher and Theo. Birmingham are building additions to their residences.

Mrs. Hadley, wife of Professor Hadley, arrived in the city last week and will remain until Mr. Hadley completes his contract with the musical union.

The county judge issued a marriage license last Saturday in favor of Charles F. Allen and Rosa Newberry, both of Page.

Chas. Allman, Mike Sox and J. F. Haight, of Stuart, were in the city Monday as witnesses before the insanity board.

The celebrated stallion, Cleveland Bay, will be at Bradstreet's barn in O'Neill every Saturday. To insure, \$3. 44-2 GEO. PARKIS.

The stock business is one of the leading industries of Holt county. The man who has a nice bunch of cattle is always prosperous.

Ed Barbee, who has been employed in Corrigan's drug store the past four months, resigned his position last week and left for Omaha Monday morning.

Dr. Dodd, of Newport, has been re-elected president of the board of directors of the Golden Irrigation district, and E. B. Brain has been re-elected secretary.

Perry & Mathews' Syndicate Shows, Circus, Museum and Menagerie will exhibit at O'Neill Friday, May 14. Grand free street parade at 12:30, rain or shine.

The Checkered livery barn has received several new buggies and carriages, and now has some of the finest turnouts in the city. Ben always keeps abreast of the times.

Only a few more days to wait until Perry & Mathews' Syndicate shows arrive. They will be here Friday, May 14. Don't miss it for it will be the only show here this season.

Mrs. J. M. Merriman and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Merriman desire to extend their sincere and heartfelt thanks to the many friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted them during the sickness and death of their beloved husband and father.

Supervisor Mose Campbell, chairman of the court-house committee, has had the fence around the court-house grounds repaired. It would look a great deal better if the fence was picket instead of wire.

Perry & Mathews' having purchased the F. J. Taylor circus and combined the two shows into one vast enterprise known as the Perry & Mathews' Syndicate shows, circus and menagerie, will exhibit at O'Neill Friday, May 14.

Mrs. Sarah Solomon, mother of Supervisor C. W. Moss, arrived in the city Monday evening from Ft. Scott, Kansas, where she has been visiting relatives for several months. Mr. Moss met her here and took her to his home Tuesday.

The showman have formed a compact to divide the territory that they might not interfere with each other. By that agreement Perry & Mathews' Syndicate shows will be the only big show here this season. They exhibit here Friday, May 14.

The board of Directors of the Golden Irrigation District held their regular monthly meeting last Tuesday with all members present. Dr. Dodd, president of the board, had just returned from the engineer's camp and he reports that work is progressing rapidly.

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.

The following attractions are booked at the opera-house for this month: Musical union recital under the leadership of Prof. Hadley. County Sunday school convention. Alexander's Original Tennessee Minstrels. Prescott & Torry's Theatrical company.

The members of the O'Neill Fire Department held a meeting last Tuesday evening for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. The following officers were elected: Chief, James Davidson; secretary, Arthur Coykendall; treasurer, James O'Donnell.

Mrs. Mary Blazic, of Stuart, was brought before the board of insanity Monday. Upon a thorough examination of the case, the board decided that her insanity was of such a nature that they did not feel warranted in sending her to the asylum, so she was discharged.

Mrs. H. G. Balus, of Atkinson, was granted a divorce from H. G. Balus in the district court last Monday. The court costs and her attorney's fees were also taxed against Balus. She was allowed \$300 alimony, and to secure said amount was given title and possession of a quarter section of land belonging to Balus. If said amount is paid in sixty days, he is to have the land. If he fails to pay the alimony in the time given him by the court, Mrs. Balus can sell the land to secure the amount. She was also given the custody of her two children.

Atkinson Graphic: Dr. McDonald, local surgeon of the Elkhorn road, was called to Stuart Tuesday night to attend a tramp who had been run over by the passenger. Both legs were cut off by the train and he soon died from the shock. His name was Will Hobbs, and he lived in Sioux City.

Sell your wheat and buy better flour than you can get at the ordinary country one roller mill. We have just secured a car load of very fine flour, graham and granulated corn meal. See us before buying your supply. Our prices are right. 43-2 O'NEILL GROCERY CO.

John Fallon was a pleasant caller at this office last Saturday and paid his subscription to this popular family journal. John is one of the oldest subscribers upon THE FRONTIER'S subscription book, having taken the paper for fourteen years and he says he will continue to read it as long as he lives in Holt county.

Elsworth Mack has accepted the position of manager of the Elkhorn Irrigation company's stock ranch, with headquarters at the old Elwood ranch about 18 miles southwest of this city. He moved his family out to the ranch Wednesday. The company has about 800 head of cattle on the ranch and expect to buy about 400 head more.

The replevin case of School District No. 39 vs. St. Buck was tried before Judge McCutchan last Friday. This is a case where defendant gained possession of a number of text books belonging to school district No. 39, and refused to give them up, and further, removed them from the district. A part of the books were recovered under a writ of replevin, but the rest could not be found. The case was decided in favor of the district, and the defendant assessed \$6, the cost of the books, and the costs in the case. J. J. Harrington appeared for the plaintiff, and H. M. Utley for the defendant.

M. N. Van Zandt, formerly president of the Bank of Ewing, was arrested in Omaha on April 28 by Sheriff Hamilton, on a warrant sworn out by Charles F. Lytle. He is charged with having on the 17th day of December, 1896, in the county of Holt, state of Nebraska, knowingly, feloniously and unlawfully, as president of the Bank of Ewing, received on deposit in said bank \$3,000 of lawful money, he then knowing said bank to be insolvent. He was brought to this city and taken before the county judge for preliminary hearing. The examination occupied the attention of the court two days. The court decided that the evidence was sufficient to hold him, so he was bound over to the district court, bail being fixed at \$1,200.

NOTICE  
To all whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that the herd law will be strictly enforced, and all stock found running at large will be placed in the pound.  
A. MARLOW,  
Street Commissioner.

BICYCLE FREE.  
On July 4th we will give our customers a high grade Imperial ladies or gents wheel. Shares will be given for sales, and collectors of accounts notes or school orders.  
39-1f  
J. P. MANN.

NOTICE TO HERDERS.  
Anyone found driving stock, or letting stock run, across any sidewalk in O'Neill, will be fined \$5. This ordinance will be strictly enforced and the fine collected.  
A. MARLOW,  
Street Commissioner.

DON'T BE MISLED.  
When going to Sioux City buy your ticket to O'Neill and take the Pacific Short Line at that point. We make connections every day, except Sunday, arriving at Sioux City at 2:45 p. m. Returning, leave Sioux City at 5 p. m., making connections at O'Neill west-bound. Passengers from Mitchell, Sioux Falls, etc., going to the Hills, arrive in Sioux City in time to connect with our train west-bound, avoiding any lay over at Sioux City.

CITY COUNCIL.  
The city council met in regular session in Mayor Gillespie's office last Tuesday afternoon, with all members present. The occupation tax on saloons was raised from \$150 to \$300. The saloons now pay \$800 a year instead of \$650, which was the amount they paid the past two years.

The following appointments were then made, all of whom were confirmed: City attorney, Theo. Carlson. City marshal and street commissioner, A. Marlow. City water commissioner, Charlie Hall. Night watch, Scott Hough. City weighmaster, E. H. Thompson.

## JOHNSON'S VIEWS.

LINCOLN, NEB., May 4, 1897.—Special Correspondence: Over in the good state of Iowa, in the western part of Wapello county, is a patch of rough country, which during the war was inhabited by some very rough and ill-tempered people who were fond of fights and whisky.

Because of the rough contour of the country and the rough character of the people this locality was known as "Whiskey Ridge."

"I'm a fightin' man I'm th' ridge, an' I drink fightin' whiskey," was the way the Ridger put it as he called for the drinks when he came to town. The old men of the village used to shake their heads knowingly and say to each other, "there'll be trouble in this town 'fore night. The Ridgers are comin' in and they want a row." Whenever the Ridgers started in to hunt trouble they generally found it. Their fighting propensities were a menace to the peaceable neighborhoods surrounding them, for wherever the people gathered, whether at spellin' school, Fourth o' July, or at camp meetin', a group of those burly fighters from the Ridge would hang round the outskirts of the crowd looking for trouble. "I'm fr'm th' ridge," you could hear one of them say now and then in a loud voice. "An' I'd like to see th' son of a gun 'at wants to take it up." When the Ridgers could find no one outside of their own set to quarrel with they quarreled among themselves. They always kept a supply of neighborhood feuds on hand, and these old scores would be debited and credited from time to time, at spellin' school, at camp meetin' at Fourth o' July, or at the regular weekly round-up of the gang in the little village on Saturday afternoons. The old men would sit round and spin long yarns of the fights they had enjoyed in their younger days, and when the audience would sometimes look incredulous as if they considered the story a little overdrawn, you would see the old fighter from way back open his grumpy old mouth and show where a couple of teeth had been knocked out.

He would show the scar on his knuckles and hold up the very thumb with which he had gouged the eye out of his antagonist.

The young men followed the example of the old men, and the small boys imitated the larger boys, so that as fast as the old veterans dropped out of active service the fighting ranks were constantly renewed from the rising generation, and the fighting carnival went on year in and year out.

But while the fighting propensities of the Ridgers were reasonably satisfied at the camp meetin', at Fourth o' July, and at the Saturday afternoon meetings in the village, the interest never reached its highest point until it centered around the district schoolmaster. There was where the entertainment reached its climax, and the mind force of Whiskey Ridge was aroused to its utmost tension when Bub Blithers, or some other burly young son of his father, announced his intention to clean out the new school master and bust the school. The school was an institution of law, established by the authority of the state, and there was a glory in busting up a school which aroused the keenest zest in the mind of each ambitious youth whose prowess could not be established in any other way. When Bub, or Bob, or Bill had licked the teacher and busted up the school, he was a hero on Whiskey Ridge, and the coyest young maiden in the neighborhood hung the latch string out for him.

Now there is no particular community in Nebraska and no particular set of people that can be compared to the Whiskey Ridgers as to fist fights and the coarser manifestations of belligerency, unless it would be the fusion members of the late legislature, but the disposition to contend, to dispute, to resist law, to rule or ruin, to bust up something, is being manifested in a way and by a spirit which reminds us of the old spirit which predominated on Whiskey Ridge.

When the people are taught year after year by political leaders that the government is all wrong, that the laws are wrong, that the rules and regulating forces of society are oppressive, then a spirit of rebellion comes into the young men and a disposition to resist these rules by force. The mind force of Nebraska people has been so wrought upon in the last few years by some wrongs that were real and many which were only imaginary that some of the people, in their minds, are in a constant state of rebellion against the laws and rules which are established for their government. It has been a time of financial depression. Financial depression always creates discontent, brings out the latent belligerency which exists down deep in the nature of all free men when they feel that they are wronged, and affords an opportunity for the designing agitator to ply his trade.

Now if I should say that the populist party in this state is an organization of the law breaking people, of those who are of a contentious and quarrelsome disposition, such a statement might seem at first thought, to the milder and more reasonable populists, as unwarranted by the facts. But when it is cited that populist leaders have constantly railed against the laws of the nation and the state, that they have shown a tendency to override law wherever they have been in power, and that they have quarreled not only with the government, the state, and the republican party, but wherever they have obtained control officially have quarreled among themselves, I think every reasonable populist will admit that the spirit of Whiskey Ridge is altogether too conspicuous in his party and prophesies ultimately its sure and certain dissolution. They have quarreled with each other in every public institution in the state where they have come together. They quarreled at the Norfolk Insane Asylum until the very lunatics were disgusted with them. They quarreled at the blind asylum until the inmates could see that they were bad tempered and unreasonable people. They quarreled at the old soldiers' home in Grand Island until the old soldiers were made miserable and unhappy. They quarreled at the penitentiary until the very convicts desired to leave the place forever, and they are now quarrelling at the feeble minded institute at Beatrice until the inmates of that institution feel that even they could run the institution better themselves. They would at least agree with each other.

A quarrelling man will quarrel wherever he is, or under whatever conditions he may be placed. A rough and uneducated man, if he lives at Whiskey Ridge, will show his quarrelsome nature in fist fights and disturbances. He will lick the teacher and bust up the school. But if he is an educated man, if he has been refined and cultivated so that he is a teacher himself, a professor in a state university, he will show his quarrelling propensities by meddling, nagging, picking flaws here and there, and by resisting the rules which govern the institution. The state university is a great institution, having sixteen hundred students, a hundred names on its pay roll, half of whom are professors and teachers, and in such an institution there must be a system and control, and this control must have a head man who is the center of authority, and the whole machinery, each professor, teacher, and student, must work in harmony with the central authority. Several times in its history the institution has been hindered temporarily in its efficiency by meddling and contentious professors, who thought they knew more about running the institution than the chancellor or the regents.

The regents at their meeting this week dismissed four professors, two of them because their departments were merged into other departments and there was no longer use for them, one because he was incompetent, and one because he was a meddler, a busybody who wanted to interfere on the rule or ruin plan.

Three of the dismissed professors are republican gold bugs, while one of them is a populist free silverite. The populist professor, the meddler above referred to, is a son of Land Commissioner Wolfe. When his dismissal was announced, it was immediately accepted by his populist followers as persecution against his politics, and by the assistance of some leading populist students a disgraceful row was inaugurated at the chapel service.

The professor, the land commissioner, and other populists, announce that they will carry the quarrel before the people of the entire state. All good citizens of the state will regret to see the university turned into a bone of political contention. No republican will think of complaining because the republicans were discharged, and no populist who loves the university will join the land commissioner in his crusade of revenge. They must not be allowed to bust up the school.  
J. W. JOHNSON.

Condensed Testimony.  
Chas. B. Hood, broker and manufacturer's agent, Columbus, Ohio, certifies that Dr. King's new discovery has no equal as a cough remedy. J. D. Brown, proprietor St. James hotel, Ft. Wayne, Ind., testified that he was cured of a cough of two years' standing, caused by a gripe, by Dr. King's New Discovery. B. F. Merrill, Baldwinville, Mass., says that he has used and recommended it and never knew it to fail and would rather have it than any doctor, because it always cures. Mrs. Hemming, 232 E. 25th St., Chicago, always keeps it at hand and has no fear of croup, because it instantly relieves. Free trial bottles at P. C. Corrigan's drug store.

Dr. Gilligan left Monday morning for Chicago, where he goes to attend a national convention of railway surgeons. He will return tomorrow evening.

## EXPLANATION OF FLAG SIGNALS.

The following is an explanation of the weather bureau flag signals which are floating from the flag pole on the court house every day:

No. 1—Square white flag—fair weather.

No. 2—Square blue flag—rain or snow.

No. 3—Square flag, top white, bottom blue—local rains.

No. 4—Triangular black flag—temperature.

No. 5—Square white flag with black center—cold wave.

No. 1 alone, indicates fair weather, stationary temperature.

No. 2 alone, indicates rain or snow, stationary temperature.

No. 3 alone, indicates local rain, stationary temperature.

No. 1 with No. 4 above it, indicates fair weather, warmer.

No. 1 with No. 4 below it, indicates fair weather, warmer.

No. 2 with No. 4 above it, indicates warmer weather, rain or snow.

No. 2 with No. 4 below it, indicates colder weather, rain or snow.

No. 3 with No. 4 above it, indicates warmer weather, with local rains.

No. 3 with No. 4 below it, indicates colder weather, with local rains.

No. 1 with No. 5 below it, indicates fair weather, cold wave.

No. 2 with No. 5 below it, indicates wet weather, cold wave.

Flags are raised at 10 o'clock a. m., and will be lowered about 5 o'clock in the evening, and will represent the forecast for the 24 hours following, commencing at 8 o'clock that evening. If more than one kind of weather is predicted for any given period, the first condition will be represented by the uppermost flag. If two temperatures are normal, the first only will be represented by the temperature flag in its proper position.

## PROGRAM.

The following is the program of the Holt county Sunday School Convention to be held on May 27, 1897, at O'Neill, Nebraska.

MORNING SESSION.  
9:45—Song and Praise Service, Rev. George, 10 Paper: "Material for Building Character." O. C. Snyder.

Discussion, Rev. A. Bishop and H. R. Henry 10:30—Address: "The Duty of the Teacher to Lead the Pupil to Jesus." Rev. C. F. Smith.

Discussion, Mrs. L. H. Blackburn and A. S. Eby. 11:00—Paper: "Christ as a Teacher." Rev. N. S. Lowrie.

Discussion, Rev. Hill and Wilson Brodie. 11:30—Appointing committees on Resolutions and nominations.

AFTERNOON SESSION.  
1:30—Devotional Exercises, Mrs. A. C. Crossman.

1:45—Reports of Superintendents and Delegates.  
2:30—Address, Rev. S. F. Sharpless.  
3:00—Paper: "Reform in Sunday School." Mrs. C. L. Anderson.

Discussion, J. S. Hoffman and V. V. Rosenkrans. 3:30—Paper: "How to Prepare the Lesson." Rev. Book.

Discussion, Theo. Elder and O. M. Collins. 4:00—Missionary Work of the Sunday School. Rev. E. T. George.

Discussion, A. C. Crossman and Giles Phelps 4:30—Election of officers.

EVENING SESSION.  
7:30—Praise and Song Service, M. Miller. 7:45—Chorus, O'Neill Musical Union. 8:10—Address, Rev. Wm. Gorst. 9:00—Resolutions.

The session will be held in the Presbyterian church. Papers to be discussed will be limited to twenty minutes. Every school in the county should be represented. Entertainment will be furnished pastors, superintendents and a delegate from each Sunday School. Pray for the success of the convention.  
J. C. HARNISH, E. H. BENEDICT, Secretary. Pres. Pro Tem.

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THE BEST SALVE in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by P. C. Corrigan. 51-1f

Relieved of Terrible Pains.  
R. E. Morse, traveling salesman, Galveston, Texas, says: Ballard's Snow Liniment cured me of rheumatism of three months' standing after use of two bottles. J. S. Doan, Danville, Ill., says: I have used Ballard's Snow Liniment for years and would not be without it. J. R. Crouch, Rio, Ill., says Ballard's Snow Liniment cured terrible pains in back of head and neck when nothing else would. Every bottle guaranteed. Price 50 cents. Free trial bottles at P. C. Corrigan's.

By taking the Pacific Short Line at O'Neill Train from O'Neill, Neb., at 2:40 p. m., returning leaves at 5:30 a. m., making close connections at O'Neill in both directions.

Connections also made with trains to and from Yankton, Sioux Falls, Mitchell, etc. Buy local tickets to O'Neill.