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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.

Prescott & Torrey's Comedy company tonight.

Ferry & Mathews' show is stranded at West Point.

E. C. Blendell was up from Sioux City Monday.

J. E. Allison, of Atkinson, was an O'Neill visitor Friday.

Cal Moffat was over from Spencer Tuesday and Wednesday.

Harry Huddleston visited friends in Omaha and Pierce last week.

Mrs. J. J. Stillson, of Atkinson, was shopping in O'Neill last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Harrington went down to Omaha Sunday morning.

Children's Day services at the M. E. church next Sunday at 10:30, a. m.

Harry Uttley came up from Omaha last night on a short visit to his parents.

Miss Tillie Mullen, of Page, visited relatives in this city the first of the week.

Frank Moore and H. A. Allen, of Atkinson, were O'Neill visitors last Tuesday.

S. B. Haward came down from Atkinson Sunday and spent the day with his family.

Mrs. Ed F. Gallagher and Mrs. W. T. Evans are in Omaha visiting friends and relatives.

See "College Chums, or Charley's Aunt," at the opera-house next Monday night. Full of fun.

The ladies' working society will meet with Mrs. Price June 16. A good attendance is desired.

Attorney Carlon went down to Omaha Tuesday morning where he has business before the federal court.

Ernest Beavers, of Imogene, Ia., is visiting his parents, who live north of town, for a couple of months.

Miss Ina Orcutt, of Atkinson, attended the commencement exercises at the opera-house Friday evening.

Opera-house tonight, Prescott & Torrey's great comedy company in the season's success. "A False Face."

Miss Maggie Mellor went to Sioux City yesterday morning, where she will attend school during the summer.

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. KEYS.

Use the Armstrong Twin Screw Pump when irrigating your land. Best water lifter made. On exhibition at O'Neill.

Several Holt county farmers have been compelled to replant their corn on account of the destructive little cut worm.

Carlon & Lord company carry more high-class specialty people than any company on the road. See them Monday night.

John H. Moshier, of Audibon, Ia., was in the city Saturday on his way to Butte, where he goes to visit friends for a few weeks.

Children's Day exercises will be held in the evening at the Presbyterian church next Sabbath, June 13. All are cordially invited.

Epworth League social Friday evening at the Clear restaurant building. Ice cream, strawberries and cake will be served for 15 cents.

Several O'Neillites visited the mormon revival, which was in progress at Isman, last Sunday. They report a very large attendance.

The circus is here but for a day, but Hershiser & Gilligan are here all the time. When you need anything in the drug line be sure and call. 45f

John A. Watson, of Brainard, Neb., was in the city last week. Mr. Watson is a candidate for the principalship of the O'Neill public schools.

S. J. Weekes was nominated by the president last Saturday, for register of the O'Neill land office. John will probably get into the traces about July 15.

Soda water is healthful and refreshing. Try some of Hershiser & Gilligan's famous drinks—Fruil Miz, Crushed Violet, Pure Jersey Cream, Chocolate, and all kinds of phosphates. 45f

Pete Sauderstein, section foreman of the F. E., is the proud father of a bouncing boy baby, born last Tuesday.

Fred Swingley went to Atkinson Sunday evening to take charge of the new bank which was opened up for business Monday morning. We wish him success.

Mrs. J. A. Golden and Miss Susie Quilly left for Kelleston, Ia., Sunday morning to attend the funeral of their mother, who died at that place last Saturday morning.

A story is told of a woman in Omaha who fell from her wheel the other day and bit off an inch of her tongue. The accident has greatly increased the demand for wheels.

All lovers of refined farce comedy should attend the entertainment at the opera-house tonight. Reserved seats at Hershiser & Gilligan's drug store—Prices, 15, 25 and 35 cents.

THE FRONTIER would like to have a good live correspondent in every township, and to those who will serve us in that capacity we will offer liberal inducements. Write for particulars.

The Neigh district camp-meeting will be held on the old camp ground at Oakdale, June 2-11. The usual railroad rates may be obtained. Write Rev. W. A. Rominger, of Tilden, about tents.

"Old Charlie," Agent Dobbs' express horse, and who is quite old enough to know better, having reached his majority, ran away Monday morning, breaking the harness and buggy quite badly.

Miss Mary Daugherty, of Stafford, has just completed a very successful term of school in district No. 174 at Inman. On the last day appropriate exercises were held which were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The following officers were elected in Garfield lodge No. 97, A. F. and A. M., for the ensuing year: J. J. King, W. M.; John McHugh, Sr. W.; J. P. Gilligan, Jr. W.; E. M. Grady, Tr.; Harry Dowling, Sec.

A meeting will be held at the courthouse Friday evening at 8 o'clock for the purpose of discussing the projected O'Neill-Ponca extension of the Pacific Short Line. Donald McLean will be present. All are invited to attend.

BY ORDER COM.

Street Commissioner Marlow is doing some good work on the streets and sidewalks of O'Neill; the job of grading on Fifth street being a particularly good piece of work, and something that should have been done several years ago.

The following officers were elected in Elkhorn Valley lodge No. 57, I. O. O. F., for ensuing term: J. P. Gilligan, N. G.; Emil Snigg, V. G. O. O. Snyder and J. C. Harnish were elected representatives to grand lodge which meets in Lincoln in October.

G. A. Kindblade, father-in-law of C. E. Farrier, who has been living near Chambers for the past three years, received notice last Friday that his pension had been increased. He started for southern Iowa Monday morning he will make a protracted visit.

"A False Face" at the opera house tonight. This is the first presentation in this city of this piece. It is said to abound in mirth and comical situations, and is produced under the direction of the author, Chas. M. Breckenridge, with the support of a first-class company of recognized artists.

The management of the opera-house desire to state that they have been able to secure Prescott & Torrey's Comedy company for one night only, Thursday evening, June 10. They will present the laughable farce comedy success, "A False Face." This play is said to have given general satisfaction wherever presented.

The Atkinson Graphic is no more. The plant has been leased by Mr. Eves, who will consolidate it with the Plain Dealer. Jenness is a bright newspaper man and we hope to soon see him guiding the destinies of some other good paper in this section.

There was a "hot" ball game at Stuart last Friday between the Atkinson and Stuart clubs. It is reported that the score keeper wore out three leaf pencils while keeping tally, and when the agony was over the score stood 23 to 18 in favor of Stuart. Try again, boys, you may do better next time.

Benjamin F. Franklin, Grand Lecturer of Tammany lodge, of this city, left for Three Rivers, Mich., where he expects to make his future home with his brother. Mr. Hammond has been a faithful worker for the upbuilding of the lodge, of which he was an honored member, and his presence in the lodge room as well as the words of wisdom he was wont to drop in his weekly talks will be greatly missed by the boys.

Buy local tickets to O'Neill.

## IRRIGATION.

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GOLDEN IRRIGATION DISTRICT:

Gentlemen: Your committee appointed to visit the camp of engineers and the reservoir sites and river and to report on the advisability of having the site known as the Marsh lake reservoir site, surveyed, beg to report as follows:

Your committee arrived at the Marsh lake reservoir site on the 25th of May, and after looking over the site surveyed, and the adaptability of the Marsh lake site as a reservoir, and the further fact that it would not cost any more to improve this site for reservoir purposes than it would to build the ditch through the basin comprising this site, your committee recommend that Mr. Berry make preliminary notes of the capacity and dam heights of this site before he leaves to come east with the preliminary survey of the main ditch.

Your committee beg to report that they found the reservoir sites to be fully as good for the purpose as has been represented, and are of the opinion that the cost of acquiring the desired land that may have to be purchased will be very trifling, for the reason that the country is not fit for settlement owing to the absence of hay land.

We further report that we visited the site of proposed head gate and dam on Snake river, at head of supply canal, where we found an admirable site with rock bottom and the banks especially adapted to the purpose, and your committee are satisfied that with the low dams as surveyed on this river, (31 feet) and on the Niobrara river, (14 feet) a practical and comparatively cheap route is obtained to the reservoir site.

We further report that we made the following measurements of the Snake river at a point one and one-half miles above the headgate, at the ranch of Mr. Webster, (at which place there is a bridge) viz: thirty feet wide, and an average depth of two feet seven inches, and flowing at the rate of fourteen feet in five seconds, and from the information obtained from Mr. Webster, who is an old resident here, and lives close to the bridge and on the bank of the river, we found that this was about the medium flow of the river, and could safely be taken as an average, as the river commences to fall in February and to rise in September in each year. This measurement as made by your committee fully satisfies us of the reliability of the gaugings already reported, and which from data now at hand (May 29, 1897,) aggregates an average of 537 cubic feet per second, or nearly 400,000 acres, twelve inches deep, per annum.

Your committee find that Mr. Berry preserves excellent order and discipline in camp, and that he has made good progress with the work, and we believe him to be a man of good judgment and very conservative in his estimates and thorough in all his work. By reason of the survey having been commenced before the ground thawed out in the spring, the engineers were enabled to accomplish a great deal of the work, that would have been at any other time of the year very slow and difficult on account of the marshy character of the lands, with comparative ease, and we think that Mr. Berry will be able to give estimate of the cost of construction of supply canals and reservoirs in about three weeks, together with the water supply and the reservoir capacity, in order that your honorable board and the land owners of the district may know the amount of water that can be supplied to the district from the reservoir, and its cost at the headgate of the main irrigation ditch; and in conclusion beg to report that we have instructed Messrs. Campbell and Berry to give the board a full report of their findings as soon as possible. The report to include estimate of the amount of water the district can rely on to flow from the reservoir, and its cost, together with their estimate of the amount of land that can be watered, and the probable cost of the finished system, and the probable cost per acre, so that your honorable board can better judge as to the advisability of the further prosecution of the preliminary survey, and the making of final estimates and survey of lands which cannot be profitably irrigated, and in order that the land owners in the district may be fully informed. Respectfully submitted,

E. F. DODD.  
J. H. HOPLINS.  
R. S. HALL.

## A PLAIN, STRAIGHT TALK.

Of the advantage to you of taking the Pacific Short Line via O'Neill when enroute to or from Sioux City. You save three hours in each direction, make close connections with Yankton, Sioux Falls and Mitchell trains; you can go to Sioux City and return the same day and it costs just the same for tickets as via the other line.

Buy local tickets to O'Neill.

Clyde King returned from Oregon last Tuesday evening. Clyde says prospecting in that section is not what it is cracked up to be. He must have encountered some startling adventures on the trip as some silvery hairs now glisten on his brow, where only locks of dark were visible when he left O'Neill. He has a pocket full of rattles which were the property of rattlesnakes he killed while prospecting for the yellow metal in the mountains of California and Oregon. Charlie Millard will return in about a month.

"Boys with hats on the back of their heads, and long hair hanging down over their foreheads, and cigarettes and smutty stories in their mouths are cheaper than old worn out horses," says an exchange. "Nobody wants them at any price. Men will not employ them and girls will not marry them. They are not worth their keeping to anybody, and they will never be able to keep themselves. If any boy happens to read this who answers the description let him take a good thoughtful look at himself and do then what his conscience says is the best thing to do."

The publisher of a newspaper has one thing to sell and one thing to rent. He has the newspaper to sell and the space in the columns to rent. Can anyone inform us why he should be expected to give away either the one or the other? He can if he so chooses, and he does, as a matter of fact, furnish a great deal of space rent free. But it does not follow that he ought to be expected to do so. It ought to be recognized as a contribution, exactly as would be the giving away of sugar or coffee by a grocer. But, strange to say, it is not looked upon in that light at all, yet everybody knows that the existence of a newspaper depends upon the rent of the space and the sale of the paper, as a merchant's success depends on selling his goods instead of giving them away.

## MUSICAL UNION.

The musical union gave another of their highly entertaining recitals at the opera-house last Tuesday night. The classes are making rapid progress under Prof. Hadley's instructions, and both teacher and pupils are to be commended for the interest and perseverance manifested in their work. The following program was rendered:

- Smith's Orchestra.
- Hunting Chorus.....C. E. Leslie.
- Musical Union.
- Baritone solo.....Mr. Clinton Lowrie.
- "Welcome Pretty Etarose".....Pisutti.
- Misses Lowrie, Gillespie, O'Sullivan; Messes McHugh, Anderson, Evans, Gallagher, Mandolin, guitar and harp.....Kautzman.
- Messes Smith, Evans and Kautzman.
- "Only a dream of the Old Home".....Leslie.
- Musical Union.
- "Rag Doll".....Ruth Evans.
- Violin solo.....G. W. Smith.
- "I Love You as of Old".....Flora Lowrie.
- Coronet solo.....Oscar Wilcox.
- "Peter, Peter, Pumpkin Eater".....Jacobs.
- Musical Union.
- "Hybras the Croyton".....Elliot.
- T. G. Hadley.
- "The Merry Harvest Time".....Hadley.
- Quartette.
- Children's chorus.....By the Afternoon Class.
- "The Old Canoe".....G. F. Root.
- Male Quartette.
- "Good Night" chorus.....Pisutti.
- Musical Union.

## A NEW RAILROAD FOR O'NEILL.

A committee of the business men of O'Neill waited on Donald McLean last night to discuss the advisability of calling a mass meeting of the citizens to consider the vast importance of his new route for the Pacific Short Line. He assured them that the Ponca-O'Neill route was not only a very feasible plan but a far better one than the present Sioux City line. The new road would come to O'Neill and go thence west along the present survey of the line to the coast, thus making a new line to O'Neill from Ponca by way of Creighton. At Ponca eastern connections will be made with the Milwaukee road.

Our citizens should wake up to a realization of what this new line would be to them. It would mean a new road to the Missouri river as well as a trunk line to the west. The present line would have to be operated as at present and on account of the competition that the Ponca line would create the present line might have to be extended to get more business. O'Neill would then be the center of all three lines and great benefit would ensue to us.

Mr. McLean has started out to make a good town of O'Neill and he proposes to do it. It may be that more work and greater expense will be incurred in bringing about the Ponca-O'Neill project than to get control of the Short Line, but if it can be done greater benefits will be realized by O'Neill.

A meeting is called of the citizens to be held at the court-house tomorrow night and every one should attend. Mr. McLean went to Creighton today but expects to return in time to attend the meeting tomorrow night.

## "ON THE THRESHOLD."

The commencement exercises of the O'Neill high school were held in the opera-house last Friday evening, and were listened to attentively by a large and appreciative audience.

The stage was beautifully and artistically decorated, and too much praise cannot be bestowed upon Messames W. J. Dobbs and W. T. Evans and the Misses Lettie Gillespie and Helen Lowrie for their untiring efforts in that direction.

The song, "Italia Beloved," by a double quartette, consisting of Messames Anderson and McHugh, Misses Maud Gillespie and Tess O'Sullivan, and Messrs. W. T. Evans, E. C. Luce and Clinton Lowrie, was beautifully rendered and thoroughly appreciated by all who were present.

The oration, "Silver as a Political Issue," by Charles Meals, came next on the program, and the masterly manner in which he handled the subject showed very plainly that he had not only absorbed a great deal of information during the campaign last fall, but has also dug deeply into the question on his own account; as he displayed a knowledge of the subject that would have put to shame many of the public speakers who appear before the people.

Following Mr. Meals' oration came the song, "What is the Song the Swallows Sing," by a ladies' quartette, consisting of the Misses Maud and Lettie Gillespie, Tess O'Sullivan, Helen Lowrie and Mrs. Anderson, which was very sweetly rendered and greatly enjoyed by the audience.

An oration, "Moral Versus Political Principles," by Miss Maggie Hurley, came next on the program. This was a carefully prepared address, and gave evidence of deep thought and hard study. Ideas were advanced that would have been a credit to an older head, and were delivered with the ease and fluency that ordinarily is acquired only through long practice. At the close of her address Miss Hurly was presented with a magnificent bouquet of roses.

Miss Hurley's discourse was followed by a piano solo, by Miss Nellie Hagerty. Miss Nellie is a musician of no mean ability, and her rendition of "Valse Op 70 No. 1" (Chopin) was a credit to herself and to her instructors.

Next on the program was an oration by T. J. Dwyer, "Limits of National Duties." Mr. Dwyer spoke clearly and well, and held his audience from start to finish. He has a natural talent for public speaking, his voice having a penetrating power that carries it to the farthest corner of the hall without apparent effort on his part. His subject was well handled and gave evidence of close study and an active interest in the political welfare of our nation.

The audience was then favored with another song, "Eyesing Bells," by the double quartette, and then came the presentation of diplomas by Prof. Anderson, who, in a few concise and well-chosen remarks congratulated the graduates on their faithful pursuance of the studies which enabled them to secure a diploma, which, while it possessed no particular value in itself, gave evidence that it was only by hard study alone

they were enabled to become its possessors. In conclusion he said that while they were as yet "On the Threshold" of life, it was only by their faithful performance of the tasks set before them that enabled them to reach the first step; and admonished them to ever apply the same diligence and energy to their work in life, whatever it may be, that they applied to their school work if they would seek to make their life that grand success which is the ambition of all true men and women.

Smith's orchestra then entertained the audience with a couple of selections, after which Rev. Lowrie pronounced the benediction and the exercises were at an end.

Taken as a whole, it was the most successful commencement that we have had the pleasure of witnessing for a number of years.

## THE PRESS MEETING.

VALENTINE, Neb., June 5, 1897.

The members of the press from northwest Nebraska assembled as per call of the Valentine press and carried out the following program:

The meeting was called to order by W. S. Barker, who was on motion made temporary chairman. G. A. Miles was elected temporary secretary.

The chairman made a few remarks, stating the object of the meeting, after which he called on Rev. Moore, who favored the press with a short and instructive talk as per program. On motion, at the close of his speech, a vote of thanks was tendered the gentleman for his able address.

A motion was made and carried that the chair appoint a committee of three to draft constitution and by-laws; and for said committee to report at evening session. The chair appointed as such committee, J. O. Berkley, D. H. Cronin and G. W. Frits.

Address, "Delinquent Subscribers," by H. G. Lyon, was next presented, and carried with it convictions that will prove a benefit to the press in this branch of newspaper work.

Address, "Legal Printing," by C. C. McHugh, was along the line of organization and legislation. He reasoned that organization alone would not be a secure barrier to cutting of rates in these days of cheap printing material, but if supported by a stringent law would greatly overcome the difficulty and give to the publisher that which by law and right belongs to him. This subject later on was thoroughly discussed, the logical solution of the problem concurred in by the members of the press, being presented by the introducer of the subject.

Address, "Duty of the Press to the Public," by J. O. Berkley, was handled in a manner productive of new thought, and if acted upon, a great benefit.

Address, "Early Press of Nebraska," by Jas. Morris, was taken up from the inception of the press in the territory to the present day, and located landmarks very beneficial to the younger newspaper men of the meeting.

A general discussion now followed on various topics of interest to the craft, and was participated in by the members

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