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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.

Joe Hunter was in the city yesterday.

Jake Hershiser returned to Norfolk Friday.

Seth Woods was down from Atkinson Tuesday.

Wm. Krotter was down from Stuart Sunday.

R. R. Dickson will orate at Dorsey on July 4.

W. R. Jackson was visiting friends in this city Monday.

Dick Jenness was down from Atkinson last Saturday.

S. J. Weekes made a business trip to Sioux City last Friday.

Sanford Parker was over from Spencer the first of the week.

U. S. Adams and wife, of Spencer, were in the city Sunday.

Judge Kinkaid went up to Chadron Sunday evening to hold court.

Dr. C. L. Sturdevant, of Glenrock, Wyo., was in O'Neill yesterday.

C. C. McHugh has moved into the Cavanaugh residence on "Kid" hill.

Mrs. N. C. Gwin, and daughter, Birdie, of Laurel, are in the city visiting friends.

Ben DeYarman was grunting around the first of the week with a touch of lumbago.

Use H. & G. remedy for black leg, as preventative. For sale by Hershiser & Gilligan. 50 tf

Elmer Williams went down to North Bend last Thursday, returning Friday evening.

Miss Morrow, deputy county superintendent, visited her parents at Atkinson last week.

Mrs. M. Bowen, of Stuart, visited in this city last Friday, the guest of the Misses Bentley.

Mrs. Ed. F. Gallagher returned from a protracted visit to friends in Wisconsin, Tuesday evening.

These hot days nothing so refreshing as Hershiser & Gilligan's soda water. Try it. Always cool. 50-tf

Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Snyder have the thanks of the editor and wife for a box of delicious strawberries.

"Oh, but that is good!" is what the ladies say when they drink soda water at Hershiser & Gilligan's.

Charlie Stout returned Monday evening from Blair, where he had been to attend his brother's wedding.

Bert Partridge has been released by Minneapolis, for whom he has been playing left field this season.

Annual school election next Monday afternoon. There are four members of the board to be elected this year.

Mrs. Elmer Williams and children are visiting relatives at Morse Bluffs. They expect to be absent about a month.

J. C. Harnish returned Friday evening from Lincoln, where he had been attending the Masonic grand lodge.

Pat O'Donnell is taking a vacation this week and John Hazelet is filling his position with the O'Neill Grocery Co.

Have you smoked the Santa Marta cigar? If not you want to try one. 51-2 O'NEILL GROCERY CO.

Mrs. John Hazelet left for Boone, Ia., Sunday morning, where she will spend the summer visiting relatives.

The only shoulder brace that is not uncomfortable when you "brace up." For sale by Hershiser & Gilligan, O'Neill, Neb. 50-tf

Do not let the black leg get into your herd. Prevent it by using the H. & G. remedy for black leg, sold by Hershiser & Gilligan. 50-tf

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-tf L. KEYS.

We have a bar of Castile toilet soap eleven inches long for 5 cents. Try a bar. 51-1 O'NEILL GROCERY CO.

Mrs. W. T. Evans returned Saturday evening from Omaha, where she had been visiting her sister, Mrs. Chever Hazelet, for a week. Calvin Hazelet returned with her and will spend a few weeks in this city.

Mike and Loretta Sullivan went down to Sioux City this morning where they will visit friends for a couple of weeks.

"Doc" Gallagher returned Sunday evening from Audubon, Ia., where he visited friends for a couple of days last week.

Jackson Criterion: Hon. John Harmon, register of the O'Neill land office, was a Jackson visitor over Monday night.

Engineers Campbell and Berry will submit their report as to the probable cost of the big irrigation ditch in a few weeks.

Miss Mamie Cullen, who has been attending school at Omaha the past year, arrived home Saturday evening to spend vacation.

James Harvey and Miss Serena E. Bailey, of Stuart, were granted a marriage license by the county judge Wednesday.

The city council at the regular meeting last Saturday, designated THE FRONTIER as the official paper for the ensuing year.

Our Atkinson department is strictly up-to-date. If you want to keep posted upon the happenings of our sister city read THE FRONTIER.

Our cherry phosphate and root beer are just the thing to make a fine summer drink. Try a bottle. 51-2 O'NEILL GROCERY CO.

Atchison Globe: Women should get rid of the idea that they are doing the Lord's work when out bothering busy men to buy tickets to church entertainments.

Don't let your children grow up with round shoulders. The Boos shoulder brace will straighten the muscles and cure the trouble. For sale by Hershiser & Gilligan. 50-tf

Stuart Ledger: Mr. Bentley, of O'Neill, has been employed by William Krotter & Co. as book keeper and stenographer—the position lately held by Miss Adams.

The big ditch surveying party arrived in this city Tuesday morning. They will work from here west and will cull out the land in the district that cannot be irrigated.

T. V. Golden has about completed the school census. There are 508 school children in the district this year. The number of children as shown by the last census was 462.

Mrs. Judge Jackson, of Neligh, passed through O'Neill last Saturday evening, enroute to Hot Springs, S. D., where she will remain for several weeks for the benefit of her health.

On last Thursday the senate confirmed the nomination of S. J. Weekes as register of the O'Neill land office. John will probably take charge of the office about July 10.

Maylon Price cut the end of his thumb nearly of Monday afternoon. He didn't faint, however, or even weep, but bore the pain like a little man, while Dr. Tremain tied it up in a rag.

Miss Blanche Adams left Monday for Glendive, Mont., where she has accepted a position as stenographer in the office of the general superintendent of the Great Northern railroad.

Our line of cakes and crackers is very complete. We also have potted ham and fine sardines for picnic parties. Remember us when you need any. 51-1 O'NEILL GROCERY CO.

The party who went from this city to the railroad meetings at Ponca and Sioux City, returned home Wednesday evening. They are very enthusiastic over the prospects for the new road.

When needing a galvanized tub or water pail or a new dairy pail see our new stock. They are dirt cheap and extra quality. 51-2 O'NEILL GROCERY CO.

C. W. Smith, of Fremont, an old-time friend of Elmer Williams, stopped over in O'Neill a few days the first of the week, on his return from Wyoming, where he had been for a couple of weeks.

Mrs. J. H. Nichols and daughter, Miss Lens, mother and sister of Mrs. A. B. Newel, of Pittsburg, Kan., arrived in this city Tuesday evening for a protracted visit with Mrs. Newell and family.

A hotly contested game of ball between the east side and the west side kids, furnished considerable amusement to our sport lovers Monday afternoon. The west side won, but it is freely asserted that the umpire, Elmer Merriman, was bought. The score stood 3 to 6.

"Postum Cereal"—that's the name of the new drink. A substitute for tea and coffee; it's all right, to try a package at 25 cents.

Hatfield & Hall, proprietors of the Gem bakery, have purchased a bread wagon and are now prepared to deliver bread, pies and cakes, and in fact everything to be found in a first-class bakery, to all parts of the city. 51-3

Hundreds of thousands have been induced to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy by reading what it has done for others, and having tested its merits for themselves are today its warmest friends. For Sale by P. C. Corrigan.

Ord Times: Hon. S. J. Weekes, of O'Neill, has been appointed register of the United States land office at that place. Mr. Weekes is a representative republican of this district, and the appointment is a recognition of those qualities. Here's congratulations.

The "Little Tycoon," a comic opera, will be given by the musical union on July 1. This is the last entertainment to be given by the union, and it promises to eclipse all others. An outfit of scenery, painted purposely for this play, has been engaged for the occasion.

F. B. Cole returned from Omaha Monday evening, where he had been making arrangements for the manufacture of a water wheel which he invented. He succeeded in securing the co-operation of some capitalists and a company has been organized for the manufacture of the wheels.

An Australian farmer recently sent the following order to a grocer in town: "Send me a sack of flour, five pounds of coffee and one pound of tea. My wife gave birth to a big baby boy last night, also five pounds of corn starch, a screw driver and fly-trap. It weighed ten pounds and a straw hat."

The citizens of Dorsey will have a genuine old-time Fourth of July celebration on Saturday, July 3. There will be a ball game, horse races, foot races, and a pulling match, for purses. Bowery dance afternoon and evening. Music by the Modern Woodmen band of Verdigris. Everybody invited.

Thomas Higgins, of Chambers, aged 50, and Almira Chapman, of Peoria, Ill., aged 58, were married by the county judge Wednesday evening. They became acquainted through a matrimonial agency. Mrs. Chapman arrived in this city at 9:40 Wednesday evening, and a half hour later they were married.

P. T. Stevens, of Middle Branch, was a pleasant caller at this office last Thursday evening. Mr. Stevens says that the republicans are in better condition for the fall campaign in his township than they have been for several years. They are the same way all over the county, and victory is sure to perch upon our banners next November.

Henry Scafe, assessor of Wyoming township, was brought before the county board last Monday and compelled to equalize the assessment of the property of non-residents in his township. It appears that he valued the property of non-residents about as high again as that of the residents, and the board thought it about time to call a halt.

Chadron Recorder: Miss Maud Gillespie was the lady chosen by the members of the school board last night as assistant principal. There were about twenty-five applications and Miss Gillespie was elected on the twelfth ballot. She is a young lady of seven years' experience and comes well recommended. Her home is at O'Neill and she is the daughter of the mayor of that place.

George W. Smalley will contribute an article on "The Personal Side of the Prince of Wales" to the July Ladies' Home Journal. It is said that Mr. Smalley gives a unique, interesting, close view of the prince, touching in detail upon his great personal popularity in England, and the reasons therefore, his love of sports, his pastimes, his social duties and diversions, and showing him as an affectionate son, a devoted husband, a loving father and brother.

Sioux City Times, June 22: Donald McLean, L. F. Wakefield and G. R. Badgerow met representatives from O'Neill and Creighton in a mass meeting at Ponca today. Ponca offered the bridge charter, right of way from the river through the town, and land for shops and depot, \$10,000 cash subscriptions, \$30,000 in bonds and raised \$7,000 in the meeting. Mr. McLean stated that Ponca would be the eastern terminus if the road was built, and the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul would make the eastern connection. Delegations from towns to the south will meet with the Sioux City commercial association tomorrow. Everything is favorable at this end.

Miss Roberts Wagner and Nye Dobbs entertained a party of friends in the park south of the depot last Friday evening. The grounds were beautifully lighted up by torches, and the young host and hostess exerted themselves to the utmost in the entertainment of their guests. Croquet and dancing were the order of the evening, and at midnight a dainty lunch was served, soon after which the guests departed for their respective homes, well pleased with their evening's entertainment.

Mason in Journal: R. H. Jenness, who has made a winner of the Atkinson Graphic for a couple of years, has sold or leased the paper to the publisher of the rag across the street, and hereafter Atkinson will have but one paper. Mr. Jenness published no tearful valedictory but heaved a sigh of relief in leaded brevity, and intimated that he was mighty glad to give up the struggle. He has not determined what he will do in the future, but has some idea of establishing a glass factory in the sand hills.

An editor of a western newspaper is mourning the loss of two subscribers. Number one wrote asking how to rear his twins safely, while the other wanted to know how to rid his orchard of grasshoppers. The answer went forward by mail, but by accident he transposed them into the wrong envelopes, so that the man with the twins received this answer to his inquiry: "Cover them carefully with straw and set fire to it, and the little pests, after jumping in the flames for a few minutes, will be speedily settled," while the man plagued with grasshoppers was to "give castor oil and rub their gums with a bone."

State Journal: This is the season of the year when the Fourth of July orator is in demand, and when the local committees are busily engaged in perfecting arrangements for the greatest celebration ever held in Nebraska. From every section of the state returns are heard which promise a very general line of celebrations this year, and the weather man is exerting himself that the weather be at the proper boiling point. Up to date the danger of not having the regulation Fourth of July weather is so remote that there need be no apprehension but that the day will be as uncomfortable as a baking, boiling sun in midsummer can make it.

The following, clipped from the World-Herald of June 21, hardly bears out the oft repeated assertions of the Sun, and a few of its backers, that irrigation is a failure, and that ditches that have been in operation heretofore are being closed down for want of patronage: "Great Bend, Kan.—Yesterday morning water was turned into the great Koen irrigation ditch through one gate, and by evening the first four miles of the ditch contained an average of three feet of water. Koen expects to have water on a farm near this city, which he has leased for irrigation purposes, by tomorrow, and will then demonstrate to the farmers the benefits of practical irrigation. The test of the ditch and headgates was entirely satisfactory in every respect."

Exchange: They are using a new device for milking cows down in Bloomfield, that promises to do away with the hired man. It consists of tubes that are placed so as to inclose the teats. Rubber pipes run from the tubes to a main pipe, at the end of which is an air pump. This contrivance is attached to ten or fifteen cows at a time, when, by working the pump, the milk is drawn by suction into the cans direct. It only requires about three minutes to milk the ten or fifteen cows, and all danger of being kicked out of the stall is overcome. In fact, the animals enjoy the operation much better than by the old hand-milking process. One herd of thirty-seven cows was milked the other morning in just half an hour. The cost of an entire outfit is from \$200 to \$300.

If holders of lease contracts on school lands desire to purchase the land, or any part of it, application to purchase must be filed with the county treasurer not later than the 8th day of July. It is understood that only holders of lease contracts are entitled to purchase said lands. Parties desiring to purchase must file their land contracts with the county treasurer and sign application for appraisal and sale of land, and as soon as county commissioners or supervisors (the appraisers) make their returns there shall be paid: lease rental to date of application to purchase, at least one-tenth of the principal; interest on the remainder to the end of the year. Give six per cent. notes for unpaid principal. All must be done within the time above mentioned, in order to constitute a legal filing for purchase. No school land will be sold after July 9, except for church, school house or cemetery purposes.

State Journal: Several Nebraska towns are legislating busily, with a view to the conduct of people who ride bicycles. Opinion is divided as to whether a wheelman should be allowed on the sidewalks or not. People who don't ride bicycles believe that the machines should keep in the middle of the road, those who do ride, believe that they have the right of way all over the earth and the waters under the earth, so the city legislators have a thankless job when they make ordinances, for they are sure to offend somebody. Every city council should pass a law prohibiting young men from humping themselves over their wheels as though they were trying to grind their noses. There is no sense in this sort of riding, off the race course, and if it is not stopped, the time will come when human beings will look like dromedaries.

Sioux City Times, June 22: Donald McLean returned this morning from Ponca, where he had a conference yesterday with representatives from different towns along the proposed route of his transcontinental railway with its terminus at Ponca. He was accompanied on his return by S. P. Mikesell and H. O. Field, of Ponca, and John McHugh, J. P. Mann, Mayor B. S. Gillespie, Dr. J. P. Gilligan, M. D. Long, J. J. McCafferty, O. O. Snyder and W. Laviollette, of O'Neill. These were visited by different business men during the day, and in the afternoon Mr. McLean took the party to Riverside park to witness the diamond jubilee festivities. This evening a meeting will be held at the rooms of the commercial association for the discussion of certain matters pertaining to Mr. McLean's project.

The case of Alice Scott, widow of Barrett Scott, deceased, against the A. O. U. W. lodge for insurance on the life of Scott for the sum of \$2,000, was decided last Saturday by Judge Kinkaid for the defendant, the action being dismissed at the cost of the plaintiff. The decision is based on the point that deceased failed to pay relief call No. 13, due September, 1894, and thereby became suspended, and for feited all rights as a member, and that he paid no dues whatever after that date up to the time of his death, some sixteen months thereafter. Judge Kinkaid stated that the only reason which had caused him to hesitate in the least on the decision was the neglect of the order to make proper entries in its books concerning its dealings with Scott as a member, plaintiffs attorneys having relied somewhat on this condition of defendant's records. The court stated as a proposition of law that the officers of the lodge with whom Scott had left money to pay his dues during his absence, but who did not pay them, but in good faith returned the money to Scott's wife, was in that capacity acting as the agent of Scott and not of the A. O. U. W. lodge.

Fourth of July.
There will be a grand celebration of the Fourth of July on Saturday, July third in Paddock township, one mile north and half mile east of Black Bird P. O., in Wm. Hull grove, under the auspices of Paddock Lodge, Independent Workmen of America.

Good speakers. Sports of all kind. Basket dinner. Grand Bowery Dance, in the afternoon and evening.

The following program has been arranged:
National Salute at Sunrise.
Grand parade at nine thirty a. m.
Exercises begin at the Grand Stand at ten o'clock.

Song, America,.....Glee Club.
Prayer,.....Rev. Damon.
Song,.....Glee Club.
Reading of the Declaration of Independence,.....Miss Addie Lansworth.
Song,.....Glee Club.
Oration of the Day,.....Song,.....Dinner.

AFTERNOON PROGRAM.
Ball game at one-thirty, Purse,.....\$10.00
Horse race, at three, Purse,.....\$5.00
Pony race, at three-thirty, Purse,.....\$3.00
second,.....\$2.00
Foot race, 100 yards, first purse,.....\$1.00
second,.....\$1.00
Sack race, first purse,.....\$1.00
second,.....\$1.00
Egg race, first purse,.....\$1.00
second,.....\$1.00
Grand display of fire works in the evening.
Good shade, plenty of ice water furnished on the grounds free of charge. Everybody invited.

THOMAS SIMMONS, Grand Marshal of the day.
W. H. BEDFORD, Ch.
E. E. BRADSTREET, Secy.

Electric Bitters.
Electric Bitters is a medicine suited for any season, but perhaps more generally needed, when the languid exhausted feelings prevail, when the liver is torpid and sluggish and the need of a tonic and alterative is felt. A prompt use of this medicine has often averted long and perhaps fatal bilious fevers. No medicine will act more surely in counteracting and freeing the system from the malarial poison. Headache, indigestion, constipation, dizziness, yield to Electric Bitters. 50 cents and \$1.00 per bottle at P. C. Corrigan's Drug Store.

A GROSS MISREPRESENTATION.
O'Neill Sun: Two years ago W. R. Butler spent two weeks in looking after lands in Blaine county, as agent for several eastern parties who own land there, or who held mortgages secured by Blaine county lands, traveled all over the county inspecting lands, making out reports and obtaining deeds from equity holders in lieu of foreclosing mortgages. At that time the people were all very enthusiastic over the supposed profits of irrigation. There were four irrigation companies in the county all duly organized and constructing canals for irrigating lands along the North and Middle Loup rivers.

Mr. Butler returned from Blaine county last Wednesday, where he had been attending court, and informs the Sun that enthusiasm among the farmers is all over. Of the four canals completed, there is not one being operated, and every company has gone to the wall. Farmers along these ditches say that they would not use the water to irrigate their crops if it was furnished free, as the time and cost of distributing the water over their lands is so great that there would be nothing left to live on. And this was the verdict of at least forty men with whom Mr. Butler talked irrigation, and among this number of men there was not one who believed that land in Blaine county could be irrigated at profit, and yet they have an unlimited supply of water in both the North and Middle Loup rivers.

Brewster (Blaine county) News: While there is a possibility that a portion of the item is to some extent true, applying it to certain cases only, the article in general is highly over-colored if not entirely false. Blaine county is for irrigation first, last and all the time, and if Mr. Butler's statement to the contrary can be verified by "at least forty men" consulted on the subject during his recent visit to Brewster, attorneys and other strangers attending court here at that time must have been those principally interviewed. Blaine county has not forty men who do not believe "that land in Blaine county could be irrigated at a profit," and "would not use the water to irrigate their crops if it were furnished free." Neither has she twenty men who believe anything of the kind.

Five irrigation ditches that were constructed since "two years ago" were in successful operation last year and watered Blaine county soil exclusively and are ready for use this season should they be needed. Two ditches were built during the time between Mr. Butler's visits, that head in Blaine county but water no land until Loup and Custer counties are reached. Both were operated during the season of 1896 and are being further improved this year. One other canal for irrigative purposes covering land in Blaine and Loup counties jointly has been under continuous construction since the spring of 1896, and will be ready to turn water into sometime during the next thirty days. There is but one proposed enterprise in this line where completion is pending and the suspension of work in this case is only temporary and there is not a completed irrigation ditch in Blaine county, large or small, that is abandoned or suffering suspense of operation, and no company "has gone to the wall."

The News is on the ground and has been for several years. Its management is engaged in operating and constructing ditches for artificial watering to an extent equal to the heaviest in the county and with entirely satisfactory results. Our experience is that there has not been one year since the inhabitation of the county when irrigation would not pay if water could be had at the right time of the season and at reasonable prices.

The rainfall averages insufficient for the production of crops hence the unanimous sentiment in favor of irrigation as an assistant to nature's incapability and it is only a question of time necessary to acquire sufficient funds for the construction of ditches until every acre of valley or other level land, no matter how inferior its quality of soil, will be watered through scientific methods, our agricultural resources consequently extended, and Blaine county "will bloom like the rose" through irrigation.

Beakler's Arnica Salve.
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-tf

Ballard's Snow Liniment.
Mrs. Hamilton, Cambridge, Ill., says I had the rheumatism so bad I could not raise my hand to my head. Ballard's Snow Liniment has entirely cured me. I take pleasure in informing my neighbors and friends what it has done for me. Chas. Handley, clerk for Lanyard Lyman, Kewanee, Ill., advises us Snow Liniment cured him of rheumatism. Why not try it? It will surely do you good. It cures all inflammation, wounds, sore cuts, sprains, etc. Price 50 cents. Free trial bottles at P. C. Corrigan's.