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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.

P. C. Corrigan is in Omaha this week.

Alex Searl was down from Atkinson yesterday.

S. J. Weeks is attending the state fair at Omaha.

D. C. Harrison was up from Emporia Wednesday.

D. C. Harrison was up from Emporia last evening.

Col. Johnson was down from Atkinson last Monday.

J. M. Flannigan, of Stuart, was in O'Neill Monday.

Guy Hamilton went down to Omaha Tuesday morning.

R. R. Dickson went down to Omaha yesterday morning.

Wm. Dickerson was in the city for a short time yesterday.

V. Alberts returned from his eastern trip last Monday night.

Charlie Biglow, of Stuart, took dinner at the Hotel Evans Sunday.

N. D. Jackson, of Neligh, transacted legal business in O'Neill Monday.

O. O. Snyder is in Minneapolis purchasing lumber to supply his yards.

C. W. Hennab, sheriff of Garfield county, was in the city last Friday.

John E. Kearns left yesterday morning for Minneapolis, where he thinks of locating.

Miss Flo Bentley is assisting in J. P. Mann's store in the absence of Miss Skirving.

B. J. Ryan went down to Omaha Tuesday morning and will take in the state fair.

A. J. Hammond and T. V. Golden are among the O'Neillites attending the state fair.

Mike Brennan and Pat Gallaghet went down to Omaha yesterday morning to take in the fair.

Mrs. Frank Campbell and Mrs. W. J. Dobbs went to Omaha Tuesday morning to attend the fair.

Sheriff Standiford, of Boyd county, was in the city Tuesday on his way to Omaha to attend the fair.

Steve Gaghan went down to Norfolk yesterday morning, where he expects to remain for a couple of months.

The Woodmen picnic at Stuart last Saturday was a great success. R. R. Dickerson was one of the speakers.

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-ft L. KEYES.

Miss Effie Skirving, of Dows, Iowa, arrived in O'Neill Monday evening and will visit relatives here for a short time.

Mike Welsh went down to Omaha Tuesday morning and will take in the sights on the fair grounds for a few days.

John E. Kearns returned from Park City, Utah, last Thursday evening and will spend a few days visiting relatives here.

Miss Mary Sullivan left Tuesday morning for Anacosta, Mont., where she will visit her brother for several months.

Ed Grady is enjoying a visit from his sister, Miss Emma Grady, who arrived from Waterloo, Iowa, last Tuesday evening.

Last Monday Walter McKay and Miss Clara Olson, both of Atkinson, were granted a marriage license by Judge McCutchan.

Tom Morris, Mrs. Morris and Miss Leone Skirving went down to Omaha last Monday morning. They will take in the fair.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Morrison, of St. Louis, who have been visiting relatives here the past three weeks, returned home yesterday morning.

The greatest success of the season is the sale of the Hart Schaffner & Mart clothing at P. J. McManus'. A fine joke book presented to all callers.

Will and Ed Purdy were in from Swan Monday. Will informed us that the hunting party got a lot of ducks while out there, but owing to the heat they were unable to keep them and bring them home as evidence of their prowess.

A trial subscription to the Semi-Weekly State Journal from now until January 1, 1898, only costs twenty-five cents. You can send stamps.

The Hart Schaffner & Mart clothing at P. J. McManus' is a success. See the clothing go! He will present you with a joke book if you call at his store.

Friday September 8th will be Woodmen day at the Mondamin Carnival Sioux City, Iowa. All Woodmen are invited to attend and join the grand parade.

Milton W. Hunt, of Baker, Neb., and May C. Johnson, of Cripple Creek, Colo., were granted a marriage license by County Judge McCutchan last Tuesday.

About half the town is in Omaha this week attending the state fair, and the other half spend most of their time wishing the cares of business would permit them to attend.

F. A. Webster, one of Burwell's most prosperous business men and chairman of the republican county central committee, was in O'Neill last Friday on business before the land office.

Fred Alberts mounted his bicycle Tuesday morning and started for Omaha. He expects to make the trip in two days and will visit relatives there for about a month before returning.

When needing a lamp of any description, call in and look over our new stock over. We have them from 20 cts. to \$4.00. Also a full line of dishes—semi-porcelain. White Granite, and decorated ware. 11-2 O'NEILL GROCERY CO.

Elmer Merriman and family left yesterday morning for Ewing, their future home. We are sorry to see Elmer leave O'Neill, but we hope that he will be prosperous in his new home and convert some of the Ewing populists to the principles of republicanism.

The office of the Golden irrigation company has been closed and the books and records removed to the court-house in O'Neill at which place the board of directors will hold their meetings quarterly, as provided by law, until the affairs of the district are closed.

Small precautions often prevent great mischiefs. DeWitt's Little Early Risers are very small pills in size, but are most effective in preventing the most serious forms of liver and stomach trouble. They cure constipation and headache and regulate the bowels. HERSHISER & GILLIGAN.

Alliance Guide: Herman Peters and Chas. Weston, of Hay Springs, and E. Williams, of O'Neill, drove back from Chas. Cook's sheep ranch on Red Willow canyon, Monday, after having purchased of Mr. Cook twenty-eight choice rams. Mr. Peters and Mr. Weston own ranches on the Running Water, and have about 4,000 sheep between them.

Bee, Sept. 21: A well-dressed, sharp-eyed man called on Assistant General Freight Agent Wood, of the Union Pacific, yesterday, and, after introducing himself as the game warden, proceeded to tell the railroad official that under the provisions of the new game law of the state of Nebraska, now in effect, shipments of game shot in this state destined for points in the state and points out of the state, on the Union Pacific and all other roads must cease at once. It appears that the various sportsmen's clubs in the state have started a crusade against the railroad companies and against the express companies that handle shipments of game shot or caught in Nebraska. It is stated that an exception may be made in the case of a huntsman who desires to send a few birds to his own home after having shot them, but all such shipments must be accompanied by an affidavit to the effect that the game is not to be sold. Whether shipments of game to the sportsmen's friends may be made is a mooted point. The desire is to break up the big shipments of game and fish caught for the market. The railroads and the express companies have just been warned that if they act as carriers for any shipments of this character they will be compelled to pay a fine for every bird shipped on their line. Hereafter gunners will bring their own birds in with them, or else remain on the hunting ground and eat the fowls on the spot.

NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that we, the undersigned board of directors of the Golden irrigation district, will sell at public sale at Long Pine, Neb., on Tuesday, September 28, 1897, at 1 o'clock p. m., the tent, stores, saddle, and other camp utensils too numerous to mention, the property belonging to the Golden irrigation district.

By order of the board of directors, E. B. BRAIN, Secretary.

Dated at O'Neill, Neb., Sept. 14, 1897.

THE INVESTIGATORS.

LINCOLN, NEB., SEPT. 21 at 1897.

A word about the \$10,000 investigating committee. On the opening day of the session of the last legislature, in the senate, there arose a pious looking man whom the presiding officer recognized as "the senator from Keys Paha." It was the Honorable Otto Mutz. Nobody had ever seen or heard of him before. There was no occasion for any one present to have any preconceived opinions either for or against Mr. Mutz, and yet he seemed by intuition to recognize that some explanation was necessary and so commenced his first speech to the senate by a fervid avowal of his personal honesty as a man, his nonpartisan fairness as a citizen and his disinterestedness as a public official. Others might be dishonest, others might be partisan, others might be selfish, using for themselves and families the petty opportunities that go with office holding, but the Honorable Mutz wanted it understood once for all that there was one man who was too highminded to stoop to these petty things. All through the session this honorable gentleman haranged the senate at every opportunity on every question, exhorting the senate, the galleries and the people of the whole state to be honest, to be nonpartisan, to be unselfish, and it was observed that he closed each fervid appeal with the oft repeated avowal that he himself was a living manifestation of the high doctrines which he taught. Mr. Mutz had reached that period of sanctified disinterestedness where even a rail road pass had no temptations for him.

Within a week after his arrival in Lincoln the honorable Mutz had made three or four of these self-laudatory speeches, in each of which he exhorted his colleagues to beware of temptation, which he said was lurking in every corner of the state house, and especially must they keep an eye out for the corporation capper who was perhaps at that very moment skulking through the lobby, watching for an opportunity to lure some servant of the people into his toils.

When the first recess was taken by the senate the honorable Mutz, instead of visiting his constituents in Keys Paha, boarded the train with his wife and son for a visit to some relatives in the southeast corner of the state. When the conductor appeared the honorable Mutz flashed up a pass reading, "Otto Mutz and wife and son."

"Where did you get this pass?" asked the conductor.

"From some one connected with the Missouri Pacific," said Mutz.

"It's a forgery," said the conductor. "They don't make out passes this way, Otto Mutz and wife and son." You have added this 'and son' yourself.

"I am the state senator from Keys Paha," said Mutz, with some show of dignity.

"I don't care who you are, whether you are from Keys Paha or Hah-hah-pahkey. I am in charge of this train and am instructed to take up all transportation that has been changed or tampered with and you must pay or get off," said the conductor as he put the forged pass into his pocket.

The conductor went on to explain that each pass, when it was returned to headquarters, was submitted to a microscopical test and if the forgery was plain, as this one was, the conductor accepting it would be charged up with the amount of the fare besides being liable to dismissal.

"But I am a senator," urged the honorable Mutz. "You don't dare put me off and besides my wife is here. You darsent put off a woman. Your company darsent kick on me."

"But they'll kick on me," said the conductor, and while holding onto the pass he also held onto his temper, explaining to the honorable senator that it would cost him his position to pass that pass. After considerable parley the honorable Keys Pahan paid the three fares, but afterwards demanded from the company and received a rebate for the full amount of the trip.

During the second week of the session the honorable Mutz, besides making several self laudatory speeches each day and securing more passes, assisted in putting on foot the infamous recount conspiracy which ousted four republican members from the house and one from the senate, securing for himself a place on the recount commission and some \$70 extra pay on that account. A little later he helped to inaugurate the investigating committee with its \$10,000

appropriation, which gave five members of the legislature a two years' job at \$5 a day, \$1,500 per annum each, himself securing the chairmanship of the committee.

As soon as the legislature adjourned he so arranged the pretended work of this committee as to give himself the job of investigating the books of the state institutions, for there was free board there. His first job of investigation was a Beatrice institution, where he quartered himself for two or three months, resulted in placing one of his daughters on the state pay roll there with a salary of \$1,000 or \$1,200 a year.

Neither Mutz himself or any of the five members who saw him draw this \$1,500 a year know anything about the work they have in charge, and so they hire the work done at the state's additional expense. I challenge these five members to show that either of them have done five dollars worth of actual work of any kind, although they are drawing \$5 a day. They have an apartment at the state house where they pretend to work, but they do nothing.

For several weeks last past, Mutz, with a hired man, has been loafing around the deaf and dumb institute at Omaha, pretending to examine the accounts of Dr. Gillespie, the superintendent. These accounts run back for twenty years. They excluded the doctor from their investigations, reported a discrepancy of some \$1,900, refusing to let the doctor see their figures or their report, which they said the law required them to make to the next legislature. Mutz loafed around the institution, while his hired helper did the work; loafed around with an air of authority, drooping out wherever he went, to whoever would listen, the same hypocritical drivell with which he had sickened his associates in the senate, feeding his hungry stomach on such luxuries as he could exact from the institution, abusing and misusing his authority just as he had abused the forced courtesy of the railroad by raising the pass which he had obtained for himself and wife.

Without any exhibit of balance sheets, without any evidence except the word of this Mutz, that in the twenty years of Dr. Gillespie's bookkeeping there was a discrepancy, the governor removed Dr. Gillespie, not in an open, manly way, alleging a reason, but with that same double dealing, shuffling whine so characteristic of him and of the sham reformers who gather about him, which is accepted by credulous people as the sign of honesty, but is despised by all high minded men as the sign of mediocrity, venality and hypocrisy. I have not space to describe fully this investigating machine and its methods. Mutz is a type of its personnel and his methods are characteristic of its operations. It was created to make five places at \$1,500 a year each, and to trump up political capital. Next week I will show a conspiracy which will put two state house officials in the public view alongside of Joseph S. Bartley, the ex-state treasurer. The state has suffered many wrongs in the past. All good citizens are crying out for better government. The effort made for reform was honestly made by the rank and file who supported the fusion ticket last fall. Before thirty days it will appear that the honest fusionist was deceived and that those in power are not reformers. Mutz is a type of the petty conspirator. There are others on a larger scale.

J. W. JOHNSON.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY.

The tenth anniversary, camp fire and picnic of Post No 251, G. A. R., will be held at Leonia on the 9th day of October, 1897. A general invitation is extended to all, and a fine entertainment will be given.

T. B. HARRISON, R. E. BOWDEN, Adjutant. Commander.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

Strayed, from my place at Rochester, Boyd county, about August 13, 1897, the following described horses: One gray, three years old; one gray, two years old; one black, one year old; and one light bay, one year old. A liberal reward will be given for information leading to their recovery.

H. C. BAKER, Rochester, Neb.

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 222 E 25th St., Chicago, always keeps it at hand and has no fear of cough, because it instantly relieves. Free trial bottles at P. C. Corrigan's drug store.

THE SCHEME DEVELOPED.

At last the well-laid plan of the court-house "ring" to get rid of Ham Kautzman has been fully developed. After this week the Sun and Independent will be consolidated, and C. C. McHugh will preside as editor-in-chief.

After the "ring" found that Kautzman would not be subservient to their slightest wish and do all their dirty work and take all the blame, while they divided the profits among themselves, they decided that he must be gotten rid of, but that was easier said than done. Ham wasn't ready to be kicked out just as he was about to reap the reward for services ably performed, and wouldn't go. And right then was concocted the scheme to get rid of him which at last succeeded, and has resulted in the consolidation of the two papers.

Ham wouldn't sell out to them, or any of their agents, and they knew it. But after long watching they at last caught him off his guard, and one of their agents bought him out. Not wishing, however, to be too precipitate in developing the scheme, for fear the people would see the hand of the "ring" in the deal, the paper was run by their agent until the people got over their surprise and their suspicions had been lulled to rest. Then they were ready for the next change, which took place this week, as above stated.

There is an old and true saying that "you can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink." Well, if the remarks that are current everywhere upon the streets are any indication of the true feeling that exists among the pops over the change, the "ring" will find that it is a whole lot easier to consolidate the two papers than it is to make the party satisfied with the change. In other words, the "ring" may force McHugh onto the pop party, but they can't make the pop party swallow McHugh.

PROTECTING THE GAME.

For some time the authorities here have been on the alert to prevent violation of the game laws. It was rumored that chickens were being shipped out of the state and that the law was being violated. So last Monday it came to the acute ears of Sheriff Hamilton that there were some chickens on the morning train, shipped from Ainsworth and consigned to a Chicago commission firm, he went down and found a barrel containing 95 prairie chickens, 6 quails, 6 teal duck and 6 jack snipes. The officer took possession of them and distributed them to the people around town. A complaint was then sworn out by W. R. Butler charging the F. E. and M. V. Railroad Company, American Express Company and J. H. Morgan an employe thereof, with having violated the game laws. Mr. Morgan who lives at Missouri Valley heard that he was wanted here and came up Tuesday evening with N. D. Jackson, of Neligh, his attorney. When the case came up in County Court Wednesday morning he waived preliminary examination and was bound over to the district court in the sum of \$500. If the company has to pay \$5 a piece for each bird found in their possession it will be rather an expensive consignment. Following is the complaint sworn out by Mr. Butler.

STATE OF NEBRASKA, } ss
HOLT COUNTY, }

The complaint of W. R. Butler of Holt County Neb., before G. A. McCutchan, County Judge of said county, who being first duly sworn, upon his oath says that the Fremont Elkhorn and Missouri Valley Railroad Company, and the American Express Company, and J. H. Morgan, a servant and employe of the said American Express Company, and each of them, did on the 20th day of Sept. 1897, and within the

County of Holt and state of Nebraska, have, and had, in their possession and in the possession of each of them in the county and state aforesaid, 95 prairie chickens, 6 quail, 6 teal ducks and 2 jack snipes, and were unlawfully transporting and carrying contrary to law, as express matter said above described prairie chickens, ducks, quails and jack snipes, out of the state of Nebraska, to and into the city of Chicago, in the state of Illinois, consigned to H. S. Brown & Son produce commission merchants, of 235 & 237 Southwater St. Chicago, Ill., the same being consigned by Briggs Bros. of Ainsworth, Brown County Nebr., to said H. S. Brown & Son of Chicago Ill., contrary to the statutes in such cases made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the state of Nebraska.

W. R. BUTLER.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of September, A. D. 1897.

G. A. MCCUTCHAN, County Judge.

SEAL

HOLD ON! HOLD ON! STOP, STOP,

I say! writing that order for a suit of that Nebraska clothing house. There is no use talking. P. J. McManus has just opened up a new stock of clothing that excels anything I ever saw since I left the city of New York. Scotch cheviot suits, clay worsted suits, fine beaver cloth suits and beaver over coats. Irish 'freize' over coats, youth's three piece suits and boys two piece suits. Child's two piece suits, also child's three piece suits and I feel satisfied that I can clothe my family for less money at P. J. McManus store than at any other store in the west. And you would be surprised to see the stock of dress goods. The latest novelties in the market. Trimmings of all description, you can also suit yourself in the latest up to date hat at his store. For shoes, I never saw a finer stock. All sizes from A to EE in all shades. I also note you that his basement store for a grocery department is second to none that I visited in the city. It is well stocked, arranged in a neat and tasty manner and would impress you that the proprietor knows his business. Truly yours, A VISITING FRIEND.

Running sores, indolent ulcers and similar troubles, even though of many years standing, may be cured by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It soothes, strengthens and heals. It is the great pile cure. HERSHISER & GILLIGAN.

Twenty-five cents will pay for the Twice-a-Week State Journal from now until January 1, 1898. The State Journal is Nebraska's greatest paper and gives more state capital news than all other state papers combined.

Our special brand of Mocha and Java will fill that long felt want for a good cup of coffee. Remember there are plenty of "so called" Mocha and Java coffees sold that are only common Rio. 112 O'NEILL GROCERY CO.

If you have ever seen a little child in a paroxysm of whooping cough, or if you have been annoyed by a constant tickling in the throat, you can appreciate the value of One Minute Cough Cure, which gives quick relief. HERSHISER & GILLIGAN.



Dress Shoes

It's always well to have an extra pair. If you think you can't afford it, suppose you reflect that it costs you no more, for when the work-a-day shoes are worn out the extras fall into their place and the new pair is kept for dress. There's plenty of room for choice

SEE "Selz" on the Sole of the shoes that you buy.

Selz Shoes make your feet glad.

of style and we will satisfy your own taste at littlest expense. Call, Kid, Cordovan, tan or patent leather—take your choice, but bear in mind that you get the benefit of all our shoe experience in buying of us and that we are laying our plans to sell you shoes as long as you live. We'd rather have little profits all your life than a big profit just once. That means little prices and big satisfaction.

J. P. Mann.