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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.

Ball at the rink, tonight.

Call in and pay your subscription.

Dick Mil Murray is up from Ewing today.

Your subscription is due. Call and settle.

D. A. Doyle went to Omaha Sunday morning.

Dick Johnson was down from Stuart last Friday.

Ball ties and wire always on hand at Neil Brennan's. 16-1f

John Flannigan was down from Stuart Wednesday.

Geo. Brooks, of Basile Mills, was in O'Neill last Friday.

Harry Gillespie returned from Minneapolis last Friday evening.

Newton Trommershauser, of Ewing, was in O'Neill last Saturday.

Mrs. Fort and Mrs. Conrad, of Stuart, were O'Neill visitors last Saturday.

FOR RENT—House of six rooms, rent reasonable. Enquire of Mr. Doyle. 161f

FOR SALE—One good, six-year-old horse. Inquire of Robert Marsh. 21-1f

Walt Townsend has recovered from his recent illness, and was in the city Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Swingley, of Atkinson, visited friends in O'Neill Sunday.

Miss Alice Stewart and Miss Mae Neely, of Atkinson, were O'Neill visitors last Saturday.

Jerry Sullivan left Tuesday morning for Park City, Utah, where he expects to remain this winter.

Use H and G remedy for black leg. As a preventative it has no equal. Sold by Herahiser & Gilligan. 15-1f

Do not let the black leg into your herd. Prevent it by using H and G. Sold by Herahiser & Gilligan. 15-1f

Miss Lettie Gillespie went over to Spencer Monday morning on a short visit to her sister, Miss Maude.

Dr. F. G. Van Densen, of Chicago, representing the Hobbs Remedy company, was in the city last week.

For teeth or photos, go to Dr. Corbett's parlors, 23rd to 30th of each month. Photographs \$1 per dozen.

Mrs. W. T. Evans went to Omaha Saturday morning to visit relatives. She will be absent a couple of weeks.

FOR SALE—Thirty head of white-face Hereford young bulls. 171f JACOB KRAFT, Stuart, Neb.

We understand that Art F. Mullen has been offered and accepted the position of deputy county treasurer under Treasurer-elect Henry.

If black leg gets a start in your herd it is hard to check it. The best remedy known is H and G. For sale by Herahiser & Gilligan. 15-1f

Small pill, safe pill, best pill. DeWitt's Little Early Risers cure biliousness, constipation, sick headache. Herahiser & Gilligan.

Joe Mann was over from Spencer Sunday. He reports business being so rushing in his store at that place as to compel him to keep four clerks.

M. Walrath, of Arlington, Iowa, was in O'Neill last week looking over Holt county land with a view to purchasing. We acknowledge a pleasant call.

Don't you want a nice banquet or vase lamp, or any priced lamp, from 25 cents up. We can fix you out. See them. 21-2 O'NEILL GROCERY CO.

Mrs. John E. Sullivan was a caller at this office last Saturday. She has completely recovered from her recent illness, and looks as hale and hearty as of old.

New raisins, currants, citron, lemon peel, New York cider and mince meat. Don't you need some? 21-2 O'NEILL GROCERY CO.

Miss Nellie Daley, the popular assistant postmistress, who has been nursing an sprained ankle for a couple of weeks past, has nearly recovered from the injury.

You can't cure consumption but you can avoid it and cure every other form of throat or lung trouble by the use of One Minute Cough Cure. Herahiser & Gilligan.

Jim Gallagher, operator at the F. E. depot, went to Stuart last Friday morning and relieved the agent at that place for a couple of days, returning Sunday morning.

Mrs. Freeman, of Little Falls, Minn., who came to this city a couple of weeks ago, to attend the funeral of her brother William O'Neill, returned to her home at Friday morning.

"A man never gets so old but what he can learn something," remarked a prominent populist last Tuesday. He had just begun to realize that the syndicate is in good working order.

Disfigurement for life by burns or scalds may be avoided by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the great remedy for piles and for all kinds of sores and skin troubles. Herahiser & Gilligan.

There is no need of little children being tortured by scald head, eczema and skin eruptions. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve gives instant relief and cures permanently. Herahiser & Gilligan.

It is reported that Casper Englehaup, of Amelia, will be deputy county clerk under Clerk-elect Lels, and that M. H. McCarthy, the present deputy county clerk will be deputy sheriff after the first of the year.

Your attention is called to the advertisement of Herahiser and Gilligan upon another page of this issue. They have a very large stock of holiday goods and are firm believers in the liberal use of printers ink.

Oil cake season is at hand and we are "hooked up" for it. We have it by the sack or pound, also bran, shorts, chop feed, corn and oats. Remember us when needing any. 21-1 O'NEILL GROCERY CO.

"Mamma," said little Jack, "did God ever make anyone with one blue eye and one black?" "I never heard of any one that was so," said his mother. "Well, then, you just look at Tommy Jones the next time you see him, and just see what I can do."

E. J. Spencer, agent of the F. E. railroad at Stuart, and also owner of the telephone line running from that place to Fairfax, S. D., was in O'Neill Saturday looking after his interests in the injunction case which was commenced here Thursday of last week.

How about pure buckwheat flour? You know there is buckwheat and then there is so-called buckwheat. Try a sack of ours and you will have no other. We have maple syrup in bulk and cans at reasonable prices. Buy some. 21-1 O'NEILL GROCERY CO.

WARNING—Persons who suffer from coughs and colds should heed the warnings of danger and save themselves suffering and fatal results by using One Minute Cough Cure. It is an infallible remedy for coughs, colds, croup and all throat and lung troubles. Herahiser & Gilligan.

Neligh Yoeman: Word comes from Iron Mountain, Mich., that Earl Graham of Savage, Neb., was found dead in his room last Friday morning, supposed to have committed suicide. We have not been able to learn particulars. Graham was well known in base ball circles in North Nebraska.

J. M. Thirwend, of Grosbeck, Tex., says that when he has a bad spell of indigestion, and feels bad and sluggish, he takes two of DeWitt's Little Early Risers at night, and he is all right the next morning. Many thousands of others do the same thing. Do you? Herahiser & Gilligan.

In first-class canned fruits and vegetables, we play second fiddle to no one. Our Niagara brand of corn, tomatoes, June peas, preserved strawberries and red raspberries are not equaled in the city. We have cheaper brands, too. When needing any come in. 21-1 O'NEILL GROCERY CO.

An exchange hits the nail squarely on the head in the following argument: "When a hen lays an egg she cackles. When a man gets in a new stock of goods it is human for him to crow over it. When a hen cackles, people know that she has laid in some stock and feels proud of it. When a merchant opens his new styles and blows his trumpet in a newspaper, people know that he has something on hand worth advertising, and patronize him accordingly."

The question is often asked, "Why didn't the editor write up this or that social gathering, wedding, etc.?" Why, bless your souls, how could he write up what he didn't know? He wasn't there, didn't have an invitation, is no mind reader, no one told him anything about it, and maybe he thought you didn't want it known. When you have a social gathering or anything else, and the editor is not present, give him the particulars, and he will heartily appreciate the favor.

Exchange: An eastern mathematical editor propounds the following query: A boy ten years old has a little sister who weighs sixteen pounds, and he gets tired holding her in five minutes. When he is twice as old how long will it take him to get tired holding some one else's sister who weighs 155 pounds.

When it comes to fishing, Wes Evans is the luckiest mortal on earth. Last Friday he and Jess Mellor went out on the Eagle and caught twenty-one speckled trout, the string weighing eighteen pounds, and they were beauties, to some of them being over a foot in length. We didn't take his word for it either, as we saw them ourselves.

J. C. Berry, one of the best known citizens of Spencer, Mo., testifies that he cured himself of the worst kind of piles by using a few boxes of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. He had been troubled with piles for over thirty years and had used many different kinds of so-called cures; but DeWitt's was the one that did the work and he will verify this statement if anyone wishes to write him. Herahiser & Gilligan.

An eastern editor says that a man in New York got himself into trouble by marrying two wives. A western editor replied that a good many had done the same thing by marrying one. A northern editor says that quite a number of his acquaintances found trouble through barely promising to marry, and not going any farther. A southern editor says a friend of his was bothered enough when he was simply found in company with another man's wife.

In the trial of the State of Nebraska vs. E. S. Kelley, which was tried to a jury in Justice Slattery's court, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty. J. J. McCafferty swore out a warrant for Mr. Kelley, who is one of the teachers in the O'Neill schools, charging him with assault upon the person of his son John, a youth about 12 years old. The case occupied the attention of the court all day Wednesday, the jury returning the above verdict on the first ballot. So far as we can learn the verdict gives universal satisfaction.

A. B. Starke, of Bodka, Loup county, was in O'Neill last week on business before the land office. Mr. Starke is general manager of the Jewel cattle company, one of the largest stock firms doing business in the state. Mr. Starke is also a politician of some note, being one of the leaders of the Palmer and Buckner democracy. He was a member of the legislature when W. V. Allen was elected United States senator, and was one of the democrats who voted for him, but since that time free silver has made a chasm between them, and we do not believe he would vote for him again if given the opportunity. Mr. Starke is a whole-souled genial gentleman and made many friends during his brief visit in this city.

It's a mighty chilly day when Stuart can't find some cause of complaint against her sister town of Atkinson, and just now she is sweating great drops of blood for fear that the long distance telephone line connecting that place with Butte and Fairfax, S. D., will be extended to Atkinson, and possibly O'Neill. To prevent the occurrence of such a dire catastrophe, William Krotter, R. E. Chittick, William Gill and C. N. Biglow appeared before the district court last Thursday and asked for an injunction restraining E. J. Spencer, owner and proprietor of said telephone line, from extending or permitting the extension of said line or permitting any connection to be made with said line by any outside parties; as such extension or connection would seriously cripple their business interests, owing to the fact that they get the greater part of their business as a direct result of Stuart being the only railroad terminus of said telephone line. They further represent that if said line were to be extended to Atkinson and O'Neill that it would take away the greater part of the trade of the town of Stuart and give it to the towns of Atkinson and O'Neill. In the absence of Judges Kinkaid and Westover, County Judge McCutchan issued a temporary injunction, restraining the defendant, E. J. Spencer, from taking any further action toward the extension of said line until a hearing could be had in the district court proper. What action Atkinson may have taken toward the securing of an extension of the telephone line, we are unable to state; but this is the first intimation we have received of any attempt on the part of O'Neill toward that end, and while the connection with our sister county seat of Butte would be a very convenient and pleasing arrangement, still we don't believe it would bring twenty five dollars' worth more trade to O'Neill in a year, or take that much away from Stuart. As it appears to us it is only a breaking out in a new spot of the old fight between the towns of Stuart and Atkinson, and that O'Neill is not concerned in the matter at all.

PORTER'S ACTIONS. LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 20, 1897.—Special Correspondence: The secretary of state is still this week as he was last week the most conspicuous before the public of all the officials at the state house.

Last week the secretary got himself into an awkward situation by opening the sealed returns of the late election. When the newspaper reporters questioned the secretary as to his unlawful acts and pointed out to him the law which prohibits anyone but the canvassing board from opening and examining these returns, the secretary declared, "That law is no good. It is obsolete like a good many other laws. We can't have reform unless we have reform."

The proposition that reform consists in setting aside law and that the officers who are charged with enforcing the election laws should openly violate them and should whenever they see fit, declare them "obsolete" and "no good," was so startling that Secretary Porter by the assistance of some of the other state house officials was able at last to realize dimly that he had got himself very close to a hornet's nest.

It is absolutely impossible for Secretary Porter to comprehend fully the serious complications that would have arisen by his acts if this were a close election so that these returns would be challenged in a court of law when they came at last to the canvassing board. He has sent back the returns to some thirty or forty counties for the correction of errors which he pretends to have discovered, although he has no more right to pass upon the correctness of these returns than has the janitor who sweeps his office or the carrier who handles the mail between the post office and the state house.

The question now arises, what shape will these returns be in when they get back from the counties to which they have been sent for correction? Who will make the corrections which this law-breaking secretary has ordered to be made? Will the county clerks do it? They have no right to change a single figure, letter or syllable of these returns except in the presence and by direction of the county boards which made the returns in the first place. Suppose some citizen should now question these returns and enjoin the canvassing board from declaring the result on the ground that they had been unlawfully opened and tampered with, both by this peeping secretary of state, his peeping deputy, his clerks and the various county clerks to which they have been sent for correction.

It will not avail for these law breakers when their acts are challenged to cry out "Down with the courts and down with injunctions!" Such anarchistic talk may be catchy among nervous people who do not stop to consider, but there is in this Nebraska community a deep seated law abiding sentiment which is and always will be strong enough to dominate the state when it is fully aroused, and this element of our society is not yet ready to tear down the courts, to set aside the election laws, and to have them declared "no good" and "obsolete" by a swaggering secretary of state whose prior business experience was limited to a dismal failure in the management of an eighty acre weed grown farm in Merrick county, where pigs rooted at will around the neglected treeless home, while the owner, loaded with unwilling transportation which he had rung from the corporations was chasing the country over from year to year in search of office as a reformer. There was a time, not long ago, and it may not yet be fully passed, when ignorant, bluff, swaggering, loud talking men with the audacity and impudence of Secretary Porter, having light regard for law, could make themselves popular with the masses by reason of these very characteristics. The confidence of the people had been abused. Their pride in the state had changed into contempt for public officials and for law, and being themselves in straightened circumstances where they dreading the operation of law, some of them cried out "D—n the constitution, D—n the courts and down with law and legal technicalities."

But the people are paying off their debts. They are becoming the owners of un-mortgaged homes and property. As these conditions enlarge, the sentiment for law and order will grow. They will learn to detect the perverling, flattering, farmer friend, who rails against the corporations while his pockets are bulging with free passes and meal tickets, and the people will demand for the public honors which they bestow, and for the salaries which they pay, that public officials shall respect the law, respect the reforms which they have promised and bring with them into public office such qualifications as will make the law and those who enforce it respectable, giving the people a

state government which will not occasion constant humiliation and apology.

I have seen an ill favored and friendless dog with tail between his legs, yelping through the weeds of a vacant lot, dodging tin cans and brick bats, into this alley and that, while the big boys roared with laughter at the spectacle. I meet men every day here at Lincoln who practice their wileisms on the secretary and regard his fantastic capers as a good joke on the state. I admit that his actions would be funny if his position did not render them serious. I admit that there is strong provocation for jokes and laughter to see the awkward secretary dodging the newspaper reporters, explaining one day, "That law haint no good," explaining the next day that "It was the deputy and the clerks who opened the sealed returns," explaining the next day, "It don't make no difference now, 'cause you fellers, you republicans done the same thing," and then at last, after tampering with the returns from nearly every county, admitting that he reckoned he hadn't ort to do it. "An' if there's poins to be so much shootin' off and rag chawin' about it I won't open up no more of 'em."

It may be funny to see a dog pelted with tin cans. It may be laughable to put a bull into a china store and see him smash the wares while the store-keeper prods him with a pitchfork. But it is expensive entertainment when a secretary of state indulges his itching curiosity by opening the sealed returns contrary to law and then amuses the public with his dodging explanations.

It was by just such men as Secretary Porter and by just such lawless acts as his and such methods as were adopted last winter in the recount fraud that Mississippi, Arkansas and other southern states, over thirty years ago, went into a system of election frauds from which they have not yet recovered and which still hangs over their communities like a pestilence.

No man wants to settle or live in a state where ballots and election returns are tampered with and where the law is flippantly set aside by the highest officials in the state. J. W. JOHNSON.

Bucklin'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.

BUTTERICK'S PATTERNS. About November 23 we will receive a complete stock of all staple patterns, and keep a full supply on hand thereafter, receiving the patterns monthly as shown in the Delineator.

Grand Album of Fashion, Delineator and Mirror of Fashion on sale at 25, 15 and 5 cents per copy. J. P. MANN.

KLONDIKE GOLD. Is "hot in it" at this time of year, compared with our new Klondike glass sets, in canary and blue colors. They must be seen to be appreciated. We never have had such a nice assortment of china cups, fruit plates, berry sets, water sets, and four piece sets, as we have on sale this season. Come in and look them over, they will please you, sure. 21-1 O'NEILL GROCERY CO.

A Clever Trick. It certainly looks like it, but there is really no trick about it. Anybody can try it who has lame back and weak kidneys, malaria or nervous troubles.

We mean he can cure himself right away by taking Electric Bitters. This medicine tones up the whole system, acts as a stimulant to the liver and kidneys, is a blood purifier and nerve tonic. It cures constipation, headache, fainting spells, sleeplessness and melancholy. It is purely vegetable, a mild laxative, and restores the system to its natural vigor. Try Electric Bitters and be convinced that they are a miracle worker. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50 cents a bottle at P. C. Corrigan's drug store.

The Greatest Discovery Yet. W. M. Repine, editor Tiskilwa, Ill., Chief, says: "We won't keep house without Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds. Experimented with many others, but never got the true remedy until we used Dr. King's New Discovery. No other remedy can take its place in our home, as in it we have a certain and sure cure for coughs, colds, whooping cough, etc." It is idle to experiment with other remedies, even if they are urged on you as just as good as Dr. King's New Discovery. They are not as good, because this remedy has a record of cures and besides is guaranteed. It never fails to satisfy. Trial bottles free at P. C. Corrigan's drug store.

NEW METHODS OF INSTRUCTION.

While in Atkinson last Friday we had the pleasure of listening to a program of more than ordinary note which was rendered by the Columbian literary society of the Atkinson high school. The successful feature of the program was a criminal trial conducted in all its detail by the members of the high school department. The participants in the main part of the program were Arleigh Moore and Win Whitney, who acted as attorneys for the prosecution, and Harry Prouty and Morton Greeley for the defense.

The case was entirely original in all its features, as we understand a sham fight was resorted to on election day between a populist and republican to a foundation for the trial. This being done the trial was commenced by one of the aggrieved parties, we believe by the populist, as you know a pop is always looking for trouble. The trial was conducted from beginning to close in a very able manner by Ira J. Burleson, jr., acting as judge.

Old attorneys were surprised at the keen examination of witnesses by Messrs. Prouty and Moore, and their technical summing up of the evidence in the case to the jury, which bespeaks for these young men a brilliant future in whatever pursuit they undertake. Mr. Whitney was no less noticeable for his wary observation of the case, and Mr. Greeley for his profound logic and touching plea to the jury, arguing self defense for his client. The jury, composed of people from the audience, deliberated on the case for some time, when a disagreement was reached, the jury standing four for acquittal and two for conviction.

With such interest do the people of Atkinson attend these meetings of the literary society, that from 150 to 300 are present at the regular meetings every two weeks, but on this occasion many were compelled to leave for want of standing room.

This is surely a new departure in the line of practical education, since from close questioning of the forty pupils in the high school room only, only four had ever seen a trial conducted. How necessary it is, therefore, that education should be made practical, whereby pupils may be able to deal with every day life if suddenly called upon. Three years ago the schools of Atkinson did not show this marked progress, nor was such deep interest manifested by the people. Never before in the history of the school have the people come forth from their homes in such numbers to witness the work of the scholars, and never before have the pupils shown such ability in practical education.

In the high school of Atkinson the practical method of teaching history, that is the "Source Method" first had its birth in Holt county, and a new system of book-keeping has been introduced which gives the pupil in six months time a better business education than any of the business colleges of the state.

Is it to be wondered at then, that the schools of Atkinson rank among the first of the schools of northern Nebraska on the accredited list of the state university, and make a close race with the leading high schools of the state?

If we want our own schools to advance, there must be the same display of energy by the teachers, and the same interest manifested by the parents as will show they are alive to the best interests of the pupils and the advancement of the community. Unless this is the case no school can rise from the old rut to that higher plane of educational advancement; and, furthermore, let school officers keep abreast of the times as well as the teacher, for it is their duty to know what is for the good of the school, and this they cannot know unless they keep in touch with the rapid progress of education. See to this, school officers, or leave your place to energetic men, as teachers must do when they are deficient in that which makes a school—Godlike energy. *

NOTICE.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The rental and sale of all properties in Holt county, Neb., owned or controlled by us, have been placed for the present in charge of Mr. M. Lyons, of Emmet, Neb., and no other resident of Holt county is authorized to represent us in such matters. The properties we control are principally such as have been acquired under mortgages negotiated by the Lombard Investment company and others, either by foreclosure or voluntary deed from the borrower. We represent a large majority of the holders of Lombard mortgages and of the lands acquired under them in Holt county. All tenants upon such lands or anyone who may desire to become tenants or purchasers may correspond or confer with Mr. Lyons in reference thereto. Kansas City, October 1, 1897. CONCORDIA LOAN AND TRUST COMPANY.