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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.

John Brady was down from Atkinson Friday.

H. B. Kelley was in from Inez Tuesday.

Will Lowrie returned to Lincoln Monday.

J. C. Harnish made a trip to Lincoln Monday.

L. E. Huston was up from Chambers Saturday.

Bail ties and wire always on hand at Nell Brennan's. 16-17

William Nollkamper was over from Turner Tuesday.

Brantley Sturdevant was down from Atkinson Monday.

D. Kemp, of South Omaha, was at the Evans Saturday.

Attorney S. D. Thornton was up from Neligh last Saturday.

One Minute Cough Cure cures quickly. That's what you want!

Miss Anna Murphy returned to Crookston Monday evening.

For first-class horseshoeing on short notice, call on Emil Sniggs. 26-17

Lee Henry has been added to the force of Independent compositors.

Mrs. G. C. Hazelet returned to her home at Omaha Friday morning.

Say, is your subscription paid up to date? If not call around and settle.

FOR SALE—A good second hand corn planter. Call on Robert Marsh.

Grant W. Smith spent Sunday in Sioux City, returning Monday evening.

O. O. Snyder was in Osmond last Friday invoicing his yard at that place.

FOR SALE—One good, six-year-old horse. Inquire of Robert Marsh. 21-17

Miss Cora Thompson spent her holiday vacation visiting relatives at Ord, Neb.

We have a large assortment of ladies cards on hand. Call around and see them.

Miss Kittie Bright left for Shullsburg, Wis., last Friday to visit her parents for a few weeks.

Ralph Evans returned to Omaha last Friday, where he is attending the high school.

J. W. Galleher, one of Atkinson's leading business men, was an O'Neill visitor yesterday.

S. W. Green, of Ewing, was in the city New Years, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Schubert.

There will be preaching services in the Episcopal church next Sunday morning and evening.

Joe Mann and sister, Miss Kate, were over from Spencer Saturday and Sunday visiting relatives.

The music box at J. P. Mann's was awarded to number 6633, and that number was held by J. Weir.

Landlord Weir is of the opinion that it is better to be born lucky than rich. He evidently has his share of luck.

Ed Rosenbeck, of Bloum, was one of THE FRONTIER readers who started the new year right by paying the printer.

Editor Raker came up from Ewing last evening to be present at the installation of the new county officials today.

Miss Flo McDonald, of Atkinson, was visiting in O'Neill last week, the guest of the Misses Maggie and Tens Harrington.

The social hop given at the rink last Thursday evening was a success, and those who participated report an enjoyable time.

Miss Kate Hurley returned home from Norfolk last Thursday evening. She had been visiting friends there the past two weeks.

Miss Barrett came up from Norfolk last Thursday evening to attend the New Year's ball. She returned home Saturday morning.

Ira Woods, of Fremont, an old time friend of John Skirving, was in O'Neill last Sunday and spent the day with Mr. Skirving and family.

Several of our local weather prognosticators are contending that while the backbone of winter may not be completely broken it is badly cracked and will have to be dealt carefully with that it may hold out until the regulation opening of spring.

\$2.50 gets you a fine 16x20 crayon, framed, with each dozen cabinet photos ordered at Corbett's 23rd to 30th. Teeth filled without pain.

Miss Mae Skirving went down to Neligh last Friday morning where she visited with the family of Judge Jackson until Monday night.

J. W. Wertz, who for several years so ably conducted the Stuart Ledger, was in the city last Thursday and made a pleasant call at this office.

The past few days of real pleasant weather have placed the roads in such condition that a freeze-up would practically shut out the rural districts.

John Flannigan, of Stuart, passed through O'Neill Monday night on his way home from Minneapolis where he had been visiting relatives during the holidays.

William Nollkamper, jr., was in O'Neill Friday on his way to Wayne where he is attending school. He had been home spending the Christmas vacation.

C. C. Millard returned Monday evening from Cherokee, Iowa, where he had spent Christmas with relatives, and incidentally investigated a few of the numerous Klondike stories.

William Dickerson and wife, Miss Blanch Shuts, Miss Maud Walker and Miss Lillie Musser, of Atkinson, are in the city and attended the party at the Odd Fellow's hall last night.

Last Monday William Lavoilette purchased at sheriff's sale the old Smoot barber shop, now occupied by Maylon Price. Bill shows by his actions that he is a firm believer in the future of O'Neill.

Earnest Beaver, of Imogene, Iowa, was in the city last Saturday on his way home, having spent the holidays with his parents at Leonis. Mr. Beaver is principal of the high school at Imogene.

You can't afford to risk your life by allowing a cold to develop into pneumonia or consumption. Instant relief and a certain cure are afforded by One Minute Cough Cure. Hershiser & Gilligan.

Some of the base ball cranks at Norfolk are talking of organizing a state league. If a league is organized and West Point goes in with as good a team as they had last year, we think they would have a cinch on the penant.

The Misses Alta and Iva Welton returned from their visit to Deadwood and other western towns last Saturday morning. Mrs. Welton remained at her son Ed's home in Whitney where she has been quite sick the past two weeks.

Henry DeYarman, of Stuttgart, Ark., was one of our callers on New Year's day, and left a treasury note on subscription. Henry says that it would be almost an impossibility to live and enjoy life in that far off southern city without reading the old reliable FRONTIER.

Parents make use of this opportunity and give your children a good education. The O'Neill Conservatory chorus class starts Friday, January 7 at 4:15 p. m. at the public school building. An excellent opportunity and the cost is nominal, four month's instruction for \$2.75, including books.

Your attention is called to the ad of the O'Neill Conservatory of Music on another page. The O'Neill Conservatory is fast forging to the front and is being recognized as one of the leading musical schools in the state. Those desiring instruction should investigate before going elsewhere.

Ord Times: Two young fellows from O'Neill, but who have been staying in this vicinity for some time, seem to think it quite cute to come to town and get full and then stagger around town. One of them run his elbow through Barber Watson's window recently and they both came near getting in limbo last Friday night. They had better take warning now and quit.

Mrs. C. J. Schubert expects to soon start a German class in this city. This will be welcome news to several O'Neillites who studied German under Prof. Hunt a few years ago, and who have since eagerly watched for an opportunity to resume their studies under a competent instructor. That Mrs. Schubert is competent is evidenced by the fact that she was the instructor in German in Gates college, at Neligh, for several terms.

Mrs. John Skirving met with a serious accident last Saturday morning at her home in the southwestern part of the city. While going down cellar she slipped and fell, falling upon her head and shoulders on the cement floor of the cellar, cutting quite a deep gash in her forehead above the eye and otherwise bruising her. Dr. Gilligan was hastily summoned and sewed up the wound, and at the present time she is getting along nicely.

Mrs. R. R. Dickson died at her home in this city Wednesday evening, at 7:15, of uremia. A week ago Tuesday she gave birth to a son, and seemed to be getting along nicely until last Saturday when she was taken seriously ill, and although everything possible that could be done was done for her it could not save her, and she passed away as above stated. The funeral was held at 2 o'clock today. Obituary notice next week.

The members of Mayflower Camp Royal Neighbors of America have elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Mrs. Testman, past oracle; Mrs. Neil Brennan, worthy oracle; Mrs. Olaf Wilson, worthy vice oracle; Mrs. M. M. Sullivan, chancellor; Mrs. C. W. Hagensick, recorder; Mrs. Hagerty, banker; Mrs. Ed McBride, marshal; Mrs. P. Barrett, outer watch; Mrs. A. Marlow, inner watch; O. F. Biglin, manager.

Ord Times: Miss Cora Thompson will return to O'Neill tomorrow. She has been in Ord during the holidays. Speaking of her school work this year she says she is enjoying it very much. There are about 400 pupils enrolled in the O'Neill schools and eight teachers employed. The principal, Mr. E. H. Whelan, by the way a young man just out of college and teaching his first term of school, and Miss Thompson have all the work in the high school. All her friends are glad to know that she is enjoying her work.

An Iowa woman has named her twin daughters Gasoline and Kerosene.—Exchange. The old man's name is probably Pete Roleum.—Boston Commercial Bulletin. We hope the babies will grow up a paraffine girls.—Boston Herald. The man who marries into that family will strike oil.—Cape Cod Item. But we fear that sparking in the immediate neighborhood of the girls in question will be a very dangerous pastime.—Munsey's Weekly. Look out for an explosion if they are red-headed. They ought to be bright lights in society.—Galveston News.

During the past two years Mrs. J. W. Alexander, wife of the editor of the Waynesboro (Miss.) Times, has, in a great many instances, relieved her baby when in the first stages of croup, by giving it Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. She looks upon this remedy as a household necessity and believes that no better medicine has ever been put in bottles. There are many thousands of mothers in this broad land, who are of the same opinion. It is the only remedy that can always be depended upon as a preventative and cure for croup. The 25 and 50 cent bottles are for sale by P. C. Corrigan, druggist.

Exchange: The editor of the Willmar, Minn., Argus lives in a house located between a Methodist church and a dance hall. One evening recently there was a gathering in both places. It being too warm for comfort in the house the editor sat on his veranda, and this is what he heard: "Let us pray—all salute—we beseech thee to—join hands and—draw near—circle to the left—listen to us—first four forward and back—as we—all promenade—kneel before the and—balance all—present our petition—grand right and left—for Christ's sake—seat your partners." The editor was more than saddened at the degeneration of the village, and went off and joined the base ball club in order to be neutral.

These headquarters of wit and wisdom were honored this morning by a visit from Mrs. H. M. Uttley, of this city, and the Misses Blanch Shuts and Maud Walker of Atkinson, who are visiting friends and enjoying the sights in our beautiful little city. The visiting ladies expressed themselves as being delighted with the cordiality and amiability of the O'Neill people, especially the young men, and assured us that they would never miss an opportunity of repeating their visit to O'Neill, and while here would always remember the handsome and agreeable young man in—oh, pshaw! Our modesty forbids us from repeating any more of the many nice things that we could have heard if would have listened.

Frank Bily, of Boyd county, died at the Evans hotel last Sunday morning. Deceased was a consumptive and spent a month in an Omaha hospital. Upon learning that he had but a short time to live he started for home so that his last moments could be passed with his family. He was very weak when he reached this city Saturday night, and was taken to the Hotel Evans. Dr. O'Neill and Cyril Eryclip were with him until about 2 o'clock, and as he was feeling better they retired. When the porter went to awake him in the morning he was found dead. The body was removed to Biglin's undertaking rooms where it remained until Monday morning when his brother-in-law arrived and took the body to his home in Boyd county. Deceased was 35 years old and leaves a wife and three children.

A pleasant time was had at the Odd Fellow's hall Wednesday evening, it being installation night. William Dickerson, of Atkinson, district deputy grand master, was the installing officer. The following are the officers for '97: Emil Sniggs, N. G.; B. Martin, N. V.; C. L. Bright, R. S.; J. C. Harnish, P. S.; E. H. Thompson, T.; F. B. Cole, trustee; G. W. Smith, R. S. N. G.; S. J. Weekes, L. S. N. G.; C. H. Bentley, warden; C. W. Hagensick, conductor; C. Selah, I. W.; O. E. Davidson, O. W.; J. S. Walker, R. S. S.; John Walmer, L. S. E.; H. Zimmerman, R. S. V. G.; J. F. Pfunder, L. S. V. G. About fifty of the Rebekahs surprised them about 10 o'clock with their usual password, lots of good edibles. As they were accompanied by Smith's orchestra, the guardians decided to admit them to the lodge room, and a very pleasant time was had until about 1:30, when all went home feeling as though they had been to one of the old time gatherings of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs.

Tuesday evening, January 4, 1898, is a date that will be remembered for some time by the Modern Woodmen of America and the Royal Neighbors of America and their relatives and friends who were present at the Odd Fellows' hall that evening to witness the installation of the Woodmen officers. About 8:30 the meeting was called to order by Venerable Consul-elect Bernard McGreevy and shortly thereafter Neil Brennan, the installing officer, was escorted into the hall by Past Venerable Consul Biglin and Chief Forrester J. F. Pfunder. The installing officer then took possession of the chair and called upon Neighbor Biglin to deliver an address of welcome to the Royal Neighbors and their relatives and friends who were present, a duty which he performed in an able and eloquent manner. D. H. Cronin was then called upon and responded in behalf of the Royal Neighbors. Miss Tess O'Sullivan then entertained the gathering with one of her popular songs which she rendered in an able manner. T. V. Golden was then called upon to deliver an address upon the objects of the order. As an impromptu speaker Mr. Golden always shines and he was at his best on this occasion. After the "German Chorus" had rendered a selection the newly elected officers were installed, the ceremonies being beautiful and impressive. At this point, the work of the evening being performed, the ladies demonstrated their usefulness by giving the Woodmen and their guests a supper, and it is needless to say it was one of the best feasts some of the "boys" had had for many a day. Everyone was feeling happy and all went from the hall to the rink to enjoy a few blissful moments tripping the light fantastic. It was here that the old "bucks" were strictly in evidence. Many of them had not attempted to dance for years, but when once inside the hall they pulled the belt up a notch or two secured a partner and were soon gliding over the waxed floor to the entrancing strains of one of the latest waltzes. This was kept up until about 2:30 when all left for home with nothing but words of praise for two of the grandest organizations in this country, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Royal Neighbors of America.

What It Means.

When we advertise that we will guarantee Dr. King's New Discovery, Electric Bitters, Bucklen's Arnica Salve, or Dr. King's New Life Pill, it means that we are authorized by the proprietors to sell these remedies on a positive guarantee, that if purchaser is not satisfied with results, we will refund the purchase price. These medicines have been sold on this guarantee for many years and there could be no more conclusive evidence of their great merit. Ask about them and give them a trial. Sold at P. C. Corrigan's drug store.

The Discovery of the Day.

Aur. J. Bogel, the leading druggist of Shreveport, La., says: "Dr. King's New Discovery is the only thing that cures my cough, and it is the best seller I have." J. F. Campbell, merchant of Safford, Arizona, writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery is all that is claimed for it; it never fails, and is a sure cure for consumption, coughs and colds. I cannot say enough for its merits." Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds is not an experiment. It has been tried for a quarter of a century, and today stands at the head. It never disappoints. Free trial bottle at P. C. Corrigan's drug store.

O. W. O. Hardmar, when sheriff of Tyler county, W. Va., was at one time almost prostrated with a cold. He used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and was so much pleased with the quick relief and cure it afforded him, that he gave the following unsolicited testimonial: "To all who may be interested, I wish to say, that I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and find it invaluable for coughs and colds. For sale by P. C. Corrigan, druggist.

ABOUT THE BONDS.

O'NEILL, Neb., Jan. 6, '97.

To the Editor: We have got so much into a habit in this community of figuring things from a political standpoint that I am sending this letter to both the Independent and THE FRONTIER. The Grattan township bond case is a matter that affects us all without regard to politics. There has already been too much misunderstanding in the matter.

Before the Short Line was built the people of this community donated real estate to the railroad company and agreed in writing to give these bonds. A call for an election was made and the notice published; the bonds were to be given to the company when the road was built as far as O'Neill. Any person who will go to the county clerk's office can see the record for himself. After a time certain tax payers sought to enjoin the tax because the petition as they claimed was not signed by fifty freeholders, although fifty-two persons signed it claiming to be freeholders. The district court refused an injunction but the supreme court reversed that decision, saying that there was a sufficient case made for an injunction, unless the bonds had been sold to innocent purchasers. But the court in the same opinion said that they did not decide that the township could beat the bonds if they were in the hands of innocent purchasers. The owners of the bonds brought suit in the United States court at Omaha, and in that suit, I am reliably informed, Mr. Murphy agreed in writing that these bonds were out of the hands of the railroad company, and were in the hands of innocent people who paid one hundred cents on the dollar for them.

On this state of the case the United States court held the bonds good. I understand that Mr. Murphy argued that O'Neill was not a part of Grattan township. This is news to most of us. We have been electing township officers for years, and supervisors too, as part of the township. We, people of O'Neill, always have paid and still pay our share of the township taxes; in fact the town pays much more than half the township taxes. When Mr. Murphy was making this argument to the Honorable Court he had in his pocket a \$1,500 fee, and much more than one-half of this was taxes paid by people living in the city of O'Neill. And with their money in his pocket the claim is made that the people of O'Neill are not a part of the township. Fie on such nonsense!

I have said that there has been much misrepresentation and I am ready to show it. The people of this city, as I have said, pay much more than one-half of the entire township taxes; the Elkhorn railroad company pays as much tax in Grattan township as there is paid on one hundred quarter sections of land; they pay about one-tenth of the township tax; the Short Line pays about half what the Elkhorn does. The ditch company south of town is against repudiation and owns about thirty-six quarter sections; nearly all the land south of the Elkhorn is owned by non-residents or by the ditch company. Then take that part of Grattan township north of the river and the eastern part of it is nearly all owned by non-residents, and all through it there is land owned by non-residents; in fact more than half the land in the township north of the river is owned by non-residents. Any man who will investigate the assessment roll for himself can find out that the farmers of Grattan township will not have to pay over about one-sixth of these \$36,000 in bonds, which amounts to only \$6,000. We do not say this in any spirit of dislike for the farmers of the township; they are an honest, industrious lot of men and mean to do what is right, but people who are making money out of the matter have worked them up and lied to them until they have made the farmers believe that they were the ones who would have to pay the bulk of the bonds. The only thing on which any such claim was based was the fact that taxes are not being paid on many vacant town lots in O'Neill. This is no argument at all. If the Short Line is built on the town will grow and the lots will have value, and will be saleable, and when that occurs these taxes will be paid. It is to the interest of the farmers as tax payers to have O'Neill grow, because as the town increases in population it will pay a greater proportion of the taxes.

This community has been worked into this suit by interested parties and we are being branded as a lot of repudiators. Holt county needs capital to develop it. Times are improving; money is getting easier; money is piling up in the eastern banks, and it will come west to be invested in land and in cattle by purchase or by loaning it at reasonable rates if we convince them that we are an honest community and not a band of dishonest repudiators. The daily papers of the past week give an account of the

purchase by Clint Anderson, an old settler of this county and now living in Cherry county, of 10,500 head of southern cattle costing about \$200,000, and a New York capitalist having investigated his ranch in Cherry county, and seeing that he has grass, range and water, is lending him the money at seven per cent. to handle the enterprise, taking security on the cattle. The chances are that Mr. Anderson will clean up \$50,000 to \$100,000 in the deal. Do you suppose he could ever have secured this money if he had any record behind him of trying to repudiate honest debts? And there are chances for other men to get good backing where they are known to be honest, but we cannot hope for it in this community until we remove the stigma of repudiation. While we are branded by the outside world as repudiators for fighting these bonds I don't believe it is true. I don't believe the people of Grattan township, whether they be business men, mechanics or farmers, want to repudiate the obligation we assumed when we voted these bonds. Let there be such a meeting on Saturday as will forever crush repudiation in this locality, and let us adopt resolutions and send them to the daily press saying to the world that we are ready to pay our just obligations. With that done there is a good prospect that money will be secured to build the Short Line on this year. Yours truly,

A CITIZEN OF O'NEILL.

HOLCOMB'S GREEED.

LINCOLN, NEB., Jan. 1, 1898.—Special Correspondence: The state constitution fixes the salaries of the state officers and prohibits the legislature from raising these salaries by any means either direct or indirect. If any state officer gets an increase above the constitutional limit, he gets it in direct violation of the constitution.

In the earlier history of the state it was the custom of the legislature to appropriate an additional compensation to the governor, and in order to avoid the express provisions of the constitution they designated this unlawful appropriation as "house rent." It was always unlawful and everybody knew it to be unlawful, but it was consented to because it was only one of the many tricks of immorality and evasions of the law which edged themselves into our state government in its early history just as these same petty tricks and evasions have been practiced in the early history of other states.

When the reform party came into the arena and began to bid for public favor with promises that it would reform these things, and when this reform party through its press and its public speakers, such as Holcomb, Wolfe, Porter and others, began to ply the lash of criticism on the republican party's back for these petty tricks and evasions of the law, the people recognized these criticisms as just. Many republicans and republican newspapers candidly admitted that these points were well taken and there grew among all the people regardless of a party a sentiment against these things and a demand for state officials, high minded enough, smart enough and forceful enough to enforce every law to the very letter and to keep every official act within the law that the laws and the constitution might be respected, that the public office might have some dignity and that there might not be set up in the highest places of the state examples of low evasion and speculation.

In obedience to this higher sentiment and in conformity to his own dignity as an executive, Governor Crouse, in '98, vetoed this appropriation for "house rent," declaring it unconstitutional and a dangerous example of legalized plunder. Governor Crouse took the ground that as the state progressed in age and in importance as a commonwealth, it ought to progress in the dignity and honesty of its public business and its public men, and that it never could so progress while the chief executive winked at unconstitutional appropriations because they were in his own personal interest.

He understood the demoralizing influence of bad example in high places. If the father drinks the sons will drink. If the pastor is a moral coward, if for the sake of his salary he cajoles with truckling affability the bad man who is

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Cut Prices This Week....

On Overcoats, Cloaks, Men's and Boys' Suits, Wool Blankets, Wool Boots and Overshoes, All our Ladies' lined shoes and Slippers, and a large line of Ice wool fascinators and Feather Boas.....

J. P. MANN.