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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.

**The Old Cow, "Speck," Etc.**  
I've tried the best that I know how  
To make the outlet go,  
But can't forget the spotted cow  
That died at Broken Bow.

And 'though I do not care a fig  
For harping on stale themes,  
The squealing of that boar black pig  
Still haunts my nightly dreams.

Alas for my resolve to get  
On some new thought a lease,  
Do what I will I cannot let  
These subjects rest in peace.

I start to write about the war,  
Across the briny deep,  
And that reminds me of the boar,  
And I must stop and weep.

I choose to write of William Dech  
And such erratic men,  
That calls to mind the cow called Speck  
And I must weep again.

O, Silas, can you name a salve  
For bruises of this kind?  
Your deeds alone it is that have  
Disturbed my peace of mind.

Exhort, usury and drink  
(Remember Broken Bow)  
Have made this once proud world, I think  
A wilderness of woe.

With one exception, O. M. Kem,  
To his convictions true,  
Pops do the things that they condemn—  
I don't know why, do you?

Were I a pop, filled full of gas,  
And crazy to explode,  
I wouldn't use a railroad pass—  
I'd hit the wagon road.

My conscience wouldn't let me spout,  
To any great extent,  
If I had loaned my money out  
At thirty-six per cent.

O, Silas, I am well aware  
You are not in the race,  
But you'll go out and read the air  
When Poynter sets the pace.

Which fact is why I mention now,  
With tears of deep regret,  
The story of the spotted cow  
That no one can forget.  
—Doc Bixby.

Be sure and go to Agee on September 17.

H. A. Allen was down from Atkinson Saturday.

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

R. H. Jenness went down to Omaha Wednesday morning.

Ed. Mote, of Chadron, was in the city a couple of days last week.

Miss Anna Murphy was over from Spencer the first of the week.

LOST—A breast-pin. A liberal reward will be paid if it is returned to E. S. Kinch, O'Neill.

William Clevish has the thanks of the office force for a fine juicy melon which he presented us Monday.

Geo. McCutcheon was Lincoln Monday looking after insurance matters in the state auditor's office.

Miss Tess O'Sullivan left Saturday for Valentine where she will visit relatives for a few weeks.

Mrs. Patrick Hagerty and daughter, Miss Nellie, went to Omaha last Saturday to attend the exposition.

Editor Raker, of the Ewing Advocate, was in the city Monday consulting the luminous lights of populism.

Mr. and Mrs. James Morrison left Saturday morning for an extended visit in Nebraska, Illinois and Missouri.

Miss Mae Skirving went down to Omaha Saturday morning where she will visit the exposition for a week.

For teeth or photos go to Dr. Corbett's parlors, 25rd to 30th of each month. Photographs \$1 per dozen.

Miss May Graybrial and J. Dierks, both of Ewing, were granted a marriage license by Judge Selah last Monday.

FOR SALE—Span of four-year old mules. Call at my place two miles east of O'Neill. PETER TOORILL.

Full blooded, registered Hereford bulls cows and heifers for sale by W. C. Fawkes, 4 miles north of O'Neill. 44-45

Miss Saunders and mother, who have been visiting friends here the past summer left for their home in Chicago last week.

Chas. Moulton, who has been visiting in the city for the past week, left Wednesday morning for his home at Waterloo, Ia.

E. C. Blanks, of Lewisville, Texas writes that one box of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve was worth \$50 to him. It cured his piles of ten years standing. He advises others to try it. It also cures eczema, skin diseases and obstinate sores.—J. P. Gilligan.

Bentley's is the place to go for fresh fruits and fresh groceries and for crockery and glassware. They cannot be beat.

Mrs. J. H. Riggs, of Fremont, who was in the city last week visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. H. Meredith, returned home Sunday morning.

W. N. Day, of Sioux City, division freight and passenger agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway, was an O'Neill visitor Monday.

P. J. Donahue, of Sioux City, traveling freight and passenger agent of the Sioux City, O'Neill and Western railway company, was in the city Monday evening.

Monday of this week, B. J. Ryan sold a bunch of cattle to J. B. Anderson for \$1,400. It is needless to state that Barney cleared up a few shillings on the deal.

Ed. F. Gallagher returned from his visit to his old home at Darlington Wis., Sunday evening. Ed says everything is prosperous in that section of the country.

Mrs. Anna Lorge, of Randolph, who has been in O'Neill the past two months visiting her daughter, Mrs. D. H. Cronin, returned to her home at Randolph last Saturday.

A torpid liver robs you of ambition and ruins your health. DeWitt's Little Early Risers cleanse the liver, cure constipation and all stomach and liver troubles.—J. P. Gilligan Co.

Thousands of persons have been cured of piles by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It heals promptly and cures eczema and all skin diseases. It gives immediate relief.—J. P. Gilligan.

This is September 1, the day that "stubble duck" disappear and in their place full-fledged prairie chickens appear. Sportsmen can now hunt all they wish without danger of being "jerked."

*Dr. Withers, the Omaha painless dentist will be in O'Neill, September 22 and 23, prepared to do all kinds of dentist work at Omaha.*

Bob Moore, of La Fayette, Indiana, says that for constipation he has found DeWitt's Little Early Risers to be perfect. They never gripe. Try them for stomach and liver troubles.—J. P. Gilligan.

Win your battles against disease by acting promptly. One Minute Cough Cure produces immediate results. When taken early it prevents consumption. And in later stages it furnishes prompt relief.—J. P. Gilligan.

J. W. Leeper, of Agee, left for Iowa last week to be present at the fiftieth wedding anniversary of his parents. It was also to be a family reunion and he expected to meet relatives there whom he had not seen for years.

The hum of the thresher can now be heard in all parts of the county and the contented and jubilant smile on the faces of the farmers when they come to town is evidence that they are all satisfied with their crops this year.

School commences next Monday and Prof. Whelan desired us to state that all pupils would go to their old rooms and seats and during the forenoon the list of promotions would be read and new rooms and seats assigned.

Advertising World: Competition is great—and the advertising merchant gets the people into his store and thus the advertisement presses the button; the people once in the store, the salesman and the goods should surely do the rest.

Mayor Davis has the thanks of the editor and wife for a fine mess of bass which he presented us Monday. Charlie is one of the O'Neill sportsmen who is always successful, he and Henry Abrahams having caught about 100 pounds of fish last Saturday.

The Chief Burgess of Milesburg, Pa., says DeWitt's Little Early Risers are the best pills he ever used in his family during forty years of housekeeping. They cure constipation, sick headache and stomach and liver troubles. Small in size but great in results.—J. P. Gilligan

The school board held a meeting last Saturday and elected Miss Anna Hopkins as teacher to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Miss Maude Smith. The board were unable to agree upon an assistant principal and they adjourned until next Friday when they expect to select a successor to Miss Thompson.

The social held at Mr. Sullivan's, six miles northeast of this city, last Wednesday, was a grand affair, both financially and socially. The attendance at the social was the largest that has been as yet and the managers ought to congratulate themselves for the way they entertained the vast throng. The social netted over \$60.

Romaine Saunders, who was an employee of this office for five years, and who for the past three years has been editing the Leigh World disposed of his interest in that paper and is now an employee of the Independent. Pete is a number one printer and a good newspaper man and THE FRONTIER is glad to welcome him back to O'Neill.

Exchange: A man in a little village in Kansas was the father of two sons, and a widow in the same village was the mother of two daughters. The father married the widow's oldest daughter, his oldest son married the widow, and the youngest son married the widow's youngest daughter. If you can figure out their kin the cake is yours.

Ewing Advocate: John Dierks has this week purchased the old bank corner stone and safe and informs us that he will have masons here during the following month who will immediately commence the erection of another bank building. Mr. Dierks expects to open up a substantial institution in the near future with responsible men at the bottom.

About ten days ago Miss Dora Testman went down to Norfolk and Wisner for a visit with relatives. Wednesday, of last week, Mrs. Testman was notified that Dora was quite ill and she left for Norfolk that morning. She found her daughter very sick with pneumonia, but being well cared for by anxious friends. She is now recovering and was brought home Tuesday evening.

The 11th annual camp fire and picnic of post No. 251, G. A. R. and lodge relief corps No. 142, will be held in Bowden's grove, near Agee post office, on September 17, 1898. A general invitation is given to all. Judge Jackson, of Neligh, will be orator of the day. Old and young soldiers turn out and tell your many experiences.

By order of Com.

John Hazelet arrived in the city Tuesday evening for the purpose of packing up his household goods and shipping them to Des Moines, Iowa, where he expects to make his future home. John resigned his position with the chicory company and has accepted one with a Des Moines tobacco firm and expects to commence work Monday. His territory will be south of the Iowa capitol.

James Stout, of Tekamah, Neb., brother of Chas. Stout, of this city, has purchased an interest in the drug firm of J. P. Gilligan Co., and will make O'Neill his future home. Mr. Stout arrived in O'Neill last night and as soon as a residence can be secured he will move his family here. THE FRONTIER welcomes Mr. Stout to O'Neill and hopes that his residence here will be pleasant and profitable.

Adolph Wonder and Peter Linda, of Leonia, Iowa, were in O'Neill Tuesday, having purchased 80 head of two and three-year old steers from Dan O'Donnell, for which they paid \$38.50 a head, or \$3,080.00 for the bunch. They shipped the cattle to their Iowa farms yesterday and will fatten them this winter. Holt is the great cattle county and every man who is in that business is becoming wealthy.

An Arizona rancher has posted the following notice on a cottonwood tree near his ranch place: "My wife Sarah has left my ranch when I didn't do a Thing Too her and I want it distinctly understood that any Man as takes her in and Keers for her on my account will get himself Pumped so Full of Led that some tenderfoot will locate him for a mineral claim. A word to the wise is sufficient and orter to work on fools.

Mrs. C. E. Hall left Tuesday morning of last week for Hastings, Neb., the home of her parents where she and the children expect to remain this winter. The children were visiting friends at Meadow Grove and joined her at that place that morning and accompanied her on her journey. She expected to leave Hastings Tuesday, of this week, for Jacksonville on a visit to Mr. Hall who is First lieutenant, in company M, Third regiment.

The funeral services of Harry S. Hotchiss, who died in Cartagena, South America, two years ago, will be held under the auspices of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., in the senate chamber, in Lincoln, Sunday at 2 o'clock p. m. He was Grand Master of the I. O. O. F., of Nebraska at the time of his death, but under the laws of that country the body of any one dying there cannot be removed for two years. His body will be returned to Lincoln. O. O. Snyder, who is grand warden of the grand lodge of Nebraska, will attend the funeral. Harry Hotchiss will be remembered by a great many O'Neill people, as he has visited our town on several important occasions.

An old countryman came into a small town in Arkansas a week or so ago. He lived in the woods, and his last visit to town had been made at the close of the civil war. The little country place was then full of soldiers, and now, after thirty years, the first thing the old man saw was a militia company marching to the depot on their way to the encampment. He looked in amazement and muttered audibly: "By gosh, them durned liars told me Lee had surrendered, an' here's that dratted war still a-goin' on!"

The other morning we were standing in front of Biglin's talking with Henry Abrahams about fishing and the number of "stubble duck" in the country this fall. His little daughter, Juneau, a little tot about a year and a half old was standing there a very attentive listener to the conversation, and we thought she appeared rather anxious to express her views on the question, so I asked that her papa done when he seen prairie chickens and she lisped in her babyish way, "Bang, bang!" The laugh was on Henry.

B. J. Ryan, who has been visiting his family here the past ten days left for Alliance Monday night. Unless something unforeseen occurs Mr. Ryan expects to move his family to Alliance this fall and make that place their home for a time at least. Mr. Ryan has been a resident of O'Neill for about ten years and during that time has been one of our most progressive and prosperous business men and we regret to see him and his estimable family leave this city, but should they do so we will wish them good luck and prosperity in their new home.

Mrs. W. J. Dobbs and family left Wednesday morning for Coin, Iowa, where they will make their future home. Mr. Dobbs having secured a position as station agent at that place. O'Neill people regret to see this family leave the city as during the years of their residence here no man labored harder to advance and promote O'Neill and Holt county than Will Dobbs and in all of his efforts he was ably seconded by his wife and in their new home they will have the best wishes of a host of O'Neill friends for their future happiness and prosperity.

"A minister of this town," says the Stockton, Kansas News; "came into this office one day this week and got a drink of water. He murmured much at the quality of the water and censured the office for using such stuff, saying he didn't believe the editorial staff was was sound on temperance. After he had gone out it was discovered he had been drinking of the water in which we had washed our type, and it was a mixture of water, concentrated lye and printer's ink. We always drink from the hydrant, but he had drank from a pail under the hydrant."

Some three months ago the head officers of the Business Men's Fraternity and the Independent Workmen consolidated both organizations. This move was not satisfactory to the members and they called a convention in Omaha a couple of weeks ago at which representatives from about 1800 members were present. At that meeting they decided to reorganize and they did so electing new head officers and G. A. McCutcheon, of this city, was elected grand secretary. We congratulate Mr. McCutcheon upon the honor conferred upon him by his selection to such an important position.

Fremont Tribune: A reunion of old settlers of Holt county is being held today in the city park and a number of old residents and their families are in attendance. There were about thirty that gathered this morning to enjoy a visit with old neighbors and this afternoon there were a few more to come in. Dinner was served on a long table this noon and the delicacies that were heaped on the white cloth were done ample justice to by those assembled. The time was spent principally in a general visit and the affair was a source of great pleasure to all. It is one of the yearly reunions celebrated around Fremont that is likely to be observed for a long time to come. The same officers were elected for the coming year, J. B. Archerd being made president again, while J. H. Riggs was given the position of secretary and treasurer for another year.

### AUCTION SALE.

The undersigned will sell at public auction at his farm, five miles southwest of O'Neill, on Saturday, September, 17 1898, 1200 head of sheep, composed of ewes, weathers and lambs. The sale will commence at 10 o'clock, a. m., and free lunch will be served at noon.

Terms—Twelve months time will be given, if desired, with 10 per cent. interest and on approved security.  
M. T. ELLIOT, M. E. GRAY,  
9-3 Auctioneer. Proprietor.

Harper's Magazine: Among the historical incidents connected with the rathaus is one relating to an old judge who laughed himself to death. One sultry day, reads the records, during a recess of the council, the members were leaning from the windows of the rathaus, in the hope of catching any stray wind. It was the period of hoops and voluminous skirts, and the maid shared with mistress the mania for distended attire. On this pulseless summer day a pretty servant girl in a wide-hooped skirt and a gray bodice made her way through the loitering groups up to the fountain. She filled her tub and lifted it to her head, but in this movement, lo! the wonderful skirt was wrested from its fastening and dropped to the ground. The judge had seen the maid approach the fountain like a ship under full sail, and when he now beheld her, collapsed and abashed, he was filled with such humor that upon the spot he laughed himself to death.

The American Monthly Review of Reviews for September presents the usual timely features that we have come to expect from this magazine. The various events connected with the end of the war with Spain are fully discussed by the editor, while the Porto Rican campaign, from start to finish, is described by John A. Church, formerly of the Army and Navy Journal. The cost of the war and the financial provisions for meeting it are ably summed up by Charles A. Conant, an experienced financial writer. Henry MacFarland, a Washington journalist, contributes a character sketch of William R. Day, the secretary of state, which is of special interest at this time because of Judge Day's appointment as leading member of the American peace commission. Charles Lowe, the English biographer of Bismark, and W. T. Stead furnish a rich fund of anecdotes regarding the late ex-chancellor. Aside from many other illustrations, numerous cartoons apropos of the war are reproduced from home and foreign journals.

Neligh Telegram: Last Tuesday afternoon a telegram from Orchard announced the shooting of John Roeser who lived two miles north of that place and asked the coroner to go up. Dr. Conery immediately responded, and a jury was summoned, which, after hearing all the testimony, brought in a verdict that he was "killed by the accidental discharge of a gun, in a scuffle with John Drayton." It appeared from the testimony that Roeser, in company with George Ludwick, went out to hunt chickens in some gulches on Drayton's ranch; that Drayton had warned Roeser before not to kill the game on his place; that Drayton's son rode out and warned them off, but that Roeser frightened him away; that they afterwards started for home, when Drayton met them at the road and berated them for hunting game on his place after having been warned not to do so. Just how aggravating became the war of words we have not learned, but the upshot of the matter was that Drayton seized the gun which Roeser was picking up from the bottom of the wagon, when a tussel ensued. Drayton trying to hold the muzzle of the gun down so as to avoid all danger of being shot. Somehow Drayton was dragged under the wagon wheel and all the testimony agrees that the gun was discharged while he was under the wheel and Roeser in the wagon. Ludwick was whipping up the team when the gun exploded, but he, and the two Draper boys who were present, agree in the above. As Drayton had hold of the muzzle and Roeser had both hands hold of the breech, it seems quite probable that when the former was dragged under the wagon and forced to let go his hold the muzzle may have flown up suddenly, especially as Roeser stood partly on the seat and in no very secure position. The discharge was upward, taking off Roeser's hat and blowing off one side of his head. Drayton was badly bruised by being dragged under the wheel and run over.

### MODERN WOODMEN DAY AT OMAHA.

Preparations have been well nigh completed by the head camp of the Modern Woodmen of America for a great celebration on the Trans-Mississippi Exposition grounds on Woodmen Day, Thursday, September 22. A joint committee of Omaha, South Omaha and Council Bluffs camps is assisting in the work of arranging the details and the event will undoubtedly be an epoch in the history of Woodcraft. Among the features of the program for the day will be speech-making, a parade, competitive drill and fireworks. In the forenoon exercises will be held in the Auditorium. Addresses of welcome will be made by President Wattles on behalf of the exposition association and Governor Silas A. Holcomb on behalf of the state of Nebraska. Director A. R. Talbot and Supreme Oracle Mrs. Watters of the Royal Neighbors will respond and Head Consul Northcutt will also make an address. After the speech-making there will be a grand parade of Foresters, followed by a competitive drill for which the head camp will offer attractive prizes. In the evening there will be a brilliant display of fireworks. The set pieces will include fire portraits of Head Consul Northcutt and Head Clerk Hawes of the Modern Woodmen and Supreme Oracle Mrs. Watts of the Royal Neighbors. Emblems of both societies will also be shown in fire. Neighbors of the Modern Woodmen and of the Royal Neighbors in all parts of the country are expected to take advantage in large numbers of the low railroad rates granted for Woodmen Day to visit what is conceded to be one of the grandest of the world's great expositions.

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### OBITUARY.

HOFF—Died, at her home in this city last Friday morning, August 26, 1898, at 11 o'clock, Mrs. John Hoff, aged 29 years, of uremia.

Deceased was born in Hanover, Jo Davis county, Ill., August 25, 1869, and was at the time of her death 29 years and one day old. She lived with her parents in her native town until the spring of '81, when they moved to DeLoit, this county, and later to O'Neill. After a few years residence here they removed to Racine, Wis., where Mrs. Hoff remained until just before her marriage which was solemnized at Mora, Minn., September 30, 1895. They remained there until she accompanied her husband to this city in March, 1897, where they have resided since.

Mrs. Hoff was possessed of a sweet disposition, never complaining and always bearing whatever burdens fell upon her with fortitude, thereby greatly endearing herself to her family and friends. While never strong during the past year she seemed to be in good health and was only sick ten days when claimed by the grim destroyer.

The funeral services were conducted in the M. E. church last Sunday morning at 10:30, the remains being interred in the Protestant cemetery and were escorted there by a large concourse of sorrowing friends.

### CARD OF THANKS.

I desire in this manner to express my heartfelt thanks to the many kind friends and neighbors who so kindly and willingly lent their assistance during the sickness, death and burial of my beloved wife and to assure you that your kindly offices will long be remembered.  
JOHN HOFF.

### SENATORIAL CONVENTION.

The republican senatorial convention for the Thirteenth senatorial district, comprising the counties of Holt, Boyd, Garfield and Wheeler was held in the court house in this city last Saturday afternoon. On account of the distance and the busy season Garfield and Wheeler counties were not represented. The convention was called to order at 2:30 o'clock, p. m., and Sanford Parker of Boyd was selected as temporary chairman and Wallace Johnson, of Holt, temporary secretary.

A committee was then appointed on credentials and one on permanent organization. The committee on credentials reported in a few moments and the report was adopted. The committee on permanent organization reported that the temporary organization be made permanent which report was also adopted.

Nominations for state senator being then in order John Trommershauser, of Ewing, in a short address placed in nomination Clyde King, of O'Neill, Sanford Parker, of Spencer, Boyd county, nominated D. J. J. Hornbeck, of Boyd county, for that position. A ballot was then taken which resulted as follows:

King.....7  
Hornbeck.....6

Mr. King having received a majority of the accredited votes of the convention was declared the nominee and being called for responded with a short speech.

D. C. Harrison, of Holt, was selected as chairman of the senatorial committee and D. J. J. Hornbeck, of Boyd, secretary, after which the convention adjourned.

### Free Pills.

Send your address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of constipation and sick headache. For malaria and liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to the stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25 cents per box. Sold by P. C. Corrigan, druggist.