

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.

Corbett's best \$1.00 per dozen. 22tf.

J. S. Walker was up from Page Friday.

The weather has been quiet cold this week.

H. A. Allen was down from Atkinson Saturday.

G. W. Dorothy, of Spencer, was in the city Monday.

Bail ties and wire always on hand a Neil Brennan's. 16tf.

Frank Phillips, of Star, was in the city Monday.

C. L. McElhaney, of Star, was in the city last Friday.

F. M. Barnard, of Lincoln, was in the city last Sunday.

Dick Johnson, of Stuart, came down the road Monday.

Gib. Davis came down the road from Atkinson Monday.

Charlie Hamilton was down from Stuart last Tuesday.

\$1.00 per dozen for Corbett's best photos, 23rd to 30th. 22tf.

Joe Mann was over from Spencer the first of the week.

J. K. Brown, of Creighton, was in O'Neill last Sunday.

Mrs. John McNichols was down from Atkinson Wednesday.

Dick Kilmurry was up from Ewing the first of the week.

Charles Meals visited with friends at Bliss last Saturday.

Attorney S. D. Thornton, of Neligh, was in the city Tuesday.

Ralph Evans is helping Gilligan and Stout through the holidays.

Wm. Demorest, of Blair, was registered at the Evans last Monday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Doyle on Friday, December 3, 1898, a son.

Deputy United States Marshal Ackerman was in the city last Sunday.

Geo. Raker, editor of Ewing Advocate, was a pleasant caller at this office Monday.

Patsy O'Donnell took in the sights at Atkinson Sunday. He reports a good time.

Now is the time to buy a jacket or overcoat. See J. P. Mann's ad on this page.

John Daly left Sunday morning for Fremont where he goes to enter the normal.

W. G. White and H. Nelson, of Fremont, were registered at the Evans last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Stansberry, of Maynard, Iowa, are in the city visiting their son, Edward.

The editor, wife and family spent Sunday and Monday in Randolph visiting relatives.

R. H. Jeness and wife went to Sioux City Wednesday morning. They will return tonight.

Bob Morrison and Miss Nellie Kilmurry Sundayed in Ewing, the guests Mr. and Mrs. Dick Kilmurry.

P. J. Donahue, traveling passenger agent for the Sioux City and Western railroad was in the city Tuesday.

Skating is the pastime nowadays and the young and the old engaged themselves on Hagerty's lake last Sunday.

FOR SALE—One billiard and two pool tables, all in good running order. 23-2 D. STANNARD.

When you go east take the "Milwaukee" from Sioux City. Try it once and you will be satisfied with the result. 12tf.

J. P. Mann is showing a very handsome line of Christmas goods and you will find a good place to select your presents for your friends.

John C. Weekes, uncle of S. J. Weekes, of this city, was elected sheriff of Morton county, North Dakota, on the republican ticket at the recent election. Mr. Weekes was a resident of this county in 1879.

Norfolk News, December 3.—R. R. Dickson, O. O. Snyder and W. T. Evans a trio of prominent Holt county citizens were in the city yesterday from O'Neill.

Wm. F. Houser, of Nebraska City, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Houser was on his way to Chambers to look after some land he owns in that vicinity.

For good service and quick time, route your freight from Chicago and the east via the C. M. & St. P. Ry., in connection with the S. C. O'N. & W. Ry. 12tf.

The Clara Hamner Theatre company have been entertaining O'Neill people this week. It is a good company and they are deserving of the patronage they are receiving.

I have a large stock of cookstoves, steel ranges and heating stoves on hand that I will sell at a big discount this month only. 23-4 NEIL BRENNAN.

S. L. Smith, and his son, Adam, of North Loup, Valley county, were callers at this office last Tuesday. Last summer they bought three farms in Swan township and are now making arrangements preparatory to moving to this county, which they expect to do in February or March.

While these winter winds are whistling around the corners and you gather around a warm fire contented and happy remember that what you owe the editor on subscription might possibly make him happy also and able to enjoy a good warm fire. When you think of this we believe you will call around and settle your subscription.

The Great Christmas... Store

You all know where it is, Gilligan and Stout, "The Druggists," will show you the grandest line of Christmas gifts ever displayed in O'Neill consisting of new and beautiful patterns in fancy Hawaiian and French china.

All the latest creation in celluloid goods including albums, toilet cases, gloves and handkerchiefs boxes, photo cases and numerous other novelties.

Ask the children what we have in their department and then come in and see for yourself.

Remember we give away a 100 piece delf dinner set on New Years eve. You can get an interest in it.

GILLIGAN & STOUT, THE DRUGGISTS.

Dr. C. V. Crooks, the well-known specialist of Fremont, Neb., will be in O'Neill on Friday morning, December 16, until Monday morning, December 19, for three days only. Dr. Crooks successfully treats all diseases of the nerves, diseases of women and chronic ailments. Piles positively cured without the use of the knife. Consultation free.

Land Office Inspector Green made an inspection of the office her last week. In a letter just received by the local officers from the Commissioners of the General Land office, he states that Inspector Green reported, "the methods of business are good and the books and records posted to date, and generally, the management of the office is commendable."

Pains in the chest when a person has a cold indicate a tendency toward pneumonia. A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on to the chest over the seat of pain will promptly relieve the pain and prevent the threatened attack of pneumonia. This same treatment will cure a lame back in a few hours. Sold by P. C. Corrigan, druggist.

Holt camp, No. 1710, Modern Wood men of America, at their regular meeting held Tuesday evening elected the following officers for the ensuing year: C. W. Hagensick, venerable consul; J. A. Donahue, worthy advisor; D. H. Cronin, clerk; Henry Zimmerman, banker; P. J. Biglin, escort; J. P. Gilligan, physician; P. M. Soderstein, watchman; P. J. Hanley, sentry; J. F. Pfunder, manager for three years; J. C. Morrow, for two years; D. H. Cronin and Neil Brennan, delegates; Geo. Shively and P. C. Kelley, alternates.

Through service has been established from eastern points to O'Neill on both freight and passenger business via the C. M. & St. P. and S. C. O'N. & W. Ry's. Make a note of this and in future instruct your shippers to route freight via the "Milwaukee." 12tf.

Before purchasing your Christmas toys or candies give me a call. While my stock is not large you will find it well assorted and composed of toys that are useful and a delight to the expectant children. I have the finest line of Christmas candles ever brought to the city. Call and see my stock. 22-4 Mrs. L. CRESS.

WANTED—Reliable men who can put in either all or a part of their time, to take orders for our lubricating oil and greases. Our prices are the lowest and we have the best facilities for handling the western trade. THE CANFIELD OIL CO. Cleveland, Ohio. 23-1

We are in receipt of a copy of the Springdale, (Ark.) News which contains an extended write up of a drama entitled "Josh Winchester" which was presented in that city by the Springdale Dramatic club. The only and original Doc Mathews was the star of the performance while Harry handled the heavy part. The News gives them credit for having handled their parts like professionals.

S. J. Weekes and R. H. Jeness will leave for Ord via Omaha the 15th, from which they will proceed to Fort Hart-suff, abandoned military reservation, and dispose of the balance of unsold land at auction to the highest bidder. During their absence the United States land office will be closed for business, but be kept open for information. Dell Baker, the clerk, will dispense information to all who seek it.

Mr. S. H. White (commercial man) 18th and Corby st., Omaha, Neb., says: "I was troubled with the worst form of stomach trouble, and had treated with a great many of the leading physicians of this state, besides going south, and last to the Mud Springs, of Indiana, without receiving any benefit. I was cured in a short time by Dr. Crooks' treatment. I surely consider him one of the best physicians in this country."

A Larned, Kan., girl bet a thousand kisses that Jerry Simpson would be defeated, which leads an exchange to observe: The gentleman who had the other end of the bet would either have made an old maid out of her, married her, or if somebody else was fool enough to marry her with such a condition existing, would have been obliged to welcome the better to his home whenever the latter saw fit to call for a kiss. That girl could go against a shell game with her nerve.

Admiral Farragut used to relate that a pretty girl on a Mississippi steamer was anxiously sought in marriage by five of the passengers. Viewing them all with favor the girl applied to the captain of the boat for advice in making her selection. He suggested that she leap overboard after he had made arrangements that would make injury impossible. She did as he said. Four of her suitors promptly went after her and united in bringing her safely back to the deck. "What shall I do now?" she asked the captain in greatly perplexity. "I don't rightly know, Miss, but it seems to me I'd take the dry one."

In another column under the caption "Skeletons in Armor" will be found a rather interesting story purporting to have been written in this city and which appeared in the Sunday edition of the World-Herald. We do not think the article was ever seen by an O'Neillite until it appeared in the Omaha journal and probably emanated from the fertile brain of some Omaha space writer. So far as we have been able to learn there is no John Hammond in the county and that spoils what might possibly have proved subject matter for some noted novelist. But it is a good story and worth reading.

Two weeks ago the Independent threw Col. Bryan overboard and advocated the nomination of Allen for president in 1900. In the same issue it published an article from the Chicago Record accusing Bryan of treachery to Senator Allen. In commenting upon the letter the Independent said that whether the charges were true or not it did not believe that Bryan could be elected in 1900. For once in its career it has told the truth. No, Bryan nor any other advocate of democratic or popocratic doctrine can be elected president in 1900. William McKinley, the able statesman, who has guided this nation so successfully during the past two years will be nearly the unanimous choice of the American people for president in 1900.

SKELETONS IN ARMOR.
(Special Correspondence). World-Herald—O'Neill, Neb., Nov. 26, John Hammond has discovered an ancient fort on his farm north of this place. It has not yet been thoroughly explored and will probably not be until spring as considerable excavating will be necessary to reveal the mysteries of its construction and the curiosities which it contains. Enough was learned concerning it, however, before cold weather set in to arouse the utmost curiosity on the part, not only of Hammond, but of all his neighbors as well.

It was first discovered while the owner of the ground was constructing a drainage ditch. In the course of excavation he stumbled on a wall at a depth of about six or eight feet below the surface of the sandy soil. Stone in that part of Nebraska is always unusual enough to attract attention, and this was especially remarkable from the fact that it was hewn into solid blocks neatly cemented together. So Hammond dug still deeper. What he found was a wall enclosing an area about half an acre in extent. It was four or five feet thick and about seven feet high. Only the corners and here and there a strip ten or twelve feet long were uncovered, but Hammond is confident that the fort forms a complete rectangle a trifle longer than it is wide. The stone resembles Sioux Falls granite and is cut into blocks about three feet square. Just inside the walls still more remarkable discoveries were made.

Among them were human bones, but even these Hammond regarded with less wonder than a number of pieces of old armor which he found. One was an ancient helmet which local antiquaries say resemble the morion worn by French and Spanish soldiers during the latter part of the sixteenth and the early part of the seventeenth centuries. Another was what was evidently the breast or back plate of a medieval cuirass. Several swords were also dug up, but all were so badly rusted that they fell to pieces almost as soon as touched. One or two match or wheel gun locks and the barrels and other iron work of a century or more ago were disintegrated at the same time.

Of the bones there were enough to form four or five more or less incomplete skeletons. Hammond thinks similar discoveries will be made over the entire tract inside the wall as soon as he is able to dig over it. He intends sending the armor east.

The more scientific of his neighbors incline to the opinion that the fort was built by an exploring party of French or Spanish who ventured into the north west about the time that DeSoto was navigating the Mississippi river and that it was attacked and the garrison wiped out by Indians.

A HANDSOME 100 PIECE DELF DINNER FREE.

With every 50 cent cash purchase of goods at our store between now and January 1, 1898, we will issue a ticket entitling the holder to an interest in a beautiful 100 piece delf dinner set to be given away on New Year's eve.

GILLIGAN AND STOUT.

Waste if You Will But Don't Spend.. Money in

in cheap and stale goods. We aim to keep good fresh goods, and good quality. We will take orders for cut flowers for Christmas. Order early and get the cream of the green house.

Another carload of flour just unloaded. Cheaper than ever and just as good.

Come in and select your Christmas presents before the assortment is broken.

Try a can of Hawaiian high-grade coffee, best in town. We are sole agents for it.

A new cheese, just out. Sour kroit that will suit the most fastidious.

We will have everything good for Christmas. Keep watch of us.

Yours for low prices and square dealing.

O'Neill Grocery Co.,
F. M. Raymond, Manager.

Something to be given away at P. C. Corrigan's. A ticket on a home comfort, swinging reclining chair, with every fifty cents worth of holiday goods.

NOTICE.

All members of the Royal Highlanders are requested to be present at the next meeting Monday evening, December 13. The election of officers and preparation for a mid-winter entertainment are in the order of business. Be sure to come.

T. V. GOLDEN, I. P.
CLARENCE SELBIE, Secy.

NOTICE.

All members of the Lady Royal Highlanders are requested to be present at the next meeting Tuesday evening, December 13. The election of officers and preparation for a mid-winter entertainment are in the order of business. Be sure to come.

Mrs. FRANK CAMPBELL, I. P.
Mrs. ABBIE SULLIVAN, Secy.

WINTER MAKES NO DIFFERENCE

to us. The Pacific Short Line trains make the connection at O'Neill to and from the Black Hills all the year round. The shortest route between Western Nebraska and South Dakota and Sioux City. Try it. Buy local tickets to and from O'Neill. Makes lowest fare.

We are a Great Surprise to.. Santa Claus

THE PRESENTS YOU WANT... AT THE PRICES YOU LIKE

BEAUTIFUL HOLIDAY DISPLAY

To Look Through Our Splendid Assortment is a Pastime.

Come early and satisfy your needs from our fine stock, which was bought to save you time and money. Our store is replete with big-hearted bargains at big-hearted prices.

A CHRISTMAS SURPRISE FOR EVERYBODY

Something for Every Person
Something for Every Purse.

DAZZLING DISPLAY OF HOLIDAY GOODS.

P. C. CORRIGAN

CUT PRICES.

Jackets.

We have too many ladies, misses and childrens jackets and offer following cut prices in order to close them out quickly.

\$ 2.50 jackets for \$ 1.95.
3.00 " " 2.25.
3.50 " " 2.60.
4.00 " " 2.95.
5.00 " " 3.85.
5.75 " " 4.50.
6.50 " " 4.95.
7.50 " " 5.90.
8.50 " " 6.50.
10.00 " " 7.50.
11.75 " " 8.90.
12.50 " " 9.50.
13.50 " " 10.25.
15.00 " " 11.75.

Above prices do not include capes.

Overcoats.

We want to reduce this stock regardless of profits and offer the best line of overcoats in Northern Nebraska at less prices than you can buy them in Omaha, Sioux City or Chicago.

We offer men's, boy's and children's as follows:

\$ 3.00 overcoats or ulsters \$ 2.25.
3.50 " " " 2.60.
4.00 " " " 2.95.
5.00 " " " 3.85.
5.75 " " " 4.50.
6.50 " " " 4.95.
7.50 " " " 5.90.
8.50 " " " 6.50.
10.00 " " " 7.50.
12.50 " " " 8.50.
15.00 " " " 11.75.
18.00 " " " 14.50.
20.00 " " " 15.95.

The above prices do not apply to fur coats.

Our stock of holiday goods is very complete from a nice line of 10 cent articles to a fine \$10.00 cut glass dish or beautiful lamp. No better place to select a present for your sweetheart, friend or family. We can suit your taste and pocketbook to a dot.

All purchases entitle you to an interest in the beautiful piano to be given away New Years.

J. P. MANN.