

## 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.

Billy Campbell was up from Norfolk Monday.

It is time to prepare for the annual swear-off.

A. Sammones was up from Amelia Monday.

Ed Seymour, of Norfolk, was in the city Monday.

J. N. Hovey was down from Stuart last Friday.

Dick Johnson, of Stuart, was in the city Monday.

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

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

Rev. S. F. Sharpless was up from Norfolk last Saturday.

Miss Helen O'Sullivan spent Christmas with relatives here.

Mr. Angel, a merchant of Spencer, was in the city last week.

Did you see the eclipse of the moon about 7 o'clock last Tuesday night?

For fine Christmas weather this takes not only the cake but the whole bakery.

A perfectly proportioned man weighs 28 pounds for every foot of his height.

Miss Maude Gillespie is over from Spencer this week visiting her parents.

J. E. Miller and G. H. Thorely, of Atlantic, Iowa, were in the city last Sunday.

Thomas Donahue was a caller last Friday and paid his subscription up to September 1, 1899.

Dame rumor has it that three and possibly four weddings will take place in this city next month.

Tim Dwyer returned from Omaha Saturday evening to spend Christmas vacation with his parents.

F. M. Raymond went down to Lincoln Sunday morning to visit for a few days with relatives and friends.

Miss Anna Murphy is over from Spencer spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. M. M. Sullivan.

The deaths in the city of Havana from January, 1897 to December 1, 1898, were 19,840 and the births 2,238.

This is the time of the year when the editor needs money so please call around and pay your subscription.

John Kearns arrived in the city last Friday evening to spend the holidays with his sister, Mrs. J. A. Testman.

Prof. Schubert came up from Fremont Saturday evening and is spending the week with his family in this city.

You may get a fine piano by paying your bill before Saturday evening. 25-1 J. P. MANN.

Frank Mann and sister, Kate came over from Spencer Sunday and took Christmas dinner with the family here.

Parnell Golden and Will Lowrie, who are attending the state university, are spending their vacation with their parents here.

Alex Nelson and E. M. Quillian, of Venus, were granted a marriage license by Judge Selah on Wednesday of last week.

Newt Mullendore is taking a lay-off this week and Will Hogan is performing his duties as brakeman on the Short Line passenger.

On Monday, of this week, Judge Selah granted permission to wed to B. B. Kelley, of Inman, and Jessie Pearl Whitney, of Stuart.

Park Reed was up from Page Friday and fixed the editor in good shape for Christmas by paying his subscription up to January 1, 1899.

Pat and James McCarty, who are attending school at Omaha arrived in the city Saturday evening to spend Christmas with relatives.

Lennery Morrison, of Joy, and Elsie Rieger, of Ray, were married by Judge Selah at his residence in this city on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

M. S. Bartlett, of Omaha, editor of the Penny Press, was in the city last Sunday and took dinner at the home of his brother-in-law, Clarence Selah.

Good warm room to rent. 24tf. C. L. BRIGHT.

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

We received a letter from Pat Clear last week. He is in Chicago and has just recovered from a severe illness. He wishes to be remembered to all O'Neill friends.

The pupils in the several rooms of the public schools rendered interesting programs last Friday afternoon. The teachers and pupils are enjoying a vacation this week.

Prof. E. H. Whelan is in Lincoln this week attending a meeting of the State Teachers' Association. He is on the Wednesday program to read a paper of interest to the profession.

At the regular meeting of the O'Neill Fire Department last Tuesday evening a vote of thanks was tendered to Neil Brennan by the department for having given them the sum of \$23.15 to assist the boys along.

L. Storm came over from Spencer Saturday and spent Sunday in this city the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Sullivan. Mr. Storm is manager of the Sullivan Mercantile company's store at Spencer.

"Uncle Josh Spruceby" was presented to a large and enthusiastic audience last Monday evening. It was a good play, but a couple of weak actors spoiled some of the best parts. The music by the orchestra was enjoyed by all.

A party was tendered Parnell Golden at his home Wednesday evening by several of his young friends. It was in the nature of a farewell party as he returns to school at Lincoln the first of week. An enjoyable time was had by all present.

The firm of Boggs and Parker, of Spencer, has been dissolved. Mr. Boggs retiring and the business of the firm will be carried on by Mr. Parker. The Advocate says Mr. Boggs is cleaning up his business affairs preparatory to leaving Spencer.

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.

A. T. Potter, who for the past eight months has been in the employ of the Northern Pacific railroad at Billings and Glendive, Mont., returned to this city last Friday evening and will remain until spring when he will go back and resume his position on the road.

"What would you say if you saw me with a big cigar between my lips?" asked a certain O'Neill lady of her husband. "If the cigar was big and strong enough," answered the unfeeling husband, "to hold you quiet, I'd give up smoking and turn the job over to you."

C. C. Hartford, of Venus, Knox county, was in O'Neill Tuesday and favored this office with a short call. He says that western Knox and eastern Holt is rapidly filling up with new settlers, several having moved in this fall and many more coming in the spring.

Neligh Yoeman: D. J. Carlon, of Deadwood, with his wife and children arrived in Neligh yesterday. Mr. Carlon is a brother-in-law of Cashier Ryan, has been foreman of one of the leading mines in the Hills and comes to make his home here for the winter at least.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harmon and daughter, of Chadron, spent Christmas in the city the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Selah. Mr. Harmon is superintendent of the western division of the Fremont, Elkhorn and Missouri Valley railroad with headquarters at Chadron. Mrs. Harmon is a sister of Judge Selah.

The F. E. & M. V. Ry., for Christmas and New Year holidays will sell excursion tickets to be sold to any point on the Northwestern system within 200 of O'Neill at one and one-half fare for round trip. Date of sale December 24, 25, 26 and 31 and January 1 and 2, ticket good returning until January 4. E. R. ADAMS, Agent.

A week ago last Friday some person with murder in his heart placed a tie across the Short Line track a couple of miles below Osmond. The engine struck the obstruction throwing it from the track breaking the cow-catcher in doing so. If the person guilty of this outrage can be apprehended he should be given a lesson that will prevent him from attempting to repeat the performance.

Many O'Neill people will be interested in the article published anent the movements of Donald McLean. It seems that he is still in the land of the living and as anxious to build a road to the coast as in the days of yore. We sincerely hope the dream and ambition of his life may be fulfilled.

Sam Freed was down from Atkinson last Thursday and presented the editor with a fine eight-pound turkey for his Christmas dinner. Sam is one of those liberal minded men who believe that an editor should have a feast occasionally and we can assure him that the feast, he made possible, was greatly appreciated.

In another column will be found a letter from Sergeant Arthur Coykendall, of company M, Third Nebraska. At the time of writing the letter they expected to eat Christmas dinner on board the transports, but such was not the case as they are still at Savannah, but the daily papers say they leave tomorrow for Cuba.

Mayor Davis received a letter from Omaha Wednesday night stating that Mr. Minnick had bought the O'Neill electric light plant and would arrive here about the first and get the plant in operation as soon as possible. We understand he is making an effort to secure the services of Homer Garretson to assist him in running the plant.

According to an exchange the meanest man on earth has been found. He sold his son-in-law a half interest in a cow and then insisted it was the front half sold, calmly appropriating all the milk while he forces the young man to feed and water the cow twice a day. The cow recently hooked the man who is now suing the son-in-law for damages.

The Methodist Sunday school had a very fine program along with their Christmas tree festivities which was composed of speaking and singing, principally by the junior members of Sunday school. The church was decorated nicely and the tree was laden with many beautiful presents for the little ones. After the distribution of the presents, Christmas boxes were given to all present.

Exchange: He criticised her pudding and he didn't like her cake, he wished she'd make the biscuits like "his mother used to make." She didn't wash the dishes, she didn't make the stew; and she didn't mend his stockings "as his mother used to do." Oh well, she wasn't perfect, but she tried to do her best, until at length her time had come to have a little rest, so one day when he growled and whined the whole day through and through, she turned him up and fanned his pants "as his mother used to do."

The cook in a New York cafe who was engaged in opening oyster shells was startled almost out of his wits as, prying apart the shell of an exceptionally large specimen the oyster apparently jumped three feet from the shell and began flopping about the bar. It was found to be a sea bass, a little over two inches long and beautifully marked. It is supposed that while the oyster was feeding the bass swooped down on it, to be caught when the bivalve closed its shell. Thereupon it ate up the oysters.

Ewing Advocate: John Dierk, who has no peer in Holt county as a cattle man has been having exceedingly bad luck of late. He is feeding some nine hundred head of cattle just north of town and during the last two weeks has lost twenty head while others are sick. These cattle were recently brought in from his ranch, where he still has some thirteen hundred head, and were on corn when brought to town. The case is certainly a mystery. He does not become disheartened, however, but will continue feeding as long as a ray of hope remains.

Ord Quiz: S. J. Weekes, register, and R. H. Jenness, receiver, of the United States land office at O'Neill, were in the city last week, Friday night, and in the morning went to the old Fort Hartuff reservation to offer the vacant land there for sale. There were but two bidders, each of them for a separate piece of land, so the competition was not strong. Each piece went at the appraised value. The bidders were Judge Post, who bought 120 acres and Mrs. Ida Beauchamp, who got a quarter. The other pieces of land were offered, but no one bid. The Beauchamp purchase was a very valuable one and brought considerably less than it is worth. Messrs. Weekes and Jenness are very agreeable gentlemen and The Quiz acknowledges a pleasant call from them. They returned home on the Union Pacific freight in the afternoon of the day of the sale.

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 to 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.

A Havana special to the daily press says: "Health conditions of the city show little improvement. Americans are pouring into Havana on every ship. The mortality last week was at the rate of 106 to every 1,000 population. This week it will be higher. When it is remembered in Chicago the rate is only twenty-two deaths per annum for every 1,000 of population and in New York twenty-two, Havana's death rate is astounding. There are between fifty-five and seventy-five deaths here each day, the majority being caused by malarial fever. Typhoid fever is claiming the next largest number of victims and pernicious fever nearly the same."

Beacon Light: The Wednesday night of the freezing rain, which made skating on the streets possible, yet editor slipped on the corner of Walnut and Third sts., and fell 230 pounds "kerplunk" on his "crupper" bone on a high hump in the stone crossing, and was unable to get up till Dr. Turkopp and Tom Kaveney came across the street and assisted. Talk about your meteoric showers, etc! why we saw all the stars in heaven fall. Since that time our lower spinal column has been very lame and pedal navigation is extremely painful, and it is barely possible that the malady will wind up in an aggravated case of final-come-and-git-us.

It is evident that the life of a newspaper man in the west is not all sunshine, at least it is not so with a certain Nevada editor, who is chasing around through the hills pursued by sixteen young ladies, who have sworn to take his life on sight, and all because, in making up the forms he happened to get the report of a concert and a cattle show mixed up, causing the article to appear as follows: "The concert given here by sixteen of our most beautiful young ladies was highly appreciated. They sang in a most charming manner, winning the plaudits of the audience, who pronounced them the best herd of short-horns in the county. A few are of rich brown color, but the majority are able-bodied, sleek, clean-limbed and handsome.—Madison Chronicle.

About two years ago Dan Finnegan, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Finnegan, who reside about four miles northwest of this city, left home and started out to make his fortune. They heard from him about six months after he left when he was in the southern part of the state but that was the last letter they received until about ten days ago when they received another letter from the absent one and it bore the Manila postmark. He is a member of company B, First Nebraska and was with the regiment in the fight August 2. He gave quite an account of the islands and said he was enjoying the best of health. His parents heard a couple of months ago that he had gone to the Philippines islands with a Iowa regiment, but upon investigating that report found it to be untrue and they then gave up in despair thinking him dead, but his letter arrived in time for them to enjoy a very happy Christmas.

MARTIN—Died, at his residence in this city, on Wednesday evening, December 28, 1898, at 10:40 o'clock, of a complication of diseases, Nicholas Martin, aged 74 years and 8 months. Deceased was born in New Cross Keys, county of Westmeath, Ireland, April 13, 1824. For the past eleven months he has been ailing but was not seriously ill, as he had been able to be up and around until about a week ago when he began sinking very rapidly the last spark of life leaving at 10:40 Wednesday night. Eighteen years ago he came to this city where he had since made his home. Since his residence here he has been elected to many positions of trust by the people of O'Neill and Grattan township. He was the first member of the city council from the Second ward and for the past six years has been city clerk, being elected to that position every spring and has always faithfully performed his duties. With the death of Mr. Martin, O'Neill loses one of its oldest citizens and one who has always tried to "do unto others as you would have others do unto you." If he was possessed of shortcomings they were of the head and not of the heart. Deceased leaves an aged wife and daughter to mourn his demise. He has only two other relatives, a cousin who lives in Canada and a son-in-law, John Barrett, a noted novelist and journalist, now editor of the Scranton Daily Truth. The funeral will be held from the Catholic church at 10 o'clock tomorrow.

### WITH COMPANY M.

SAVANNAH, GA., December 20, 1898.

Dear Folks at Home: I have delayed answering your last letter a little, but I have been waiting for some definite news regarding our future. We have been expecting moving orders every day for the last week, but haven't received them yet. However, they'll come soon, for there's only one regiment of the Second division here now, and we are the Second regiment of the First division to move, so the prospects are that we'll eat our Christmas dinner on board ship.

I was all over one of the largest transports in the government service Saturday. It was the Minnewaska. The first mate took us over it and explained everything to us. The boat is 430 feet long. It left for Havana yesterday afternoon with the 49th Iowa on board. It takes from fifty to fifty-five hours to make the run.

There are three more transports here now preparing to load.

It is a novel sight for a Nebraska boy to go down on the wharfs and watch the loading. There are all kinds of boats flying all kinds of flags taking on all kinds of cargoes. There seems to be more cotton shipped than anything else, and the cotton exchange is the greatest sight of all. There are several acres of ground covered with 500 pound bales of cotton, piled as thick as they can be. The most of it, I am told, goes to England. I saw four English vessels loading there on the same day.

I have mailed you today a copy of a special edition of the Savannah Press, describing Presiding McKinley's visit to Savannah.

We marched in review before him on the 18th inst. I got a pretty good view of him as we passed the reviewing stand, and a still better view in the afternoon as he passed through the streets of Savannah in a carriage. He looks worn and old before his time. He should "come Cleveland on it," that is let the affairs of state run themselves for a month, while he goes off on a fishing or hunting trip and takes a much needed rest.

Captain Cross returned from his sick leave on the 16th inst. looking better than I ever saw him look before. He is very fleshy but will lose all his surplus flesh before long.

The return of the captain relieved Lieut. Hall of the command of the company, which he has held since September 24, and as a token of the esteem in which they held him, and in recognition of his untiring efforts in their behalf, the boys of the company presented him with a fine sword, combination sword and cartridge belt with holster and a Colt's six-shooter, 38 caliber. The presentation was made by M. J. Sherry, with a few well chosen remarks and was accepted by the lieutenant in a little speech—after he had recovered from his surprise—wherein he "jollied the boys mightily" and everybody felt good, the boys from a consciousness that it is "more blessed to give than to receive," and the lieutenant from a feeling that it isn't so bad to be the one who receives.

The resignation of Col. Bryan caused

ARTHUR COYKENDALL.

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.

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.

A GOOD THING FOR BOTH. If you are owing me a book account or note and will pay it before January 1st, you will do me a great favor, as I am much in need of money, and you may be the recipient of the \$250.00 piano which goes with collections as well as sales. 25-2 J. P. MANN.

## 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.
1 5.00 " " 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 " " 9.50.
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 \$70.00 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.

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