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## Local....

George Raker was up from Ewing Monday.

Ernest Adams is at Spencer this week W. O. W. ing.

E. L. Brownlee has out bills for a sale today near Page.

Patronize home industry and smoke Full Value cigars.

H. A. Allen of Atkinson had business in O'Neill Tuesday.

Jim McCarthy is helping in the office of the clerk of the district court.

A fine and large assortment of pretty valentines at Cress & W.'s.

Sanford Dodge company, at the opera-house, Friday evening, February 23.

A number of children throughout the city are down with whoopingcough.

William Bokhof of Atkinson called today and renewed for The Frontier.

The firemen will give a social hop at the opera-house, February 23. Tickets 75c.

S. W. Green, one of Ewing's prosperous business men, was in the city Wednesday.

For teeth and photos, go to Dr. Corbett's parlors 23rd to 30th, of each month. 30tf

Miss Pearl French and Mrs. S. B. Hansman of Ewing were O'Neill visitors yesterday.

Hogs touched a fancy figure yesterday—\$4.47%. And word came from Omaha, "10 lower."

E. H. Benedict has first-class Building and Loan stock for sale or can make you a loan. 46tf

The coming Sunday Rev. Bates will hold services morning and evening at the Episcopal church.

Court Clerk Skirving and Attorney Dickson made a trip to Spencer yesterday, returning today.

James Greeg was up from Platte county last week looking after business interests in this section.

William Laviollette has been confined to his home the past ten days with a severe attack of the grip.

The Frontier prints sale bills—not the cheapest—but the best. Bills that are attractive and will be read.

The county board last week appointed Bob Gallagher of Page a member of the soldiers' relief commission.

For Sale—A nice three-year-old Norman stallion, or will trade for stock. Henry Martfeldt, Emmet, Neb. 31-4

Pneumonia still rages among the little folks, and some adults are suffering illness from the same source.

F. C. Gatz resumed ice packing Monday. The river is yielding a fine quality of ice, sixteen inches in thickness.

For Sale—Eggs for setting from Buff Plymouth-Rocks. Price, \$1.25 for 15.—F. R. Bignold, Ewing, Neb. 31-4

Editor Tom Smith of the Atkinson Republican was in the city Monday and favored this office with a fraternal call.

Martin Hickey of Stuart was before the board of insanity in O'Neill Tuesday, adjudged insane and conveyed to the asylum at Norfolk.

FOR SALE—Cheap, good last year's full stock Plymouth Rock roosters. Also other good stock.—J. H. McAllister, Joy, Neb. 33tf

L. K. Alder of Ainsworth, late republican candidate for district judge, accompanied by his wife, is touring Cuba with a large company of Nebraskans.

The funeral of Claude Davis was held last Friday afternoon and was largely attended. The remains were interred in the Protestant cemetery.

Neil Brennan has the finest line of stoves ever seen in this section of the country. Call and see him before you purchase. 22-1f

Chris Peterson of Tilden, who was a member of Company M, Third Nebraska during the Spanish-American war, was in O'Neill last Friday visiting old comrades.

Mr. Moss, son of C. W. Moss of Amelia, who is engaged in state Sunday school work, will give a lecture interspersed with stereopticon views at the Methodist church next Monday evening.

The fragile babe and the growing child are strengthened by White's Cream Vermifuge. It destroys worms, gets digestion at work, and so rebuilds the body. Price 25 cents. P. C. Corrigan.

Ord Quiz: Charles Meals of O'Neill, a former pupil of Mr. Aanderson, visited the high school Tuesday. Mr. Meals was on his way to North Platte to take an examination for entrance to the academy at West Point.

I can save you money on flour, feed, bran and shorts. Get my prices before buying. Also on corn and oats. 32-tf O'NEILL GROCERY, J. P. Gallagher.

Charley Spengler departs tomorrow for Garwin, Io., where he expects to remain. Mr. Spengler has resided with his parents in the Mineola country the past eight years and will try it now in Iowa. The Frontier will visit him.

An immaculate coat of snow—snow, beautiful snow!—is spread over the bosom of the earth to a depth of two inches per capita. It would make superb sleighing, and great the wonder no bells, silver bells, tinkle on the icy air of night.

Mrs. Edith McDermitt, died at the home of her son one mile south of Iuman, last Sunday morning. Deceased was 78 years of age, and was a resident of this county one year. The funeral took place Monday, interment in the Iuman cemetery.

Many a bright and happy household has been thrown into sadness and sorrow because of death of a loved one from a neglected cold. Ballard's Horehound Syrup is the great cure for coughs, colds and all pulmonary ailments. Price, 25 and 50 cents. P. C. Corrigan.

Plainview News: F. W. Weiler was last week appointed foreman of the section of the Great Northern at O'Neill and left Thursday evening to assume his new duties. His family departed the first of the week for O'Neill. The News will tell them all about Plainview affairs.

Since our last issue Judge Selah has issued marriage license to the following parties: Patrick J. Kennedy of Amelia to Lizzie Cunan of Chambers; Chauncy D. Stevenson to Betha May Tuller, both of Atkinson; Joseph Weidgo to Lizzie Shunks, both of Stuart; Sam Hubbard to Eva La Rue, both of Chambers.

Judge Levi McGee of Rapid City, S. D., was in O'Neill last Friday. The judge is an ardent populist and while in town met several of the local populist leaders. He is judge of the Seventh judicial district and is well posted on South Dakota politics. He believes the contest in his state this fall will be a battle royal.

O'Neill, Feb. 13.—Letters uncalled for are at the postoffice for the following named persons: Grant Davis, Mary Keegan, A. A. Smith, Joseph Greger, Loran Beard, R. A. Ball, J. H. Riley, Bert Gray. Calling for foregoing say, "advertised"; if not called for in two weeks will be sent to dead letter office.—D. H. Cronin, postmaster.

The Junior League will give a penny social at the home of Dr. Trueblood on the evening of February 21. They cordially invite their friends to enjoy the evening with them. There will be a program at 8 o'clock, after which refreshments will be served. Home-made candy will be for sale. The proceeds of social are for the benefit of the Junior League library.

Last evening at the Odd Fellows' hall the Daughters of Rebekah gave a valentine social and entertainment. Music was the principal feature of the entertainment. A valentine sale was held. Supper was served. An admission fee of 10 cents was charged. The proceeds accumulated go to a state fund being raised for the erection of a home for orphan children of Odd Fellows.

A sensible young lady made the following request of her friends: "Do not lay me down by the rippling brookside lest the babbling waters wake me from my dreams, nor in the beautiful cemetery in the valley, lest sightseers, cooing over epitaphs, distract me; but let my sleep be under the counter of a merchant and business men who never advertise. There is the place that passeth understanding and a deep sleep on which neither the buoyant footfall of youth nor the weary shuffle of old age will ever intrude."

The Nebraska Telephone company expect to extend their telephone to O'Neill this spring, providing the city council grants them a franchise for the purpose of erecting polls and running wires through the city. One of the city officials has an ordinance in his possession which will be introduced at the next council meeting granting them the franchise asked for. This would be quite an improvement for O'Neill, and it would save our citizens considerable traveling and expense, for we could talk with Sioux City, Omaha, or any other eastern city. Let us have the phone.

Dennis Hanley has bought the Welch farm, southeast quarter of section 2, township 29, range 12, adjoining his home farm 4 miles northeast of town, consideration \$1,300 cash. Mr. Hanley bought the place for his son, P. J.

Oscar Wilcox departed on Monday for Winnipeg, Canada, where he expect to remain, having accepted a position in a large machine shop there. Oscar is a young man of rare qualities and will be missed by many friends in O'Neill. He was tendered a farewell Friday evening last at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Merrill.

The Frontier is requested to announce that on Saturday evening the promoters of the proposed militia company will hold a meeting at C. L. Davis' office to further the plans, and it is requested that all desiring to join the company be present at this meeting. Adjutant-General Barry's visit here last week engendered considerable interest in military matters, especially among the "heroes of the Third," and they were assured by the general that O'Neill would have a company if forty-five men were secured. This is the number required for the mustering in of a company.

"A girl should never marry a man that she may reform him," writes Margaret Sangster, in the February Ladies' Home Journal. "If he is in need of reformation let him prove himself worthy by turning from evil and setting his face steadfastly and perseveringly to good before he asks a girl to surrender herself and her life to him. Nor should a girl be too impatient with father, mother or friends if they counsel delay in deciding a matter which is to influence her whole career and her lover's, when they with clearer eyes than her own perceive in him an unsuitability to her."

York Republican: No right minded person finds fault with the establishment of discipline in the public schools. It is necessary. It is for the good of the children. Regularity in attendance and punctuality also are necessary in order to achieve the best results. However, care and judgment should be exercised in the matter, so that the discipline, so necessary and healthful, in moderation, may not degenerate into the tyranny of a military camp, and become a terror to poor, palpitating little children, causing them to cry and sob in case they are so unfortunate as to be a few minutes tardy, and prefer to remain out of school for the day rather than "go late."

Last week the county board designated The Frontier, Atkinson Plain Dealer and Ewing Advocate as the official papers for the publication of the supervisors proceedings and this paper will commence the official publication next week. The action of the board will enable hundreds of Holt county voters, who are readers of this paper, to become familiar with the doings of the county dads. The board believed that one-half the population of the county should not be debarred from learning the actions of their servants merely because they were republicans and therefore named The Frontier. It was a wise choice and the members of the board have been congratulated by men of all parties for their action.

The board of examiners have recommended to Congressman Neville for appointment to the Annapolis naval academy three of the six taking the examination, Parnel Golden and Merle Kline of this city and M. V. Post of North Platte. Two of the contestants were debarred on account of physical defects. Following are the averages on the mental examination: J. P. Golden, 93 3-7; M. V. Post, (North Platte) 90 4-7; George Tunison, (Cozad) 86 3-7; Merle Kline, 84 2-7; John Gallagher, 74 5-7; John O'Fallon, 71 3-7. There seems to be some doubt about Golden and Post passing the physical examination to which candidates are subjected before entering the academy, and the third one, Kline, is appointed to insure that there will be no vacancy.

All day Tuesday and until 11 o'clock at night the county court was occupied in hearing testimony in a case which evolved out of a family rumpus near Iuman. Mrs. Mary-Marley and her son John were the principals. John is a minor and the action in court was instituted by Mrs. Marley to have herself appointed guardian of the boy, against whom she filed charges of spendthrift, worthless and in need of a guardian. The boy denied the allegations and took the ground that he had property which his relatives were trying to get away from him. After a long string of testimony on both sides Judge Selah decided that a disinterested party should be appointed, and accordingly consented to appoint Peter Ryan, whom the contending parties had agreed upon.

The Frontier understand that Charles Meals took second place in the examination for West Point academy. There were eight in the contest, Mr. Meals standing the highest in physical examination and second in the mental. This gives him the alternate appointment, which, in case the principal is rejected, admits him to the academy. O'Neill boys are in the lead for the West Point and Annapolis appointments, a thing which The Frontier is pleased to note.

This from the Nebraska Farmer is alright: "The farmer cannot too fully understand that all the live stock on his farm with which he is brought into daily contact will partake more or less of his personal moods. If he kick open the barn door in the morning and thumps the old mare with the shovel or pitchfork to let her know that he is boss of that ranch, even the hens will be nervous and out of sorts all day. If he leaves the kitchen door for the barnyard singing, 'The Sweet Bye and Bye,' he will find the cows placidly chewing their cud and the hogs grunting contentedly in the morning sun. A horse understands when he is sworn at and it embitters a cow to threaten to break her back with a straw cutter. A pig in the pen which receives a cherry, 'Good morning,' from the owner will fatten twice as fast as the one which climbs up to receive a blow from a club. It is so with the fowls. The farmer who puts on a fatherly and benevolent expression as he scatters the grain will find every hen doing her best that day to lay an egg to prove her gratitude and confidence, while the one who scowls and mutters and tries to knock some hen's head off with a clothes prop will find himself feared and detested."

McCaffrey Items. Mr. and Mrs. Hurley visited with the Holmes family Sunday.

Will and Andy Morgan visited on Holt creek Sunday.

Ben and Em Roy took in the sights of the Missouri valley Sunday.

Bert Springer took the train Sunday for his home at Hooper, Neb.

Ed Gallagher, from north of O'Neill, is spending a few days with friends in this vicinity.

George Lamberson and son returned Monday evening after a week's visit with friends at Hooper and Fremont.

John McCaffrey returned Monday from a week's visit at Fremont with John Morgan, who is attending the normal.

In the spring the young man's thoughts lightly turn to love, but these moonlight nights McCaffrey young men are doing the right thing about sleighing.

Stafford Sayings. Price Babcock is putting up ice.

E. Crandall went to Ewing Friday.

Nils Bergstrom is hauling corn from Page.

Ed Johnson is hauling baled hay to town.

Roy Townsend had business at Ewing Thursday.

Jim Horton took a trip to Iuman Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Parson were doing some trading here Saturday.

Oscar Sanberg departed Monday for his home at Randolph.

Anna Larson, Pete Nelson, Lydia and Ethel Smith were on the sick list last week.

Charlie Allen, Doran Hunt, Bert and Charlie Hagerman, of Page, had business here Saturday.

Horton Bros. now have their blacksmith shop completed and are ready to do all work in their line.

Mr. and Mrs. Brobst and Pete Larson spent a pleasant evening at the home of Price Babcock on Friday.

The Stafford school board are leaving nothing undone to place their school among the best. Their last purchase was a fine set of encyclopedias.

ESTRAY—Taken up at my place in O'Neill on February 7, 1900, one red cow, dehorned, with what looks to be a wine cup brand on left hip. Owner can have same by proving property and paying expenses. W. H. Palmer, O'Neill, Neb.

FOR SALE—My farm two miles northwest of O'Neill, 10 acres of hardwood timber, s. e. quarter of section 15, township 29, range 12, w. Will be sold cheap. Apply to D. Daly, Wahoo, Neb. 29-4

## NEW RAILROADS FOR NORTH NEB.

The times are rife with rumors of new railroads and talk is plenty, and if a half of what is on paper and being revolved in the minds of bombastic promoters Nebraska will be a perfect network of railroads. Yesterday's World Herald contained an article bearing on railroads in Boyd and Holt counties. The Frontier herewith appends the same, with the single comment that our readers may take it for what it is worth: "Boyd county is without a mile of real railroad that a locomotive can run over, yet the county is a gridiron of paper roads and the people up there have been energetically working for over a year, and are willing to spend good money to have some of their railroad dreams realized. Although their hopes have been raised high at times, something has usually happened to dash them to the ground. But once again Boyd county is unusually hopeful. And the enthusiasm and hope has extended to all the surrounding counties.

"From the Great Northern something is expected since that road acquired the Pacific Short Line from Sioux City to O'Neill. Chief Engineer Stevens of the Great Northern was at O'Neill a short time ago, and is reported to have been figuring on an extension to Alliance.

"The organization of the Nebraska & Gulf at Hastings by Charles Dietrich, president of the German National bank there at first aroused much excitement and Boyd county saw an air line to the Gulf of Mexico. But as plans have begun to unfold themselves the people up there fear that the plans must be changed or no railroad will be built. The route of the Hastings & Gulf is exceedingly simple to make on paper. All that is necessary is to lay a ruler from Niobrara City to the Gulf and draw a line.

"Such a line drawn across eastern Boyd county means a great fortune will be required to transfer it into a railroad. The Niobrara river banks are there said to be of a light layer of shale covering a great depth of quicksand, while fringing the river on both sides are high bluffs frequently broken by "fords" or draws 200 feet deep, thus making railroad building a serious engineering problem.

"But the ambitious plans of the promoters have ceased to stop at Niobrara City for the northern terminus. They now include an invasion of the White river cattle country and an extension over to the Black Hills to which entrance will be effected by the Rapid City & Hill City line.

"It is the Atkinson and Northern that the Niobrara country is now looking largely for relief. Something over a year ago that little, but seemingly practical line, was incorporated by A. O. Perry, a prominent promoter of that part of the country, to run from Atkinson on the Elkhorn north about twenty-five miles to Perry, just across the Niobrara to Perry in Boyd county. A contract was made with J. H. Shepherd & Co., contractors of Chicago, to build the road and take the bonds, but after grading within two miles of the Niobrara, the contractors found themselves unable to float the bonds.

"Other attempts to secure eastern capital resulted in convincing the promoters that the line as proposed would be wholly at the mercy of the Elkhorn; that either home capital must do all of the building, or that it must be built to connect with rival systems. So plans were changed to extend north into Gregory country, South Dakota, to make the line worth looking after that way, and extending south to the Burlington at Eriession, and even to Ceder Rapids.

"At all events, the Atkinson & Northern people have induced several eastern capitalists to come out and look over the field, and they are now engaged in driving across the country.

"It is even hinted that the same capitalists are behind the Nebraska & Gulf."

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J. P. GALLAGHER, Prop.

**SENSES OF THE BLIND.**  
German Iconoclast Demolishes a Long Established Belief.  
The Lancet: A long series of experiments has recently been made by Prof. H. Griesbach, of Basle, upon the relative acuteness of the senses of hearing, touch, taste and smell in the case of the blind and those who possess normal vision. The results are contained in Plüger's Archiv. The observations were made on those who were otherwise healthy. In the differentiation of tactile impressions no remarkable differences were observed between the seeing and the blind, or if small differences did exist they were in favor of the seeing. In those born blind the tactile sharpness was somewhat less than in the seeing, and in some cases the sensorium generally was equally defective. The blind in particular feel less acutely with the tip of the index finger than do those who see, and in many cases the tactile acuteness of the two index finger tips differs. In the blind, especially in the region of the hand, a stronger impression is required to produce a tactile impression than in those possessed of sight. In the capability of localizing impressions of sound no difference exists between the blind and the seeing. In both great individual variations occur. As a rule, both in the seeing and the blind the use of the organ of both sides gives better results than the use of one alone. No difference in the acuteness of hearing exists between the blind and those who see. No relative was observed between the acuteness of hearing and the power of localizing sounds in either the seeing or the blind. No difference was observed in the two classes in regard to the acuteness of smell. In the execution of manual labor the blind become fatigued sooner than do those of equal age who see. The blind are more fatigued with manual than with mental work, which is not the case with the seeing of the same age. If any difference exists in regard to exhaustion after mental labor it is in favor of those of the same age who see. Both among the blind and the seeing there are persons who have many, others who have only a few, and others again who have no illusory or erroneous impressions of touch. These results are in many respects opposed to generally received opinions, for it is usually supposed that deprivation of sight leads to exaltation of the acuteness of the other senses, especially of the touch and hearing.

**Announcement TO THE PUBLIC:**  
I HAVE bought the entire stock of general merchandise formerly owned by Woodward & Co., comprising:  
Men's and Women's Furnishing Goods  
Boots and Shoes Hats and Caps  
Rubbers and Overshoes  
Felt Boots Gloves, Mittens  
Queensware Jewelry  
Also a complete line of GROCERIES.  
All of these goods were bought for cash at a big discount, and will give our customers the benefit of same as long as they last.  
**JOHN J. HARRINGTON, Jr.**