

RANCHER TRIES 'PHONE

Lost Overcoat Leads to Amusing Experience in a Council Bluffs Drug Store.

HIS MAIDEN SPEECH BY WIRE

Lady at Other End Finally Hears the Noise and Tells Him to Let Up.—Frank Draws a Crowd.

It happened in Council Bluffs, in a Broadway drug store. His broad shoulders, deep chest and plentiful mouth were not moulded for a false show of genius. His clarion voice was heard above the ring and rattle of the motor car, above the clatter of busy feet upon the pavement, above the rush and roar and tumult of the hurried thousands pursuing the vain baubles of commerce and pleasure; above the locomotives' shrill shriek and the iron-tongued bells' loud ringing. He had come to Omaha with cattle from his big ranch in Holt county and had taken a Douglas street motor for the Bluffs. He had left his newly purchased overcoat in a South Omaha car and had been directed to the said drug store to telephone car headquarters to preserve his coat. He told the druggist what had happened and was shown to the phone.

Frank Ellis had encountered all the dangers of twenty years ranching on Brush creek, had looked down the sinister barrel of many a forty-five and handled the roughest critters the ranges afford, but had never faced an instrument like this. But as we said before, the mountain size of the man from Holt county was no bluff. He grasped the only movable part of the instrument and began to talk at the ear-piece. "A little louder, please," came from a gentle female voice at the other end of the wire. Frank put on more steam. "Louder," again came the female voice. A yell not unlike a Sioux Indian whoop awoke the quietude of the drug store, but before the startled druggist could place his hasty steps to where the dauntless Frank was holding noisy communion with the telephone the gentle voice again came over the wire, "Speak louder." Before Frank could enliven his lungs for another effort the druggist was at his side showing him where to expend his vocal energies. Stooping close to the voice receptacle, Frank let go a volley that he declares could be heard two miles among the steers on the ranch. "For heavens sake, let up there; you'll blow out the whole works!" The gentility of the female voice was brushed away when this alarm came back from the Omaha end of the phone, and Frank had to "set them up" to the laughing crowd that had gathered to see what was the disturbance.

The coat was recovered.

The Market

South Omaha, Dec. 24.—The receipts of stock, as usual just before the holidays, is moderate. Receipts of cattle just fair; market slow but fully steady with last week's decline. Choice beef steers in good demand but supply limited. Common and medium grades are slow at any price. Cows and mixed stock in fair supply, demand good and market generally steady. Trade in stockers and feeders very quiet, but market steady on anything at all desirable.

Hog receipts continue very liberal. On good heavy hogs market is but on lights and mixed, especially lights, market slow; dragging and unevenly lower. Range \$5.50 to \$6.50; bulk \$5.85 to \$6.10. Average fully a quarter lower than last week at this time. Prospects do not look the brightest for balance of week.

Sheep receipts light, market steady.

Marriage Licenses

County Judge Morgan has issued marriage licenses to the following:

Erwin Rogers of Stanton and Miss Etta Burner of Ewing.

Emrey Roy of O'Neill and Miss Francis Fickel of Swan; married by the judge.

W. H. Briggs and Miss Hoy of Ewing.

It Girdles The Globe.

The fame of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, as the best in the world, extends around the earth. It's the one perfect healer of Cuts, Corns, Burns, Bruises, Sores, Scalds, Boils, Ulcers, Felons, Aches, Pains and all Skin Eruptions. Only infallible Pile cure. 25c a box at P. C. Corrigan.

Brain-Weight and Mental Power. It is stated by an authority that the weight of a man's brain has nothing to do with his mental power. The colder the climate, the greater the size of the brain. The largest heads of all are those of the Chugatches, who live very far north, and next come the heads of the Laps.

PERSONALS.

Parnell Golden is home from Lincoln.

Fred Gatz took advantage of the first cold snap and cut ice.

Miss Maggie Coffey of Spencer is spending the holiday with her parents here.

Prof. J. V. Owens and family are spending the holiday vacation in Omaha.

G. W. Smith was at Atkinson Tuesday, going up to deliver a piano which he had sold.

Freeman Bros. Concert company will be at the opera-house Friday, January 3.

Tim Dwyer, P. H. McCarthy, Frank Pixley and John Dwyer came up from Omaha to spend Christmas.

Schafe Kautzman, a brother of Ham, was in the city last week in the interests of the American Type Foundry.

Ben Hallo, the former proprietor of the bowling alley, departed Tuesday for Omaha, where he expects to remain.

T. N. J. Hynes, Mike and Will Fallon and Mike Sullivan, are here from Park City, Utah, to spend the holidays.

S. J. Weekes departed for Omaha Monday and from there went to Tekamah to spend Christmas. Mrs. Weekes went to Tekamah last week.

Levi van Valkenburg of Inman was doing business in the city Monday. In conversation with a Frontier representative he characterized the tax lien foreclosure business "the biggest piece of robbery ever perpetrated in the county."

E. Opp, president of the Stuart state bank, was in the city Thursday. Mr. Opp was on his way to Omaha, from where he goes to the coast country on a few month's business and pleasure tour. He expects to go over the U. P. or a southern road and return over the Northern, thus taking in both localities.

J. P. Mann has been shaking hands with his many friends in O'Neill the past week. Mr. Mann came in Saturday evening from Chicago, where he is now located in the wholesale novelty business, a member of the firm of Morris, Mann & Riley. Mr. Mann says their business has exceeded his expectations and he is well pleased with the venture. He and Mrs. Mann expect to return Saturday.

Rev. C. W. Lowrie and Miss Maude E. Hullhorst were united in marriage Thursday evening at eight o'clock at the home of the bride's parents in Lincoln. Rev. Lowrie is a young man recently entering the ministry and was formerly an O'Neill boy, and all of his friends here join with The Frontier in extending congratulations. The bride is a stranger to The Frontier. Rev. and Mrs. Lowrie will reside at Holdrege, this state.

FOR SALE—600 pure bred Ramboulett and Delain rams. Are in best of condition, 2 years old and have never been in service.—Barto & Hoyt, Gordon, Neb. 18-8

Growth of Boys and Girls.

At 5 years of age boys are main, taller than girls, but at 7 years the girls catch up and either outstrip the boys or hold their own until 9, after which the boys take a fresh start and maintain a good lead for two years. At about 12 years the girls suddenly become taller than the boys, continuing so until their fifteenth year, when the boys finally regain their superiority in stature and hold it permanently.

HOLIDAY TRADE GOOD

O'Neill Merchants Enjoy a Big Christmas Business.

The holiday business at O'Neill stores the few days preceding Christmas was beyond all expectation a week previous. The rush commenced last Saturday and continued till late in the evening of Tuesday. Owing to the unfavorable weather last week there was but little business going on, but the lack was fully made up as soon as the warm days came.

Merchants generally are well satisfied with their holiday business and consider it exceptionally good in view of the fact of the general failure of crops. The branch of holiday business which suffered most during the cold snap was the toy and fancy goods trade. But this was rather a help to the dry goods and clothing business as people felt like adding another thickness of clothing with the mercury monkeying around thirty.

The holiday business in all lines will compare favorably with that of last year, when some lines of trade exceeded all past records.

HAS FOOT AMPUTATED

Necessitated From Having Been Frozen While Driving to O'Neill.

INSURED FOR \$500 IN M. B. A.

Young Man Comes to Town Through Bitter Cold and the Loss of a Foot Results.—Cause for Gloomy Xmas.

A young man by name of Snell occupying a room at the Woodruff lodging apartments had cause to spend a gloomy Christmas. His right foot was taken off at the ankle the day previous by Dr. Gilligan, the operation being made necessary by reason of the foot having been frozen a week ago last Friday night.

The young man has been working for Martin Wintermote of near Chambers. On the night mentioned a party was given at the home of Mr. Wintermote in honor of his son's birthday. After the party was over the two young men hitched up a team and drove to O'Neill after a windmill against the advice of Mr. Wintermote. They started about two o'clock, when the thermometer registered thirty below. Snell's foot was frozen solid on the way in, and the amputation followed several days after. Snell will receive \$500 from the M. B. A., in which he was insured.

PERRY TALKS.

Atkinson & Niobrara to Commence Bridge Building.

Atkinson Graphic: A. O. Perry, superintendent of construction on the Atkinson & Niobrara River railroad, returned Tuesday night from Sioux City, where he has been for a week on business connected with the new road. Mr. Perry was also in attendance upon the board of directors of the Atkinson & Niobrara which convened during his stay in Sioux City. At this meeting the promoters settled definitely upon the future plans for their road. They decided to enlarge the original scope of the line by building not only from O'Neill to Atkinson but also from Butte into Gregory county, South Dakota, twenty miles.

Mr. Perry received full instructions regarding the work that will be expected of him at this end of the line. He was instructed to direct the engineer here to begin at once a survey from Atkinson to O'Neill and later from Butte north into Gregory county, also to hire men to work on bridge construction.

In reply to questions regarding the immediate intentions of the company, Mr. Perry said:

"The preliminary work such as building bridges, making surveys, etc., preparatory to the road's completion will be commenced at once. Until the weather moderates no work on the grade or laying of the ties will be done. It would hardly be possible to continue the grading this kind of weather; however, we will lose no time but will turn our attention to bridge building, which can be accomplished without so much inconvenience even in this severe weather. There is lots of work to be done on the bridges. Besides building one over the Niobrara river, we will erect thirteen smaller ones between here and Butte."

The Frontier gets to press away late this week. Christmas festivities combined with the two-fold hindrance of a broken engine and difficulty in finding men to turn the press makes us late. During the hard freeze a week ago the wather in the engine tank froze and burst the engine. Hence we are disabled.

Ray Bits.

Miss Mollie O'Malley visited her sister Nora—several days this week; she also stayed with Stella Ross a short time.

Bert Aldredge, William Townsend and Miss Lulu Bvehme spent a very pleasant eve at the home of Mr. De-Yarmna's Sunday evening.

Walter O'Malley of Saratoga, Neb., took a trip in the south western part of this state, the first day of the week.

"A Pocket Full of Sunshine."

A pocket full of sunshine
Is better far than gold;
It drowns the daily sorrows
Of the young and of the old;
It fills the world with pleasure,
In field, in lane and street,
And brightens every prospect
Of the mortals that we meet.

A pocket full of sunshine
Can make the world akin,
And lift a load of sorrow
From the burdened back of sin;
Diffusing light and knowledge
Through thorny paths of life;
It glides with silver lining
O'er storm clouds of strife.
—Jan. Ladies' Home Journal.

LITTLE THINGS

Dance the 30th.

Bale ties at Brennan's.

Brennan's is headquarters for all kinds of lamp's. 21-tf

District court adjourned on last Thursday until the 31st.

Teeth or photographs at Corbett's, 16th to 39th of each month. 39tf.

For farm loans, on reasonable terms call on Elkhorn Valley Bank. 13tf

Get the best and purest deodorized gasoline for your stoves and lamps at Brennans.

Hay Land for Sale.—N. W. 21-25-12 \$600. Terms apply to P. T. Meeks. Fredonia, Wash.

The McCaffery post office records, effects, etc., have been turned in and the office discontinued.

Get your lamp oil at Brennan's for he keeps the highest standard grades of any one in town; he keeps the Ecoceneoil.

Dress making parlors have been opened in the rooms over Bentley's store and ladies of O'Neill are invited to call when wanting dress making done.

The next meeting of the Pleasant Valley Cemetery association will be held at the Pleasant Valley church on January 7, 1902, at 2 p. m. All parties interested are requested to attend.—George Bay, clerk.

The committee appointed by the board of supervisors to check up the county judge's office resumed work this morning after adjournment Saturday. They expect to get through today or tomorrow.

Boyd A. Robinson, helper at the Elkhorn, one morning this week, ran up stairs, aroused the agent, and breathlessly announced that there was a "feller" down there had a carpin that had been out all night and wanted to get it in out of the cold.

The report of the O'Neill National bank, published in last week's Frontier, makes a fine showing for a bank which has been established three months less than a year. The report foots up a total of \$75,748.71 and shows an increase of nearly \$20,000 since the September report. The bank was established in April of this year.

A. B. Newell reports a big land deal on Monday. He sold the Carey ranch of 1100 acres on Holt creek to Joseph Olermier of Strubble, Io., consideration \$10,500. Mr. Olermier is not entirely a stranger to Holt county as he dealt in live stock here last year. He will move to his Holt county ranch in the spring. Mr. Newell tells us his land sales the past year amounts to 20,000 acres.

Freeman Bros. concert and specialty company, supported by vaudeville artists, will be at the O'Neill opera-house on Friday evening, January 3. The latest productions in vocal and instrumental music, comedies, specialties, etc. Edison's moving pictures, showing the McKinley funeral, execution of Czolgoz and the incidents connected with the great tragedy. Seats 35c, 25c and 15c.

Skating parties are becoming popular and the solidly frozen Elkhorn is the scene of the annual skating tournaments. The old man that is past the age of fun and folly wonders that the present youthful generation will skate ten miles and never feel an ache, but will have all kinds of crippled limbs when the parental authority a maternal tenderness calls upon them for ten minutes labor.

The Presbyterian and Methodist Sunday schools each celebrated the Christmas season with well laden and brilliantly decorated trees on Tuesday evening, which brought gladness to the hearts of the children and made the old folks smile the smile of satisfaction to see their offspring made happy. It is more blessed to give than receive, but the children are usually satisfied with receiving.

The cold wave has subsided. The snow is fast disappearing beneath the melting rays of a warm sun and the streets are sloppy as a day in April. Those of a prophetic turn of mind give a knowing wink and say the conditions of the weather were such on and about the 21st as to warrant the prediction that the winter from now on will be of lamb like nature to a considerable degree. It is to be hoped such prediction is correct and that the reaction now begun on the coal man will continue.

Notice.

The O'Neill orchestra have decided to change the date of their dance from News Years to Monday, December 30. The floor will be in first class shape and a good time is assured to all. Supper will be served at Hotel Evans.

SMALLPOX AT DORSEY

Patients Said to Be Careless About Spreading the Disease Among Their Neighbors.

MANY CASES ARE REPORTED

Doctor Sent Out By State Health Board, Who Pronounced It Smallpox and Advised Supervisors to Take Charge.

When anybody mentions smallpox people get scared. But we admonish the readers of this item to not get excited when it is stated there are some fifteen or twenty cases of smallpox in the Dorsey country some twenty-five miles northeast of O'Neill.

The board of supervisors and county attorney have given the matter some attention. Notices were printed on big red cards in black type and sent to Supervisor Postlewait, who resides in the Dorsey district, and he was delegated to pest the notices at places where there was one or more cases of smallpox. A quarantine was ordered and commendable efforts made to prevent the spread of the disease. It seems, however, that some of the people in that section show a disposition to disregard the efforts of authorities to keep the disease in check and have taken no precaution against carrying it from place to place.

Some ten days ago Dr. Towne of Omaha was sent out by the state board of health to investigate the situation and pronounced it small pox. He came to O'Neill and conferred with the local physicians and also Supervisor Marsh, advising that the board take the matter in hand. The board did so and have done about all they can do. It now rests with the people who have the disease whether it will spread like an India plague or be confined to a few cases. The Frontier doesn't pretend to know, nor has no desire to go and investigate, just what the conditions are, but if reports are true the best thing they can do out there is to quarantine themselves as completely as possible. If rigidly watched and scrupulously guarded from spreading it is only a matter of a short time until the disease can be wiped out. An attitude defying health regulations is silly.

Remember the date of the dance has been changed to December 30.

PROFITABLE RETURNS

Six Acres Nets a Profit of \$325 in One Season.

The Neligh Leader tells of what Nebraska soil is capable of producing in the following item: "A heavy crop yield and a big margin of profit is reported by T. M. Nichols of Willow township from six acres of land. It was planted to sorghum, and when recently threshed it yielded 150 bushels of clean seed and 25 tons of fodder. The latter is worth as much per ton as good hay and its value would not be less than \$100. The grain dealers in this city are paying \$1.50 per bushel for the seed and the whole would bring \$225, and with the hay the value of the entire crop from six acres would be \$325, at a low estimate."

The Frontier has a new stock of visiting cards for ladies. The new styles are about half the size of the old ones, and quite nobby.

READY FOR SERVICE.

County Officers—Elect Prepared to Assume Command.

The new county officers are getting private business shaped around preparatory to committing the same to others while they take up the duties of public office. Of the newly elected officials Mr. Cronin and Mr. Morgan are now in the city, the latter finishing the term of Judge Selah, deceased. Mr. Cronin moved in from his farm some time ago and is living in the Lapham house in the western part of the city, and is ready to take up his duties as treasurer. Mr. Gilmore, clerk-elect, will not move his family to O'Neill till spring so as not to interfere with the school work of his son at Ewing. He will be on hand himself, however, at the proper date to take charge of the office.

Funny Things.

Pick-Me-Up: "How can you marry a man who writes dear with two e's? "But he writes his fortune with six naughts."

Tit-Bits: Tom—Have a smoke old man? Ja k—Thanks. Don't care if I do. Tom—You'll find that is something like a cigar. Jack (after a few puffs)—By George, there is a slight resemblance. What is it?

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "I almost hate to win this battle," said the admiral as he took another look at the enemy. "Why so?" inquired the dapper young flag lieutenant. Because these confounded inquiry cases cost so much."



Prefer the Old Shiftless Way. Tired of owning their own homes and making their own way in the world, 200 Pottawatomie Indians living on one of the reservations north of Topeka, Kan., will petition Congress at the coming session to permit them to sell their lands and again become wards of the government. These Indians and their ancestors have been living on this reservation for the past 30 years and many of them were born there.

A Deep Mystery.

It is a mystery why women endure Backache, Headache, Nervousness, Sleeplessness, Melancholy, Fainting and Dizzy Spells when thousands have proved that Electric Bitters will quickly cure such trouble. "I suffered for years with kidney trouble," writes Mrs. Phebe Cherley, of Peterson, Ia., "and a lame back pained me so I could not dress myself, but Electric Bitters wholly cured me, and, although 73 years old, I now am able to do all my housework." It overcomes Constipation, improves Appetite, gives perfect health. Only 50c at P. C. Corrigan drug store.

Scarcity of Snails in France.

Some alarm is expressed by certain Paris epicures because the supply of snails of the finest quality seems to be falling off to a serious extent. This apprehension, however, will cause no distress upon an extended scale, as the taste for the deliberate creature that carries his house upon his back has not been world-wide. In fact, it has never gained much ground outside of the Latin race, and beyond the borders of France itself the number of gourmets who have extolled the snail as a table delicacy of the most desirable sort has not been a long list.

Thousands Sent Into Exile.

Every year a large number of poor sufferers whose lungs are sore and racked with coughs are urged to go to another climate. But this is costly and not always sure. Don't be an exile when Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption will cure you at home. It's the most infallible medicine for Coughs, Colds, and all Throat and Lung diseases on earth. The first dose brings relief. Astounding cures result from persistent use. Trial bottle free at P. C. Corrigan. Price 50c and \$1. Every bottle guaranteed.

Too One-Sided.

Sam Jones, in one of his sermons, took women to task for spending more time in prinking than in praying. "If there's a woman here," he screamed finally, "who prays more than she prinks, let her stand up." One poor old faded specimen of femininity, in the sorriest, shabbiest of clothes, arose. "You spend more time praying than prinking?" asked the preacher, taking her all in. The poor old creature said she did—prayed all the time, prinked not at all. "You go straight home," admonished Jones, "and put a little time on your prinking."

Blown To Atoms.

The old idea that the body sometimes needs a powerful, drastic, purgative pill has been exploded; for Dr. King's New Life Pills, which are perfectly harmless, gently stimulate liver and bowels to expel poisonous matter, cleanse the system and absolutely cure Constipation and Sick Headache. Only 25c at P. C. Corrigan drug store.

Sinking of a Railroad Bed.

A novel condition of railroad engineering was presented recently by the sinking of the roadbed on the Monon railway, in Lake county, Illinois. About 800 feet of bed settled, and in a little over two months the depression had reached an estimated depth of 100 feet. For months the company has been filling the hole, over 7,500 carloads of rubble and timber having been dumped in it. The bottom seems to have been reached. Exhaustion of natural gas is said to have caused the phenomenon.

Lee Chop's Fortune.

With a fortune of \$150,000, Lee Chop, a Chinese merchant of New York, is going back to Canton. Three children born here and one wife will accompany him. He is said to have two other wives in China.

Elkhorn Valley Farm.

We own and offer for sale 160 acres of beautiful land in the Elkhorn valley, 4 1/2 miles from O'Neill. It is the NW 1/4 of sec 10, twp 28, range 11, Holt county, Nebraska. Not over ten acres unfit for cultivation. Price \$8 per acre. Address, Mortgagees Investment Co., 605 Commerce Building, Kansas City, Mo.