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## HE BLEW UP THE MAINE

Manuel de Silvia Braga of Chadron Says He Is the Man That "Touched the Button."

## HE SOUGHT REVENGE ON WEYER

Dismissed From Spanish War Incites Him to Embro l His Country In War With United States.

Chadron has a sensation. Here is a special from there explaining:

Chadron, Neb., Jan. 15.—Steps have been taken for an official investigation of an alleged confession by Manuel de Silvia Braga that it was he who blew up the battleship Maine. According to the story, his motive was to stir up a conflict between this country and Spain in order that Cuba might be saved.

Braga, who is a well educated Spaniard, appeared in this part of the country shortly after the Maine was sunk. He found work on the ranch of Bob Yago, in Sioux county, where he has since resided. He was reticent about his past, but said he had been to Cuba.

Mr. Yago recently found some papers which showed the Spaniard had served in the army of his country. While the Spaniard was intoxicated, Yago confronted him with the fact and he broke down and made a complete confession, said to be substantially as follows:

While a captain in Cuba he remonstrated against Weyer's brutal actions, was court-martialed and dismissed from the army. He brooded over the injustice and planned to get even with the Spanish sovereignty on the island.

Walking along the quay at Havana he saw the Maine in the harbor, and his problem was solved. Shortly before this he had familiarized himself with the mines in the harbor.

Braga waited until most of the sailors were on the shore, then went to the proper place and pressed the button. Afterwards he escaped to this country via a schooner and reached New Orleans. He was engaged by a Texas ranchman to drive cattle into Montana. Thence he took a herd into South Dakota, winding up in Nebraska.

## Sporting Exhibition

Wednesday was a gala day for O'Neill's sporting fraternity. Australian Billy Murphy and Bert Castle, two featherweight pugilists from Sioux City, met each other in the ring at the opera house Wednesday evening. Mike Kirwin is the local sport to whom belongs the honor of securing the exhibition. Aside from the sparring match, there was the additional attraction of a wrestling contest between Dave Tierney and Ray Ellis, both of O'Neill. The wrestling match was a draw, each wrestler getting one fall. The boxers were supposed to have sparred fifteen rounds, but in the fourth Castle received a blow from Murphy that disabled him and Murphy was pronounced the victor. A number of sports from Plainview, Atkinson and other towns were here to witness the exhibition.

## Public Sale.

The undersigned will sell at public sale, January 24, 1902, at one o'clock p. m. sharp, one and one half mile west of Chambers, Holt county, Nebraska, on the farm known as the late Isom C. Reed, the following property to wit:

One gray mare, 10 years old, weight 1,550; one bay mare, 9 years old, weight 1,400; one dark gray gelden, 3 years old, weight 1,200; one black yearling filley, a good one; two colts, good ones; two cows; two yearling steers; one calf; one wide tire wagon, new; one Plano binder; one mower, wide cut; one hay rake; one stirring plow; one disk; one corn sheller; one hay stacker and two sweeps; one riding cultivator; one engate seeder; one set double harness and many other articles too numerous to mention.

Terms of sale: All sums of \$10 and upwards twelve months time, approved security, sums under \$10 cash. No property to be removed till terms of sale are complied with.—Henry Reed, manager; W. B. Cooper, auctioneer.

## Notice This.

I would like to mark all paid on my books now that their is nothing else to do.

Con Keys.

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

## MIKE THREATENED

Said He Would Kill Harrington Before the Argument.

Chadron, Nebraska, Jan. 11.—During the arguments in the case where-in Charles Russell is charged with the murder of Louis Staudenmier a year or more ago in Sioux county, much excitement was created by the report that the father of the defendant had stated that he would kill M. F. Harrington, counsel for the state, before he made his argument.

Judge Westover instructed the sheriff to search the man and not permit him in the court room during the trial. Later he was searched by the sheriff and was found to be unarmed. Tonight he is in charge of friends. During the arguments in the case the court room was crowded.

## BY NEX: JULY

Perry Says Cars Will Be Running By That Time.

Respecting the somewhat uncertain proposition of pulling the Short Line around by Atkinson and thence into Butte, the Atkinson Graphic quotes the promoter of the scheme as saying: "I can safely say that cars will be running from O'Neill into Butte by way of Atkinson by next July; and right here I am glad to say that the day is past when men of means have to be labored with to interest them in this enterprise. We not only have the money to build from O'Neill to Butte, but into Gregory county as well and to any other point or points where the management considers it will be of advantage to extend its lines."

## The Market.

South Omaha, Jan. 15.—Receipts of cattle very fair, but not up to last week's run. The supply of corn fed cattle fair. Demand is good from all sides but the quality rather poor. Markets active, steady to strong as compared with last week's close, and 10 to 15c higher than last Wednesday. Supply of cows and mixed stock liberal, but with all is active and strong to 10c higher for the week on all grades and general tone of the trade decidedly strong. Receipts of stockers and feeders limited, trading active and firm.

Receipts of hogs very light as compared with last week. Only about 20,000 for three days against 30,000 for same time last week. Today with 8000 on sale market is 5c higher, which together with yesterday's advance, makes market nearly 20c higher for the week and a shilling higher than last Wednesday. Range \$5.80 to \$6.50; bulk \$6.10 to \$6.30. The prospects look good for balance of week.

Sheep receipts fair, market strong to higher.

Nye & Buchanan Co.

## Lecture on Music

O'Neill people are promised a rare bit of entertainment, instruction and amusement in the lecture to be given at the opera-house on Friday evening, January 17, by Hon. N. K. Grigg of Lincoln. His subject will be, "Music."

Mr. Grigg is a striking personality and represents the strange and uncommon combination of lawyer, poet and musician. He is perfect master of each. As a lawyer he has reached the pinnacle of fame. The intricate questions of law have not disturbed his natural genius for literature and music. He has compiled a volume of charming poems and also written a book of music, and holds the honors of poet-laureate of Nebraska. With a rare gift of oratory and the fine polish of the scholar he makes a most interesting speaker.

Mr. Grigg has taken to the lecture stage for the pleasure it affords him in discussing his favorite theme and in meeting with the people.

## Pinched Between Cars.

Bert Blinco was pinched between the bumpers of two freight cars at Sioux Falls, S. D., last week. As near as can be learned, the injuries sustained were not serious. He was taken to the Sioux City and given what treatment was necessary. We understand he and Mrs. Blinco are now with Mrs. Blinco's parents near Tilden.

## Attention, W. O. W.

There will be special meeting of Ash Camp No. 160—Saturday evening, January 18—Business of importance. E. G. Adams C. C.

## \$25 Reward.

The above amount will be paid to anyone who will inform me as to who cut the wires on my place.—James Early, Slocum, Neb. 27-3

FOR SALE—Or trade for good work horses, a first-class 4-yr-old mammoth jack. Address, T. W. Sarchet Star, Neb. 28-4

## IN THE COUNTY COURT

One Man Shoots a Pig, Another Beats His Wife and Both Get Before Judge Morgan.

## STATE VS J. J. SMITH FOR ASSAULT

Joseph Estgate Made Defendant In An Action Brought By August Spengler.—Hearing the 20th.

Since the passing of the blessed season of peace on earth, good will to men, the criminal branch of the county court has been more or less active, and the indications are that not all is yet peace and safety.

On January 11, Mrs. Eva Smith of Verdigris township entered complaint with the justice of the peace of that township alleging that her recalcitrant hubby, J. J. Smith, was not behaving himself as a dutiful husband should; that he had offered violent threats upon her life and had carried the threats to the extent of beating her; that she bore in her body the marks of many beatings. She wanted her husband taken care of by the authorities and compelled to be good. The justice unloaded the job on County Judge Morgan, who caused a warrant to be issued and delivered to Sheriff Hall for the arrest of Smith. Smith was brought before the county judge and gave bonds in the sum of \$300 to appear for hearing on January 18.

Joseph Estgate, residing some twenty miles northeast, has to answer to the charge of deliberately and maliciously shooting a hog, the property of August Spengler. Mr. Spengler's hog strayed to the premises of Mr. Estgate, plaintiff alleges, and the defendant shot and killed the same. This case is set for hearing on January 20.

A matrimonial item: Dr. Filz, the leading German statistician, is satisfied, as the result of many years of collecting materials, that married persons live longer than single persons. The death rate among married people between 20 and 30 years of age is 6.7 per thousand; unmarried, 8; between 30 and 40, married, 9.1, unmarried 15.8; between 40 and 50, married 14.2, unmarried, 26.5; from 50 to 60, married, 24, unmarried, 42; between 60 and 70, married, 45, unmarried, 74. These figures show that the deaths of married persons between 30 and 70 are three-fifths less than unmarried. The average life of the unmarried person who passes 31 is 58.6; of the married 64.4.

The theatre editor laid off a few days last week, hence The Frontier neglected to say that Freeman Bros' charming aggregation had been in town. To say the least, it was the worst production given in O'Neill since Kickapoo Indian Sagwa was sold here. The "colored gentleman" will be lynched if he stays on the stage long. Jokes that were published in Dr. D. James' almanac twenty years ago constituted the comedy. The music may have had charms to inspire the savage breast, but there appeared to be no savages there.

Perhaps no single federal appointment ever aroused the interest in Nebraska as has that of the diplomatic struggle for the postmastership at Fremont. The fight is between the present incumbent, Ross Hammond, and L. D. Richards. Both men, politically speaking, are true gladiators and the outcome is watched with interest in all quarters. It has got so warm in the vicinity of Fremont that National Committeeman R. B. Schnrider packed his grip and hiked for Washington to confer with Senators Millard as to best mode of bringing the great struggle to a close.

The First National bank elected the following officers and directors at a meeting held Tuesday, T. J. Birmingham, president; T. F. Birmingham, vice-president; Ed F. Gallagher, cashier; J. F. Gallagher, assistant cashier; J. A. Mann and M. A. Gallagher, directors. The meeting, it will be observed, made no change in the personal management of the bank. Mr. Gallagher has been cashier for many years and the bank has won an enviable reputation under his supervision.

Col. Brennan says there are strong probabilities of the erection of the long talked of building on the corner Fourth and Douglas street this spring. While not giving out anything definite for publication he gives The Frontier to understand that the prospects are good for the early fruition of the hopes of those who have been endeavoring to supply the vacant corner with a suitable building. Work will commence early, he says, if at all.

A nice line of men's pants for sale cheap at Harrington's 27-3

## MINOR MENTION

Bale ties at Brennan's. Mann's discount sale begins Saturday.

Hay McClure was up from Ewing Saturday.

O'Neill land men are doing a land office business.

Brennan's is headquarters for all kinds of lamps. 21-tf  
Attorney Dickson had business at Atkinson on Monday.

Go to Harringtons for the latest styles in shoes. 27-3

A short term of district court is scheduled for the 25th.

The discount sale at Mann's will positively last but one week.

County Attorney Mullen was in Atkinson the first of the week.

Harrington sells the best shoes for the least money, no old stock. 27-3

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

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

Miss Anna Barrett of Dustin is visiting in the city, the guest of Miss Ada Mills.

Andrew Clark was a caller Monday and extended his subscription to January 1, 1903.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Hanley returned Sunday from a several weeks' visit at Park City, Utah.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Mullen and niece, Miss May Mullen, returned to Deadwood Sunday.

Start the New Year right by calling and paying your subscription and a year in advance.

Thad Birmingham of Darlington, Wis., is looking after business interests in the city.

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

The Working Society will meet at Mrs. Morse's, Wednesday, January 22.—Mrs. Cole, secretary.

FOR SALE—At 50c each, large full blood Plymouth Rock Roosters J. H. McAllister Agee, Neb.

STRAYED—Two black pigs, one weighing about 200 and the other smaller.—Den Hunt.

O'Connor and Stanton have bought the building their saloon is in of Riley Bros. of Omaha.

Attorney Harrington returned from the west yesterday after a week's absence on legal business.

Ryan & Milligan are building a hay barn between the two depots, size 64x96 with a capacity of 600 tons.

For Sale—Good two year old seed corn, also two full blood red boar pigs. P. F. Thompson. 28-2 pd

Episcopal services will be held Sunday, January 19. Christmas service and sermon.—Rev. Richard Whitehouse.

Charles Wrede, sr., was in from the north Saturday. He called and renewed his subscription for another year.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Jackson departed Sunday evening for Casper, Wyo., Mr. Jackson having business calling him there.

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

Guy Hamilton of Stuart has accepted a position with the Dickson real estate, loan and investment company of this city.

When needing shoes, overshoes, or anything in the line of foot ware call at John J. Harrington, he can save you money. 27-3

C. P. Wiltz, editor of the Newport Republican, "the only republican paper in Rock county," was in the city Sunday.

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.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Adams departed Thursday last for Dixon, Ill., where they will enjoy a short visit. W. W. Bates of Ainsworth is acting as agent at the Elkhorn during Mr. Adams' absence.

J. W. Holden, erstwhile republican candidate for county treasury, was up from Chambers yesterday looking after business matters. The Frontier acknowledges a pleasant and profitable call. Mr. Holden says Chambers is booming more than ever and everybody in the South Fork country is prospering.

## THE NEW BOARD MEETS

The 1902 Organization Is Effected and Begins the Rounding Out of Business.

## MARSH CHOSEN FOR CHAIRMAN

The Various Committees Appointed and the New Administration Is Now In Charge.

The county board of supervisors for the ensuing year met in O'Neill on Monday and organized. The board is comprised of the following gentlemen:

District 1.—John Moler.  
District 2.—F. W. Phillips.  
District 3.—R. J. Marsh.  
District 4.—Henry Howard.  
District 5.—W. S. Grimes.  
District 6.—M. Keefe.  
District 7.—Conrad Kramer.

The political complexion of the board is five republican and two populist.

R. J. Marsh of district 3, O'Neill, was elected chairman.

The committees are:  
Printing and supplies—Phillips, Kramer and Keefe.

Taxes and tax titles—Moler, Howard and Grimes.

Finance and official bonds—Keefe, Phillips and Kramer.

Court-house and jail—Howard, Phillips and Moler.

Claims—Grimes and entire board.

Settlement with county officers—Kramer and entire board.

E. Kline was re-appointed as janitor of the court-house.

A board of health for the county was established with the following medical men comprising the same:

B. T. Trueblood and J. P. Gilligan of O'Neill.

M. B. Deck of Ewing.

H. A. Skeleton of Page.

Dr. Hess of Chambers.

Dr. Douglas of Atkinson.

F. S. Hunt of Stuart.

The Frontier has been designated the official county paper for the publication of board proceedings and all legal notices.

O'Neill merchants are just now experiencing the annual lull in business which always follows the holiday rush. The printers, however, are being busy, with work. The Frontier has about all the work it could take care of all fall and winter, but with the advent of the new year orders for printing have rolled in and an extra man has had to be added to the force, while our Gordon jobber has been running for two weeks without a stop. There has not been as much printing in O'Neill for fifteen years as at present.

Butte people caused the following to be sent to the daily papers, then settled down and smiled the smole of content: General Manager Bidwell of the Northwestern railroad purchased a quarter section of land adjoining Butte today for an addition to the town site. The road will be completed by September. This action kills off several aspiring county seats. Butte people are satisfied and happy.

Winter stuff has got to go; next thing to your own price; ladies' jackets and collarettes, fur coats and other winter garments cut down to first cost.—L. Pfund. 29-2

## No. 627...

won the Carriage at McManus.' If you hold it bring it in.

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

Edward Walsh of Omaha, State deputy for the Woodman of the World, was in the city last week and while here employed Ernest Adams, as District deputy for 14 counties in northeastern Nebraska.

Men, now is your chance to get a fur coat dirt cheap. I am going to sell what I have left at actual cost. You never heard of as good bargains in fur coats as I have for you.—L. Pfund. 29-2

Ernest Adams, who held a recorder's chair under former County Clerk Leis for several months, has resumed his work as deputy for the Woodman of this World and now has a district comprising fourteen counties in northeast Nebraska.

Smith Merrell tells us he expects to have a public sale about the last of the month, when he will sell off his horses and cattle. Smith finds he has more business than he can handle and takes this means of "lightening the burden."

O'Neill's telephone system is nearing completion. The work of putting in the phones at business places and at residences is about complete and when the connections are made the job will be done. Nearly every business place in town is supplied with a phone.

The O'Neill National band held its first annual meeting today and elected the following officers: M. Dowling, president; H. P. Dowling, vice; Jas. F. O'Donnell, cashier. These three with Thomas H. Fowler and T. B. Purcell form the board of directors.

The building boom which struck O'Neill last spring appears to be of a permanent nature. Building continues this winter to a considerable degree and the improvements that are being made on many of the old structures shows that the people have faith in the continued and permanent expansion of their business.

The old opera-house is undergoing a few needed repairs. A specimen of the ingenious Homo with an aptitude for paints struck the city and his show of art got him a job painting new scenes for the opera-house stage. It makes a vast improvement in the front end, but you don't want to look behind you.

## Boy Wanted.

To learn taade. O'Neill Cigar Factory. 27-tf

Chicago Tribune: Teacher—"Tom, in the sentence, 'A microbe is a minute living organism,' parse 'microbe.'"  
Tommy Tucker—"Microbe is a common noun, possessive case."  
Teacher—"Possessive case?"  
Tommy—"Yes'm. First person, microbe second person, your robe; third person, his robe."  
Teacher—"Thomas, go and take your seat."

# Mann's

## Discount Sale

Begins January 18, Closing the 25th

This will undoubtedly will be a very interesting sale if prices will interest the public. Call and look through their store, as they expect to display as many of the bargains as space will permit.

