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EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK

As Gleaned by the Frontier Reporter on his Daily Rounds About the Town

EVERYTHING THAT OCCURED Is Recorded Here, If Not it Escaped the Anxious and Tireless Search of Our Reporter

Happy New Year. Prepare to swear off. Here's wishing you all a Happy and prosperous New Year. Christmas, 1902, can not be remembered as a green Christmas.

C. D. James, of Deloit precinct was a visitor at O'Neill Monday. Miss Anna Lowrie, of Lincoln, is visiting friends in this city.

For rent—The B. A. Deyarmon property. Dickson & Co.

Miss Bee O'Donnell is spending the holidays visiting friends at Harlan, Iowa.

E. E. Bellamy was a caller last Monday, renewing his subscription to The Frontier.

Even the celebrated "oldest inhabitant" fails to recall a winter exactly like this one.

If you want to see the real swell line of Holiday goods step into Gilligan & Stout's. 23-26

E. H. Whelan made a business trip to Omaha last Monday, returning Wednesday night.

John Hagerty, came up from Omaha Saturday evening to spend the holidays with his parents.

Frank Manchester called Christmas day and placed \$1.50 to the credit of his subscription account.

Henry G. Bryant, of Deloit, was in town Monday attending a contest before the local land office.

Go to Mrs. Cress for groceries, candies and fruits and Holiday goods; warm meals at all hours. 23-4

C. A. Norton, of Deloit, was in the hub Monday as a witness in the Bryant-Wright contest case.

Mr. and Mrs. Benton Maret, of Stuart, eat Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. John G. Maher, in this city.

Sam Grunstead, of Atkinson, was in town last Thursday, called and renewed his subscription to this household necessity.

On account of a rush of work in our job department and a shortage of help The Frontier is not published until Saturday this week.

Step in and see our immense Holiday display, if you see what you like have us put it away for you. 23-26 GILLIGAN & STOUT.

Joe Sullivan, who is attending Creighton College, came up from Omaha Sunday night to spend Christmas at home.

Michael O'Mally is lying dangerously ill at his home northwest of this city, of Brights disease, and grave fears are entertained for his recovery.

Don't throw away your pipe next Thursday when you swear off smoking. If you do you will be looking for it or buying another before the week ends.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bellamy came up from Holeridge Monday evening to spend Christmas with Mr. Bellamy's parents, residing north of this city.

Mrs. S. J. Weekes and sister, Miss Dickenson, left for Tekamah Monday to spend Christmas with their parents. Mr. Weekes went down Tuesday afternoon.

For Sale—At 50 cents each, large pure bred Plymouth Rock roosters; last springs chickens. Mrs. MARY MCALLISTER. Agee, Neb. 2-26

The Pleasant Vally Cemetary Association will hold a meeting at the church at Blackbird on Tuesday January 13, 1903, at 2 o'clock, p. m. A good attendance is desired.

Heavy snow storms in the hills played havoc with the Elkhorn train service the past week and the train being from two to four hours late was the rule and not the exception.

"Lot's of snow in the winter lot's of rain in the summer" is an old saying and we believe it will prove a true one. Prepare for a bumper crop next year and stand up for Nebraska.

Buggies, buggies, buggies—A car load of the nicest and best that ever came to O'Neill; if you want a snap now is your chance to call and get your pick.—Neil Brennan 46-tf

A Newyear present of \$100 in gold will be given by P. J. McManus. Each purchase of \$5 or the same amount on account, gives the customer an opportunity to receive the above. 17-10

All parties holding season tickets issued by the Western Lyceum Bureau are requested to leave the same with Supt. Norvell who will refund money on same as the course will not be finished.

The recent decision of the supreme court in tax foreclosure cases has given the chills to some members of the land syndicate who have disposed of land, secured under tax foreclosure, giving warranty deeds therefor.

William Lakey has leased a hotel in Spencer and moved his family to that town last week where Bill will hereafter devote his energies to feeding the hungry and providing downy restful couches for the weary to repose upon.

A certain woman assured her husband that she never told a lie and never would. He told her that he did not doubt it, but hereafter would cut a notch in the piano every time he knew she deceived him. "No you won't!" she cried; "I'm not going to have my piano all ruined."

The Chambers mail route is the only stage line running from this city that has made schedule time, and all trips the past ten days. Every day rain or shine, snow or sleet the mail reaches O'Neill at about 9 o'clock a. m.

Holiday Excursion Rates—F. E. & M. V. railroad excursion tickets will be sold on Dec. 24 and 25, Dec 31 and January 1 to all points within 200 miles from O'Neill at one fare for round trip. Return limit January 2. E. R. ADAMS, Agt.

D. B. Whitney, has moved his jewelry stock to Plainview where he will open up in the drug store recently purchased by Jim Stout. Bennett's many friends in O'Neill wish him success in his new home.

If you are going to swear off on any of your bad habits New Years, better do it now and be in good shape to live up to your resolutions January 1. If you wait until New Years convivial companions will cause you to forget that you ever intended "swearing off." Fact. We've been up against it.

The five-weeks old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Weingartner died last Sunday night after a short illness of cholera infantum. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon the remains being interred in the Protestant cemetery. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the community.

Andrew Clark made his annual call at this office last Monday and left \$1.50 on subscription, which pays him up to January 1, 1904. It is such subscribers that the newspaperman delights to have upon his books and we hope that several hundred of our readers will follow his example so they can read their tittle clear to the weekly visits of this disseminator of knowledge until January 1, 1904.

Jack Meals is of the opinion that this weather is about right, but he appears ill at ease. As he glances over the snow covered prairies he probably sighs for the land of the midnight sun and the snow capped mountains and towering ice bergs. He predicts a great future for Alaska and intends moving his family to Valdez in the spring and they will make their home in that city while Jack digs the golden nuggets from the soil beneath the Copper river.

We received a card from H. E. Donohoe, of La Platte, Monday evening ordering his paper changed to Hubbard, Neb., to which town he removes January 1 to accept the principalship of the Hubbard public schools, having resigned his position in the public schools of La Platte to accept the more remunerative and higher graded position at Hubbard. The Frontier rejoices to see Holt county boys move toward the top in their chosen profession.

The Christmas edition of the Atkinson Graphic is a hummer, and Editor Church is deserving of much credit for such a meritorious production. If the cash box has received sufficient revenue, through the sale of advertising space in that edition, to defray expenses, the editor can rest upon his laurels secure in the knowledge that he produced a better Christmas edition than any country newspaper in the state.

E. F. Howell, of Des Moines, Io., representing the Chamberlain Medicine company, was in the city Tuesday renewing their advertising contract with The Frontier. We have done business with this firm for eleven years and they are today paying the largest price per inch for space in this paper they ever paid, and we will venture the assertion that no weekly newspaper in this section of Nebraska receives as good a price for its advertising space as The Frontier. They recognized its influence as an advertising medium and are willing to pay a good price for space in its columns.

Mrs. Laura P. Smith.

Died, at her home in this city December 17, 1902, Mrs. Laura P. Smith, of pulmonary tuberculosis, after an illness of about five years, aged 35 years and ten months. Deceased was born in Georgetown, Ill., February 13 1867, and was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Blanchard, and resided there until her marriage to Grant W. Smith on July 22, 1886, being at that time postmistress at Georgetown, having been appointed by Cleveland and resigning the position at the time of her marriage. Mr. Smith took his bride to Northern Minnesota where he was employed as station agent on the Great Northern railway and where they resided until their removal to this city on October 9, 1892. About five years ago deceased contracted a cold, which developed into pulmonary tuberculosis and while loving hearts showered upon her their devotion and the best of medical skill fought the dread disease they only succeeded in warding off for a time the grim destroyer, and as the sun was sinking her spirit went out with the day to join her parents in the eternal home above.

She leaves a husband and four children to mourn her demise and they have the heartfelt sympathy of the citizens of O'Neill in their sorrow.

The funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church at 2 p. m. December 19, Rev. Amos Fetzner, officiating, who taking his text from Jeremiah 15-19 "Her Sun is Gone Down While It is Yet Day," preached an eloquent sermon upon the motherly traits and character of the deceased. The funeral was largely attended during the public schools being dismissed during the afternoon of that day, and district court adjourned in honor of the deceased.

Mrs. Abbie Sullivan.

Died, at her home in this city on Wednesday, December 17, 1902, Mrs. Abbie Sullivan, beloved wife of M. M. Sullivan, after an illness of but a few weeks, of pneumonia.

Deceased was born in Keweenaw county, Michigan, March 3, 1861. In 1879, she accompanied her parents to this county where she resided until her death. In 1881, she was united in marriage to Michael M. Sullivan, who with five children are left to mourn her untimely death. Deceased was a hearty robust woman and always apparently enjoyed the best of health and her sudden death was a severe shock to her hundreds of friends in O'Neill and Holt county. She was a thorough-going domestic woman caring naught for the frivolities of fashion or society but devoting herself to her home and her children. To the sorrowing husband and children her loss is irreparable and they have the sympathy of the entire community.

The funeral took place from the Catholic church last Tuesday afternoon and was largely attended. Her step-father, P. C. Murphy, and her brothers John and Jerry Murphy, of Park City, Utah, her son, Mike Sullivan, of Butte, Mont., and her brother Felix and her sister Miss Maggie Murphy, of Anaconda, Mont., were present at the funeral. The two latter were snow bound at Cheyenne, Wyo., for forty-eight hours and the funeral, which was to have been held Sunday was postponed until Tuesday in order to give them an opportunity to be present at the funeral.

Lost—On or about December 6, between D. H. Cronin's residence and Mann's store, a pair of gold rimmed spectacles. Liberal reward for the return of same to this office.

A young doctor, wishing to make a good impression on a German farmer, mentioned the fact that he had received a double education, as it were. He had studied homoeopathy and also a graduate of a "regular medical school." "Oh dot vos noddings," said the farmer. "I had vos once a calf wot sucked two cows and he made nothing but a common scheiter after all."—Ex

The Monitor, published in the little town of Bloomfield, Knox county, contained forty-one columns of advertising last week, while the two O'Neill papers combined did not contain to exceed twelve columns. If O'Neill merchants would use more space in the local papers they would have less reason to kick on the catalogue houses of Chicago and Omaha.

The "Never-sweats" were organized January 1, 1902, with a membership of sixteen. The members of the order obligated themselves to refrain from sipping from the cup that inebriates, within the portals of a saloon, for one year. A violation of this rule terminated their membership. The life of the organization was to be one year, but before one-fourth of that time had passed away the organization had dwindled to but one member who still holds the fort and all the offices and contemplates re-organizing January 1.

FOUND DEAD IN A SNOW DRIFT

A. Kittendorf Perishes in a Snow Drift About Two Miles From Home Christmas Eve.

BODY WAS FOUND SATURDAY By His Son, Who Started Out to Look For Him Saturday Morning.

A. Kittendorf, a farmer residing upon the old Con. J. Murphy farm on the Red Bird, about 6 miles northeast of this city, was found frozen to death in a snowdrift along side a wire fence about a mile from home, at 10 o'clock this (Saturday) morning; the body being found by his son, a young man about eighteen years of age. Deceased left home last Wednesday morning to come to town to make a few holiday purchases and reached this city about 1 o'clock. On account of the impassible condition of the roads, he did not bring his team but walked to town. John D. Kelley, who lives about two and a half miles this side of Kittendorf's was in town that day and started for home about four o'clock. Deceased rode with Mr. Kelley as far as the latter's home, which Mr. Kelley says they reached about 5 o'clock. Kittendorf was in the best of health and told Mr. Kelley that he would have no trouble in going the two and a half miles to his home and at once started for there. This was the last seen of him until his lifeless body was discovered by his son at 10 o'clock this (Saturday) morning. When he left home Wednesday he informed his family that he might possibly stay in town that night so they felt no uneasiness when he failed to return. But when he did not return Christmas day or night the family became alarmed and late Friday afternoon his son started to look for him. Just about dusk the boy found his tracks but his horse playing out he was forced to abandon the search until Saturday morning when he took the trail and soon discovered the body. Deceased had traveled about a mile and a half from Kelley's but had wandered from the road and the body was found nearly two miles from his home.

After finding the body the boy rode to Kelley's and accompanied by John D. Kelley came to town and notified the coroner. Coroner Trueblood and Undertaker McCafferty went after the body and will bring it to town and it is understood an inquest will be held. Deceased leaves a wife and four children to mourn his demise.

State Journal: John W. Tatum of Kearney, lying on a sick bed at his home in Kearney, from which he has not risen for over two years, will today receive official notice that his term in the penitentiary has expired. A regular discharge by reason of his sentence will be mailed him. A strange part of it all is that he never been in the penitentiary. For some time he has sought a pardon, but this the governor declined to give. Instead the man will receive a discharge showing that his term of service has expired. Mr. Tatum was sentenced to two and one-half years in the penitentiary for horse stealing. It is reported at the governor's office that the prisoner was partially paralyzed and was so helpless when he was sentenced that he had to be brought into the court room on a stretcher to be present when the judge asked him if he had anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced. He was then taken to the county jail and there kept his bed until by the order of physicians he was removed to his home. He has kept his bed ever since. In order to ascertain the real extent of the illness physicians were sent to make a special examination. They reported that one-half the man's body was paralyzed and that he was unable to talk. His attorney sought an unconditional pardon and notice of application was duly published in a newspaper. The governor declined to grant a pardon. The crime for which Tatum was sentenced was the theft of his brother's horse. Other cases were in the hands of the prosecutor, but the theft of the brother's horse was the one which the prosecutor elected to try. The brother who was a very conscientious man was a reluctant witness against the prisoner.

Ladd vs. McCarthy.

This was the only jury case of importance tried this term and the first of its kind, ever tried in the county. The suit involved, 160 acres of land in Deloit township. From the evidence it appears that many years ago, one Brady made proof on the land and as customary, mortgaged the land for some \$800 or \$900 and then sold it to McCarthy, his father-in-law. Neither paid taxes or interest, the mortgage was sold to a New York widow, who foreclosed it and received a sheriff's deed in April, 1900. The property changed hands several times and in 1895, Ladd became the owner. The land being fit for pasture only, and not being in demand, no effort to rent it was made, until 1896, when it was rented to a Mr. Walters, who went upon the property to put in a crop but was by force driven off the land by McCarthy. The owner did not rent again until 1901, when the tenant was again driven off and this suit was begun to obtain possession.

As a defense, McCarthy plead that he was the owner of the property having obtained title by adverse possession, having been in the open, exclusive and uninterrupted possession for 10 years under a claim of right and as owner. This, the plaintiff denies, and charged that McCarthy was simply a trespasser and as such could not acquire title even though he did occupy the land for 10 years. The case was tried last March, the jury failing to agree, and was again tried last term, the jury returning a verdict against McCarthy. There was little conflict in the evidence, the McCarthy witnesses corroborating each other. Ladd's attorney, Mr. Dickson, had taken the precaution to have the testimony of these witnesses at the former term transcribed and obtained an order from Judge Boyd, excluding them from the court room, except while testifying. This was unexpected, and the result was disastrous to the witnesses and when Dickson finished the cross-examination, he had the case won. McCarthy admitted that he never paid or offered to pay any taxes, but that the plaintiffs for 15 years had paid them. Judging from the evidence, we do not understand how McCarthy could expect a verdict.

Much depended upon the outcome of this case, as it establishes a precedent in this county as more of this class of cases are pending. In one case, a non-resident owner, fails to pay his taxes, and, for a few dollars, his land is confiscated. In the other, he pays his taxes for 15 years but some one slips up on him and undertakes to appropriate it. No wonder people steer clear of the county. This verdict will do much to re-claim the county in the eyes of men looking over the country with a view of investing. A few more such verdicts will put a certain class of gentry out of business.

Say, young man, there is one thing you cannot do. You cannot make a success in life unless you work. Better men than you have tried and failed. You can't loaf around street corners and saloons, and smoke cigars, tell foul stories, drink whisky and sponge on someone else without making a failure in life. You must learn a trade or get into some honest business. If you don't you will be a chronic loafer, dispised by all, creating nothing—simply making yourself a burden upon your parents or state. There is no place in the world for loafers. The ripe fruit is at the top of the tree. You must climb to get it. Smart men will jump up and pluck it all. Move? Do something, no matter how small. It will be a starter. Help yourself and others will help you. There is no royal path to success. Toil, grit, endurance—these are the requisites. Wake up and see what you can do. We don't claim these suggestions are altogether new, but they are just as they were when they were new and original.—Ex.

Civil Service.

The U. S. Civil Service Commission, reports that for the year ending June 30, 1902, there were 14,983 persons appointed from its register. There was 4,692 more than was ever before appointed in a single year. Anyone wishing information about these positions can secure it free by writing for the Civil Service announcement of the Columbian Correspondence College, Washington, D. C. The Commission will hold examinations to secure young men and women for these places during March and April, at Beatrice, Grand Island and Omaha. Many people do not know that these appointments are made without political influence and that a large share of them are filled by those having only a common school education, but such is now the case.

HOLIDAY RATES EAST.

Holiday rates, to points in Ontario, New York and New England, on sale Dec. 12 to 22 inclusive with final return limit of Jan. 12, 1903. For further particulars inquire of G. H. HEBERT, Agt.

Notice.

O'NEILL, NEB., Dec. 18, '02. People owing bills at McCafferty's are requested to call and settle, as we need money to pay our own bills. And to this end we'll sell goods at cost, for cash, for the next 30 days. 25-2 M. A. McCAFFERTY.

Making Poultry Profitable.

Hens will lay as many eggs in December as in May if given suitable food and proper care, and with immensely greater profits to the owner. Learn about Lee's Egg maker and a lot of other information on making hens lay, hatching and raising chicks, killing lice mites, treatment of disease, etc., by asking for Lee's Poultry Booklet supplied free by Gilligan & Stout.

Great Northern Railway

W. & S. F. RY. Through daily service to Minneapolis and St. Paul with direct connections for all points in Minnesota, North Dakota and west to Pacific Coast. Through sleeping car service. Apply to any agent for rates, folders and descriptive matter.

FRED ROGERS, Genl. Pass. Agt.

A Good Cough Medicine.

[From the Gazette, Toowoomba,] Australia

I find Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is an excellent medicine. I have been suffering from a severe cough for the last two months, and it has effected a cure. I have great pleasure in recommending it.—W. C. Wockner. This is the opinion of one of our oldest and most respected residents, and has been voluntarily given in good faith that others may try the remedy and be benefited, as was Mr. Wockner. This remedy is sold by P. C. Corrigan.

Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets.

Try them

- When you feel dull after eating.
 - When you have no appetite.
 - When you have a bad taste in the mouth.
 - When your liver is torpid.
 - When your bowels are constipated.
 - When you have a headache.
 - When you feel bilious.
- They will improve your appetite, cleanse and invigorate your stomach and regulate your liver bowels. For sale by P. C. Corrigan.

North Platte Counties Lead.

Pierce Call: To those of our great commonwealth who have an idea that the North Platte country does not amount to much the following facts, gathered and made public by the Union Pacific, are dedicated.

To make its figures easy to understand the U. P. Co., has divided the state into three sections, viz: the counties north of the Platte river, the counties south and the counties that the Platte divides. The counties south of the Platte have a population of 503,394, the counties divided by the river 45,417, while north of the Platte the counties have a population of 520,728. School statistics show the counties divided by the Platte to have 410 schools, 509 teachers and 15,986 pupils, south of the Platte the counties have 3,179 schools, 4,441 teachers and 179,434 pupils. The North Platte section has 3,184 schools, 4,520 teachers and 1,181,659 pupils. So the fellow that leaves the great North Platte country out of his calculation, politically or otherwise, in the future is liable to run up against a surprise party.

The Market.

[Special market letter from Nye & Buchanan Co. Live Stock Commission Merchants, South Omaha, Nebraska.]

South Omaha, Dec. 26, 1902. Three days this week bring light receipts of cattle and a stronger market. Monday was 10 to 15 higher; Tuesday and Wednesday strong and active. We sold for J. B. Speer, Silver City, Ia., car cows at \$3.75; ordinary quality but well-fatted. Very few feeders here and little demand.

Cornfed beef finished steers \$5.25 to \$6.25, good \$2.25 to \$5.00, fair to good \$3.25 to \$4.25; cows and heifers, choice \$3.50 to \$4.00, good \$3.00 to \$3.50, canners and cutters \$1.50 to \$2.50; bulls \$2.00 to \$3.50; veal calves \$4.00 to \$6.00. Hog market is higher. Range \$6.10 to \$6.35.

Sheep receipts light and market stronger. We sold for B. F. Morohouse, Fremont, three cars of wethers, fed only about six weeks, at \$4.35.

Killers	Feeders
Lambs \$4.50-\$5.00	\$3.25-\$4.75
Wethers 3.50-5.00	2.75-3.30
Ewes 3.00-3.50	1.00-2.00

Nye & Buchanan Co.