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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

A Allen was down from Atkinson Tuesday.

B. A. Deyarmon house and barn for sale. DICKSON & CO.

Dr. Perrigo, the Reliable Optician, at Evans Hotel February 6 and 7. 31-2

O. O. Snyder was looking after business interests in Osmond Wednesday.

W. R. Bell, residing near Chambers, was over to the hub Tuesday on business.

There will be a Highlanders ball at the opera house Monday evening, Feb 2d.

William Fuller and Mabel Margeitz were married by Judge Morgan on January 20.

Jesse Frary, farmer and stockman, near Chambers was marketing hay in O'Neill this week.

Walter Wyant, of the South Fork country was in town Tuesday making proof on his homestead.

Editor Raker was up from Ewing Monday and Tuesday probably looking for some more \$87 legal notice victims.

Don't forget the Reliable Optician, Dr. Perrigo, at Evans Hotel, February 6 and 7. 31-2

Dan Coffey, returned from Lincoln last evening where he had spent the week watching the legislators make Nebraska laws

Clyde King, arrived in the city Sunday evening, from Moline, Ill., for a short visit with his parents and numerous friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Gilligan are rejoicing over the arrival of a daughter who took up her residence with them last Sunday morning

Claude Patrick and Miss Bertha Thompson, of Clearwater, were united in the holy bonds of wedlock by County Judge Morgan on January 17.

Mrs. Clara Sturdevant, who had been visiting her parents in this city the past ten days, returned to her home at Spencer Saturday.

Albion News: A. W. Porter, of O'Neill, has purchased a lot of James Nevels, and is building a lovely stable thereon. It is located on east Church street.

Andrew Schmidt, one of the progressive farmers of Shields township, was a caller Wednesday and added a few years subscription to our cash account.

Valentine Republican: Con Keeley came up from O'Neill last Saturday on a visit at the home of his uncle, J. T. Keeley, and expects to remain here about a week.

For Sale—One bay mare six years old, weight 1000 pounds, work single or double. Mare is now driven by Arthur Gwin on his dray. Inquire of Major Due

Exchange: "Never get on your ear at what the newspapers say about you; give thanks three times each day for what the local papers know about you and do not say."

Rev B. J. Bathomer, of Stuart, Neb., will preach in the Presbytern church Sunday evening February 1, at 7:30 o'clock and declare the pulpit of the church vacant.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of the Presbytern church will have a special program Sabbath evening next beginning at 7:30 o'clock. You are cordially invited to be present.

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 45-1f

Sanford Parker, the pioneer real estate hustler of Boyd county, was over from Spencer Monday visiting his many O'Neill friends and transacting business at the land office.

Wanted—A carload of good fat horses. Weight between 1200 and 1400. Will pay cash. Call at once.

COWPERTHWAIT & SON
O'Neill, Neb.

Richard Kilmurry, residing one and a half mile north of this city, suffered an attack of apoplexy last Wednesday afternoon and for three or four days his life was despaired of. He has recovered sufficiently to be now considered out of danger.

M. P. Brennan of South Omaha, was in the city last Saturday visiting his father and brother and his numerous friends here. He was on his way home from Lucan, Minn., where he attended the funeral of his brother Frank, who was buried there last Tuesday.

We received a letter from Judge Kinkaid last Saturday written from Muscogee, Indian Territory, where the judge was visiting a nephew who is residing in that city temporarily for the benefit of his health. Mr. Kinkaid said he would leave for Washington this week, expecting to reach the Capital City Thursday or Friday.

The recent oil boom at Chadron has given Col. Maher an opportunity to dish up several hot air stories for the edification of the readers of the eastern press. And the excitement about the oil discovery only stated. It is safe to say that Dawes county will be featured in a good many stories that emanate in the imaginative brain of the Colonel before the excitement subsides.

Michael Vaughn, of Alliance, was in the city last week visiting his father, Patrick Vaughn, and his sister Mrs. P. S. Hughes. Mike is one of the O'Neill boys who left here about twelve years ago to carve out a future for himself in other channels than that of farming. He went railroad-ing and now has a good lucrative position as conductor on the Burlington with headquarters in Alliance.

The farmers living north and northeast of O'Neill, have signed a petition praying for the establishment of a rural free delivery mail route from O'Neill, running west two miles, thence north fifteen miles, thence east five miles then south to O'Neill. If this route is established about 175 families, containing about 850 people would be supplied. The necessary signatures have been procured and the petition will be sent to Washington in a few days. If the route is established the postoffices now at Joy, Meek and Blackbird would probably be discontinued as the patrons of these offices would be supplied by the carrier on this route.

Frank Brennan, son of Patrick Brennan of this city, died at his home at Lucan, Minn., January 17 and was buried there on the 20. Mr. Brennan formerly resided about eight miles northeast of this city and disposed of his place a year ago last fall and moved to Minnesota. About a year before leaving here he suffered an attack of kidney disease and was compelled to go to Omaha for treatment, where he remained about three months and returned apparently cured. But the disease was not eradicated and he received a second attack this winter which resulted in his death. Deceased was about 38 years old and leaves a wife, father, two brothers and a sister to mourn his demise.

Married, at the Catholic church in this city Tuesday January 20, 1903, William Welsh, of Knoxville, Neb., to Miss Jane Lawless, of O'Neill. The groom is one of the most prosperous farmers living in the northeast part of the county where he has lived the past eighteen years and is a straight forward young man with numerous friends. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lawless, living one and a half miles northeast of this city, and has spent the greater portion of her life here where she is known and admired by a large circle of friends for her many accomplishments. The happy young couple will make their future home on the farm of the groom near Knoxville. The Frontier extends its congratulations.

About thirty of the friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Meredith invaded their commodious home, last Monday evening treating them to a genuine surprise party. They were accompanied by G. W. Smith and Walter Lavolette who furnished the music for one of the most delightful parties of the season. Dancing was the principal amusement. A bountiful repast of three courses was served at midnight after which the dancing was again resumed and continued until about two o'clock when the self-invited guests departed for their homes each confident that their visit had been none the less enjoyable because it was unexpected, and assuring their host and hostess of their intention to call again when seeking another evening of enjoyment.

Wayne Republican: Advertising is as old as history. Abraham and Isaac were prominent stockmen and built up a reputation, but Jacob was a crafty lad and stole Esau's blessing and skipped to avoid trouble. He applied to Haran's matrimonial agency, a concern that did not advertise for a wife and was swindled after laboring seven years faithfully for Racheal and had to labor seven years longer for Ruth. After that he became a good advertiser and we are told "Jacob's ladder" was the best one in biblical times, Noah advertised the ark would sail and as she weighed anchor the people laughed at him but they were drowned for their foolishness. Ever since then floods of disaster drown those business men who observe not the rainbow of promise in good printer's ink.

Mann vs. Holt County.

A special term of district court was held last week to hear the case of John P. Mann against Treasurer Cronin. This was a test case and involves the validity of the raising of the assessment of the stock of the First National bank of this city as well as all the other banks in the county. The Board of Supervisors, last June, when sitting as a Board of Equilization, discovered that the banks of the county in general were not in its opinion, paying their just share of the taxes by reason of the thousands of dollars of surplus and undivided profits not having been assessed for taxes. The matter was referred to County Attorney Mullen, who later advised the board that it could assess the surplus and undivided profits of the banks under section one and article two of the Revenue law. This section provides that upon notice, that property that has not been assessed might be assessed to the owner. Relying on the advice of the county attorney, the board on the 17th day of July, passed a resolution requiring the banks to appear and show cause why the surplus and undivided profits should not be assessed. On the day fixed the cashiers of the banks appeared before the board and urged many reasons why the board had no jurisdiction to raise the assessment made by the assessor. The board appealed to the county attorney for his legal opinion and instructions. On his advice, the board changed and raised the assessment of the stock of the banks so to include the surplus and undivided profits. Mr. Mann owned thirty shares of stock, valued by Assessor Long for taxation, at \$300. The board raised the valuation to \$449, thereby increasing his tax \$16.34 and increasing the tax of the stock some \$250. This action was brought by Mr. Mann to restrain the county treasurer from collecting this \$16.34 which he contended was illegal and void. The case occupied the attention of Judge Westover for the greater part of two days. R. R. Dickson, who represented Mr. Mann, contended that the taxes were void for the reason that under section one of article two of the Revenue law, that the act of the board in increasing the assessment of the plaintiff's stock was void for the reason that no notice was given him and that notice to the bank or its cashier would not be notice to a stock holder of a proposed increase or change of the assessment. On the trial of the case, it appeared from the evidence that County Attorney Mullen had either from ignorance of law or neglect of duty failed to give notice to the stock holders, of the proposed action of the board and Judge Westover held that the action of the board in raising of Mann's assessment without notice to him was void and granted him a perpetual injunction against the collection of the taxes.

It is to be regretted that the interest of the tax payers are in the hands of such an incompetent county attorney and the action of the board set aside by reason of his failure to do his duty. This decision applies to every bank in the county, and if taken advantage of will involve the county in endless litigation unless the board reconsider its action in raising the assessment of the banks. If Mr. Mullen would give more attention to the county's business and less to real estate speculation, the county would be better served.

The Market.

[Special market letter from Nye & Buchanan Co., Live Stock Commission Merchants South Omaha, Nebraska.]
January 29, 1903 The weak cattle market of Friday has continued this week. Receipts are heavy, especially in Chicago. We believe the steer market will improve some when this run of butcher stuff stops. Market now is simply rotten.

We quote best steers \$4.50 to \$4.75, good \$4.00 to \$4.40, warmed-up \$3.65 to \$4.00; choice cows \$3.25 to \$3.75, fair \$2.75 to \$3.00, canners and cutters \$1.50 to \$2.50. Stockers and feeders in limited supply; good \$3.75 to \$4.00, fair \$3.00 to \$3.60.

Hog receipts are more liberal and the advance is checked. Range \$6.35 to \$6.65.

Sheep market continues satisfactory, although not quite so high. Very few feeders arriving.

Lambs	\$5.25-\$5.75
Yearlings	5.00-5.35
Wethers	4.75-5.00
Ewes	3.25-4.25

Nye & Buchanan Co.

For Sale Or Rent.

My farm one and a half miles east of O'Neill, on Elkhorn river, consisting of 520 acres; 120 acres under cultivation; will cut 250 tons of hay. Pasture for 100 head of cattle, with running water; good house and barns, orchard, etc. Will rent for one year or longer.

MICHAEL GALLAGHER,
O'Neill, Neb.

Sheriff Hall has been confined to the house the past week, suffering from a severe attack of kidney trouble.

The Annual ball given by the Modern Woodmen of America at the rink last Friday evening was a success socially and financially.

Austin Hynes, of Turner, was a caller this morning and had his name enrolled upon The Frontier's rapidly increasing subscription list.

Judge Westover has granted a temporary injunction in favor of the First National bank as trustee, for the stockholders, to prevent the county from collecting the illegal tax levied by the board against the stockholders of said bank last September.

While in Lincoln last Thursday we accompanied Judge Dickinson, of Omaha, O. O. Snyder and S. J. Weekes, of this city to the reception tendered D. E. Thompson at the capital that evening. The reception was one of the most elaborate ever seen in the capital city. Thousands of people crowded the corridors of the capital building pushing onward and upward eager to grasp the hand of Mr. Thompson and wish him a successful official career. It was a tribute to the politician from the politicians of the state and a tribute to the man from his many friends and neighbors in Lancaster county.

Mrs. C. L. Granger died at her home, about six miles south of the city Wednesday morning at 4 o'clock after an illness of but two days of yellow jaundice. Deceased was apparently enjoying good health until Monday when she had a slight attack of rheumatism which seemed to settle in her right side. Tuesday her hands and face began to assume a yellowish color and her husband became alarmed and called Dr. Flynn, who pronounced the ailment yellow jaundice. The doctor labored faithfully with his patient all night using all the remedies known to the profession to check the disease but it availed naught. Deceased leaves a husband and two small children to mourn her demise. The funeral was held this afternoon, the remains being interred in the protestant cemetery.

One of the largest deals made in the city in recent years was consummated Monday when T. V. Golden traded John J. McCafferty 2040 acres of land for his hardware and furniture stock and buildings. The consideration in the deal was \$14000. Most of the land is in Rock Falls township, and known as the Picadilly ranch. In this body there is 760 acres of deeded land and a lease upon a school section, 640 acres. There is 120 acres in Shields and 480 acres in Willowdale township. Mr. Golden says he will sell the store providing he can get what the stock is worth and if not he will employ a competent man to run both stores. John J. McCafferty who retires from business after twenty-four years service says he intends stocking up his ranch and becoming one of the producers of the county as well as a consumer. That is his intention at present but after all these years of business activity John feels as if he was entitled to a rest and intends taking thing easy for a time at least. Should Mr. Golden decide to continue the business The Frontier wishes him success.

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Genl. Pass. Agt.

POINTS.

- Beware of falsehoods.
- Life is what you make it.
- Aim high if you would hit the mark
- Age makes some people wise, but others stubborn.
- Many people fall. Why? Because they don't try.
- Gold and silver may not rhyme, but they jingle very well together.
- The man who smiles and smiles is liable to see snakes if he does not quit.
- He who sings his own praise always makes a noise that does not sound very melodious to others.—Sing Sing Star of Hope.

Keeping Up With the Times.

At Merida, the capital of the state of Yucatan, there is an active movement on foot to organize a company for the purpose of establishing an electric power plant to furnish motive power for the street railway service in the city and suburbs.

News From the Legislature.

(Special Correspondence.)

During the past week the legislature has shown a tendency to get down to business, and while revenue matters are engrossing the principal attention, good work is being done in other lines. The special committee appointed by the house to look after revenue legislation in conjunction with the senate committee has met with an immediate response from the latter committee, and good headway is being made. At this time the matter most discussed by this joint body is whether to frame amendments to the old revenue law or make a move for an entire new bill. This has led them, as well as most other members of the legislature, to a close study of the new revenue bill prepared by the Kansas revenue commission. It is expected that the special committees will come to a decision on a course of action this week.

In the meantime a number of amendments have gone in, curing defects in the old law, especially in the matter of the collection of taxes. It is a matter of general note that in these matters there is no tendency to draw party lines or to inject partisan affairs into this movement to better the finances of the state. In this respect as well as in many others the legislature is an improvement on some of those of past years.

The new cattle leasing bill proposed in congress and offered to the Nebraska legislature for endorsement has met with quite general disapproval among the members, prompted by the numerous protests coming from the cattle country, and at this writing there is every indication that this disapproval will be officially expressed by the session.

Normal school matters have come before the session in a variety of ways. House roll No. 1 asks an appropriation to build a state school in the western part of the state. 2 is a bill to appropriate \$75,000 for improvements at Peru. No. 5 is to permit private normal schools to operate and issue state certificates when they have a capital invested of \$50,000. The old requirement was \$100,000.

Some other bills of general interest are as follows: Senate file 30, reducing the rates of interest on county deposits from 3 to 2 per cent. Senate file 52, repealing the lumber lien law (This bill is advocated by large contractors, and opposed by lumber dealers.) Senate file 113, the independent telephone bill, allowing independent companies to establish offices and toll stations in cities, and proposing to pay the municipalities 2 per cent, of the gross receipts thereof. House roll 23, appropriating \$150,000 to rebuild the asylum at Norfolk. House roll 35, establishing a penalty to aid in the enforcement of the compulsory education law. House roll 70, to afford equal facilities without favoritism in the building of grain elevators. House roll 105, to prohibit trap shooting at live birds. House roll 106, appropriating \$50,000 for the making of six experimental gas wells in the state. House roll 124, permitting the organization of mutual companies for the insurance of live stock. House rolls 223 and 224, prohibiting the sale

of tobacco to boys under 18, and prohibiting the use of tobacco by boys.

The first bill to pass both houses was the one relating to the city elections in Omaha, setting the time for holding the elections for May instead of March. The balance of the state had no interest in the matter, and bill was early reported and went through without discussion.

Omaha And Railroad Taxation.

As the people had been led to expect, the city of Omaha is arraying itself against the rural counties, school districts and villages of the state in the matter of railroad taxation. The latest scheme is being exploited in the legislature. The attempt is being made to change the law so as to permit Omaha to assess the railroad terminal properties locally, instead of allowing the taxes to be distributed equally along the lines, as at present.

It is well known that the railroads are interested in upbuilding of all parts of the state, and that thereby they build up their own business. The valuable railroad properties located in Omaha are not there for the sole benefit of Omaha, but for the benefit of the whole systems.

The scheme has just been attempted in Illinois, where Chicago wanted to grab the railroad taxes for local purposes. The attorney general stood for the people of his state, and declared that the scheme would result in a loss of at least twenty per cent in taxes to each of the outside counties. The case went to the courts, and a few days ago it was decided against Chicago and in favor of the rural counties. The Omaha real estate boomers desire to get around a decision like this by legislative enactment, and thus deprive the outside counties and districts of Nebraska of from 25 to 75 per cent of the railroad taxes which they heretofore have received.

It is a good time for members of the legislature from the interior of the state to be constantly on their guard against this dangerous movement. There will be no division of sentiment among those who inform themselves on the question.

Omaha has built up its trade and gained its wealth because of the toll and produce of the rural communities. The grab game in the matter of railroad taxes looks like base ingratitude. It is like an attempt to kill the goose that laid the golden egg. It would seem to be in order for the constituency in the counties all over the state to notify their representatives in the legislature of their disapproval of the Omaha scheme.

Present Play by Oscar Wilde. "Salome," by the late Oscar Wilde was given in Berlin the other afternoon at a matinee before an invited audience, a public representation having been forbidden by the police. It was a tremendous success.

Subsidies of Various Powers. France gives the largest subsidy to shipping of any power. The total amount, including postal subsidies, is \$8,500,000 a year. Japan comes next with about \$3,000,000 and then Germany and Russia.

Clearance Sale!

In order to make room for my Spring Stock I will sell all my winter goods at

25 per cent discount 25

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