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MINISTER WIELDS PEN

Explanation of Trouble in Form of a Roast of Iowa Editor

DENIAL THAT HARDLY DENIES

Mr. Roberts' Statement Together With Webster City Version

Two weeks ago The Frontier published an excerpt from the Sioux City Tribune concerning A. B. Roberts, formerly United Brethren minister at Webster City, Io., which in effect charged the minister with being the unlawful husband of two wives, the second wife being a Holt county girl. Technically, the story needs some revision, though perhaps the principle involved is the same. So far as The Frontier is concerned the matter would have rested, but the minister has penned a rather abusive and unministerial communication for which he requested space. His rather lame denial has incited a desire on our part to know something of the "other side," so we have at hand a few letters from Webster City, where Mr. Roberts' trouble came to light. It is not The Frontier's desire or purpose to injure any one—in fact, the newspaper man would rather the conduct of American society throughout could bear greater publicity without tearing the skin from so many skeletons, but he also realizes that silence only encourages the black arts of men. Moreover it is a cardinal principle with us to be just in matters of news, therefore we give below the communication as Mr. Roberts wrote it and quote a part of the Webster City people's version as given by the Graphic-Herald, which is avowed by the letters we have received to be substantially correct. If Mr. Roberts, while in this county or abroad, has anything further to say The Frontier columns are open.

Mr. Editor: In a recent issue of your paper an article from the Sioux City Tribune, was copied containing a copy from the Graphic Herald.

The article was an open assault which I am justified in calling criminal.

In the beginning, I wish to state that it is one vast tissue of lies conceived by a brain fevered by alcoholic drink, or a vivid imagination accustomed to feed upon the stenchful carion of a depraved life.

For the benefit of my friends I wish to say, the crime charged (did it exist), has a legal remedy, and had these charges been true, such measures would have been resorted to long since.

Proceedings for damages, and also for slander, have been launched against those who have participated in this effort to damage me, especially the Graphic-Herald of Webster City, a little one horse paper run on credit with a "patent inside" and a butchered outside, perfectly innocent of Granmer or Phetois, one of those Scavengers of Society which are truly an ulcer on the face of a tortured public.

Mr. Robie the Editor came from South Dakota, where he edited a paper for some time, (the Indians could not read) when the "Growler" went dry and the editor too, eventually an evil wind blew him to Webster City where he has tried in vain to obtain a foot hold. Educated people can find ignorance and inability without paying for it. So the poor little "Sheet" is in the last throes of death.

With this explanation I will ask the interested public to await the decision of the courts for the final verdict.

A. B. Roberts.

The Graphic-Herald says:

Rev. A. B. Roberts, of the U. B. Church has flown—skipped out. He packed his belongings and has gone to a more congenial clime all on account of a scandal which has just come to light.

A few years ago Rev. Roberts was a resident of an Ohio town and there became enamored of a young woman and under promise of marriage seduced her. A child was born which is now about three years old. The reverend gentleman went to Nebraska and last fall was called to the U. B. church here. Some time after he was married to a young lady of Holt county, Nebraska, whose father is a large stockman and ranch owner there. Letters have been going between the Ohio girl and Mr. Roberts frequently during all this time, and the young woman learning of his marriage some time ago, wrote to presiding elder of the church, Rev. Hicks, making the charge. Mr. Hicks came and told Mr. Roberts what he had learned and asked him about its truth. Roberts at first denied that he knew the woman at all, but when confronted with his letters admitted it but claimed the girl was of loose character, thus first lying about it and then admitting he was an associate of women of bad character, which was even worse, and the presiding elder so told him and further gave him the option of resigning, or waiting the arrival of the Ohio girl with a warrant for his arrest.

It is needless to say he resigned. Rev. Roberts is a fine appearing man, as his picture in this article will show. He was considered quite an eloquent speaker, and personally well liked.

The U. B. church is one of the leading Christian denominations in the city having a large congregation and fine church.

The reverend gentleman made two

mistakes: One when he got into the muss, and one when he failed to settle and get out of it.

Local Matters

"Southern Folks," at the opera-house Monday night.

For Sale—Second hand dresser. Enquire at post office.

Remember this is the month of bargains at Mann's store.

Mrs. Adams went to Chicago Tuesday for a visit with relatives.

Mrs. J. J. Harrington and little daughter departed Tuesday for a visit in Illinois.

Jerry Kelley departed yesterday on the Northwestern for a two month's stay in Illinois.

For Sale—Good, heavy team of draft mares, also an A. 1 register Jersey cow, fresh.—S. B. Howare. 2-3

Mrs. Peyton of Eldora, Io., and Mrs. Barnard of Waterloo, Io., sisters of E. H. Benedict, are visiting in the city.

Summer dress goods, knit underwear, and shirt waists are among the bargains being offered at Mann's this month.

Mrs. Clara E. Benedict of Delmont, S. D., and two daughters are visiting Mrs. Benedict's brother H. M. Uttley and family.

Mann's general discount sale will be very interesting this year and will positively run but one week after announcement.

A sightless man entertained upon the streets yesterday with vocal and instrumental music, catching a few nickles and dimes.

Will and Mable, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. McNichols, departed Tuesday for Colo., Io., to spend the summer with their grandparents.

Taken up, on section 36, township 30, range 12, four horses, three bays and one chestnut, weight from 800 to 1,200. July 3, 1903.—J. M. Caldwell.

The following are the topics for the Presbyterian Pulpit next Sunday, July 12: Morning, "The Nature of Christian Salvation" Evening, "The Two Anchors."

Seats are now on sale for the Dale Theatre Company, who play a return engagement here Monday night, prices 15, 25 and 35c. Secure your seats now at Gilligan & Stout's.

John Carton departed Tuesday on the Great Northern passenger for the Northwest Territory to settle up the affairs of his son who recently died in that locality, leaving some mining property and also some insurance money.

Henry Zimmerman is stepping about six inches farther at a stride since the Fourth, the cause whereof is accounted for in that he is grandpa, a daughter being born to Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Sturdevant of Spencer, on July 4.

Miss Carmel Benedict, daughter of E. H. Benedict, who has been in Iowa the past two years, returned home Tuesday evening. Miss Carmel's long stay has developed her into a young lady quite beyond the father's expectations.

Mrs. E. J. Gallagher of Cheyenne is a visitor at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Shively. Mr. and Mrs. Gallagher have been living at Cheyenne the past two years, where Mr. Gallagher has been in the railroad shops. He has lately been transferred to Chicago. Mrs. Gallagher will visit her parents and other relatives before going to Chicago.

The Dale Theatre company that played here one night last week are going to play a return engagement on next Monday, presenting the great southern drama, entitled "Southern Folks." This company is one of the best that has been in O'Neill for some time, and should be greeted with a packed house on their return Monday night.

The Frontier learns with regret of the death of Thomas Moss, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Moss of Amelia, which occurred recently at Sacramento, Cal., where Mr. Moss went about a year ago, partly for the benefit of his health but principally to continue his work as a Sunday school missionary to which his life was devoted. Death was the result of a fever contracted a short time previous.

With a south wind raging, O'Neill citizens were startled about 5 o'clock Monday evening by an alarm of fire, and for a time there was great commotion and excitement. It was said a house was afire in the southeast part of town, in the neighborhood of the Great Northern round-house. The fire department soon had their fighting rigs out and a great crowd of excited men ran and rode toward the fire, the smoke of which rolled up in ominous clouds. Someone got their first and found that only an old shed

P. J. McMANUS' GLEARING SALE

- Wash dress goods..... 50 per cent off
- All colors wool dress goods..... 20 per cent off
- Black wool and silk dress goods 10 per cent off
- Parasols..... 50 per cent off
- Shoes, 300 pairs..... 25 per cent off
- Straw hats..... 50 per cent off
- Childs' Swiss and silk hats..... 33 1/2 per cent off
- Shirt waists..... 50 per cent off
- Lace curtains, portiers and draperies, 20 per cent off
- Oxfords, 150 pairs..... 25 per cent off
- A large stock of black underskirts, 20 per cent off
- Ladies' tailor suits..... 20 per cent off
- Tapestry table covers..... 20 per cent off
- Tailored skirts..... 20 per cent off
- Black and colored silk skirts..... 20 per cent off
- Spring jackets and capes..... 50 per cent off
- 200 boys' suits..... 20 per cent off
- 500 men's suits..... 10 per cent off
- 750 odd pants..... 20 per cent off
- Men's wool hats..... 20 per cent off

This sale will open July 11 and close the 25th

This is an opportunity to buy from the best line of merchandise ever shown in Holt county

P. J. McMANUS Telephone 33 O'Neill, Neb.
The Store that Never Disappoints

had been set fire by a mischievous boy. The crowd returned up town; the wind still blew.

A bad track in the vicinity of Waterberry caused a wreck on the Great Northern Tuesday. Three freight cars being ditched. One injured.

For sale at a bargain—Rock Island hay loader, good as new. Just the thing for the man who hauls his hay off the meadow at haying time. Will pay for itself in one season. D. J. Cronin.

P. D. Mullen went to Omaha this morning on account of the serious condition of his brother Mike, who has been at a hospital there for two or three weeks, and is not expected to recover. He was operated on to remove cancer from the stomach and it is thought he cannot survive the operation.

The Mechanics' Union will meet next Monday evening for the election of officers and other business. As there are matters of considerable importance to the union all members are asked to come. There is a feeling among some of the members that their organization should be enlarged to take in a greater variety and number of tradesmen and something to this end may be done at the coming meeting.

Our esteemed county attorney, A. F. Mullen, and bride arrived in the city last Saturday evening and Art has been receiving the congratulation of his friends since. Mr. Mullen has bought one of the Kinch houses in the western part of town and is having some repairs made preparatory for living there. The Frontier joins in the congratulations extended to Mr. and Mrs. Mullen and wishes them much happiness.

Every few days brings in more dog men with fancy canine to go into training for the coming field trials. Recently the following have arrived: W. J. Wilson, Sparta, Ill.; E. S. Munger, Clyde, O.; A. B. Caldwell, Alledonia, O.; Walter W. Henry, Butler, Mo.; George McLin, Mexico, Mo. These men have brought in about sixty dogs. Secretary McCarthy informs us that P. Lorillard, of New York, the millionaire tobacco man, will have a two thousand dollar dog in the trials and expects to attend himself. Another millionaire of New Albany, Ind., N. T. DePaw, will also be here at the trials.
House to rent.—Dickson & Co 49-tf

The Odd Fellows lodge will invest some of its surplus funds in a building on their lots just across the ally from Bigling's implement store, now occupied by small buildings belonging to Maylon Price. Mr. Price is having his buildings moved onto the street above near the Ogden hotel. The Odd Fellows will put a store building 20x40 which will be occupied by Grant Hatfield's establishment. The Odd Fellows also own the building and lots where Mr. Hatfield's store now is.

Andrew Eckard of Ewing was before County Judge Morgan last Friday on a charge of theft, the complaining witness being Rev. F. E. Sala, also of Ewing. Eckard is a youth of 16 years and an orphan under the care of the Nebraska Children's Home society, of which Rev. Sala is superintendent for north Nebraska. Rev. Sala has had the boy in charge and says he stole a pocket book containing \$1.50 from him, also that his conduct is generally bad and asks that the boy be sent to the reform school. Sentence has not yet been passed by the judge.

The annual sale of Indian lands in the strip near Pender was held at the land office in this city Monday, ten tracts of land ranging from fifteen one hundredths of an acre to forty acres being sold. Quite a number of parties from that locality attended the sale and some pretty stiff bidding was indulged in, the highest being \$240 per acre. Whether all the sales will be confirmed remains for the action of the department. The government has been at a considerable loss over the lands as the law allows the purchaser to pay either cash or one-third in one year and so on till paid. Speculators have taken advantage of this condition from year to year, buying under oath of good faith, but in the end getting the use of the land and paying nothing.

Annual Popular Excursion to Duluth.
The Great Northern (Short Line) will run their annual popular excursion, starting from O'Neill at 10:10 a. m., Thursday, August 6. Returning, will leave Duluth Sunday August 9, at 4 p. m. Rates for round trip \$6. Double berth in tourist sleeping car \$1 each way. Reservations in sleeping cars should be made as early as possible.

For further information call on or address W. E. West, agent, or Fred Rogers, G. P. A., Sioux City.

Lost—A big driving horse 5 years old; has wire cut on right front foot; bright bay.—J. B. Ryan, O'Neill.

THE CELEBRATION

Good Day for it and the Biggest Crowd for Many Years

O'Neill's celebration of the Fourth was very largely attended—in fact, it was the biggest crowd in many years. People came from far and near and every body seemed to have a good time. The weather was just right. A good rain the day previous laid the dust and a cool northerly breeze tempered the heat of the July sun. The following were the prize winners in the parade and sports:

Parade—first, A. A. Stanton; second, Grant Hatfield.

Horse race—one-half mile—first, John McAllister; second, Sid Smith. One-quarter mile—first, John McAllister; second, Frank Lahy.

Trotting race—first, John McNichols; second, A. A. Stanton.

Poney race—first, Frank Lahy; second, John McAllister; third, Ab Wilcox.

Running jump—John Mc Greevy. Standing—jump R. E. Gallagher.

Five miles race—J. F. O'Donnell of Atkinson; second William McGreevy; third, H. H. Shaw.

Foot race—first, John Nolan; second, C. T. Burger.

Boys' race—first, Fred Ward; second, Garrod Cress.

Fat man's race—first, D. A. Doyle; second, S. F. McNichols.

Top-of-war was won by Rock Falls men.

A team of J. B. Mellor's won in the horse pulling.

O'Neill Mention.

The following concerning an O'Neill boy is taken from the Omaha Quill:—Will La Violette returned Friday to his home at O'Neill, Neb. He held for a number of months a responsible position with the Union National band. He resigned his position and resumed his musical studies, the piano, violin and mandolin. Will has played at a number of the entertainments of the Creighton university and private entertainments and those who are able to criticize say he has a brilliant future in music, or if he changes to commercial life there he will be successful, and in either of which he decides—the musical or business world—he has a successful and brilliant future. While in our city Will commanded the respect of our business men with whom he transacted business. Among the young men and ladies with whom he associated in a church and social way he made many warm friends, who sincerely regret his departure for his home, and hope for a speedy return.

Part of Young American

They were three bright specimens of young America—one with a pipe, two with cigars and smoke pouring from the dirty lips and dirtier noses of all. Not to exceed a dozen years had elapsed over the head of either; of that type of boy with clothes dirty and too large, hats having a circle for a base and tapering to a vertex, hair long and straight fringing the circle. They greatly over-estimated their importance, thought they were smart and believed they were the admiration of the disgusted beholder. They paraded their ignorance, folly and dirt up the ally to our back door—such characters shun the front streets; there is something about the back ally that gives a certain exclusion to society's lower strata. 'Tis a repugnant sight, nay, pathetic, mere children who should be at home under the considerate care and tutorage of the parents who bore them roving about and early acquiring destructive habits and pursuing the ways that lead to a sure failure in life.

Phoenix.

Morton Greeley and wife celebrated in O'Neill.

Mrs. Nilson was a visitor at Fred Turner's Sunday.

Al McMane was an Atkinson visitor one day last week.

Arleigh Moor is spending vacation with his wife at Phoenix.

Perry Miller spent the latter part of the week in Atkinson.

Dr. Stockwell of Butte was a Phoenix visitor Saturday.

Mrs. Damero is spending a week with her children at Phoenix.

Dalley Fick returned to her home in Boyd county last week after a two month's stay at Peter Greeley's.

For Sale Cheap

SE, 17, 32, 16, and W. 1/4 NW, 31, 30, 16, Holt county Neb. Too far away, will sacrifice. Terms easy. Open to all agents. Miss Leona L. Lingle, owner, 1531 Cambria St., Los Angeles, California. 44-tf

Work Horses for Sale.

I have two good work teams for sale on easy terms. Also 3,000 bu of ear corn to sell.—D. A. Doyle. 2-2

INDIAN LAND CONTEST

Minor Thompson Disputes Right of an Indian's Holdings

ONE-HALF SECTION IS INVOLVED

Comprising Valuable Land in the Santee Reservation

A land contest case of considerable interest and involving questions which may affect the real estate holdings of the Indians was scheduled for hearing at the government land office in this city yesterday, but owing to the failure of United States District Attorney W. S. Summer to arrive the case was continued until this morning. The land involved in the contest is a one-half section tract held by a half-blood Ponca Indian by name of Frazer whose wife is a Santee Indian, the land being in the Santee-Sioux reservation in the vicinity of Niobrara and is held under allotment. Miner Thompson appears as contestant and R. R. Dickson and E. H. Benedict are his attorneys. The Franzers have large tribal and family connections and hold considerable land in the Santee county. The contestant sets up the allegation that the half section in question is illegally held.

Superintendent of the Indian Department Meagley of Santee is here to protect the interests of the Indians and many residents of that section are in attendance at the trial as witnesses and otherwise, great interest in the outcome of the case being manifested by them, as the opinion is expressed that if the outcome is against the Indian an endless string of similar cases will arise and unsettle the whole reservation. District Attorney Summer and Gillespie & Son are attorneys for Frazer. The Santee reservation is comprised of some of the most fertile land in Nebraska, and the half section under dispute is said to be easily worth \$50 an acre.

SELLS BROS.-FORPAUGH CIRCUS

Big Show Attraction at Sioux City on July 16

For the above event the Great Northern (Short Line) will run excursions, leaving O'Neill at 6 a. m., returning in the evening. Rate, \$2.50 for round trip. W. E. West, Agent.

Brief Mention

Galena Lumber company deals in paints, oils, etc. 51-tf

The new Oliver Visible Writer is the best educator that a man can put before his children. It teaches them to read, write, spell, punctuate, figure, add, divide and subtract. It is the ready letter writer of the future. At Hotel Evans. 1-2

I have a few very fine buggles that I will sell cheap for cash or any kind of old time. They must go some way to make room for a carload of new goods just coming. Call first and get your choice. Remember the above goods must go before July 4.—Neil Brennan. 48-tf

I have the Standard mowers with latest improvements. This mower will cut where most others will fall and will out last and run lighter than any other mower. I also have different styles and widths of hay rakes. Frank Campbell. 52-4

For Sale.

My dwelling house and lot, two blocks east of court-house.—Mrs. Cress. 52-4p.

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Omaha, Neb.