

THE O'NEILL FRONTIER

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YNEILL, NEBRASKA

Mrs. Roosevelt has been amusing herself collecting old china, remains of dinner sets of former occupants of the White House...

The late Judge Andrew Wylie, of Virginia, had a happy gift of illustration. The judge cast in 1869 the only...

A scientific commission which has been investigating the peculiarities of the Mediterranean or Malta fever has come upon evidence which shows that the infection of the disease may be transmitted by goats...

According to the Russian census of 1897 there were then in the empire 96,896,648 peasants, 18,386,392 lower city dwellers...

The Monte Rosa has heretofore been ascended mostly from the Swiss side, the Italian side having presented all insuperable difficulties.

Tinfoil as a wrapping material for fatty matters and other articles is being largely replaced in Germany by a kind of parchment paper coated with aluminum.

The Paris Journal offers prizes to makers of automobiles for (1) a field gun mounted on an automobile carriage...

During his visit to the west of England, Dr. Torrey, the evangelist, has learned that Captain William Torrey, from whom he is descended...

The Swiss village of Zofingen, in the Canton of Aargau, was decorated with flags recently in honor of a hen which laid her thousandth egg...

The Kaiser has decided to ornament the terrace on the Lustgarten side of his Schloss by the erection of four statues of the house of Orange...

The inhabitants of the village of Castlemartyr, in County Cork, have bought the fee-simple interest in their dwellings and premises from the Earl of Shannon on favorable terms.

A French farmer, who kept a number of dogs and cats, constructed ingeniously, in order to protect the latter from the former, a veritable cat's paw which he placed among the branches of a stunted oak tree.

An advertiser in a British magazine says: "Old artificial teeth bought, call, or if forwarded by post, utmost value for return. Messrs. Smith, making dentists, Oxford street, London. Established 100 years."

When all the railroads now building in that state are completed, Texas will fall far short of having 50 per cent. more main track than did Illinois...

Herbert Spencer, Charles Darwin, Thomas H. Huxley and Louis Pasteur at various times in their lives thought that they had discovered the secret of life, but repeated tests proved that they were mistaken.

Fifty thousand acres of alfalfa were raised in the Greeley district of Colorado this year, three crops being cut during the season.

The Earl of Cranbrook, the oldest surviving British ex-cabinet minister, is 91, and was better known to a former generation under his name of Athorpe-Hardy.

A chimney sweep, at Blackburn, England, testified that he could not pay his bills because people no longer had their chimneys swept.

In Uruguay, until within a few years, the sales of hides was the only part of the cattle industry that yielded any profit, the meat being mostly discarded of no value.

The railroads of the United States this year placed orders for 2,200 passenger cars, 217,000 freight cars, and 100 locomotives.

The clock in Exeter cathedral, England, is 700 years old. The dial is seven feet in diameter. The dials show the time of the day and the moon's age.

A SPECIAL TRAIN TO

INSTRUCT FARMERS

Northwestern Road to Continue Lectures Given on Its Lines Last Winter.

IN NORTHEAST NEBRASKA

The Train Bearing Lecturers and Corn Experts Will Leave Lincoln and Stop at All Points—Also Will Visit Bonesteel.

Norfolk, Neb., Jan. 3.—The Chicago and Northwestern will run a crop and soil special over its lines in Nebraska and Iowa. The train is run for the purpose of carrying instructors and experts in soil and crops...

A similar train was run over the Northwestern a year ago, and as in the case with all innovations, the lecture were not sparsely attended, but those who did attend received practical suggestions that later more than repaid them for all the time and trouble expended...

The train will make thirty-minute stops at all points scheduled and will arrive at north Nebraska towns as follows: Leaving Lincoln tomorrow, the train will reach Scribner at 11 a. m. The train will stop at Crowell long enough to take aboard people who want to...

On Wednesday, train leaves Bonesteel at 8 a. m., taking people to Fairfax, returning on No. 1. Arrive at Fairfax at 8:10 a. m. Anoka a. m., Spencer 9:45, Bristow 10:20, Lynch 11:10, Resch Verdel at 12:05 p. m., Battle Creek 3:25 p. m., Oakdale 4:30 p. m., Neligh 5:10 p. m., Clearwater 6:00, Ewing 6:50.

BIRTH HIGH; DEATH RATE LOW

Nearly Two Thousand Babies Born in Omaha During Year.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 3.—Figures from the office of the city health commissioner show that Omaha is closing one of the most healthful years in its history, as well as one in which the stork has come the oftentimes with its precious packages. It also has been a big year for marriages and divorces.

No serious epidemics menaced the city's health at any time during the year. Health Commissioner Ralph noted a general trend toward more intelligent and sanitary methods of living and an increasing employment of common sense laws of hygiene.

SALESMAN SAID TO BE SHORT

Albert L. Reeder Under Arrest at Boone, Ia., on Serious Charge.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 3.—Albert L. Reeder, representing the American Hide and Leather company in Nebraska, Iowa and Illinois, was arrested at Des Moines and taken to Boone, Ia., on a charge of forgery and raising invoices.

Reeder's duty has been to look over hides and buy them for the western office at Chicago. It is stated that in making out his weights he would make an erasure and substitute different figures, retaining the difference between what his company paid him for the hides and that paid by him to the people from whom he purchased.

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TWO DEAD IN HOTEL.

Their Little Black Dog Tries to Raise Alarm, but Barks Are Unheeded.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 2.—Escaping gas killed Ernest Leschteser and Louis Luchsburger, whose bodies were found in room 40 at the Aetna house.

The two men, who were strangers in Omaha, went to the hotel, both in an intoxicated condition, during that time he appropriated \$7,000 of the company's money.

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NEBRASKA BANKER SUICIDES.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 1.—John Ellis, an ex-banker of Beatrice, Neb., ex-county treasurer of Gage county, despondent over financial affairs, committed suicide today by taking carbolic acid.

CONVICT TAKING BANKER.

Auburn, N. Y., Jan. 1.—Manning C. Palmer, charged with misappropriating funds of the American Exchange National bank of Syracuse, of which he was president, was found guilty today on sixty counts. He was sentenced to five years imprisonment, but remains in custody of the marshal pending appeal.

COERCED IN GAS GRAB

Omaha Councilmen, Says President Were Forced to Vote for Contract—Records False.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 30.—President Zimman of the city council, testifying in the gas injunction suit, declared that fear, coercion and intimidation were used to force the passage of the street lighting ordinance through the council.

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They were carefully doctored to make it appear that the ordinance was properly passed, he said, and added that the minutes were incorrect in many important particulars.

Zimman described the famous council meeting in detail and declared that the minutes did not record his own protest against the proceedings of the council at all. He said it was well known in the clerk's office that the minutes of the meeting had been prepared by Manager Clabaugh of the gas company and Attorney Connell.

In a graphic story of the scenes in the council chamber, President Zimman declared that when he attempted to leave the council chamber door he was restrained by Officer Mike Kissane, who seized his club and called out to him: "Get away from here, you horse thief!"

MORTON BADLY HURT.

Brother of Head of Equitable Life Is Injured by Horse in Accident in Nebraska.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 30.—The condition of Joy Morton, of Chicago, a brother of Paul Morton, head of the Equitable Life, who was thrown from a horse yesterday at Nebraska City, the old Morton home, continues critical. This morning the physician was hopeful, but they still fear the development of brain concussion during the day, and until the crisis has been passed they cannot safely predict the patient's recovery.

FIRE AT OSMOND, NEB.

Osmond, Neb., Dec. 30.—At 10 o'clock this morning a fire alarm was sounded and in a very few moments the department was out and extinguished a fire in the basement of Mitchell's general store. The fire was caused by the explosion of the lighting plant. Damages were nominal and fully insured.

NOVELTIES OF THE NEWS.

Toledo, O.—By throwing a stick of dynamite into the firebox of a steam roller and sitting on the box until the machine blew up, James F. Nichols, at Lima City, committed suicide. His arms and head were blown off.

Hazleton, Pa.—The members of local union No. 3, United Mine Workers of America, have decided to present to Miss Alice Roosevelt as a wedding gift, a car load of the best coal that can be found in the anthracite region in appreciation of her father's services in ending the great strike of 1902.

Nora, Neb.—Miss Mary Kolling, daughter of a wealthy ranchman, of Nuckols county, died here from the effects of treatment she had taken to reduce her weight. Miss Kolling was 19 years old and weighed upward of 400 pounds when she began to take the treatment. At her death she had reduced to 300 pounds. Her health began to fail soon after she began the treatment.

Mobile, Ala.—Christmas in a number of southern cities is a celebration on the order of the Fourth of July, fireworks being shot off generally. As a result of fireworks one man lost an arm, another two fingers; three were shot in the eyes; one was nearly burned to death; three were shot with toy pistols, and one was fatally wounded with a toy pistol. The total of injured will reach fifty in this city alone. Seven fires due to fireworks caused a loss of \$7,000.

Bekeley, Cal.—Within a short time hens will lay eggs according to program, whether they want to or not instead of waiting to work for so long a season every year that the price of eggs mounts up to famine rates. If the plans of Professor Jaffa, nutrition expert at the state university, don't go astray, Professor Jaffa is conducting some experiments which he expects will be concluded by January 1. He has announced that his researches have justified his belief that he would be able to control the moulting period of hens, which normally begins in the middle of the summer and continues into September, October or November.

Marshall, Mich.—Dr. N. B. Sherman, who was found dying in his home Friday night, is believed to have poisoned himself. According to the theory generally accepted, the mysterious woman who was at the house at the time has a hold on the doctor which caused him to take his life. It is known that the woman, who disappeared shortly after his death, was at the Sherman residence for at least an hour. The woman has not been found, but the officers declare they have a sure clue and expect to arrest her soon.

Louisville, Ky.—Sentenced to be hanged on January 19, William Vandalsen, the murderer of Fanny Porter, has evolved a grewsome means of raising money between now and the day of his execution. Vandalsen has built a miniature scaffold with a dummy figure standing over a trap. By dropping a fishhook in a slot the dummy is made to fall through the trap. Over the scaffold is a sign: "Drop a nickel in the slot and see how it looks for a man to hang."

New York.—After firing three shots at his head, a man who registered at a Bowery house as Higger Lesser was taken to a hospital yesterday suffering from three superficial scalp wounds. The man's skull is so thick that though the three bullets struck squarely they were deflected and did little harm.

New Castle, Pa.—Minnie, the 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gentile, of Erie, Pa., died here as the result of having bit off her tongue. The explosion caused concussion of the brain. The child found the torpedo in the limestone quarries.

TEACHERS GATHER FOR CONVENTION

Fully 2,500 Expected to Be at Annual State Meeting in Lincoln.

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GOOD PROGRAMS DAILY

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Arrangements are being made for the accommodation of all the instructors as rapidly as they arrive, and it is not thought that any difficulty will be experienced in finding room for all of the delegates.

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MATHEWS FOR GOVERNOR.

Deposed United States Marshal Being Groomed for Place by His Friends.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 29.—T. L. Mathews, former United States marshal, who was removed from office by President Roosevelt for alleged misconduct in failing to carry out the sentence imposed upon Barrett Richards and William C. Comstock, is being groomed as a candidate for the republican gubernatorial nomination.

Friends of Mr. Mathews have mentioned his name freely as a strong candidate for the office of chief executive of the state.

The office of governor of Nebraska is a hard one to fill, said Mr. Mathews. "In addition to the work and responsibilities, the salary is small and the expenses large."

"I do not know whether or not I would care to take the office were it offered to me. I have heard my name mentioned as a candidate, but that is as much as I know about it. At present I have no plans for the future."

ALCOHOLISM KILLS BOY.

Fred Born Dead, and Young Man Is Held for Furnishing Liquor.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 28.—Alcoholism is given as the cause of the death of Fred A. Born, an 8-year-old boy, who died at his father's home.

Fred, in company with Walter Reed, a 19-year-old boy, drank heavily of beer, soda pop and blackberry gin, the Reed boy buying the stuff and giving it to the little boy.

About midnight Reed was found in an unconscious condition, but was soon revived after being brought to the station. Two hours later Born came to headquarters and reported the death of his son and asked that Reed be held for the coroner.

ENTICED FROM HER HOME.

Pretty Lincoln Girl Lured to Omaha by a Married Man.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 28.—Charged with luring from home 18-year-old Netta Davoll of Lincoln, Charles Detwiler, a salesman, is being held at the police station awaiting the arrival of the girl's mother.

Detwiler is a married man and has a wife and baby.

Miss Davoll in company with Detwiler was arrested at the Lange hotel. He was locked in a cell while the young woman was cared for in the matron's department. Six months ago Miss Davoll met and fell in love with Detwiler. According to her statement he represented himself to be a single man, but later she learned that he had a wife and child living in Omaha.

GREAT WORK WITH RIFLE.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 28.—Captain A. H. Hardy is believed to have broken all previous records by his work here in an exhibition shoot when he broke 3,152 two and one-half inch wooden balls, thrown into the air at a distance of twenty-five feet, without a miss.

Hardy used an ordinary .22-caliber rifle and did not intend to break the exhibition developed into a contest of endurance. Both Hardy and his ball thrower, "Bud" Bowers of Hyannis, displayed wonderful staying qualities. The rifle used was not cleaned throughout the performance.

HAVE NOT MADE UP YET

Mabelle Gilman Must Be Actually Given Up, Says the Wife of Millionaire Corey.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 29.—The dove of peace has not yet settled on the Corey threshold. William Ellis Corey and his wife are still some distance apart. The final settlement will be when the husband really gives up Mabelle Gilman, the actress, and comes and lives with Mrs. Corey openly. No other terms will she consider, and at present he has not apprised Mrs. Corey of whether or not he intends to live with her. He has offered her \$100,000, but failed to accept her invitation to spend Christmas with her and again become the actual head of the household.

The interview of Miss Mabelle Gilman in Paris, in which she referred to Andrew Carnegie as being a good "domestic peacemaker," is thought here to be of more than passing meaning. It is supposed to mean that it was Mr. Carnegie who forced Corey to break off with Miss Gilman and try to patch up peace with his wife.

BAXTER REMOVED.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Irving Baxter, United States district attorney for Nebraska, has been removed summarily from office to a hospital yesterday suffering from a severe cold. The announcement of the removal was made from the White House today.

WOOD ALCOHOL KILLS FOUR.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 26.—Mexican Central passengers arriving tonight report four dead and one dying as the result of a banquet at Torreon, Mexico. They were among the leading citizens of that city. It is believed wood alcohol was drunk in some of the refreshments.

UNCLE SAM KEEPS BUSY

Government Officials Apprehend Mer on Reservation.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 3.—Charles Manville has been arrested by Deputy United States Marshal Moore near Rushville on the charge of horse stealing from the Indian reservation at Pine Ridge. He will be brought to Omaha for arraignment before the United States commissioner.

William Blackbird, an Omaha Indian, has been arrested on a capias at Rushville for introducing liquor onto the Indian reservation in Nebraska. He will be brought to Omaha for commitment in the Douglas county jail until his trial can be had.

Among other arrests at Valentine by Deputy Marshal Allan is that of H. C. Dale, charged with making a fraudulent homestead affidavit.

J. C. Pettijohn, former register of the land office at Valentine, and J. M. Tucker, an attorney of the same place, have been released on \$2,000 bonds for their appearance before the federal grand jury to answer to the charge of conspiracy in land fraud matters there.

H. C. Dale, who was arrested at Rushville Friday for subornation of perjury and on the charge of procuring conspiracy in land fraud matters there, was arraigned before the United States commissioner there and pleaded not guilty to the charges against them.

William C. Smoot, government farmer at the Pine Ridge Indian agency, was also arrested on the same charge as that preferred against Dale. The two men were arraigned Saturday before the United States commissioner at Chadron and gave bond in \$2,000 for their appearance before the May term of the federal grand jury at Omaha.

GHOST UPSETS A TOWN

Haunts Schoolhouse and Disappears When Cornered—People Are Frightened.

Fort Scott, Kan., Jan. 3.—This city is in an uproar over the remarkable doings of a ghost. This ghost does not wait for nightfall, but goes abroad by day also. Its most frequent appearance has been at a window of the Musgrave school house, where a strange face, peering out, has frightened many timid women. The same thing has occurred after dark, and although seeing neighbors have tried to capture the ghost person in the school building, it has eluded their efforts, and the affair is as much a mystery today as ever.

A group of awestricken spectators were watching the windows of the school house one night when the face appeared plainly visible in the moonlight. Former Policeman Lyman was in the crowd, and undertook to investigate at close range, but when he approached the window the unknown person or thing threw down missiles from an upper window. This material evidence of a ghostly malignity was too much for some of the crowd, and they took flight.

The majority remained, however, backed by the policeman's assurance that it was some crazy person. When Mr. Lyman obtained another ladder, Officer Anderson then took his lantern in his teeth, a revolver in one hand, and climbed the ladder into the garret. There lay the other ladder which had been drawn up, but not a trace of the ghost or person could be seen. The floor had no hiding places and the skylight was fast on the inside. Mr. Anderson says he felt his hair rise under his hat when his search of the garret proved the building was empty. The guard outside was equally positive that no person could have escaped.

The policeman again approached the entrance to the building, but this time the ghost threw down a heavy iron ball and a barrel of waste paper, narrowly missing Mr. Lyman. The crowd strengthened their guard around the building, watching every window and door, while the policemen entered the building and pursued the spook through the corridors and upstairs. They could not catch sight of the ghost, but plainly heard the garret the men were dumbfounded to see that a ladder leading up into the garret had been drawn up. Positive that the ghost was cornered at last, one man remained on guard, with a revolver in each hand, while the other obtained another ladder. Officer Anderson then took his lantern in his teeth, a revolver in one hand, and climbed the ladder into the garret. There lay the other ladder which had been drawn up, but not a trace of the ghost or person could be seen. The floor had no hiding places and the skylight was fast on the inside. Mr. Anderson says he felt his hair rise under his hat when his search of the garret proved the building was empty. The guard outside was equally positive that no person could have escaped.

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PASTOR APPROVES WINE

Speaks Out for Sane Use—Believes in Facing Conditions as They Exist, He Says.

Fitchburg, Mass., Jan. 3.—The Rev. Alexis W. Stein, rector of Christ Episcopal church, had no idea when he made public his views on the license question through a letter published in a local paper a day or two preceding election, that anything approaching a sensation would be caused thereby.

The rector believes in facing conditions as they exist. This prompted him to give expression to the views he entertains on the subject of saloons and drinking.

The communication which was the means of bringing to the rector the public notice he does not object to written at the request of those who were interested in obtaining a "no" vote election. In substance it was: "I am one of those who believe in the use of wine and beer. The surest way for the misuse of them is the proper use of them."

"The man who drinks his beer in his home with his family and children about him, habitually, will get no harm himself nor do any harm to any one else."

SWEEPS FIVE OVERBOARD.

Wood's Hole, Mass., Jan. 1.—A great wave, reaching almost tidal proportions, roled up Vineyard sound Saturday night and, overtaking the five-masted schooner Henry O. Barrett, tumbled over the stern and swept overboard five of her crew. Captain Joshua Norton, of Richland, Me., the commander of the vessel, and his mate, James Conley, of St. Johns, N. B. The wave carried away the deck house and did considerable other damage to the ship.

BOY ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.

Burlington, Ia., Jan. 1.—Karl Brelschi, 17-year-old, was fatally shot Sunday while hunting. He fell down, his gun exploded and the charge lodged in his body.

Reno, Nev.—This city has been infested for weeks with countless numbers of fleas, and now in addition to the discomfort caused by the biting properties of the insects comes the statement of Dr. J. R. Mason of Chicago that the flea plants the germs of pneumonia in its victims. The doctors makes this statement after a series of experiments.

SEARCH IN VAIN FOR THEIR LONG LOST SON

Strange and Pathetic Story of Efforts of Johnson Couple to Find Boy.

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CASE IS ROMANTIC ONE

An Attempt to Break the Will of the Late Ellen Wilson, of Tecumseh, Proves Unavailing—Appeal to Supreme Court.

Tecumseh, Neb., Dec. 28.—A legal battle has been waging in the district court at this place contesting the will of Ellen Wilson, deceased. Mrs. Wilson died last July, leaving the greater part of her estate to her nephew, Jimmie Kenneberg, and her granddaughter, Mrs. Carrie Mollerling, is seeking to break the will. The case went to the jury and the verdict sustaining the will was given in about an hour and a half. It was a hard fight from the first and every legal point was fought with all the skill that lawyers could find.

The case is one of historic and romantic nature. There is one clause in the will giving part of the estate to a son who has not been heard from in the past thirty years, provided he returns in the next five years.

Hope did not die in the hearts of the parents. Finally word and a description came from the Klondike of a John Wilson that seemed to be the boy. After some correspondence with parties both the parents, old and feeble though they were, started for the frozen north. When they got to the hotel where he had stopped for a time they found that he had gone on 200 miles further into the mines. Here the mother gave out and could go no further. But the father pushed on. When he reached the point he found that the John Wilson had died and no one knew where he had gone. Disappointed and sore in heart they returned home and until their death never gave up the hope that they would again see their son.

The will case will be appealed to the supreme court.

DIED TO SAVE CHILDREN.

Woman at Fremont Sustains Burns Which Prove Fatal.

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 28.—Mrs. S. A. Buckingham, wife of Mr. Buckingham of the automobile firm of Buckingham & Peterson of this city, died at the Fremont hospital from the burns she sustained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Peterson a week ago. It was thought at first that Mrs. Buckingham's burns were not serious, but complications developed.

Mr. Buckingham had gone to Mrs. Peterson's residence to care for the latter's children while Mrs. Peterson spent a night at the skating rink. The infant child, aged 14 months, pulled a cover from a center table and tipped the lamp over. Oil splashed on the floor and blaze shot up. Mrs. Buckingham, in saving the children and attempting to throw a quilt over the fire, caught the flames to the tissue front of her dress. She was soon enveloped in flame. She jumped through the window and ran on the street. Passersby rescued her and tore her clothing from her body.

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