

THE O'NEILL FRONTIER

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O'NEILL, NEBRASKA

In his "Lincoln, the Lawyer," Frederick Trevor Hill writes...

Berezowski, the Pole who tried to assassinate the Czar Alexander II...

Sir Robert Purvis, addressing his old constituents at Peterborough...

It is announced from Paris that the "Bureau des Longitudes" has decided to send to Samarakand a scientific mission...

One of the strange experiences of a balloonist is that of falling into "a hole in the air"...

When Prince Bismarck was 80 years old he received an immense number of congratulatory birthday messages...

In response to a request from Heuniker Henton, M. P., the postmaster general has furnished a return to show the increase in our foreign postage since the year 1877...

At a banquet held in a room the walls of which were adorned with many beautiful paintings, a college president was called on to respond to a toast...

One thousand five hundred ounces of metal will be used in the silver service to be presented to the new armored cruiser Washington...

"The coastwise lights of England," of which Kipling sings, have been increasing in brilliancy as well as in number ever since the dawn of the eighteenth century...

When the new state of Oklahoma is admitted into the United States, next May, it is estimated that it will have 6,000 miles of railroad in operation...

A curious custom prevails in the German navy when the sailors, having served their time, pass into the reserve. They don the "reserve flask"...

A tourist informs us that in a remote Yorkshire dale he had a most interesting chat recently with an old lady of 90, who had never seen a railway train, a motor car or a bicycle...

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS

Winnipeg, Man.—A switch engine crashed into a passenger engine in the Canadian Northern yards and badly damaged the passenger. The crew reversed the switch engine and jumped. The engine bounded back and started down the track where a fire stood ready for its trip south...

Washington.—Secretary Shaw has taken action to release for use a sum equal to the surplus receipts for November and December. He has given notice to the holders of United States bonds that the interest maturing on the several interest dates between and including January 1 and May 1, 1907, will be paid without rebate on and after December 15.

Jefferson City, Mo.—Governor Folk announces he will not give Aggie Myers another stay of execution unless Justice Brewer, of the federal supreme court, asks for further time in the case. Mrs. Myers has been convicted of murdering her husband.

Kansas City.—Austin Francis has been acquitted of the charge of murdering his 15-year-old sweetheart, Wilona Newton. The state supreme court reversed the verdict of a lower court, which found him guilty.

Birmingham, Ala.—Because he plays golf and a paper pictured him smoking a cigar on the links, Rev. James A. Duncan, Methodist, is on trial before the North Alabama conference of the church.

Paris.—Anna Gould, former wife of Count Castellane, flatly refuses to pay the big amounts borrowed by the count. She will satisfy the tradesmen's debts, but not those of the usurers.

Minneapolis, Minn.—The resignation of the faculty members of the athletic board of control have been asked to resign and the students will run things in that direction hereafter.

Manila.—Pulajanes and volunteers had a fight near Albalade. Twenty were wounded and outlaw Chief Pedro de la Cruz was killed. His band was dispersed.

Washington.—Prosecutor Marsh, who has been trying to break up the alleged local branch of the Black Hand society, has received an infernal machine by mail.

East St. Louis.—A school for negroes has been burned by incendiaries, moved by race hatred. The building had just been leased by the board of education.

Victoria, B. C.—News reaches here that the 20-year war between Holland and the South Celebs rebels has ended and that the rebels are vanquished.

Paris.—The parliamentary commission to which was given the matter for decision has voted against the death penalty, favoring life imprisonment.

Denver.—Miss Birdie Appel, driving her father's auto, ran down and killed Howard O'Haver. A nominal charge of manslaughter has been preferred.

Peoria.—Elsie Jacobs, claiming to be a co-ed, who tried to swindle the Galesburg First National bank, has been given an indeterminate sentence.

Chicago.—Armour & Co.'s big Percheron defeated King Edward's shire horse Tom in the free-for-all for heavy animals at the horse show.

Kansas City.—Jesse James, jr., appearing as attorney in court, had his brother-in-law fined for taking his horse without permission.

Berlin.—A roborit factory near Witten has been blown up by a discharge of the explosive and it is reported fifty persons have been killed.

Berlin.—Von Buelow, addressing the reichstag, declared Germany must remain a colonizing nation as long as she has a large fleet.

London.—A Kobe dispatch says a relic of the Russo-Jap war, a floating mine, drifted ashore, exploded and killed ten men.

Washington, D. C.—President Roosevelt will send congress a special message advocating citizenship for the Porto Ricans.

London.—The British South Africa company has offered the Salvation Army 1,000,000 acres in Rhodesia for colonization.

Washington, D. C.—The war department has admitted the Spanish war claims of Bryan's regiment, amounting to \$28,240.

Washington.—Chief Justice Harlan, of the United States supreme court, is being urged to run for governor of Kentucky.

Washington.—The president has dismissed District Attorney Pettengill, of Porto Rico, following various complaints.

Chicago.—Three organized labor men have made out wills leaving part of their money to labor unions.

Milwaukee.—Jack Doyle, late of the Des Moines ball team, will manage the Milwaukeees next season.

Chicago.—Mayor Dunne is a candidate for re-election. So is ex-Mayor Harrison.

Chicago.—The Roosevelt Third Term National league has applied for a charter.

Mexico City.—Hearst now says he may run for office again, after all.

New York.—The school board has rejected simplified spelling.

Melbourne.—Australia is preparing to attack Standard Oil.

Denver.—Because Artist Herman Lindo appealed to President Roosevelt in his extremity the secret service men tried three times to prove him insane. The third court trial resulted as did the others, in his being declared of sound mind.

WHIPPED, STRIPPED, PUT INTO RIVER

Wife Beater Gets All That Was Coming to Him in Nebraska Town.

QUITS LYONS FOR GOOD

Sewell Sampson Returns to Nebraska Town and is Given a Warm But "Cold" Reception.

Lyons, Neb., Dec. 12.—Whipped, stripped and doused into the icy waters of the Logan river was the treatment given Sewell Sampson, a wife beater, upon his return to this place Saturday night. He has gone and odds are being bet he won't come back.

Sampson returned after an absence of some months and he was met on the street by a far different reception committee than he had even dreamed of. If he had been quicker he could have recognized many he had formerly known, but he was too slow.

The reception committee had provided itself with a gunny sack, which it spread over the bare skin and proceeded to lay on a new lash at points on Sampson's anatomy where it was thought he would longest remember the affair. To somewhat cool his anger and pains the committee soused Sampson into the ice cold waters of the river and he clamored, shrieking, to the shore he was told that he had but ten minutes to leave the place and that he would not be allowed to return.

It seems the reception tendered Mr. Sampson was in retaliation for his having run off with another man's wife last fall. Both he and the errant wife had large families of children, and as desertion is one of the unpardonable offenses up in Lyons the affair in Sampson's honor was arranged and pulled off without the formality of a printed program.

BRYAN'S VIEWS BROADER

Since Around-the-World Trip Thinks More of Missions.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 12.—W. J. Bryan addressed a very large audience last evening at the Paul's Method. Episcopal church on the subject of foreign missions. His year's trip abroad, he said, had given him an insight to the work of foreign missionaries, and he came home with his previous views on the wholesomeness of missionary effort confirmed and his interest heightened and strengthened.

SHORT ON LABOR

Norfolk May Import Men to Build Sewer.

Norfolk, Neb., Dec. 12.—Laborers will be imported from Des Moines and Omaha to complete the Norfolk sewer system, unless the demand is supplied in this city, according to Contractor O. P. Horvick, who left yesterday for Des Moines on business connected with the construction work. Eight men are now at work on the sewer outlet end, while 100 are needed.

Spades are being used thus far in the construction work at the river end of the sewer, but machinery for the excavation work will be brought into play later. The first digging cut a ditch two and a half feet wide and about five feet deep.

COACH FOSTER QUILTS

Nebraska University Football Man Has Resigned.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 12.—Amos P. Foster, Nebraska football coach has tendered his resignation and it will be accepted. The athletic board of the state university is actively negotiating for a new coach. No definite proposal has been made, but four men have been suggested. They are Coach "King" Cole, of Virginia university; Herrstein, of Ohio; McGuigan, of Vanderbilt, of Syracuse. Coach Foster will return to Cincinnati.

MAE WOOD TAKES HOTEL ROOMS WHERE TOM PLATT LIVES

Woman Who Sued Senator Appears in Washington Again.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—Mae Wood, of Omaha, who sued United States Senator Platt, of New York, for alleged breach of promise and later claimed she had been married to him, has suddenly appeared in Washington again, her arrival being incognito. She has taken apartments in the Arlington, where Senator Platt lives. Platt and his wife recently signed articles of separation.

PACKERS' TRIAL IS POSTPONED ONCE MORE

Chicago, Dec. 12.—The trial of the packing house corporations indicted for conspiracy in restraint of trade was today continued until January 10 because the attorneys for the government and the packing houses are engaged in other trials.

LORD BARRINGTON GOES TO SUPREME COURT AS PAUPER

Washington, Dec. 12.—The supreme court of the United States today granted the appeal of Lord Barrington, under sentence of death in St. Louis on the charge of murder, to be allowed to proceed in his appeal to that court as a pauper.

APOLOGY OR JAIL; JUDGE TO COUNCIL

Sensational Incident in Coal Trust Case at Omaha—Dealer Promised Evidence But Flunks.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 10.—"Be quiet. Shut up!" thundered Judge Sutton yesterday at the coal trust attorney, W. J. Connel. "Another word and I'll assess you such a fine as it may be hard for all these defendants to pay."

Either jail or complete apology was the alternative presented to the coal trust counsel. The judge, angered by the open defiance of the attorney, was on the point of committing him to the county jail for contempt.

Connel accepted with alacrity his chance to apologize, and own that he committed an unprofessional and as the court termed it, "an unmanly act."

The incident was the most startling and sensational that has occurred since the beginning of the coal trust prosecutions.

His trouble grew out of an attempted resistance of the court's ruling, that certain documentary evidence be kept from the jury.

After being in secret consultation with the county attorney's office the great part of the night and yesterday to turn state's evidence and expose the inner workings of the Omaha coal exchange of which he is a member, James L. Kemp, a coal dealer, completely "forgot" what the county attorney knew the night before, and the promised sensation of the coal trust trial fell flat.

Open charges that Kemp was induced by other coal dealers not to testify are made by Assistant County Attorney Shotwell.

RAILROAD AGENT HELD

Burlington Finds Itself Annoyed by Unpaid Taxes.

Wilber, Neb., Dec. 10.—In the cast of the county treasurer against Burlington Agent S. E. Davis, who was arrested for refusing to give a writ served on him to pay over to the county all moneys in his hands belonging to the Burlington railroad company to satisfy delinquent taxes, Judge Kelly refused to grant a writ of habeas corpus which was applied for by Judge Kelly, a Burlington attorney from Omaha, Wednesday.

The writ was applied for on the ground that the section of the revenue law under which the tax was claimed, is unconstitutional. Davis was remanded back into the hands of the sheriff and will stand trial.

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 7.—County Treasurer Barnard has served notice upon L. S. Sage, Burlington agent here, notifying him that his company is delinquent in its 1906 taxes in this county in the sum of \$28,173.73 and ordering him to pay to the treasurer all moneys in his hands and such as will come into his hands belonging to said railway until the above named sum has been paid.

POLLARD IS INSISTENT

Nebraskan Says Congress Must Pass on Unearned Salary.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—Congressman Pollard will compel the house to decide whether the government can accept the \$1,861 of unearned salary he has been trying to return to Uncle Sam. Immediately after election he sent a draft for the amount to the sergeant at arms of the house, who refused to take it. Nobody else will take it. Speaker Cannon says it is all nonsense; that there is a way to get the money back into the treasury. Determined to get Uncle Sam to accept the coin, Pollard has induced Uncle Joe to receive a letter from the sergeant at arms, explaining the circumstances and to have it referred to the judiciary committee for an opinion as to whether there is any way by which the government can take back the money. If there is not, Mr. Pollard will just naturally have to keep it. But he does not intend to do so until the last possible effort has been made to induce the government to take it back.

CATTELMEN PAID BILLS

Evidence in the Land Fraud Cases Involving Millions of Acres.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 10.—I was paid by the Nebraska Land and Feeding company, by check signed by Mr. Jameson, for the livery teams furnished by me to take the old soldiers out to their claims from Gordon. The descriptions of the land were furnished me by Tom Huntington and he told me where to find the lands, near some windmills and in certain valleys. He also gave me the number of the lands.

Such was the testimony given by Ira Trueblood, the Gordon liveryman, who took several old soldiers out at different intervals to see their claims. The statement was made at yesterday's hearing in the United States district court of the trial of Richards and Comstock, millionaire cattlemen, and their alleged co-conspirators in the land fraud cases involving hundreds of thousands of acres of public land in Nebraska.

This witness was followed by his brother, Ben Trueblood, who gave similar testimony, and who was associated in the livery business at Gordon with the first witness.

NEBRASKA DUCKS PRODUCE GOLD. Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 10.—Tony Prebly, living near Barneston, the south part of the county, brought in several small gold nuggets which he took from a duck's craw. Mr. Prebly lives near a creek where his ducks are in the habit of feeding, and as he has found these little nuggets on different occasions he is firmly convinced that gold is paying quantities exists in his neighborhood.

DOUGLAS GETS FIVE YEARS

Known as Kelley in Iowa and Whitaker in South Dakota.

Ponca, Neb., Dec. 10.—Samuel Douglas, charged with assaulting, cutting and stabbing John W. Bush was found guilty and Judge Graves immediately sentenced him to five years in the penitentiary.

The case was prosecuted vigorously by county attorney C. A. Kingsbury, attracting unusual attention. The evidence showed that Douglas had broken jail several times and had gone by the name of Kelley at Onawa, Ia., and Whitaker in South Dakota.

The case of the state vs. Helen G. Davis is now on trial. The defendant is charged with the murder of her husband by medicine without authority in Nebraska. The prosecution is conducted by County Attorney Kingsbury and defendant being represented by Dickson and Page of Sioux City, Ia., H. M. Dodge of Laurel, Neb., and J. V. Pearson of this place.

INITIATION POSTPONED

Chadron, Neb., Dec. 10.—The initiation of the second class of the Knights of Columbus which was to take place December 16, has been postponed till January. The exact date has not yet been determined.

RAISES VERACITY ISSUE WITH PRESIDENT

Former Ambassador to Austria Charges Roosevelt With Meddling in Catholic Affairs.

ROOSEVELT'S HOT REPLY

Ex-Diplomat, Defending Wife, Quotes Letters—Chief Executive Opposed to Their Publication.

Washington, Dec. 11.—In a most extraordinary document taking direct and sharp issue with President Roosevelt and making the matter in question one of veracity between the president and himself, Bellamy Storer has addressed the chief executive and the members of his cabinet in regard to his dismissal from the post of ambassador of the United States to Austria-Hungary.

Mr. Storer was dismissed because of his wife's interference in affairs of the Roman Catholic church and her alleged misuse of letters from the president. It was also charged that Mrs. Storer had meddled with French politics by taking part in an anti-republican intrigue to promote the marriage of Victor Bonaparte with a member of the Orleans family.

Due to Mr. Roosevelt.

Both charges Mr. Storer emphatically denies, and on the other declares that the president's interest in the selection of Archbishop Ireland as a cardinal was not due to him, Storer, or to Mrs. Storer, but to Mr. Roosevelt alone.

The document not only gives in detail Mrs. Storer's side of the case, but includes letters exchanged with the president and Mr. and Mrs. Storer, in which the former addressed his epistles "My Dear Bellamy" and "My Dear Maria" and Mr. and Mrs. Storer addressed the president as "Dear Theodore."

March 23 Mr. Roosevelt wrote Mr. Storer a letter addressed "My Dear Bellamy."

Desired a Cardinal.

"I absolutely agree with you as to Archbishop Ireland," said the then gov-

discreet and ill advised action as yours has been.

"You Lie," says Roosevelt.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—President Roosevelt has made public a long letter addressed to Secretary Root, giving correspondence between the president and former Ambassador Bellamy Storer, at Vienna, and Mrs. Storer, in which he says Mr. Storer's refusal to answer his letters and the publication of various letters justified the ambassador's removal; that Mr. Storer's publication of private correspondence was unparliamentary, ungentlemanly and that he (the president) had stated with absolute clearness his position, the reason why it was out of the question for him as president to try and get an archbishop made cardinal, though expressing his admiration for Archbishop Ireland as well as for leaders of other denominations.

He says he thinks it well that the members of the cabinet should know certain facts, "which he (Storer) either suppresses or misstates."

Called Choate and Porter Unfit.

He says Mrs. Storer urged him to give her husband a cabinet place and that she stated Mr. Choate at London and General Porter at Paris were not proper persons to be ambassadors, suggesting her husband in that connection.

The president incorporates a letter from Postmaster General Cortelyou contradicting the statement that President McKinley had commissioned a gentleman to ask the pope as a personal favor to him, and "an honor to the country" to appoint Archbishop Ireland as a cardinal. Mr. Cortelyou says the late president never made any such request.

The president says that Mr. Storer's further statement that he authorized any such message to be delivered to Pope Pius is untrue. He says that he never received a letter from ambassador Storer giving an account of his visit to the vatican and of message he personally gave the pope on behalf of Mr. Roosevelt.

Not Given Out at White House.

The president's action following the publication of the "confidential pamphlet" which Mr. Storer last week sent to the president, the cabinet and the senate foreign relations committee.

The president requests the Associated Press to say that no hint or intimation of the Storer pamphlet was given out at the White House. The former ambassador, the president says, not only sent his "open letter" to members of the cabinet, but to at least a dozen members of the house and senate. He added that Mr. Storer had no desire to keep the contents of the pamphlet and probably it was his desire that the letter find its way into print.



BELLYAMY STORER

REPUTATION RUINED SO SHE KILLED HIM

Mrs. Birdsong Thus Justifies Her Murder of Dr. Butler—Eye Witness Testifies.

Hazelhurst, Miss., Dec. 11.—Mrs. Angie Birdsong, niece of United States Senator McLaurin, who is charged with the murder of Dr. Thomas Butler, the family physician, whom she alleges wronged her, heard the story of the tragedy told in the courtroom by an eye witness without flinching.

W. W. Williams testified that he saw Mrs. Birdsong enter Dr. Butler's office on the morning of the shooting. He soon heard two revolver shots in the physician's office and saw Butler come out the front door, holding his hands to his breast, as if in pain.

Mrs. Birdsong followed him and fired another shot at Butler as he was about to fall. After he had fallen the woman put two more bullets into his body.

Mrs. Birdsong, talking with friends in the courtroom today, said: "Of course I killed him. I shot him as I would a snake. He ruined my reputation and I had nothing else to live for."

STILL FAR APART ON FISHERIES QUESTION

London, Dec. 11.—Correspondence between the state department in Washington and the foreign office here and between Newfoundland and the colonial office detailing the circumstances leading to the establishment of a fisheries modus vivendi is published here today. While the tone is conciliatory it shows that a wide chasm remains to be bridged.

NO CONFESSION, SAYS GILLETTE TO MOTHER

Herkimer, N. Y., Dec. 11.—Chester E. Gillette, convicted of the murder of Grace Brown, was amazed by the receipt of a telegram from his mother telling him to repent before God.

His mother, who had previously expressed confidence in his innocence, said in explaining the message that she had received word he had confessed. Gillette immediately wired his mother: "I have made no confession. Expect my trial. Am innocent."