

# THE O'NEILL FRONTIER

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General Smithoff writes of General Stoesel's conduct during the siege of Port Arthur: "The timidity of Stoesel was such that he never advanced in the fighting lines, but he abused the population as 'poitroons' and 'rascals.' When in September, several shells fell near our lodgings, Stoesel moved to the house of General Volkoff, in another part of the town. The flowers and part of his household things had been moved when a shell struck Volkoff's house. The things were then taken back to the old place. Toward the end of November the enemy began shelling us from 11-inch mortars, and Stoesel, again removed, this time to the vicinity of the barracks of the tenth regiment, which was out of range. There he lived in perfect safety until the enemy was able to shell this quarter also. Thereupon he hastened to surrender."

It is only about ten years since the gasoline motor was first installed as an auxiliary on small sailing boats. Now pleasure sloops, yawls and catboats are being especially designed and built with this in view. There are also some of the bigger boats equipped with auxiliary power, such as the three-masted schooner Atlantic, winner of the Kaiser's cup, which has a steam plant on board. The motor is also being adopted for commercial uses. A small auxiliary motor of this type that Capt. Mark Casto took off the passengers of the Cherokee, aground at Atlantic City, a year and a half ago. Unaided by "kicker" he never would have reached her.

The highest fall of water ever used for power seems to be that of Lake Brusio, in Switzerland, where is located the most powerful electric generating station in Europe. The water of the Poschiavono, in the Poschiavono valley, is led through a great conduit three miles long to the reservoir, from which five sets of enormous pipes conduct it to the power plant, level 1,280 feet lower. Electric energy of 86,000 horsepower is distributed from the generators to points along the shores of Lake Como and Maggiore, and as far as the great plain of Milan.

The British vice consul at Caracas, Venezuela, reports that a contract has been concluded between the Venezuelan government and Senor J. O. Manco by which the latter undertakes to establish and keep up continuous navigation between Puerto Cabello and Guanta in Venezuela and ports in Cuba and Panama, with five steamers, each capable of carrying not less than 1,000 head of cattle. The line is to enjoy a monopoly for one year, with an extension for an additional year. The contract is not transferable to any foreign government, company or person.

H. J. Heinz, who has made a fortune of \$20,000,000, started on the road to wealth by peddling tomato catsup. When he was a boy his widowed mother used to make catsup and he took it around to sell to the neighbors. Finally their time was completely taken up in making catsup and the kitchen was converted into a work shop, which rapidly grew, and now there are mammoth factories. Mr. Heinz lives as modestly now as he did when he was poor. He is especially interested in Sunday school work and that he calls his recreation.

Dr. S. A. Knapp, who is directing the work of the general education board in the south, is the father of agricultural education in the United States. While he was president of the Iowa Agricultural college he drafted the Hatch bill, which brought the agricultural colleges under the wings of the national government. He introduced rice culture in the south and revolutionized the rice business in South Carolina. He found a solution of the boll weevil problem by pushing the cotton crop ahead so that it matured before the boll weevil.

Government tests of fire-killed timber have demonstrated the fact that this wood is good and should be considered as thoroughly seasoned timber, as far as its use is concerned. Fire-killed timber checks badly when left standing for any length of time, and this is an obstacle to the use of its use for some purposes. Timber which has been killed by fire should be generally used within one year after it has been killed, but satisfactory railroad ties have been made from timber killed fifty years before.

The highest tree in the world, so far as has been ascertained, is an Australian gum tree of the species eucalyptus regnans, which stands in the Cameron Otway range. It is no less than 416 feet high. Gum trees grow very fast. There is one in Florida which shot up forty feet in four years, and another in Guatemala which grew 120 feet in twelve years. This corresponds to a rise of ten feet in a year, or nearly one foot a month.

Among the graduates from the grammar schools in Boston in June was a 15-year-old Jewish boy, Saul Hornstein who has been in this country less than twelve months. He was born in Kishinev, Russia, and could not speak a word of English when he began school last year. But he studied the new language with such determination that he was soon promoted from one school to another, and will enter the high school in the fall.

The clip of wool on the Nevada ranges this season is the greatest that the state has ever known. More than 8,000,000 pounds have been clipped and shipped and the very good price has been received for all of it. One prominent sheep man stated yesterday that counting the sheep ranges tributary to Nevada there would be more than 13,000,000 pounds of wool shipped from the state this year.

"Alkoethine," the new motor gas, is a mixture of air, alcohol, vapor and acetylene, resulting from the spraying of diluted alcohol over calcium carbide. It proves to be a cheaper fuel than gasoline, and the necessary apparatus for producing it can be adapted to any high speed gasoline motor.

Though the whippoorwill's two cream-speckled white eggs are laid with seeming carelessness on the ground she is not careless with her young, picking them up as a cat does a kitten if danger threatens.

It has been announced by the director of naval construction of the German navy that in future it will be the policy of the navy to make extended use of steam turbines for the propulsion of ships.

Of the eleven new stars found by astronomers the world over during the last twenty years, says Woman, eight were discovered by Mrs. Williamina Fyler Fleming of the Harvard observatory.

Two white eggs occupy the mourning dove's nest, which stands for the poorest sort of bird house.

## WILL FORCE LINCOLN MEDICAL COLLEGE TO GRANT HER DIPLOMA

### Denied "Sheepskin", Woman Says Doctors Are in Conspiracy Against Her.

Lincoln, Neb., July 31.—The supreme court is puzzling over a case with some unusual angles. Ella Mae Nelson, is asking it for an order to compel the officers of the Lincoln Medical college to issue her a diploma, which the latter refuse to do because she failed in her examination to pass a half dozen studies.

Mrs. Nelson has an invalid husband and a family of small children. One of whom was born while she was attending medical college as a student, and as a result of which she lost a year. In her anxiety to get through and secure a diploma she crammed and worked hard, but her domestic burdens proved too much for her. The doctors say she failed to pass in surgery, physiology, bacteriology, histology, pharmacy, myology, obstetrics and materia medica, while she insists that three of the faculty had it in for her and refused to give her the marks on her papers that she was entitled to.

### Papers Can't Be Found.

She has presented her papers on some of these subjects to other doctors and they have given testimony that they should be rated at a figure that would pass her. Others of her papers she can't secure, the examining doctor saying he has mislaid them, and this, she thinks, is proof of the conspiracy to keep her from practicing medicine. The dean of the college is one of the doctors who thinks she should have been given a diploma.

The district court found in favor of Mrs. Nelson, and ordered a diploma issued to her. She is now practicing in this city.

## SIoux CITY PACKER TO ENGAGE IN HIS OWN BUSINESS

### Charles Williams, of Cudahy Company, to Begin Work at Havelock, Neb.

Lincoln, Neb., July 31.—Charles Williams, for many years occupying a responsible position with the Cudahy Packing company at Sioux City, is shortly to blossom out as a packer himself. Havelock, a suburb of Lincoln, five miles east of the postoffice, is to be the scene of operations.

Mr. Williams has been here the greater part of the week and has made selection of his site. He has gone back home to complete necessary arrangements. He declined to talk about the project further than to state that he proposed to erect a modern establishment for the slaughter of cattle and hogs. Rates and railroad service are such that he feels he can do an profitable business here. West Lincoln, another suburb, was once a flourishing packing center, with two big houses and a mammoth stock yard, but the railroads put it out of business in order to build up the packing establishments at South Omaha.

Mr. Williams is understood to have the backing of independent packers, and it is proposed to make the plant a large one. Work will be begun shortly, and slaughtering will begin early in the fall.

## FARMERS AT CREIGHTON IN BROKERAGE BUSINESS

Creighton, Neb., July 31.—Considerable excitement prevails here over the fact that a number of farmers who have noted the fact that the International Harvester company does not enforce any of its collections have gone to buying harvesters whether they need them or not and then trading them off to their neighbors or to other agents.

The representatives of the harvester companies are very much distressed, as they hardly know to whom to deliver the machines. The general agency at Sioux City has advised its agents to use all kinds of caution and not to let any machines go out without being settled for, but the farmers say that will not avail anything as they will not pay the notes.

## OMAHANS HELD AS FLEECERS IN A FAKE KENTUCKY FIGHT

Omaha, Neb., July 31.—Because of a fake prize fight Henry Hazelbaum, of Louisville, was fleeced out of \$1,000, and R. L. Thielman, of St. Cloud, Minn., a brother of Pitcher Thielman, of the Cleveland Americans, and E. A. Alstead, known to the police as a "con" man are under arrest.

Alstead is said to have started the game in New York and Hazelbaum was induced to come west and bet \$1,000 on a "sure thing." Casey.

The fake fight was pulled off in a Council Bluffs hotel and Casey lost.

When the smoke cleared, Hazelbaum was left to hold the sack. A Louisville detective is in Omaha to take Thielman and Alstead back to Kentucky.

A flash of \$18,000 counterfeit money is said to have had a part in the deal.

## LEAPS INTO FIRE, SAVES THE TRAIN

Fort Williams, Ont., July 31.—The coolness and bravery of Engineer McAdams, of the Canadian Pacific, averted a catastrophe at Rideout river. He was pulling a Chinese special, bound for New York, and when approaching the river saw the bridge burning. He applied the emergency brake and with the fireman jumped, but the momentum of the train was so great that it ran into the flames. The engineer ran ahead, climbed into the cab, and ran the train across the bridge. Three men said they were broke and trying to beat their way to Chicago.

## OMAHA'S COWBOY MAYOR CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR

### James C. Dahlman Who Has Never Been Defeated in Political Race.

Omaha, Neb., July 29.—James C. Dahlman, Omaha's cowboy mayor, expects to be the next democratic candidate for governor of Nebraska. While he admits that his candidacy is partly tentative to the course of events in the Bryan propaganda, he knows nothing at this time to prevent his becoming a candidate. It is highly probable that he may have the nomination for the asking, as he has for many years been democratic national committeeman for Nebraska, and his recent overthrow of the republican forces in Omaha has made him the most popular democrat within the state. Mr. Bryan expects. Having the full confidence of the peccious one will add to his ability to control party councils within the state.

Dahlman has always been a winner. He has never been defeated for any office for which he was striving.

## PLACES ON PRIMARY BALLOTS BEING SOUGHT

Lincoln, Neb., July 29.—Applications for places on the primary election ballots are pouring into the secretary of state's office. Yesterday's record comprised these:

S. M. Wallace, Clay Center, railway commissioner, republican.

Leo I. Lamb, Niobrara, university regent, socialist.

John O. Yeiser, Omaha, and A. L. Sutton, South Omaha, district judge, Fourth district, republicans.

James R. Hanna, Greeley Center, judge Eleventh district, republican.

C. H. Whitney, Hartington, judge Eighth district, republican.

C. W. Norberg, Holdrege, judge Tenth district, republican.

## DEPUTY GAME WARDEN GIVES UP HIS PLACE

Lincoln, Neb., July 29.—Deputy Game Warden D. E. Smith has resigned his position to take effect August 1. He will look after his two farms in Polk county and his Saline county farm and may take a pleasure trip to California.

Chief Game Warden George L. Carter stated today that he had endeavored to keep Mr. Smith in his department but could not. Mr. Hyers, of Rock county, will take the place vacated by Mr. Smith.

## NEWSPAPERS CONSOLIDATE UNDER SIGNIFICANT NAME

Oakland, Neb., July 29.—Charles E. Brooks has sold the Oakland Republican to Eric Morell, editor and publisher of the Oakland Independent. Mr. Morell will consolidate the papers under the name of the Oakland Independent-Republican. Mr. Brooks will move to South Dakota and engage in farming.

## MISSOURI PACIFIC RAISES NOVEL POINT

Lincoln, Neb., July 29.—The Missouri Pacific claims that because its road, operated in other states than Nebraska its grain hauls constitute interstate traffic, and that therefore the state railway commission cannot compel it to make joint rates with the Burlington and Northwestern on grain from central and northern Nebraska.

The commission has been asked to make such an order so as to divert the grain that now goes to Kansas City and Omaha. The other two roads are willing as they would get grain at Hastings and Superior. The Missouri Pacific refuses to make joint rates on the ground that it reaches Omaha by an indirect route itself and that such rates are not just, because it would deprive it of a haul that it can make itself at the same time, however, it refuses to put in a rate to Omaha that will move the grain over its own road to that point, claiming the action demanded is for the special benefit, convenience and gain of certain grain shippers in Omaha and South Omaha, so that they can accomplish certain deliveries of grain to their advantage, regardless of injury or wrong that may be done to this defendant.

## FACE DISFIGURED, HE IS JILTED BY FIANCEE

### Belle Calls Off Wedding at Sight of Battered Countenance.

Allentown, Pa., July 29.—Rather than marry a man with a disfigured face, Miss Ella Shesiz, the belle of Emerald, a state town several miles from Slaton, jilted him an hour before the time set for the wedding and announced her purpose to marry another man.

Miss Shesiz declares that she loves both men and is holding her line, in decision under advisement. From among her large circle of admirers she picked Joseph Vella, of Parryville, as her choice, and the wedding was fixed for last evening. Unhappily, Vella was so eager to reach his intended bride's side that instead of waiting for a passenger train to carry him from Parryville to Emerald, he boarded a coal train.

In jumping off at Slaton he lost his footing and plowed a deep furrow in the ballast with his head. Although his face was lacerated and bleeding and his wedding suit torn, Vella hastened to Miss Shesiz's home only to hear the disappointing news that she would not marry a man with a disfigured face, but that she would become the bride of Andrew Ducee as soon as the marriage license could be procured.

The disheartened Vella left the house but lay in wait for his rival and beat him so badly that his face resembled Vella's. Then the jilted bridegroom carried the news to Miss Shesiz and is awaiting her decision as to which of the battered faces she will accept. Ducee has had Vella arrested.

## "BROKE," THEY BEAT WAY.

Cleveland, July 29.—E. R. Buckley, a hotel clerk, and George Elliott, an actor, were taken from the top of the twentieth century limited train when it arrived in Cleveland today, unconscious from fright and the exposure of their trip.

They say they climbed to the top of the sleeper as the train was pulling out of Buffalo, not realizing the terrific capture and the perilous nature of the trip.

The men said they were broke and trying to beat their way to Chicago.

## FIVE GENERATIONS OF ELDEST DAUGHTERS



Mrs. Gernet Page, Age 60. Mrs. Ellen Harkness, Age 53. Baby Lorene Page, Age 14 Months. Mrs. Etta Napier, Age 40. Mrs. Kate Kilbourn, Age 79.

The above photograph of five generations was taken at Decatur, Neb., June 4, by C. O. Peabody, the Lyons photographer, while he was at his studio here. Arrangements had been made several times before to get the group together, but without any success until this time.

Mrs. Kate Kilbourn, the elderly woman on the right of the picture, was born in Annsville, N. Y., and was 79 years of age the 10th day of last March. She is active for her age and is more like a woman of forty or fifty summers. She lives with her son, Jules Kilbourn, at his farm home near Whiting, Ia.

Mrs. Ellen Harkness was born at Taborg, N. Y., and was 59 years of age the 7th day of last August. Her home is in Whiting, where she has resided for upwards of twenty years.

Mrs. Etta Napier was born at Winnebago, Ill., and was 39 years of age the 31st day of last May. Her home is in Decatur, Neb., where she has resided upwards of eleven years.

Mrs. Gernet Page was born in Whiting, Ia., and was 29 years of age the 22d day of last November.

Miss Lorene Page, aged 14 months, was born in Decatur, the 15th day of March last year.

Another noticeable feature about this group is the fact that each of the five is the eldest daughter in their respective families.

## CATFISH PULLS YOUTH INTO RIVER; NEARLY DROWNS ANGLER

### Had Linc Wound Around Waist When Captive Got Mad.

Fremont, Neb., July 30.—Hyrum Van Cleve, 19 years old, narrowly escaped drowning Thursday when he attempted to pull a ninety-seven-pound catfish from the Platte river just east of the Burlington bridge. Van Cleve had a set line in all night and on the first pull in the morning found his fish.

When near the bank the monster pulled Van Cleve, who had the small rope wrapped around his wrist, into the stream, carrying him out into the current. Being unable to release his hold, the young man was carried down stream over 200 yards, and calling to a ranchman on the river bank was pulled out. The two men then succeeded in landing Van Cleve's catch, which measured a trifle over six feet. The fisherman was so full of gratitude to the rancher who pulled him out that he presented him with the big fish.

This is the biggest catfish reported caught in this vicinity. Very few of that size have ever been caught from the Platte here. Most of the catches being reported from the Elkhorn. The only one shot up by any importance reported this season was a monster eel, three feet five inches long, taken a week ago from the waters of the Elkhorn by Frank Pfeiffer, who caught the eel with regulation jointed rod and line.

## BROWNSVILLE SHOT UP BY BURNT CORK MEN

Washington, July 30.—Direct evidence that Brownsville, Tex., was not shot up by three companies of the Twenty-fifth Infantry will be given before the senate committee on military affairs when it resumes its investigation of the riot in November.

Further than this, these witnesses will testify that the town of Brownsville was shot up by a mob of desperate men attired in army uniforms and blackened as negroes with burnt cork, who have since the time been terrorizing the people there and who are now willing to tell the whole story.

This sensational evidence has been obtained after two parties of detectives had been driven out of Brownsville by the same organized band that shot up the town.

According to the new evidence now in possession of representatives of the constitutional league the purpose of inciting the riot was to force the government to remove the negro soldiers from Brownsville.

## NINE ARE BURNED TO DEATH ON STEAMER

Auburn, N. Y., July 30.—The steamer Frontenac, plying between Ithaca and Cuyuga, on Cuyuga lake, burned today, and nine persons perished.

## SCOUT CRUISER SALEM LAUNCHED

Quincy, Mass., July 30.—A new type of war vessel, expected to add greatly to the efficiency of the navy in time of war, was launched here today. The vessel is the scout cruiser Salem, whose duty it will be in time of war to look for and report the movements of the enemy. The Salem is to have a speed of twenty-four knots. This is greater than that of any cruiser in the navy.

## TELLS OF ALLEGED PLAN TO STOCK JOB THE LINCOLN PUBLIC

### When Street Car Men Fall Out Railway Commission Hears Things.

Lincoln, Neb., July 27.—When Managing Director Sharp, of the Citizens' Street Railway company, went on the stand the other day in a hearing before the state railway commission in an action to make the Lincoln Traction company reduce fares to six for a quarter and swore that President Scudder, of the latter company, demanded \$400 a share for his \$100 stock when Sharp wanted to buy, he started something.

Scudder retaliated by going upon the stand today and swearing that nothing of the kind ever occurred, but that Mr. Sharp had come to him with a proposition to use the traction company as the center of a big stock bond scheme.

### Unload It on Public.

Sharp's proposal was to buy the traction company, unload the purchase price of \$2,000,000 on the Lincoln investing public in the shape of bonds and keep all of the \$3,000,000 stock issue for the underwriting syndicate that it was unnecessary to use in floating the scheme.

The testimony has especial point in view of the fact that the citizens' company has been losing before the public as a purely philanthropic enterprise intended only to give low fares and good service to all sections without any idea of exorbitant returns to stockholders—and in fact is asserted to be the starting point of a municipal ownership proposition.

## IOWA YOUTH HELD FOR KILLING CHINAMAN WEEPS WITH FATHER

Omaha, Neb., July 27.—W. H. Almack, of Melrose, Ia., father of Willis Almack, charged with complicity in the killing of Han Pak, a Chinese restaurant keeper, two weeks ago, visited his son in the county jail this morning.

The meeting was an affectionate and pathetic. The father stood with tears in his eyes for several minutes before he could speak. The young son completely broke down and clung to the bars of his cell for support. For half an hour they talked of the crime and of their home affairs. Almack said he could not understand how his boy could have strayed into such a path. The boy had a good farm home and mother, six sisters and a brother, all of whom are heartbroken. The father has secured an attorney and will give his son the best possible defense.

## RETAILERS ARE WARNED ABOUT FOOD PACKAGES

Lincoln, Neb., July 27.—Retailers of Nebraska will not be safe from arrest for selling food packages containing presents or containing short weights as the new food law expressly prohibits these practices. Many letters have reached Commissioner Johnson in the last month calling his attention to the fact that the outside firms are trying to sell the goods as before the law was passed without living up to its requirements. The companies have been within their rights, but this will not protect the retailers under the law as they must have the guarantee of a jobber residing in the state to have immunity.

## NEBRASKA SNAKE ARTISTS HAVE THE PALM TO DATE.

Omaha, July 25.—The biggest snake story of the season reached Omaha yesterday from Valley, Neb., where a forty-foot water python, a foot in diameter and with a head like a bushel basket, has so terrified the farmers around Ages lake, near Valley, that none dares leave home after dark.

Yesterday, while Joseph Anderson and William Nightengale, well-to-do farmers, were walking in high grass near the lake, Anderson went to step over a huge log which was in his path. While astride the log it suddenly took life and, with a hiss like a locomotive, lifted a head which the two men describe as being as large as a watermelon. Anderson with a blow sent Anderson flying twenty feet, breaking one of his ribs.

Then the big snake started at high speed for the water, with its head six feet in the air. As it rushed through the underbrush, the men say it broke through a branch four inches thick which was in its way.

The farmers have organized a big snake-hunt to take place next week. Every farmer in the county will take part.

## PACKERS WILL NOT APPEAL FROM FRANCHISE TAX

Lincoln, Neb., July 27.—Arnour, Cudahy and Swift, with local packing plants in Lincoln, have decided not to appeal from assessments in the district court.

County Assessor Miller assessed them \$2,000 each on their franchise for doing business in the county and they appealed to the county board of equalization. The latter sustained the assessor, and the matter was taken to the district court on appeal.

The district court declared that the appellants were under the law compelled to pay a franchise tax for doing business here. Then an appeal was taken to the supreme tribunal, but it was the contention of the plaintiffs that they ought not pay anything for doing business because a franchise carried with it no exclusive privileges, any one being permitted to engage in the jobbing of meatstuffs. The state declared that the new revenue law expressly asserted that foreign corporations doing business should be subject to the payment of a franchise tax. Several other foreign corporations have appealed to the district court against the payment of a franchise tax and one has appealed to the supreme court. No decision has been handed down yet.

## NO FREE TELEPHONES UNDER NEBRASKA LAW

Tecumseh, Neb., July 27.—Several months ago a telephone company put telephones in the various county offices at the court house here, to be used without expense to anyone. This was before the recent legislature passed the anti-pass bill, which makes the extending of courtesies by a corporation to an individual unlawful, as well as the receiving of such courtesies by the individual. In consequence the local manager of the telephone company has notified the officers they will either have to pay for the phones or they will be taken out.

## MINNESOTA STRIKE LEADER TO BE HELD

Duluth, July 30.—Fearing the present quiet is the calm before the storm, a warrant was sworn out for the arrest of Peolfo Petrella, the Italian engineer, near the present gigantic strike of the iron ore miners on the ranges north of here.

## BELLEROPHON IS LAUNCHED

Portsmouth, July 30.—The battleship Bellerophon, another of the Dreadnought class, was launched here this afternoon by Princess Henry of Battenberg.