

# THE O'NEILL FRONTIER

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There is at present an interesting exhibit in No. 6 tank at the Brighton aquarium, says the London Globe. It is something like a dogfish, only much larger, while in the matter of sheer ugliness it stands unrivaled. Its technical name is the toper shark. It is six feet long and weighs from 80 to 90 pounds, while its mouth looks large enough to take an elephant single-handed. The shark came into the possession of the aquarium in rather a curious manner. A man named Lane, of Brighton, was fishing some two miles off the Palace pier with a long line, when he felt a vicious tug at his hook. He quickly "hailed" in his "black," and then the toper came to light. Mr. Lane at once hurried ashore and placed the toper in his new home. In the year 1714 one Daniel Gabriel

Officers of the Sikh regiment in India were annoyed by some native hanging about their camp, and "sniping" them with a rifle. The colonel sent for his orderly, a native soldier, and said he wanted a squad to go over the mountain that night and catch the miscreant who was annoying them. The orderly saluted and begged to be allowed to act alone, assuring his colonel that he would soon catch the culprit. The officer, admiring his pluck, agreed, and the next morning the soldier started off with the head of the sniper. The officers were leud in their praise of the soldier's valor. "Oh, sirs, I had no difficulty," he said. "You see, I knew his ways. He was my father."

Sea water as a curative for certain kinds of disorders of the skin is one of the late methods of treatment that have come to this country from France. It is hoped that it may supersede the use of arsenic as a remedy for such disorders. "The water is taken at a distance of 40 or 50 miles at sea and is from a depth of 20 or 40 feet below the surface," says the Boston Transcript. "These precautions are taken to insure a supply free from contamination and the water is further subjected to sterilization. It is injected into the tissues of the patient."

When knights were clad in complete armor from top to toe it was essential that they should bear some sign by which their followers could distinguish them in battle, and this was the function of their armorial bearings. Knights who omitted to wear their own arms ran considerable risk, and it is related that at the battle of Bannockburn the last of the De Clares owed his death to his omission to wear his bearings. He was slain unrecognized, whereas had he worn his own, he would have been held prisoner for the sake of ransom or as a hostage.

The temperance wave which has been spreading through the south, and new looks as if it were spreading on northern territory, has quietly captured an important department of Yale, as is shown in the vote for the favorite drink by the members of the senior class of the Sheffield scientific school. Water is again with 78 votes, and the only other drink which received any votes at all is milk, which was the first choice of 42 members of the class, according to the Journal-Courier of New Haven.

There is a growing desire on the part of the young of both sexes in China to choose their own mates. Fathers and mothers are therefore called upon by the Chinese to uphold the old rules. Children, says the Chinese board of education, should have nothing to do with a choice in such matters. However, a very gawsome picture is sketched by a native editor of the miseries that abound in China on account of the way in which marriages are arranged, and he concludes that young people should have some choice.

Fahrenheit brought to the chancery of the University of Halle two thermometers which agreed so perfectly in registering temperature that they were considered marvelous. All scientists were amazed. His method is now of the three accepted standards. Fahrenheit was by birth a Prussian, but after his fifteenth year he lived in London and Amsterdam. His great skill in working in glass enabled him to carry out his ideas. He was an original thinker, but for commercial reasons kept secret his methods of manufacture for 18 years.

A herd of six fine yaks is to be imported by the Canadian government, and started in business on the experimental farm at Ottawa. The animal is about the size of common cattle, but is better fitted to endure the cold. It is valuable for milk, beef, hide and hair, and is easily nourished on sparse vegetation.

Discussing the subject of radium and the internal heat of the earth, Professor Joly, of the University of Dublin, says that there are 20,000 tons of radium dissolved in the waters of the seas and "more than 1,000,000 tons of radium contained in the sediments which are deposited over the floors of the ocean."

"Squatter sovereignty" was the principle of leaving the first question to the decision of the settlers, first applied to the admission to the union as territories of the districts acquired from Mexico in 1848. It was afterward extended, in defiance of the Missouri compromise, to Kansas and Nebraska in 1854.

A committee has been formed in Denmark to erect a memorial to Mylius Eriksen, who perished with his companions while engaged in explorations in Greenland. It is expected that the memorial will take the form of a lighthouse to be erected on the Danish coast.

In prize fighting bantam weight is 115 pounds, ringside; feather weight, 122, ringside; light weight, 133, ringside; welter weight, 142, ringside; middle weight, 154, ringside; light heavy weight, 165, ringside; heavy weight, all over 165.

About 75,000 fox skins are sold out of 200,000 every year. Very few of the skins are shot. Many are killed by the use of poisoned bait, while hundreds of others are killed in drives.

During the last fishing season the Illinois river contributed 4,650 tons to the markets of the country. Two-thirds of the catch was carp.

Fond but Foolish Father.  
From the New York Press.  
Arthur Stringer, the novelist, was talking at a dinner about the poor sale that modern verse has.  
"Yes," said Mr. Stringer, "there is very little demand for poetry in the twentieth century. I recall on this head a conversation about a friend of mine.  
"My friend is a minor poet. Two men came to see him. Very few of the fly animals are shot. Many are killed by the use of poisoned bait, while hundreds of others are killed in drives."

# ANNUAL LICENSE TAX TO BE LEVIED ON CORPORATIONS

Will Provide \$300,000 Revenue—Banks and Insurance Companies Excepted.

Lincoln, Neb., March 8.—A measure which it is estimated, will bring to the state treasury fully \$300,000 per annum, was recommended for passage by the senate committee of the whole yesterday afternoon. It is the King bill, senate file No. 10, imposing an annual license tax on all corporations doing business in the state. Corporations with a capital stock of \$10,000 or less must pay \$5 per year; \$10,000 to \$25,000, \$10; \$25,000 to \$50,000, \$20; \$50,000 to \$100,000, \$30; \$100,000 to \$250,000, \$50; \$250,000 to \$500,000, \$75; \$500,000 to \$1,000,000, \$100; \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000, \$150; over \$2,000,000, \$200.

This tax is to be payable July 1 of each year, and if it is not paid by September 1, a penalty of \$10 is to be added. On September 15 the governor will issue a proclamation stating what companies have failed to pay, and that they have forfeited their right to do business in the state. They will then have until November 30 to pay the tax and penalty. Banks, insurance companies and building and loan associations are exempted from the provisions of the bill, for the reason that they already pay a special tax.

The house passed the Thomas loan shark bill. It provides that assignments of wages must be signed by both husband and wife, and that the employer of the assignor must be notified.

# COMMERCIAL CLUBS MEET AT NORFOLK

Norfolk, Neb., March 9.—The state convention of Commercial Clubs will be held in Norfolk, March 15 and 16. E. E. Clark, Interstate commerce commissioner, Governor Shallenberger, Professor E. W. Hunt, of the University of Nebraska, and A. L. Mohler, general manager of the Union Pacific, will be present and deliver addresses.

# FARMERS WILL SHIP THEIR OWN GRAIN

Concord, Neb., March 9.—The farmers of this community have organized a company and will ship their own grain.

# BRYAN TO JOIN IN WHITE PLAGUE WAR

New York, March 9.—William J. Bryan announced today he will join in the fight against the spread of tuberculosis. Bryan, who was in this city on his way to Newark, N. J., called on Nathan Straus, and discussed Straus' plan for a national campaign of tuberculosis by pasteurization of milk.

# MUTUAL OFFICERS ARE PROTECTED

Lincoln, Neb., March 9.—The senate this morning voted to kill a bill intended to break the control of mutual companies by coteries of officers who collect proxies and perpetuate themselves in office at whatever salaries they may fix.

# VOLUNTEERS PAINT THE CAPITOL RED

Washington, March 9.—After wrecking several lunch rooms and threatening the proprietors with bodily harm if they interfered, and hurling bricks through the windows of residences, several members of company K, Fifth Pennsylvania volunteers, scurried about a departing train last night, it is alleged, just in time to escape arrest.

# MAN, SEVENTY-FIVE, SEEKS WIFE NO. 15

Lebo, Kan., March 9.—The careless failure of an Emporia woman to get a legal separation from her husband has just cheated Owen Reeves, 75 years old, out of his 15th bride. Fourteen weddings and 14 partings comprise the domestic achievements of Mr. Reeves, as "Speedy," as he is called in Lebo, has ended ingloriously, he still regards marriage as a blissful success.

# JUDGE HOLDS PASS MAN IS IMMUNE

Memphis, Tenn., March 9.—Contending that a newspaper man was not amenable to the law governing persons playing their vocations, City Judge Floyd dismissed three misdemeanor charges against the press representative of a local theater, arrested by other attaches of the playhouse for violations of the Sunday law when performances were given. The other employees of the theater were fined.

# PEARLS WORTH \$100,000 FOUND BY THE POLICE

Greek Tries to Sell a Single Gem and Is Caught With String of Jewels.

Omaha, March 8.—While trying to sell to Albert Edholm, a local jeweler, a necklace worth at least \$100,000, and possibly much more, John D. Slavinitis, a Greek, who for the convenience of Americans calls himself Savis, was arrested yesterday by the Omaha police. The necklace consists of a single strand of 63 pearls, carefully matched and fastened with a clasp set with diamonds of unusual size. According to Mr. Edholm, whose opinion is corroborated by other experts, the strand may be valued as high as \$300,000.

Savis entered the jewelry store yesterday afternoon and presented a single pearl which he offered to sell. Assuring himself of its genuineness Mr. Edholm gave him a valuation of \$50 or \$60, whereupon the Greek offered to sell him a dozen at \$40 each, but said a friend had them. By a ruse the jeweler succeeded in notifying the police, and two detectives were sent to the store, where the man was arrested. On his person was found a huge .38-caliber revolver, but he made no resistance. At the station a search revealed the entire necklace, which he was carrying in his pocket. It was found that the gem offered for sale was the smallest of the 63. Its value Mr. Edholm estimated at \$200 to \$300, while the largest in the strand would run into the thousands.

# LAST THREE MONTHS

The police had received from the New York police department the description of the necklace, which is said to have disappeared from the Knickerbocker hotel in that city November 24 last. This, however, did not reveal the whereabouts of the necklace.

Savis said he was employed by the Knickerbocker hotel for 13 months in a position known as sidewalk man. The night he found the necklace he was sweeping refuse from the walk in front of the Knickerbocker. He picked up the string of jewels, held it up to the light to examine it, and then put it in his pocket. He says several people witnessed his action.

After going to his room that night he examined the pearl more closely and discovered a valuable diamond set in the small clasp. He kept the necklace in his trunk after that, little dreaming he was in the real worth. He studded shoes, a coat, a watch and a holster, a valuable watch and chain, two purses, a memorandum book, a pronouncing dictionary and \$61.55 in money. Marks in the dictionary indicated he lived at 655 or 705 Sixth street, and his English is considered good for a man being in this country only 16 months.

# Mrs. Heinze Lost It

New York, March 5.—The police here were notified last night of the arrest in Omaha of a Greek, John Savis, who went there from New York, having in his possession a valuable pearl necklace. Mrs. Otto C. Heinze, in or near the Hotel Knickerbocker, on the night of November 26, last. The same opinion prevailed at the Hotel Knickerbocker. Savis, the man held in Omaha, said he was a street cleaner, and that he found the jewels in a mass of refuse which he had swept together near the Knickerbocker hotel.

The necklace of Mrs. Heinze consisted of 63 matched pearls, with a gold, diamond-studded clasp. The value of the necklace has been variously put at from \$5,000 to \$50,000. Mrs. Heinze missed it after she and her husband had spent some time in the grill room of the Knickerbocker and had left in a carriage.

She thought she left it in the grill room, but the hotel people could not find it there. They thought she must have lost it on the sidewalk when she walked out of her carriage.

Mr. Heinze reported the loss on the day following, according to the police records. He said the necklace was worth \$5,000, but at the Knickerbocker club it was sold last night that Mr. Heinze told the hotel authorities in reporting the loss that the necklace was worth \$12,000 and later that its value was near \$30,000. He first offered \$500 reward for its return and then \$1,000.

Later dispatches gave the name of the Greek in Omaha John Slavinitis, and said he was a book with the addresses 655 and 705 Sixth ave., New York city. These addresses are boarding houses in which many Greeks live, but no one at either place remembered the man, so it was clear. At the Hotel Knickerbocker House Detective Blades denied that a man named Slavinitis was employed there last December as a sidewalk man.

# MORE OIL INSPECTORS

Lincoln, Neb., March 9.—The house this morning adopted a bill to forfeit the license of saloon keepers who permit treating in their places.

# SHUMWAY PAYS THE PENALTY FOR CRIME

Last Effort Fails and Law Claims a Life for a Life When Trap Springs.

Lincoln, Neb., March 5.—At 2:43 o'clock this afternoon the trap was sprung which launched R. Mead Shumway, murderer of Mrs. Sarah Martin, into eternity. Pending word from the court of Judge Raper, preparations proceeded for the last act in the sentence of the condemned man and at about 2:30, when word came that relief had been granted, the court which had ordered the court at Pawnee City, the march was taken up to the scaffold in the warehouse in the prison yard.

There were about 100 people present to witness the hanging, among them some of the officers of the court which found the murderer guilty, and also the husband of the victim. There were few preliminaries and there was no show of feeling on the part of the condemned man as he mounted the scaffold.

Protesting his innocence in tones which could be heard only by those in his immediate locality on the scaffold he went to his death stolidly and without evident fear.

# PETITIONS ARE REFUSED

Application was made to the supreme court this morning for permission to file a petition in Pawnee City this morning of the district judges of Lancaster county in declining to take jurisdiction of the plea of insanity and also a motion for time to present the matter. Judge Barnes, speaking for the court, said that this action of the court had been anticipated and that the court had carefully examined the new law which he attacked and was satisfied that it was perfectly constitutional and properly passed. As to the affidavits filed, these showed no insanity and were not of sound mind, but was not conclusive of his insanity. The court thought no further good would be subserved by any further extension of time. Shumway's lawyer told the reporter he did not know what else he could do but grabbed his hat and left the court room.

Anticipating the refusal of the supreme court, however, two lawyers, a minister and a delegation of women went down to Pawnee City this morning to wait on Judge Raper.

Following this an application was made to Governor Shallenberger for a 20-day reprieve so that his insanity may be inquired into. It was refused.

The crime Shumway explained was the murder of Mrs. Sarah Martin at her farm six miles northwest of the town of Adams, in Gage county. Shumway was a farm hand in the employ of Jacob Martin, husband of the victim. On the last of September, 1907, Martin went to town to get a suit of clothes for his primary. When he returned he discovered his wife missing and blood stains on the floor of the dining room. These he traced up the stairway, finding the dead body of his wife, wrapped in a bed sheet and pushed back under a bed. Her throat had been cut from ear to ear.

Shumway could not be found. Two hundred dollars in money, a shotgun and a buggy were missing. Shumway had been in the employ of the woman at the time of the crime, and he had told him that he had come from northwest Missouri. Two days later he was captured at Seneca, Kan., but while the posse that had him was alighting from the train, he slipped and fell, and was captured by a crowd of men under a depot and escaped in the darkness. He hid in a cornfield, and later in the night started to walk to Oregon, Mo. There he took a train for Oregon, Mo., near which place he was captured on September 20.

He had gone back to his work among old neighbors on a farm, and had taken no precaution against capture, using his right name wherever he went. His conviction followed trial, and the supreme court refused a new trial. He was later given a reprieve for a rehearing, but this was denied twice afterwards. Then came an appeal to the governor for a reprieve.

# SUFFRAGE RESOLUTIONS APPROVED BY HOUSE

Lincoln, Neb., March 8.—Howard's joint resolution for a constitutional amendment providing for woman suffrage was passed by the house yesterday afternoon, receiving 62 votes, or two more than were required. A similar resolution has already been killed by the senate. Such a resolution must be passed by the house in each branch and upon submission to the people must receive a majority. There is no reason to believe that there will be any change in the senate vote.

The five clerks in the house bill room were today ordered to the chief clerk and another were dismissed for refusing to obey the order of the speaker and chief clerk of the house, went back to work Thursday afternoon. They say that the trouble was due to a misunderstanding of the rules which they are to obey. The two men who were discharged will not be reinstated.

The senate passed the Lincoln charter bill, providing for a commission form of government in this city. The entire government will be in the hands of a commission consisting of the mayor and four councilmen. The plan is modeled after that of Des Moines.

# SOLONS ORDER 99-INCH SHEETS IN HOTEL BEDS

Individual Towels the Thing—Bank Guaranty Bill in the Clearing.

Lincoln, Neb., March 6.—The house, in committee of the whole, yesterday afternoon recommended for passage the joint committee bank guaranty bill. When the report was made to the house, the minority moved that it be not concurred in, but that the Myers guaranty bill, which has been introduced in the senate, be substituted. The motion failed, the vote being a strict party one except that Thiessen voted with the democrats. He explained that he had promised his constituents to vote for a guaranty bill, and he now proposed to vote for one which would pass.

The daylight saloon bill was killed for good in the house. When the committee of the whole, Tuesday, reported the bill for passage, a motion was made that the report be not concurred in but that the bill be indefinitely postponed. This carried.

The senate committee of the whole recommended for passage the Sink hotel bill, which has already passed the house. It provides that the top sheets of all beds shall be 99 inches long; that individual towels shall be supplied in all public washrooms; that there shall be water closets in the house in all cities and towns which have sewer and water systems.

The senate passed the Howell bill, limiting the number of employees of that body. It also passed the Randall bill, providing that where two or more railroads maintain depots in town, they shall so schedule their trains as to make daily connections, when directed so to do by the state railway commission.

# PREACHES TO SICK THROUGH TELEPHONE

Hastings, Neb., March 6.—Two of the leading churches of Hastings, the First Methodist and First Presbyterian, have installed the telephone method of giving indisposed members an opportunity to hear the sermon. The apparatus consists of a large transmitter placed upon the pulpit, into which the pastor feeds his sermon. Those who are ill notify the pastor and he connects their line with the transmitter. The apparatus gives entire satisfaction.

# COMMERCIAL CABLE VIA NEW FOUNDLAND

St. John's, N. F., March 6.—Sir Robert Bond, premier of New Foundland, announces that his government has agreed to build a cable between the commercial cable company, by which the latter will extend one of its cables into New Foundland and thence direct to New York city. Clarence H. Mackay, president of the Commercial Cable company, said:

"We have agreed to cut one of our trans-Atlantic cables at a point in the Atlantic, known as the Flemish Cap, which is about 200 miles east of New Foundland, and there attach to the European end of the cable an entirely new cable which will extend from the Flemish Cap into St. John's, N. F., and thence direct from St. John's to New York city.

That is the ideal route for a cable between Europe and America, because it divides into two sections more equally than any other route, the entire distance from Ireland to New York. This will enable us to operate the cables direct between New York city and Ireland with much greater accuracy and speed, the speed alone being increased over 35 per cent."

# MORE RUMORS OF ROOSEVELT'S PLANS

Washington, March 6.—Washington is full of rumors and speculation concerning President Roosevelt's plans. According to one story, Mr. Roosevelt, after hunting through Africa and touring Europe, will proceed around the world, studying the oriental nations, and finally swooping down on Japan.

# JEROME AND BRIGHAM IN WAR OF WORDS

New York, March 6.—District Attorney Jerome made public today the correspondence between himself and Commissioner Brigham growing out of Mr. Jerome's verbal charges that Inspector McCaffery, in charge of the detective bureau, made remarks about the district attorney which were prejudicial to the police and district attorney's office.

Mr. Jerome made the accusation against McCaffery last Saturday. In his last letter to Mr. Brigham he charges him with mendacity, which the commissioner is likely to resent in no uncertain manner.

# CUT STRINGENT PROVISIONS FROM STATE PRIMARY

Names Are Rotated and Voter Need Not Proclaim His Party Affiliation.

Lincoln, Neb., March 4.—The senate yesterday afternoon passed the Ollis primary bill, all of the democrats and most of the republicans voting for it. It amends the present law by providing for the election of precinct committees at the primary. It also provides that the tickets of all parties shall be printed on the same ballot and a voter is not required to tell the party with which he affirms when he goes to vote, as at present. The names on the tickets are to be rotated, so that a man whose name begins with A or B has no advantage over one whose name begins with W or Y.

The house committee on banking reported out the committee bank guaranty bill with the recommendation that it be placed at the head of the calendar. The recommendation was adopted and the bill was considered in committee of the whole. It had not been disposed of when the committee arose. The republicans offered a number of amendments, which were promptly voted down. The bill carries the emergency clause, and to pass in this form must receive 67 votes, or 22 in the senate. A republican will receive a number of republican votes in the house, where there are 63 democrats. It is not likely that it will receive any republican votes in the senate, however, where there are only 20 democrats, or two less than enough to take it through with the emergency clause. In fact, it may not get all of the democratic votes, so the chances of its passage with the emergency are not the brightest.

The Lowell bill, providing that the state shall pay the traveling expenses of district judges, was passed.

Lincoln, Neb., March 4.—The house passed a bill this morning providing for a sane Fourth of July, by barring to that day and 22 in the senate. A railroad committee recommends the passage of a bill compelling railroad companies to settle or refuse to settle all claims within 40 days, requiring railroads, express and telephone companies to provide adequate telephone connections, and one requiring railroads to maintain stock pens at all stations.

The senate passed two bills intended to permit banks to substitute bonds and real estate mortgages for surety bonds for safety of state and county money on deposit, and relieving them of the grip of the surety bond combine.

# LAYS DOWN ROD AFTER TEACHING 35 YEARS

Pilger, Neb., March 4.—After having taught school continuously for 35 years, Mrs. L. M. Guttery has laid down the rod and the ruler.

# ROOSEVELT JR. LANDS BIG CARPET CONTRACT

Hartford, Conn., March 4.—Major Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., is responsible in no small degree for obtaining for his firm the big contract of furnishing the La Salle hotel of Chicago with carpets. Because of the regulations affecting employees of the Hartford Carpet company, Roosevelt, Conn., will pay no commissions to the president's son. Officials of the company have assured him they will not forget what he has done to get the contract, and say it's a mighty fine beginning for the young man, who plans to become a factory manager in a city, and later the executive in a big factory in the middle west.

# FAMILY TO SEND SHIP TO MUSK OX HUNTERS AID

New Haven, Conn., March 4.—It is said relatives of Harry Whitney, who accompanied Lieutenant Peary's expedition as far as Etah, North Greenland, will send a ship to bring him back.

# PITTSBURG ALDERMEN GUILTY OF CONSPIRACY

Pittsburg, Pa., March 4.—After the jury had been out for nearly 33 hours a verdict of guilty was returned against President of the Common Council William Brand and Councilmen John E. Klein and Joseph Wasson, charged with conspiracy. Former Bank President W. W. Klein and Joseph C. Wasson, Brigadier General, was acquitted upon the order of the court and the request of the district attorney.

A compromise apparently was agreed upon, with a verdict of guilty and a recommendation of mercy. The three men were convicted of having conspired for the cure of the passage of an ordinance for the paving of certain streets with wooden blocks upon the payment of certain sums of money by a detective, posing as a wood block contractor, and his assistants. Klein and Ramsey had already been convicted of bribery in individual cases. An appeal will be taken by the convicted men.

# ROAD MUST SELL TROLLEYS

Boston, Mass., March 4.—By a decision of the state supreme court today the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad company was ordered to dispose of its trolley holdings in Massachusetts by July 1, 1909.

# SPRING BREAK-UP CAUSES DROWNING

Fremont, Neb., March 4.—Owing to unusually warm weather and the ice in the Platt river and its tributaries has begun to break up and the big stream is rising at the rate of 6 inches an hour. Mamie Plaintiff, aged 18, was drowned while attempting to cross a swollen creek near Fremont.