

The O'Neil Frontier

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Senator Gore was praising the art of compromise. "Compromise is a good thing," he said. "Take the case of a young builder I know. He got married about a year ago and after the marriage he and his wife had an interminable dispute as to whether they should buy two motorcycles or a five-horse-power runabout, suitable to their means. He said: 'My wife and I wrangled for months and months, but thank goodness, we have compromised at last.' 'What have you compromised on?' I asked. 'A baby carriage,' he answered with a wise, glad smile."

It is apparently the intention of the revolutionaries to obliterate altogether the old distinctions between Chinese and Manchu. One of those was that whereas a Chinese had three names, a Manchu had two. Yuan Shi-k'ai, for example, is proved a Chinese by his triple name, whereas the members of the late ministry had dual names, and were thus proclaimed Manchus. It is now decreed that the Manchu is to accede to this third name, and the old distinction, which was often helpful to the European student of Chinese affairs, will thus vanish.

A patent has been granted for a system of generating electricity wherein the prime movers are a windmill and an internal combustion engine, both operating on the generator shaft and connected together by means of a clutch. When the windmill is in the lead it is taken by the engine, and as the windmill gathers speed it works both the dynamo and the engine until the speed attains that which is designated the critical point, when the engine is disconnected by governor balls and the ignition circuit is opened, thus stopping the engine.

The champion stinky church congregation has been found in Marshalltown, Ia. The pastor of the Friends church resigned when his flock voted to cut his salary from \$1,000 a year to \$800. That was bad enough, the pastor thought, for a man with a wife and six children to support, and he decided it was rubbing it in. The church then demanded that he keep account of all fees received and credit the amount on his reduced stipend. He has quit in disgust.

"Singers who have time to spare for other artistic work are not caricatures," says a letter from Berlin. There are on exhibition now in that city the sculptured works of Wilhelm Herold, the Danish singer, member of the royal company, which are said to be of high order. One of the busts has been purchased by the Danish government and will find a permanent place in the national museum, a fact which is referred to as unique honor for a professional singer.

Species of cacti that grow taller than some buildings, palms and foliage never before seen in the North American continent, were brought to the steamship Nerdland from Salina Cruz. The plants, carefully crated and guarded as if they were treasure, are in charge of George Howard, a botanist and scientist who spent more than five years in South America looking for tropical plants for the home ground of E. L. Doheny, of Los Angeles.

In excavating at Preston, Kan., an image of what is said to be a god or idol of some prehistoric race was dug up at a depth of 17 feet below the surface of the ground, in clay soil which has apparently not been disturbed for ages. Numerous fragments of the peculiar plasterlike material of which the image is made were found scattered through the soil.

FIGHT TO PREVENT UTILIZING STREAM FOR POWER MAKING

Final Argument in Submission of E. L. Kirk's Enterprise to Supreme Court.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 18.—Reply briefs of the state have been filed in the case where E. L. Kirk, of Sioux City, is asking for the entire flow of the Niobrara river in Knox county. This flow he desires to transform into power which he will divert over a wire to Sioux City and utilize to run the street cars of that town.

Attorney General Martin takes the ground that the Niobrara is a Nebraska river and that no question of interstate commerce can be raised. He insists that Mr. Kirk cannot appeal from a part of the order of the state irrigation board and avail himself of the benefits of the remainder. In this case Kirk was given the grant he desired, but the permit carried the proviso that "the power generated hereunder must not be transmitted or used beyond the confines of the state of Nebraska."

The attorney general says that if the supreme court can interpose its discretion in the place of the discretion of the state board, then it is clearly attempting to legislate. He took the position that the proposition of Mr. Kirk to take the waters of a Nebraska river to draw the street cars of a Iowa city is different from a proposition to utilize its waters to irrigate lands in South Dakota, and that the latter would be a preposterous demand to make.

"The Niobrara river," says the attorney general, "belongs to the people of Nebraska. That power which the rushing river had was just as much the property of the people of the state as is the water itself. It is just as much dedicated to the use of the people of the state of Nebraska as is the water itself. It is just as valuable an asset of the people of Nebraska as is the water. To my mind, therefore, if the state board should permit Kirk to appropriate this power for the beneficial use in another state, they would clearly be using their office against the welfare of the people of Nebraska."

Kirk argues that when the power is transformed into electricity it becomes a commodity, and to prohibit the transfer of a commodity of this sort across the state line is unconstitutional by the use of its interference with interstate commerce. The attorney general says this is ridiculous, and that the argument could only apply if a power plant were already in operation and the state should attempt to prohibit the transfer across the state line. He adds: "The last few years there has arisen a great demand for the conservation of natural resources, both national and state. This includes water power, and it has undoubtedly been demanded by the people of the state that this water power be conserved to the use of the people."

LORD SCULLEY'S SCHEME TO AVOID TAX MISCARRIES Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 18.—Yesterday Judge Walden entered a decree in the Lord Sculley inheritance tax case, whereby Mrs. Angelia Sculley will have to pay into the county treasury the sum of \$18,413.35. This case was first ordered some months ago by County Attorney McGirr and was the first case of the kind in this county. The heirs tried to show that the land belonged to that state, but at the hearing it was plainly shown that the same had been transferred from Lord Sculley to his wife shortly before his death with a view, it is said, of avoiding the tax. E. E. Spafford was appointed appraiser to determine the value of the lands at the time of Lord Sculley's death in 1905. The total valuation placed upon the lands at that time amounted to \$1,851,335, of which \$1,029,325 are in Gage county and \$822,011 in Nuckolls county. The Sculley holdings amount to 65,000 acres, valued at \$28.49 an acre.

TRAINED NURSE HELD UP WHILE ROBBERS PLUNDER Axtell, Neb., Dec. 18.—The home of Peter Weedell, living on a farm near here, was entered Thursday night by one or more robbers and \$1,000 in cash and a gold watch stolen. Miss Helman, a trained nurse of Omaha, who has been attending Miss Weedell, who is ill, had left the house to get a pitcher of fresh water from the well. As she was returning, she asserts, someone seized her from behind, pressed a handgun against her mouth and nostrils and carried her away. When she regained consciousness at 9 o'clock today she was in a church some distance from the home. Her assailant is then supposed to have entered the house by the back door and left the young woman in the care of a physician, and the sheriff and county attorney are investigating.

NEBRASKA NEWS NOTES

FREMONT—T. C. Custer, of Norfolk, Neb., carried off the prize for having the best scoring bird in the Dodge county poultry show this week. Custer exhibited White Orpingtons.

GRAND ISLAND—The seventeenth annual convention of the Nebraska Association of County Commissioners, Supervisors and Clerks, had excellent weather and everything in its favor. The attendance was over 150.

NELIGH—Alfred Graham, a halfbreed Indian from near Cody, Neb., aged about 20, who is claimed to have been "beating" his way on a westbound passenger train was fatally injured as the train was entering this city. Several ribs and the man's right leg were broken. He died, however, from internal injuries.

LINCOLN—At the request of Senator Brown, written from Washington, Secretary of State Wait forwarded on Thursday a nomination blank for the April primaries. Mr. Brown is preparing to file as a candidate for re-nomination. His opponent, George W. Norris, has not yet made a filing and it is probable that Brown will get his papers in first.

DAVID CITY—Charles Lemley, who resides on a farm eight miles west of this city, is now at Omaha attending the sheep growers' association. He took with him an ewe and her four lambs. Mr. Lemley's expenses are paid by the National Sheep Growers' association, this being the only instance they know of in the United States where an ewe had four lambs and lived. The lambs are about 8 months' old.

LINCOLN—Mrs. Eliza J. Edmiston was killed at Thirteenth and O streets on December 13 at approximately 13 minutes to 1 o'clock. She had 13 cents in her purse. She was aged 65-five times 3. That was the result of her own carelessness was the verdict of the coroner's jury in an inquest into the facts connected with the accident in which the woman was struck and killed by an automobile driven by Peter M. Piamondon Wednesday afternoon.

FREMONT—Verne McIntosh, a 15-year-old Fremont boy, has built an airplane and is planning to make his first flight in it. Using cane and canvas for the construction, the boy has produced a machine that closely resembles the aeroplanes used by professionals. He tried it out this week, gaining momentum by the wind and casting his wings a long hill south of the river. His idea now is to install an engine and fly-wheel which will enable actual flights.

MADISON—Lee Henderson, residing west of Norfolk, who has been absent from the county for several months, was arrested this afternoon by Sheriff Smith charged with being the father of a child born September 12, 1911, to Agnes Metz, a minor daughter of C. E. Metz, of Waverly. He entered a plea of not guilty and a recognizance bond signed by his father, John W. Henderson, was given for his appearance at the preliminary hearing, which was continued by mutual consent until January 10, 1912.

PRETTY IOWA GIRL PARADES IN MEN'S TOGS SEEKING JOB

In Order to Avoid Arrest, Tells Pitiful Story of Manifold Troubles.

Norfolk, Neb., Dec. 16.—After parading the streets of Norfolk and loafing around pool halls for about four days dressed in men's clothes, Miss Mary Johnson, of Corinth, Ia., found it necessary to confess last night that she was a woman.

Miss Johnson was recognized as a woman by Sheriff C. S. Smith, who found her in a local pool hall. After she had bitterly pleaded not to be put in jail, the county official took pity on the girl and she was allowed to leave the city on an early morning train. "Johnson" is probably a fictitious name, says the sheriff, but that her home is in Corinth, Ia., he is quite sure.

The story told to the officer by the girl after he had put her under a rigid questioning seemed a pitiful one. She declared that her mother was dead and that her father had abused her and seven other children. She told the sheriff that she found it easier to obtain work when dressed in men's clothing. It developed later, however, that the girl's story was untrue. A local barber had admitted that he had cut the girl's hair about a week ago. She then was garbed in ordinary female attire. For three days Miss Johnson, wearing a small cap and soft shoes, a regular coat and a pair of yellow-striped overalls, has been sitting around a local pool hall, where she placed the place to be a boy.

She was noticed early Wednesday evening seated on the top of an ice box in a pool hall and later when it was learned that she was given a chance to escape by several men who learned that she was disguised. She did not take the opportunity and the sheriff took her in charge. Miss Johnson is not a bad looking girl. She is very dark, has pretty dark eyes and very dark hair. She weighs about 120 pounds and is about 19 years old.

SMOKELESS, DRINKLESS, PICTURE SHOWLESS TOWN Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 16.—Although a city of 4,000 persons, University Place, the Methodist college suburb of Lincoln, offers but one place for the cigar hungry citizen to make his purchases. This is a drug store. And the other night a mass convention was held for the purpose of formulating a petition to the legislature to please stop selling any cigars or tobacco.

There is no billiard hall and no bowling alley in the place. There isn't even a moving picture show. Several weeks ago a venturesome man, who didn't know the character of the town, hired a hall, erected a temporary stage and bought a number of chairs. He brought in his moving picture machine and advertised he was open for business. He stayed for 10 nights, and then quit. The largest receipts for any evening were 85 cents.

The city has no saloons and no jail, and it is claimed that there are not a hundred men who smoke. Chancellor Fulmer states that because of the strict rules against smoking, the number of students who use the weed in any form is very small.

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OKLAHOMA—Chas. F. Sandahl has been appointed to fill the vacancy on the board of education caused by the resignation of Henry Tunberg, county treasurer, upon his removal to Tekamah.

MADISON—Clifford Williams was bound over by a peace bond by County Judge Bates. Levi Johns was the complainant. Johns charges that Williams carried concealed weapons and threatened his life. Williams paid all the costs, gave peace bond for six months and agreed to leave the county.

OMAHA—Mayor and Mrs. J. C. Dahlgren have returned from a week's trip to Texas, where they went by invitation as members of an excursion of 200 Nebraskans, which included former Governor Shallenberger and other notables. They visited Houston, Dallas, Galveston and the new town of Frantitas, which is almost wholly settled by Nebraskans.

OKLAHOMA—The Oakland Commercial club gave lunch and smoker last evening at the Benson cafe. There was a good attendance and the meeting was one of the most enthusiastic ever held by the club. A sewerage system for the city was the principal topic under discussion, and from the sentiment expressed it is evident that Oakland will have an up-to-date sewerage system within a year.

LINCOLN—Jesse S. Newton, a clothing merchant of Wymore, sent to the state offices for blanks whereby he may file as a republican candidate for the republican nomination for governor. Newton did not come out and say so in so many words that he is the man who might eventually use the papers, but at the state house this was taken for granted and the papers were sent along to him.

LINCOLN—Governor Aldrich has been severely assaulted by Clyde J. Wright, a prominent socialist, because recently upon being interviewed upon the result of the McNamara confession at Los Angeles the executive stated that his instance in reality, in his opinion defeated socialism. Such comments as "political brainstrom" and others equally expressive are hurled at the head of the governor in no unmeaning terms.

FREMONT—George Crookman, a laborer on the Northwestern, was overcome by gas in a trench under the Third street crossing. Crookman leaped into the trench for the purpose of shutting off the flow from a leak. He was overcome and fell to the bottom before he had reached the damaged pipe. A physician, who was over him an hour before he was revived.

LINCOLN—Agitation for a public market place is showing signs of ripening earlier than it usually does in this city, the latest support behind this perennial movement being the Lancaster County Gardeners and Fruit Growers' association. The plan by which the producers hope to accomplish something is different than others have tried, and contemplates the issuance of bonds to get the idea under way.

DEFEATED OFFICIAL CLAIMS BIG DAMAGE FROM PERSECUTORS

Attorney Seeks to Get Even With Parties Who Instituted Ouster Suit.

Neligh, Neb., Dec. 15.—A jury has been empanelled to hear the case brought by former County Attorney Rice against W. B. Eastman and Minor S. Bacon for \$10,300 damages.

This is the outcome of the famous Greggerson-Pederson murder trial held last spring, and is the result of ex-late County Attorney Rice refusing to prosecute Leu Greggerson on the charge of murder, manslaughter or assault and battery with the intent of doing great bodily harm, because he deemed that there was no evidence sufficient to convict on any of the charges. Because Rice refused to do so, ouster proceedings were instituted against him. After hearing the evidence in this case Judge Welch exonerated the county attorney and stated at the time that it would have been malfeasance in office if he had prosecuted Greggerson on the evidence presented.

When Leu Greggerson was brought to trial on the charge of second degree murder and was acquitted by the jury, again was this a vindication that Mr. Rice was every way justified in not prosecuting in the case. Now he seeks damages in the amount given from parties who were instrumental in bringing action against him and causing his defeat for reelection for county attorney of Antelope county.

The case of Mrs. Nels Pederson, wife of the man killed, while in a state of intoxication, against the bonding companies representing Greggerson and another saloon keeper whom she sued for \$10,000, was settled yesterday just before the noon hour. The jury had been selected and sworn, but no witnesses had been introduced, when it was announced that the case had been settled by the attorneys interested. Mrs. Pederson is to receive \$650, and the defendants to pay all costs.

HIGH MASONS MEET IN SECRET CONCLAVE Omaha, Neb., Dec. 15.—Over 154 prominent Masons from out in the state are in Omaha attending the annual meetings of the grand council of Royal and Select Masons, and the grand chapter of Royal Arch Masons. Among them are Judge C. J. Phelps, of Schuyler; Judge Samuel Dawson, of Tecumseh; Frank H. Young, of Broken Bow; L. D. Richards, of Fremont; John S. Harman, of Tecumseh; George J. Spohn, of Superior; Francis McMillin, of Fremont; John J. Wilson, of Broken Bow; John W. Mitchell, of David City; James T. Taylor, of Lincoln; Chauncey L. Watters, of Neligh; Dr. Carrel D. Evans, of Columbus; William D. Funk, of Bloomfield; Alpha Morgan, of Broken Bow; John M. Neely, of Theford; John W. Mitchell, of Superior, and Lewis C. Smith, of Long Pine.

The grand council held its meeting yesterday forenoon. These officers for the coming year were then elected: George S. Powell, grand master, Omaha; Chauncey L. Watters, deputy grand master, Neligh; Lewis E. Smith, grand principal conductor of the work, Long Pine; John S. Harman, grand treasurer, Tecumseh; Francis E. White, grand recorder, Omaha; John J. Mercer, grand chaplain, Omaha; Leonidas H. Bradley, grand captain of the guard, Omaha; Charles P. Philbrick, grand conductor of the council, Wymore; August J. Albers, grand steward, Fremont; August J. Neely, grand sentinel, Theford.

The grand council has 24 subordinate councils, with 1,514 members.

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SHE SEKS DIVORCE FOR MENTAL CRUELTY

Reno, Nev., Dec. 18.—Charges of non-support and extreme mental cruelty, filed here in a divorce complaint by Mrs. Mattson against Frank C. Mattson, a well-to-do cigar merchant of Philadelphia, have been followed by a series of sharp letters addressed by the husband to the plaintiff's attorneys, in which he declares his wife is not in Reno.

AMERICAN MEATS ON BRITISH TABOO LIST

Government Will Not Give Out Contracts Until Criminal Trial Is Settled.

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London, Dec. 16.—The British government has decided to exclude American meat packers against whom prosecutions had been instituted in the United States from tendering contracts for a supply of meat to the British army and navy, pending the settlement of the suits.

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