

NEW LOCK IS PATENTED

THE "NORFOLK LOCK," INVENTED HERE, FOR MAIL POUCHES.

MAY BE SOLD TO UNCLE SAM

F. S. Benser, Postmaster at Hoskins, and M. M. Faucett of Norfolk, Are the Inventors And It May Mean a Fortune for Them.

Is the "Norfolk lock," invented by two northeast Nebraska men, destined to supereede the present government mail pouch lock, bring fortunes to its inventors and help advertise the name of Norfolk wherever the mails go?

M. M. Faucett of Norfolk and Postmaster F. S. Benser of Hoskins have invented a lock designed for the express purpose of supplanting the present arrangement for locking the government mail pouches. A government patent was granted the inventors last week. If they can prevail upon the postoffice department to adopt their lock the invention will net them a fortune.

There are several million mail pouches in active use over the country in the various postoffices and mail cars. As soon as an assignment of letters is placed in one of the pouches, the pouch is locked and hurried on its journey. The present system involves the use of a detached padlock. Here is where the inventors base their principal claims. Their lock is firmly attached to the strap which wraps around the neck of the mail pouch.

Its Features.

The principal merits of the new lock, according to its originators, are its compactness, the ease with which it can be snapped shut and the fact that it abolishes the separate padlock. If adopted they declare that the new method of locking will be of great convenience to mail clerks the country over.

The new lock was given a practical test yesterday afternoon at the Norfolk postoffice by experienced mail men. While the lock worked under disadvantage on account of not being riveted to the pouch, the invention was pronounced practical. Certain minor changes were also suggested by the postoffice men.

The idea of the new lock originated with Postmaster Benser at Hoskins partly as a result of the annoyance occasioned by the use of the present form of locking. He communicated his ideas to M. M. Faucett of Norfolk, who soon had the plan worked out in a crude form. During the past year the lock has been brought to the present form in which it has been submitted to the patent office.

Would Sell to Uncle Sam.

The aim of the inventors is to dispose of the patent rights to the government, provided that the postoffice department puts its stamp of approval on the invention. Here of course reposes the greatest obstacle in the path of the Nebraska inventors. If the department can be made to approve the lock the inventors probably stand to realize several hundred thousand dollars. Such approval, however, cannot be looked forward to until after months have passed. In fact the general experience seems to be that new ideas are not met by a smiling reception committee at the Washington departments.

M. M. Faucett, one of the inventors and holder of a half interest in the patent, is the president of the Faucett, Carney, Hager Co., owners of the local candy factory. His home has been in Norfolk for two years past.

The new lock has been officially designated as "The Norfolk Lock."

MONDAY MENTION.

Miss Lena Klentz is ill. Otto Harmon is ill with the measles. Mrs. Way of Wayne is a Norfolk visitor.

S. Holmes went to Pierce yesterday at Winside.

Miss Lucile Clark is suffering with a sprained ankle.

Here's for Pat Dolan, democrat or republican.

John Wadd is quite ill with an attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. Cherry of Winside was in Norfolk Saturday.

The Elks are planning a dancing party for Friday evening.

C. C. Gow left Monday afternoon on a business trip to Fairfax.

Dan Foley of Bristow was visiting friends in Norfolk Monday.

Herman Tappert was here from Omaha over Sunday, returning this morning.

A. H. Winder and B. T. Reid left yesterday on a business trip to St. Paul, Minn.

Misses Clara Brueggeman and Fay Widaman spent Sunday with friends at Madison.

R. L. Canote returned yesterday at noon from Valentine, where he had been on business.

N. L. Taylor of Lincoln, a former resident of Madison county, was in city on his way to Pierce.

Miss Imo Hunnington of Fremont, formerly of Norfolk, is here visiting friends.

Sidney McNeely took a lay-off today and went down to Platte Center to kill a carload of ducks.

Fred Weber went to Wisner today to do some car repairing for the company.

Attorney Burt Mapes, who is in attendance at the district court at O'Neill, was home over Sunday.

A fine son arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Rhorke in Hadar Monday afternoon.

Arthur Vallow, son of Rev. J. L. Vallow, who has been quite ill for some time, is not so well this week.

The Degree of Honor lodge will hold a special meeting in G. A. R. hall Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Friends of Nick Lung, one of the pioneer residents of Battle Creek, will regret to learn that he is dangerously ill.

There is a large steam shovel here from the Wisconsin division, which is going to Niobrara to work on the chalk-rock cut.

John Schukey and family have moved here from Meadow Grove and are living in the house formerly occupied by William Beck and family.

Guy Woodberry was called to Missouri Valley yesterday to be examined for a position as fireman. Guy was one of the roundhouse boys.

The fourth and fifth grades of the Lincoln schools are now occupying the two rooms which have formerly been vacant in the Washington school.

Among those who went from Norfolk to attend court at Pierce were Presiding Judge Welch, who came in from Wayne, Court Reporter Powers and Attorneys Barnhart and Hazen.

The Herrick Press has received word that President Roosevelt signed the Tripp county opening bill on March 2. The report failed to reach this territory by wire.

A new and improved stapling machine, capable of automatically stapling booklets, etc., in the most perfect way, has just been installed in the job printing department of The News office.

Officer Livingston was called on near midnight Sunday evening to relieve another Junction house of the presence of the midnight prowler who had been seen about the house. The officer found no trace of the man.

Percy Spence, a prominent stock raiser of near Pilger, sent twenty-three teams to Norfolk yesterday to haul lumber to his farm for a new barn that he is having built. All the teams arrived in Norfolk during the morning.

Miss Jessie Drebert returned Sunday evening from Omaha, where she had spent several days with her brother, Kimball, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis. The young man is getting along excellently, and may be able to return home in about a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Linerode and daughter, Miss Hattie, have returned from Omaha, where Miss Linerode received a week's treatment from Dr. Gifford, the eye specialist. She returns with her eyes in much better condition, the treatment received so far having proved quite effective.

Congressman Boyd is expected to pass through Norfolk enroute from Washington to his home in Neligh tomorrow or next day to spend the summer. A. E. Ward, his private secretary, passed through the city yesterday from Madison, where he had been visiting his mother, to Neligh.

Sessions & Bell have been commissioned to mount a large bald eagle sent from Chadron by C. H. Weller. The spread of wings of the eagle measures seven feet and the bird is unusually large. In fact Mr. Sessions says that it is the largest bald eagle he has even seen, although the spread of its wings is not so far above the normal.

E. Fineskey and Ernest Korh became involved in trouble Monday night with the result that Korh faced a charge of assault in police court this morning. Korh when arrested gave security for his appearance in court. By the time the case was ready for trial the ill winds had blown past and Fineskey withdrew the charge, paying the costs.

I. G. Westervelt, police judge, wishes to officially announce through The News to the democratic central committee and the public that he declines to be a candidate for re-election. He was nominated by the democratic city convention Saturday night. Mr. Westervelt has stated all along that he would refuse to consider a renomination, since he does not wish to be tied down to the office, and he only accepted the place the first time to gratify some of his friends.

"Pilger is planning to take some forward steps along municipal lines," said J. Rogers, a Pilger contractor in Norfolk yesterday on his way to Pierce. "Pilger will secure a city water plant during the coming year. A committee to investigate different systems was appointed at the recent citizens' caucus. The candidates put forward by the citizens' caucus stand pledged to the construction of a system of water works, a better drainage system and the removal of the stock yard from the center of Pilger. I do not think that these nominees will have any opposition at the election."

About 10 o'clock Sunday evening the midnight prowler was seen looking through the window at the home of John Schukey. Mrs. Schukey and a friend were alone at the time, Mr. Schukey working nights in the yards. The prowler next presented himself at the back door and began to knock loudly and kick the door when it was not opened. A sudden gust of wind made the ladies think the door had been broken open and they rushed out the front door and across lots to the nearest light, which was the home of Harry Alexander. One of the ladies had left her purse and watch in the house, so Lee Jones returned with her to recover them. As they entered the front door the burglar made his escape through a window and disappeared down the alley behind Mr. Russell's house. Nothing was taken, however. Mr. Jones then called Officer Livingston, who watched the house. The burglar did not return and no trace of him could be found.

ELECT BUTTE TEACHERS

ALL WHO APPLY ARE RE-ELECTED BY THE BOARD.

ONE POSITION STILL VACANT

Principal C. E. Clause and Other Teachers, Excepting Miss Elsie Howe, Who Did Not Put in Application, Are Chosen for Next Year.

Butte, Neb., March 13.—Special to The News: The board of education elected teachers here Saturday evening for the following year. The following teachers were elected: Principal, C. E. Clause; grammar room, Mrs. William Weber; second primary, Miss Bessie Ford; first primary, Mrs. Mabel Brown. All are now holding the positions to which they have just been re-elected. Miss Elsie Howe did not apply, so that position has not yet been filled.

ATTENDED MEETING AT O'NEILL

More Than 300 Knights of Columbus Were in That City Sunday.

J. H. Smith, W. T. O'Donnell, M. T. Kennedy, V. W. Clinch, T. C. Cantwell, M. J. Dederger, F. W. Koerber, Harry T. Brown, Mr. Syrons, E. B. Kauffmann and W. J. Stafford were members of a Norfolk party who attended the initiation services of the Knights of Columbus at O'Neill Sunday afternoon. The gathering of the order at O'Neill brought 300 strangers to the town. Seventy-seven new members were admitted to the order, among the candidates being M. J. Dederger. The initiation work was managed by Omaha and O'Neill members. A banquet closed the exercises of the day.

A FORBIDDEN ITEM.

Constable Orders The News Not to Print Report of Case in Court.

"As constable I forbid you to make mention of this case," was the solemn warning uttered by Constable Bilger in the justice court of C. F. Eiseley this afternoon. "As constable I hereby forbid you to make no mention of this matter." A second time the warning was directed against The News reporter.

Judge Eiseley looked mildly startled, but the constable appeared to be in earnest. To lend authority to his words he fingered a book of the enacted statutes of the state. A hurried examination of the book did not reveal the constable's authority, but he still maintained his right to exercise a censorship over the press.

The justice court case over which the constable desired to exercise censorship was filed during the day by August Pofahl, who alleged that he had been the victim of an assault inflicted last Saturday by a thirteen-year-old lad living on Park avenue. The trouble that Pofahl has been having with the boys of the neighborhood is of some time standing. The lad was brought before Justice Eiseley and denied having heaved bricks at Pofahl on the day in question.

PRESIDENT IS FOR TAFT

ROOSEVELT COMMITS HIMSELF ON PRESIDENCY.

TELLS DENEEN OF ILLINOIS

At a Conference Between the Nation's Chief Executive and Illinois Governor, Secretary of War is Boomed for Republican Nomination.

Washington, D. C., March 13.—Since Gov. Deneen's conference with President Roosevelt, Secretary Taft, and Henry Taft, the latter's brother and campaign manager, Washington has been seething with presidential politics.

Friends of Speaker Cannon and Vice President Fairbanks, some, perhaps, inspired, are denouncing the president for what they term his unheard-of interference and predict it will lead to a combination of these men, which will insure the defeat of Taft, whatever else happens. The president is well aware of this possibility, but insists he has done nothing which warrants an explanation, and in any event will not depart from his intention to further as far as he properly can the political destinies of his secretary of war.

Only today he reiterated his belief in the soundness of Secretary Taft's candidacy. He is for Taft not only because of his secretary's record, not only because of his belief that he will carry out the policies he has initiated, but because he believes he is the man to beat Bryan.

Praise for Taft's Record. Whatever may be said of the president's talk with Gov. Deneen, this much is absolutely certain. When he introduced the secretary to the governor he spoke of the former's clean and earnest support of policies he had put into practice and which the governor stated had received the approval of the people of Illinois and the middle west. This was a straight indorsement of the secretary, which undoubtedly sank into the mind of the governor, as perhaps the president intended it to do.

having to state his willingness or unwillingness to back the secretary. The president understands Mr. Deneen's situation as well as the governor himself. He knows he will be a candidate to succeed himself as governor of Illinois. He knows, moreover, if Speaker Cannon were hostile he could precipitate a fight that would make Illinois a political cockpit. So, appreciating this situation, he naturally was extremely chary about urging him to commit himself one way or another.

THAW CASE ENDS THIS WEEK

BELIEVED VERDICT MAY BE RENDERED BY FRIDAY NIGHT.

HUMMEL AFFIDAVIT GETS IN

Document Prepared in Lawyer's Office is Presented to Jury—Alleges Thaw Used Cowhide Whip—State Finally Rests Its Case.

New York, March 13.—When the Thaw trial was adjourned there remained but four expert witnesses to be examined before the taking of evidence closes. Three experts were disposed of in a little more than an hour, so it is generally believed the last word of evidence may be uttered in the famous case today. In that event the summing up by Mr. Delmas for the defense will begin tomorrow morning. District Attorney Jerome will reply on Thursday. Justice Fitzgerald may proceed immediately with his charge to the jury, or he may defer it until Friday. Unless the unexpected happens, there should be a verdict by Friday night.

The case for the people was finally closed by the introduction of the much discussed Hummel affidavit, which was read in full to the jury. The affidavit proved a surprise only in the severity of the assaults Thaw is charged with having inflicted on Evelyn Nesbit, when, according to Abe Hummel, Miss Nesbit would not sign papers accusing White of having drugged and ruined her. In this affidavit Miss Nesbit charges Thaw with having attacked her with a cowhide whip while they were stopping at an old castle in the Austrian Tyrol and lashing her bare skin until she became faint from the pain and swooned. He repeated the attack the next day, according to the affidavit, and afterward in Paris he beat her at half hour intervals throughout one day, leaving off only when she would faint away and could no longer understand what was happening. Miss Nesbit is alleged to have sworn in the affidavit that she was in daily fear for her life and that Thaw acted as a demented person during some of the assaults. The affidavit was in some ways a direct contradiction of Hummel's recent testimony on the stand. In order that the defense might not prevent him from telling the story of the making of the affidavit, he stated positively that he was not acting as Miss Nesbit's attorney when he drew up the affidavit, that he was acting solely in the interest of Stanford White and that no legal action was contemplated in behalf of the young woman who is now Harry Thaw's wife.

There was considerable surprise, consequently, when Jerome read the opening words of the affidavit, which were: "Supreme Court, County of New York: Evelyn Nesbit, plaintiff, against Harry Kendall Thaw, defendant."

It is said the action contemplated when the affidavit was made the recovery of certain property which it was alleged that Thaw had wrongfully taken from the girl. In dictating the affidavit, Hummel referred to himself as Miss Nesbit's attorney, she being represented to have said: "I have received certain letters and cablegrams from Thaw which I have turned over to my attorney, Mr. Abraham H. Hummel."

The affidavit is also indorsed: "Howe & Hummel, attorneys for the plaintiff."

When Delmas began introducing testimony in sur-rebuttal he introduced first of all the record in the trial and conviction of Hummel of the charge of conspiracy. He started to read the entire record, but had not reached the remarks Jerome made at the sentencing of Hummel, and which Delmas wanted to present to the jury, when Jerome said he would admit the entire record without objection.

FLOOD IN RIVER WRECKS HOUSE

Building in Cincinnati Collapses and Two Persons Are Killed.

Cincinnati, March 13.—A three-story brick building at the corner of Front and Plum streets, which has been surrounded by the Ohio river flood for several days, collapsed, resulting in the death of an unknown woman and her child and injury of ten others. The building was surrounded by ten feet of water, which weakened the walls and caused the collapse.

Mine Disaster in Spain.

Madrid, March 13.—A dispatch received here from Cordova reports an explosion of freedamp in the Bal de Inferno mines, at Fuente Ovejuna. No details of the gravity of the accident are given, but it is said a number of miners have been brought to the surface dying of suffocation.

The South Carolinians of New York gathered at the first annual dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria, with former Secretary of the Treasury Leslie M. Shaw and President Woodrow Wilson of Princeton as the principal

SCHOOL WORK IS RESUMED

WORK IN ALL GRADES TAKEN UP ONCE MORE.

AFTER WEEK'S FIRE VACATION

High School Students Met at the Congregational Church to Receive Text Books and Assignments—Work is Again Going Smoothly.

Work in all grades in the Norfolk city schools was taken up Monday morning. Classes suspended on account of the fire met according to the schedule given in Saturday's News. The high school students met at the Congregational church, receiving text books and assignments.

There will be more or less inconvenience in some work because of the fire, but on the whole the work is proceeding smoothly as though nothing had happened. Superintendent Bodwell has headquarters in the Lincoln building.

AT THE THEATER

Mr. Lawrence Ewart.

It was the same Lawrence Ewart and the same clever company who returned to Norfolk to present that fascinating romantic-comedy, "We Are King." The only difference in the play this time and its presentation last fall was the size of the audience. It was a representative house that greeted the young star on his return and to declare that Mr. Ewart delighted his audience from start to finish is putting it mildly. He made friends of every person in the audience and their esteem was exemplified at the close of the second act when Mr. Ewart, after five curtain calls, was forced by the applause to make a little speech. He briefly expressed his appreciation and that of his company for the enthusiastic reception which they had met on their return in Norfolk, and said he hoped that they might come again. Incidentally he congratulated the theater management upon having transformed the playhouse into a cozy one from one that was not cozy. One of the members of the company stated that the whole troupe, on their former visit, were afraid of catching pneumonia and that they were agreeably surprised at the change.

Mr. Ewart's splendid figure, his good voice and his cleverness in changing from Venner to Hector almost instantly, greatly pleased. People who saw the play last fall were even more pleased with its repetition. Will T. Chatterton, in the role of Count Saxonport, was still as clever as he could be and his sincerity brought him applause.

"We Are King" is a play that was written by Walker Whiteside and played by him for a year. In Mr. Whiteside's company Mr. Ewart played the role of the raven last year. And it must be said that Edmund Carroll, who is now playing the part, is convincing in his work. Mr. Carroll was also formerly with Mr. Whiteside.

The verdict of playgoers after seeing Mr. Ewart was practically unanimous that he is a coming man on the stage, and Norfolk people expressed the hope that he might be booked for return engagements in new plays, during seasons to come.

What Omaha Says of Hoity Toity.

Concerning Hoity Toity, the Weber & Field musical extravaganza which appears at the Auditorium Wednesday evening and for which tickets are now on sale, the following comments are taken from Monday's Omaha papers: Omaha World-Herald: "Hoity Toity."

Greeted by two packed houses this Weber & Fieldian skit demonstrated for a second time its qualities as a mirth provoker. Clever music, bewitching costumes, striking scenic effects leavened by a plot, which strange to say can be readily discerned, are largely responsible for lasting popularity of the production.

Two scenes of unusual merit are the features of "Hoity Toity." The first occurs in the second act when Sauerbraten, a wealthy delicatessen purveyor, allows himself to be persuaded by Kaffenkucken and Schnitzel, his two parasitic friends, into establishing a "Nationality Bank." He only rescues himself from their continued overdrats by checking out all the cash in the bank to himself.

The second, a burlesque on the different classes of grand opera singers rendered by J. L. McClure and Miss Zillah Harris, called forth well-merited encores. "Bill Simmons" and "Dear Old Farm" were the best received of the musical numbers. The chorus and leading cast were more than adequate.

Omaha Bee: "Hoity Toity," as presented twice yesterday in the Krug theater, is an entertainment that serves to while away a few hours. The program pronounces it a "giddy little skit on things dramatic and otherwise," and the such it is. There is the barest suggestion of a story, and in the main it is a bunch of specialties and songs, some of which stirred the risibilities of those in the Krug yesterday. In the piece are three clever comedians of the knockabout German type, Emil Heusel, Nat Bernard and Harry Kooper sustaining this part of the entertainment with considerable satisfaction. In one of their specialties they were recalled repeatedly. While there is considerable fun in "Hoity Toity," the musical end of the piece is not very strong.

J. L. McClure and Zillah Harris give a clever operatic burlesque. Albert

Livingston and Hazel Edna are also seen in the front row.

Omaha News: "Hoity Toity," a wealth of wit, music and song, made famous by Weber & Fields, delighted two capacity houses at the Krug Sunday.

There is no suggestion of a plot in "Hoity Toity," as it was built for fun making only and it serves well its mission. There is barely any change in the make-up of the skit from last season, except the jokes, one of which was:

"My wife is tattooed all over her arms and shoulders, and when I can't sleep I sit up and look at the pictures."

The comedians are good, the chorus pleasing to look at and the scenic effects refreshing.

Pieces for "Hoity Toity" are 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1. The company will arrive Wednesday noon from Lincoln where they play Tuesday night at the Oliver theater.

"The Holy City."

"The Holy City," presented by Gordon & Bennett, will be seen in the Norfolk Auditorium Saturday at two performances—matinee and night. This is a play that has made record runs in all parts of the country. It is a biblical drama. Music consists of "The Banquet Song of the King," "Hannah to the Son of David," "The Dirge of the Crucifixion," "Tis I, Be Not Afraid."

Following are characters in the cast: John the Baptist, Herod, Pontus Pilate, Marius, Calaphas, Malchus, Nicodemus, Joseph of Arimathea, Barabas, Peter, John, Andrew, Judas, Longinus, Shirez, Herodias, Salome, Elizabeth, Mary Magdalene.

BOYS CAUSE FATAL FIGHT

New York Man Beats Annoyers and Friend Interferes

New York, March 13.—A crowd of mischievous boys was indirectly responsible for the arrest of David Stanhoff, Jr., of Brooklyn on a charge of having murdered his friend and next door neighbor, John Hoffman.

According to Stanhoff's story, he was returning home just after midnight, when he came upon Hoffman beating two boys in front of his home. Hoffman was in a fearful rage, he said, and when Stanhoff remonstrated the other man turned upon him. Stanhoff declares that he was forced to fight to defend himself. One of his blows knocked Hoffman down and as he fell his head struck the stone curb, fracturing his skull. He died soon after being taken to a hospital. Stanhoff was immediately arrested.

Dynamite Found in Helicon Hall.

New York, March 13.—Upton Sinclair, whose co-operative colony house, Helicon hall, near Englewood, N. J., was destroyed by fire on Saturday, admitted that three weeks ago enough dynamite was found in the cellar of the building to have blown the structure to fragments. This statement, taken in conjunction with the finding of a stick of the explosive alongside the wreck of the boilers, has spurred the authorities to more vigorous efforts on the theory of incendiarism.

Think They Have Kidnaped Boy.

Dover, Del., March 13.—The authorities of Erie, Pa., sent for Dr. Horace Marvin and notified him by telephone that they believed they had kidnaped recently. Neither the Marvins nor the detectives would divulge any of the conversation. The boy, it has been learned, has been shadowed from Canada down through Port Huron and finally to Erie.

Smallpox Scare in Paris.

Paris, March 13.—The appearance of a few cases of smallpox here has greatly alarmed the people. Thousands of persons have been vaccinated during the last few days. Dr. Mesurier, director general of public assistance, said there had only been two deaths and there were about six cases under treatment. He added that the cases in Paris, which are of a particularly virulent type, had all been traced to Tunis and Tripoli.

Salvador Ally of Honduras.

Panama, March 13.—According to reliable information received here from Salvador that country has allied itself openly with Honduras in the war with Nicaragua. On March 10, 2,500 Salvadoran soldiers landed at Amapala and proceeded the next morning in the direction of Choluteca.

Probe for Governor Hagerman.

Santa Fe, N. M., March 13.—The fight in the lower house of the Legislature on Governor H. J. Hagerman culminated in the adoption by a vote of 13 to 10 of a report to investigate the governor's alleged connection with the disposal of 7,000 acres of timber land by the territory to the Pennsylvania Development company of Pittsburgh. The report is bitter in its arraignment of Governor Hagerman.

Compromise on Iowa Primary Bill.

Des Moines, March 13.—It will be a 35 per cent primary, not a majority nor a plurality primary bill. The fact that a compromise had been agreed upon and arranged was shown at the outset of the debate in the senate when the primary bill came up on special order.

Patients Escape Fire at Hospital.

Leavenworth, Kan., March 13.—The Evergreen hospital, a private sanitarium here, was destroyed by fire, causing a loss of \$50,000. The fifteen inmates barely escaped with their lives. No one was injured.

You can write a good want ad. If you can write a telegram.