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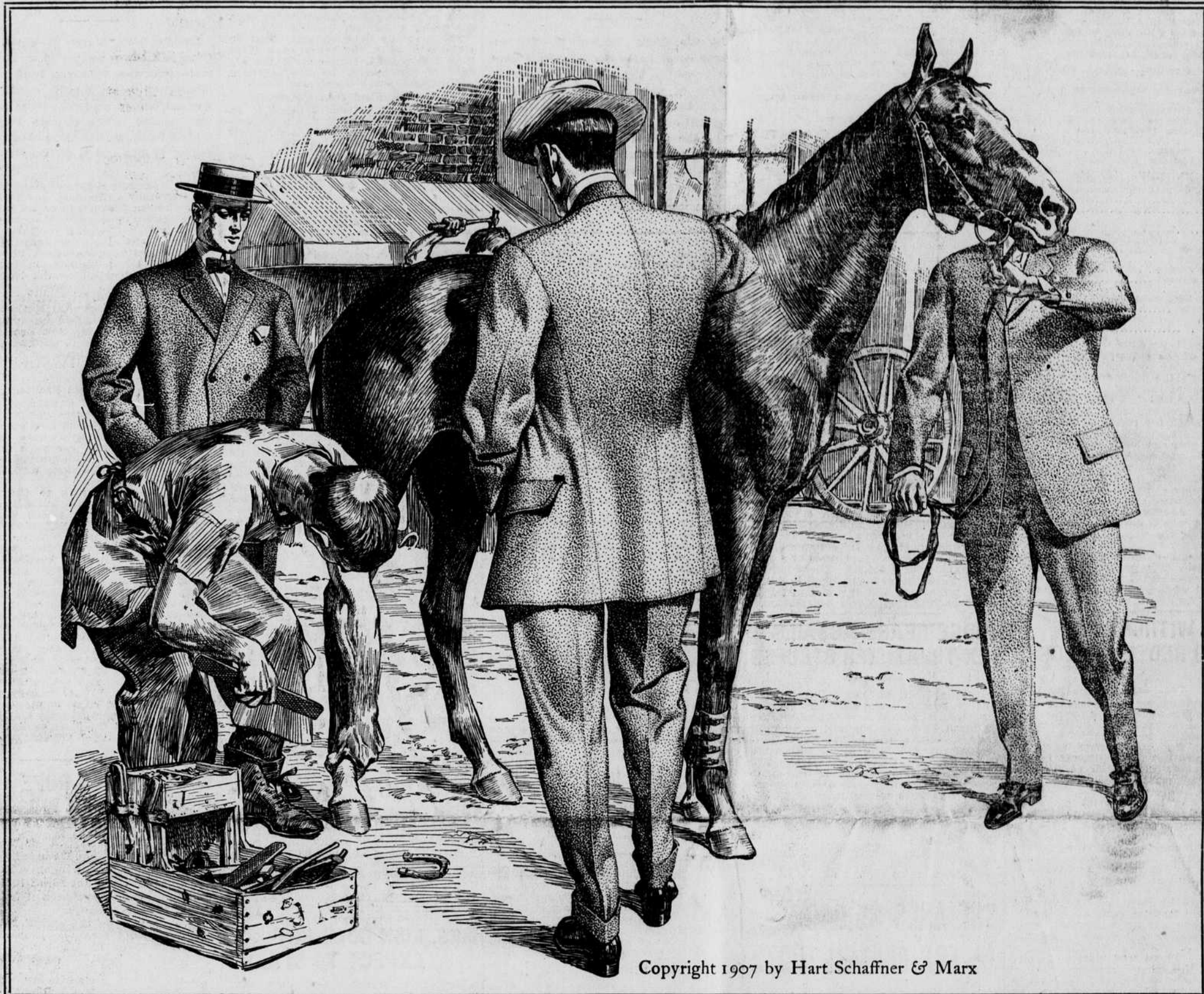
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The Thoroughbred



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GOOD clothes and a good horse are alike in one way; the thoroughbred quality is something more than a surface appearance; it's what's underneath that wins the races. That's what we like about Hart Schaffner & Marx clothes; the sound, reliable all-wool quality is in them; the tailoring is right; the "lines" of the garment are thoroughbred lines. They look "quality" all over. The best of it is, for you, that such clothes impart that look to the wearer. We offer them now for your use.

P. J. McMANUS.

WELLER TELLS IT ALL

One of Defendants In Hog Stealing Case Makes Statement.

GIVEN PART OF THE PROCEEDS

All But One of Alleged Hog Thieves in Custody of Sheriff or Under Bonds.

The preliminary hearing in the hog stealing case from Atkinson, had in county court last Thursday, was a notable affair in the history of county court cases and probably one of as much importance as any ever held in the county. Many Atkinson people were in attendance and sentiment was strong that energetic measures should be used to put a stop to bold robberies that are alleged to have been committed in that vicinity.

The result of the hearing was to remand John Dibble to the district court at once on bonds of \$2,500. In district court Judge Harrington reduced the bond to \$1,000 and Dibble is to appear in that court April 1. McShane was put under \$2,000 bonds which were not furnished and he and William Weller are now in the custody of the sheriff. Joe Skidmore, whom it is claimed by Weller in a signed statement, organized the raid on the Ferguson hog pens, is held on \$2,000 bonds pending a preliminary hearing on Saturday of this week.

A strong case seems to be weaving about each of the accused. Weller has made an affidavit setting forth the details of the alleged robbery which is in the possession of County Attorney Whelan. McShane made similar admissions on the stand. Weller's statement, which was not a part of the court proceedings and was given to Mr. Whelan previous to McShane's testimony, follows:

State of Nebraska, Holt county, ss. I, William Weller, being first duly sworn upon oath do say, that I make the following statement without being influenced by any consideration except that of telling the truth and seeing that justice is done in this case. I am not influenced by any fear of punishment or hope of reward.

On the evening of February 25, 1907, Joseph Skidmore wanted to steal some hogs from the ranch of John Ferguson, in Holt county, and got myself and Frank McShane and Ray Purnell to go into the deal with him. Between eight and nine o'clock in the evening, Frank McShane, Ray Purnell and myself, took McShane's team from Bitney's barn and we went up into Sam Good's or Kadza's yard, Skidmore having agreed with Kadza's wagon for the use of Kadza's wagon that evening, and there we hitched the team to a wagon. But it turned out to be Good's wagon and not Kadza's and we unhitched from that wagon and hitched the team to Kadza's wagon after throwing out some cord that lay in the bottom of the wagon, and we drove up to Ferguson's ranch where we loaded up seven or eight hogs, I do not remember whether it was seven or eight but it was something about that number, and we took a top box also from Ferguson's place and drove back into town. We drove to Skidmore's house and turned the hogs, team and wagon over to him, and he said that according to promise he would plant them. Skidmore came out and we drove to Dibble's yard. Later on in the morning Ray Purnell and I walked down to Dibble's slaughter house where Dibble and Skidmore weighed the hogs and later on in the day Joe Skidmore paid me sixteen dollars (\$16) as my share of the deal. Dibble agreed to kill the hogs right away so that no trace of them could be found in case the matter was looked up.

Before we started out to John Ferguson's John Dibble crossed the street towards John Mathis' saloon and called Skidmore aside and talked with him and Skidmore told us when he came back from talking with Dibble that Dibble just wanted to know if we were going out that night to get the hogs for sure, and before we started Joe Skidmore got a bottle of whiskey and gave it to me to treat the boys and we took the whiskey with us.

I was under the influence of liquor or I would not have gone with them. Further affidavit saith not.

WILLIAM WELLER. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of March, 1907.

O. J. MALONE, County Judge.

(Seal) Ray Purnell, implicated in Weller's affidavit, has made good his escape. A warrant was issued last Thursday for his arrest, but the sheriff has been unable to locate him.

To Chicago and the East.

Fast splendidly equipped trains daily to Chicago, making direct connections for points east, via the North-Western line, the only double-track railway between the Missouri River and Chicago. Also fast daily trains to Sioux City, Mankato, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth and points in South Dakota, the Black Hills and Wyoming. For rates and full particulars apply to your ticket agent.

Announcement to Voters.

I hereby announce myself as an independent candidate for alderman in the Second ward and ask the voters to write my name upon the ballot for such office.

By order of committee. Florence E. Zink, Co. Supt.

HOLT COUNTY CASE.

Supreme Court Overrules Decision on Poor Farm.

Lincoln, Neb., March 22—In the case of Rock county against Holt county the court holds that the sections of the statutes provided for the care of non-residence paupers by the county wherein they are found and reimbursement therefore by the county of such pauper's residence applies to all counties in the state. Holt county had contended in the lower court that the provisions of the statute did not apply to it because it had never established a poor-house. The lower court ruled that this contention is good but the supreme court did not agree with this view.

The above from the Norfolk News relates to the ruling of the supreme court in the case involving the validity of a claim against this county by Rock county for the care of a pauper. County Attorney Whelan advises us that the district court has been reversed only on the proposition of a cause of action. The district court held there was no cause of action against the defendant. The supreme court holds there is sufficient cause of action and has remanded the case for trial.

Notice to Township Officers.

I am agent for the Austine western road graders and all the different machines they make, for making and improving roads. Talk it over at your township meeting and if you want a grader, write me. I can make terms to suit. Frank Campbell, O'Neill, Neb.

Have The Frontier print it for you.

March Weddings.

John A. Springer of Giddes, S. D., and Lena B. Stowell of Francis were married by Rev. Bowen Wednesday last.

William M. Green of Norfolk and Lillie B. Apply of Ewing secured license to wed on Saturday last and were married at Ewing Tuesday.

Roy Pierce and Mrs. Edna Pierce, both of Amelia, were married on Monday by Judge Malone.

John W. Stites and Bessie Hawkins, both of Ewing, obtained a license on Friday and were married Saturday at Ewing.

Government Homesteads in South Dakota.

Plenty of government land along the new line of the Chicago & North-Western between Rapid city and Pierre open to settlement. There are no charges except the land office fee of from \$14 to \$20 for quarter section. It is the chance of a lifetime. It will pay you to investigate. Ask any ticket agent of the North-Western line to give you maps, pamphlets and complete information.

Last Sunday's World-Herald contained the following dispatch from Washington concerning the O'Neill post-office. "Washington, D. C., March 23. The post-office department today named Robert J. Marsh as postmaster at O'Neill, Neb. Congressman Kinkaid worked himself into considerable excitement, telegraphing the department that the appointment be made at once and the present postmaster be dropped, also simultaneously wiring Senator Burkett, who is still in Washington, to get his senatorial pry into the department and induce it to move quickly. As a result the thing was pulled off immediately. Nothing whatever is known here about Mr. Kinkaid's reasons for such unusual haste."

Death of Mrs. Martfeldt.

The community was pained to learn of the death of Mrs. Henry Martfeldt at her home in Emmet township on Friday last. The deceased was one of the old settlers at Emmet and her sudden taking off is a great shock to the people of that community. She had been ill about two weeks. The remains were brought to O'Neill for interment on Sunday, the funeral being held at the Presbyterian church, conducted by Rev. Mr. Abbott of the Methodist church.

The following obituary was read at the funeral:

Mary Francis Evans was born in Armour, Iowa, in 1859. Twenty-three years ago she came with her parents to Holt county and resided here until her death. In 1886 she was married to Henry Martfeldt. To this union were born five children, John age 20, Wille age 17, Bertha age 15, Mable age 13 and Francis age 7. The children are at the age when the guiding hand of a tender, loving and true mother such as she was is needed, but may we say, God's will be done. She united when a young woman with the United Brethren church and remained a faithful Christian to the end.

For Sale—A six year old Percheron Stallion, sired by a registered horse and a grade mare. Sound in every way and broke to work; weight 1600.—Ab. Wilcox, Ray, Neb.

Burton McCoy and F. R. Windgate, both of Dodge county, have bought a half section of land three miles west of town and moved onto the same the first of the week.

Stockholders Meet.

The second annual meeting of the stock holders of the Fidelity bank was held at the banking house in O'Neill, Nebraska, Tuesday, March 26, 1907.

The stock holders present were much gratified by the showing made. There have been no losses and there was not a bad note in the bank.

The bank has earned enough to declare a dividend of over five per cent but it was thought better to put the earnings of over \$1500.00 into the undivided profits account and let them accumulate.

The officers remain the same as formerly. The only change among the directors was the election of J. A. Donohoe to succeed E. H. Halstead.

E. E. Halstead, President. O. F. Biglin, Vice-president. David B. Grosvenor, Cashier. Directors: E. E. Halstead, O. F. Biglin, F. J. Dishner, J. A. Donohoe, David B. Grosvenor.

Returns From Sad Mission.

Nick White of Dorsey was in the city this morning, returning from Fremont where he was called a week ago Sunday by the serious illness of his mother. Mrs. White passed away and was buried Tuesday morning. The Fremont Daily Herald contained the following notice of her death:

The funeral services for Mrs. Julia White will be held at the Catholic church in Saunders county, a short distance from the residence, tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Death came to her at her residence, eight miles south of Fremont, yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mrs. White was one of the pioneers of the county, having moved there in 1870. She was

a most estimable woman, with many virtues, and was kind hearted and sympathetic. She commanded universal respect and was beloved by all who knew her. For numerous acts of charity, she will be ever remembered by many. Four children survive her. They are: Mrs. McCann of South Omaha, Nick White of Lynch, John White of Stanton and James White of Saunders county.

Educational Notes.

The teachers' meeting at Atkinson, March 23, was quite well attended and the program was carried out in full.

The papers read reflected much credit upon the writers and the music furnished by the O'Neill and Atkinson high schools was highly appreciated by all.

In the evening an appreciative audience filled the opera house to listen to the address "New Mexico and Its People" by Prof. A. E. Davison of Lincoln.

The following resolutions were read and adopted at the close of the meeting:

Resolved, that we, the teachers of Holt county assembled in meeting at Atkinson, March 23, 1907, realizing that the success of our meeting is due, first, to the citizens of Atkinson for their hospitality in our entertainment; second, to the trustees of the Methodist church, and to Mr. Miller for the use of the opera house.

Third, to the chorus classes of Atkinson and O'Neill high schools, for their excellent music.

Fourth, to the teachers of the Atkinson schools, to whose efforts the success of the meeting is largely due.

Fifth, to Prof. A. E. Davison for his excellent addresses of the afternoon and evening; express our appreciation by a rising vote of thanks.

By order of committee. Florence E. Zink, Co. Supt.