

BOLD HORSETHIEF BAND

ORGANIZED AND WORK THROUGH THE NORTHWEST.

GEORGE HART PROBABLY ONE

Fellow Captured Here While Driving a Stolen Team From Columbus Was Possibly a Member of the Gang. Seem to be Working into Prairie.

[From Friday's Daily.] August Haase has not yet been able to locate the team of horses which were stolen from his pasture last week, and has practically given up trying, although he feels confident that the stolen animals are within fifty miles of Norfolk. He feels very badly over the loss of the horses as they were a big team which he had raised on his farm and he knew them well. He realized, too, that they were valuable work horses. He considers them worth \$100 and has offered a reward for \$100 for their return.

In consideration of the large number of horses which have been stolen from Norfolk and the vicinity during the past six months, it would appear that there is, somewhere within the borders of this north Nebraska, an organized gang of horse thieves who are making it a constant business to rob the stables and pastures of people of this territory.

Not more than two months ago eight horses were stolen one day from north of Hadar. No trace of the thieves was ever found. Last week horses were stolen from Norfolk and the country adjacent. No trace has been found which is strong enough to recover the property. One of the horses was traced as far northwest as Brunswick, but beyond that there was no further chase. The liveryman at Brunswick refused to rent a team for the drive, and the pursuers had to return.

Every week brings at least one notice to Sheriff Clements and to Chief of Police Kane, telling of a team that has been taken. But few are gotten back. Not more than two weeks ago George Hart was caught here with a team which he had stolen from Columbus. He is the first to be captured, and the chances are he is a member of a big, bold, mysterious gang that is working through this territory.

Word also comes from Mitchell, S. D., that a gang is at work in that section, and it is thought that the horses from there are being brought into northern Nebraska.

It would appear, from all indications, that the gang is working systematically through the northwest, gathering the horses from eastern Nebraska and southern South Dakota, stealing them off into some secluded spot northwest of here, on the prairie and later disposing of them just as they used to do in the olden days along the trail. It is not impossible that this is all a portion of the blood bound gang of horse and cattle thieves to which old Jack Sully was alleged to have belonged. As the Rosebud was opened up, it was thought that the band would be broken up and the members forced, by the oncoming civilization, to quit. But instead of quitting, they have become more bold than ever before.

Farmers should take care of their horses to prevent their being taken and liverymen should be careful about renting.

SALOON CHANGES HANDS

Frank Jarmer and John Hermann Buy Out Mr. Fisher.

Frank Jarmer and John Hermann have assumed management of the saloon on Norfolk avenue formerly owned by Mr. Fisher. The new managers are now in charge.

ENTERS A DENIAL.

Declares the Report Published Was a D—d Lie.

The following telephone conversation occurred shortly after 'The News' was issued last evening: "Hello, is this 'The News'?" "Yes."

"Where did you get your information that I had sold my paper?" "We got it from a source that we consider reliable."

"Well, I'm the man to come to about my business. It's nothing but a d—d lie."

"Then the telephone banged. The source of information is still considered, by 'The News', to be reliable and authentic. Negotiations were, as stated yesterday, it is said, in progress.

SATURDAY SIGHTINGS.

A daughter was born yesterday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Nleggenfnd.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Sporn are arranging for a celebration of their fifth wedding anniversary this evening.

The new Krantz carriage repository is rapidly going up on North Fourth street and promises to be finished soon.

The Elks will hold a regular semi-annual meeting at the lodge rooms to-night. It is requested that every member try to be present.

The Ladies Guild of the Trinity church will hold a social session at the home of Mrs. W. N. Huse on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30. The hostesses will be Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Dolson, and Mrs. Huse.

The household department of the Woman's club will meet with Mrs. S. F. Eskine Monday afternoon at 2:30. A synopsis of Mrs. Hiller's lecture to the art department of the Chicago domestic science training school will be given.

The opening party to be given by the Elks, for this season, will be held next Friday evening, October 28. Cards and dancing will be features of the evening's pleasure. All members of the lodge have been invited to be present.

Frank Krutinger and Guy Powell of Wheatland, Mo., met on a public road yesterday between Wheatland and Hermitage, when Krutinger shot and killed Powell. Krutinger had Powell arrested recently charging him with attacking the former's wife.

A telegram from Washington says that Speaker Cannon at the white house yesterday told the president and members of the cabinet that he had not been getting anything but cheering news regarding the political situation as a result of his recent trip, which included Norfolk. He declared that West Virginia will be republished by a big plurality and will elect the entire republican congressional delegation. He also declared Illinois will be republished by a normal majority.

William J. Gregor, a well known Northwestern engineer who has made his home at Fremont during the past fifteen years, died at his home there yesterday morning from consumption. He was forty-four years of age. Since about a year ago he has been running a switch engine in the Fremont yards until his health required that he should give up all employment. He leaves a wife and two sons and a daughter. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, the A. O. U. W., and the Tribe of Ben Hur.

S. L. Rosenthal is preparing to paint his home.

S. D. Dunn was over from Madison yesterday.

George E. Pugh was up from Stanton yesterday.

Miss Edna Stafford went to Omaha on the noon train.

Mrs. J. E. Tackett of Santee was in the city yesterday.

F. K. Warrick was in Norfolk today from Madison.

Theo. Richling was in the city today from Spaulding.

D. B. McDonald was a city visitor yesterday from Fremont.

J. J. McGew was a Norfolk visitor yesterday from Stanton.

John McCaulogue was in the city last night from Genoa.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Merdous were in the city from Fremont.

Add. Monroe of Fairfax, S. D., came on the early train this morning.

F. Wiseman has returned from Omaha, where he took a carload of junk.

Miss Florence Estabrook went to Battle Creek today to look after her class in piano instruction.

Mr. and Mrs. T. James have moved to Norfolk from Battle Creek.

Percy Colson was in the city yesterday on his way home to Plainview.

Rev. W. J. Turner has returned from Des Moines, where he spent the week.

Miss Dora Smith of Pierce is visiting at the home of her aunt in Norfolk.

Mrs. C. E. Hutton and Miss Taylor of Pierce were shopping in Norfolk yesterday.

Mrs. P. A. Shurtz has returned from Missouri where she has been visiting with her mother.

Miss Flora Richardson was over from Battle Creek on a shopping expedition this morning.

Sam Painter, wife and baby are in the city visiting relatives. Their home is now in the Black Hills.

C. S. Bridge returned last night from a ten days' trip to the St. Louis exposition and to Chicago.

Charles Rice has gone to St. Louis to the exposition and from there will go to Kentucky for a visit.

Mrs. Sollinger, formerly Miss Nettie Allbery, is expected to arrive in Norfolk for a visit with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bullock left this morning for a visit at the St. Louis exposition. They will be absent a week.

Superintendent D. C. O'Connor is in Lincoln, attending the meeting of the Principals' and Superintendents' association today.

Geo. N. Beels left today for Chicago where he will attend the general association of Christian Science teachers Monday and Tuesday of next week.

M. W. Millman, who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. N. B. Dolson, left at noon today for his home in Chicago. Mrs. Millman will remain for a longer visit.

H. L. Spaulding and his daughter Mrs. Anna Weltz, Geo. N. Beels, Sidney Robertson and S. R. McFarland have returned from Lincoln, where they attended the session of the I. O. O. F. grand lodge.

Arthur Hammond of Crosby, N. D., was in the city yesterday on his way to Plainview for a week's visit. He took up a claim in July, 1903, in North Dakota and has just proved up. He will attend the state university for a full four-years' course.

Wolf Played With Dogs.

About 5 o'clock Monday morning John Masat heard quite a commotion in the yard and on going out he saw a full grown wolf playing with the dogs. He went back into the house and got the shot gun and put two loads of No. 6 shot into the old toy.—Verdigré Citizen.

School tablets at The News office.

POSTOFFICE ALWAYS OPEN

PETITION WILL BE CIRCULATED TO GAIN THAT END HERE.

PRELIMINARY STEPS ARE TAKEN

An Iron Gate Will be Placed Across the Stairs of the Building Inside. Petition Will Ask Opening From 6 a. m. Till Midnight Every Day.

[From Saturday's Daily.] An effort will be made by Norfolk citizens to induce the United States government to keep the doors of the federal building at this place open every day from 6 o'clock in the morning until midnight, including Sundays. At present the doors open at 7 in the morning on week days and close at 9:30, while on Sundays the lobby is open to the public during but one hour of the day, between 2 and 3 in the afternoon.

A petition will soon be circulated in the city, asking the first assistant postmaster general to allow the doors to be opened during the hours above stated. Leading up to that petition, a request was made to him that an iron gate be fastened in the stairway, in order that the public might not ascend the stairs and injure the structure. That request has been granted and the custodian has been requested to obtain proposals for a gate, upon receipt of which prompt action will be taken. C. E. Burnham made the request that a gate be installed and in reply to his request, the supervising architect writes:

Washington, D. C., Oct. 15.—Mr. C. E. Burnham, Sir: I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8th instant, relative to gate on the stairs of the post office building at Norfolk, Nebraska, and the custodian has been this day requested to obtain proposals for a gate in accordance with your desires and forward them to this office upon receipt of which prompt action will be taken.

Respectfully, J. K. Taylor, Supervising Architect.

Postmaster Hays is custodian and will soon send proposals to Washington on the gate proposition. Following that, a petition will be started asking that the building be opened for longer hours and on Sundays.

The closing of the building on Sundays, excepting during one hour, has been found to be a great inconvenience to the public in general. Letters which one might wish to mail Sunday morning, can not be mailed Sunday morning in the postoffice. There is no letter box or letter opening through which, as in the old building, mail may be dropped. Evidently the building, when it was planned, was not made for Sunday closing.

Traveling men who would desire their Sunday night mail, which brings their checks and their price lists for the following week, are unable to get their mail and are compelled to wait until either Monday morning or until they get out on the road the next day, where it is forwarded.

Formerly the old postoffice was opened two hours during Sunday, but an order from the department at Washington forced Postmaster Hays to stop the practice.

BROWN COUNTY CROPS ARE FINE

Estimated That Farmers of That Section Will Have Much to Sell.

Ainsworth, Neb., Oct. 22.—Special to The News: Farmers of Brown county have commenced husking their large crop of corn and they feel proud of the large crop of all kinds of grain and vegetables. They say corn will average twenty-five bushels to the acre and oats will go forty-five. Wheat is but a fair crop, owing to the rust which cut it short. Potatoes will be an immense crop. It is estimated that Brown county will have over 100,000 bushels to sell, and no market. They are being stored in caves where they will have a spring market. Until last night there had been no frost to kill vegetables and flowers were still in bloom.

TUESDAY TOPICS.

James Kelly was down today from Neligh, on business matters.

H. B. Amos of Battle Creek was here today on business.

Postmaster F. H. L. Willis of Battle Creek was in Norfolk yesterday.

Miss Eva Masters is home from Stuart visiting with her parents this week.

F. W. Richardson, candidate for representative, was in the city yesterday from his home at Battle Creek.

J. V. Williams was in the city from Fremont.

A. H. Cawthron of Fremont is in the city.

A. T. Coe was here from Beatrice on business.

J. A. Elliott was here yesterday from Fremont.

Phillip Tealce of Leigh was in the city yesterday.

N. Howarth of Randolph was in the city on business.

J. A. Butler of Gross is in Norfolk today on business.

H. Teigler of Fremont was a visitor in the Sugar City.

Kenneth Norton is on the sick list, threatened with typhoid fever.

Mr. and Mrs. Simmonson of Madison were in Norfolk over night.

J. L. Geeghan, a business man from Humphrey, was in the city today.

W. H. Baird of Grand Island is in

the city on sugar factory affairs.

Miss Elsie Grison has returned from Nodde, Mo., where she has been on a visit.

Dr. J. J. Williams of Wayne, candidate for state senator, was in Norfolk yesterday.

Dr. and Mrs. P. H. Saffler will leave tomorrow morning for St. Louis to visit the exposition.

J. S. Ham, a cattleman of Elgin, is visiting his brother, M. Ham, and his son-in-law, Leo Tipton.

A dozen young ladies serenaded beneath the moonlight on the west side, last night.

Reuben Klesau is sick with typhoid fever at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Klesau, on South Tenth street.

Miss Dora McCracken, manager of the Western Union Telegraph office in Norfolk, has returned from a three weeks' visit at St. Louis.

E. C. Howe, of Denver, general manager of the American Best Sugar company, arrived in the city last night to look over the Norfolk plant.

Rev. Father O'Driscoll of Blair is in the city to deliver the special services which are being held this week at the church of the Sacred Heart.

Last night was the coldest of the season, the government thermometer registering twenty-four a cross above zero. The white frost stood out this morning on everything in sight. The air was crisp and savored of approaching winter.

A rattling fist fight occurred at noon yesterday on North Eleventh street just after school was out. Two little boys were attacked by a bigger fellow. One of the little chaps fell out of the mill and left his comrade to battle alone against the overgrown.

At length the smaller of the two got the better of the game, downed his opponent, struck him frequently and severely in the face and allowed him, when he said "enough," to go on home.

Miss Lena Spear of Chicago, who is delivering a series of lectures throughout Nebraska in the interest of the Women's Foreign Missionary society of the Baptist church, visited with Mrs. George H. Spear at the Oxnard over Sunday. Miss Spear was formerly editor of a newspaper at Central City, Neb. When her schedule for lecturing was made out, she asked for Nebraska, hoping on that account to be able to visit with her brother, George H. Spear, of this city. By a happy coincidence, Norfolk was the first point placed upon her lecturing route.

World's Fair Dog Show.

St. Louis, Oct. 25.—The dog is now having his day at the world's fair. The dog show under the direction of the livestock department opened today and will continue for several weeks. The exhibition comprises examples of high degree from many of the best known kennels of this country and Canada.

Best is Punished for It

MAN WHO ASSAULTED JOHN IRWIN ON THE STREET.

AND THEN MADE HIS ESCAPE

He Was Found in Stanton Yesterday by Chief of Police Kane, and Was Fined, After Having Been Brought Here and Jailed, \$25.50.

[From Saturday's Daily.] The slugging of John Irwin, the old cab driver, on Norfolk avenue Tuesday of this week did not go unpunished. Hiram Best, the man who struck Irwin over the head, laying open a bad wound, and who then got into a buggy with his brother, Pete Best and drove at the terrific rate of speed through the streets to make his escape, was arrested at Stanton yesterday by Chief of Police Kane, and was brought to Norfolk, jailed and later taken before Police Judge Hayes.

To the charge of assault and battery Best pleaded guilty and his fine and the expenses attached to making his arrest amounted to just \$25.50, which he paid. He returned to Stanton last night.

It was a fast drive that Kane made to Stanton. He drove the distance in less than two hours, found Best getting ready to leave the town, arrested him and in twenty minutes more was headed for Norfolk with the prisoner.

Pete Best, the fellow who was said to have urged his brother to do the striking, was not in Stanton. Hiram at first attempted to bluff the policeman, stating that he had not been in Norfolk this week. He was confronted, however, with the fact that Mr. Kane had seen him in this city. Finally he consented to come without being dragged.

It was during the first day of the rain storm that John Irwin stood outside a Norfolk avenue building as the two Bests walked by. Some remark caused them to stop and they began to argue. Suddenly Irwin took the coat. Without a warning he was struck down upon the street, a bad hole over his eye bleeding profusely. The two Bests hurried, by a back street route, to the livery barn where their horses were stabled, jumped into the buggy and whipped out of town. As they left the city, through Norfolk avenue, an effort was made, on the part of J. W. Edwards, special police, to stop them but they flourished their whip at his head and yelling, drove on.

RELINQUISHMENTS "GO."

Traffic in Them Lively, and Buyers Have Not Met Opposition.

Manager Bidwell of the Northwestern, who has just returned from Bone-steel, found while there that there had been considerable dealing in the Rosebud lands that were awarded by a government drawing in July.

In many instances, where numbers below 500 were drawn, the lucky ones have relinquished their rights at the end of the sixty-day limit. These relinquishments have been purchased by prospective settlers. Taking the relinquishment to the land office, the purchaser files the document and then immediately makes a filing on the relinquished land.

As soon as the relinquishment is filed the land again reverts to the government, and anyone may file on it. The transaction is therefore not entirely safe in theory, but in practice the purchasers have always succeeded in making their filings without opposition.

For about three weeks settlers have been pouring into the reservation, and much building is in progress not only in the towns, but on the farm lands.

Good for what ails you—News want ads.

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FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

Eminent Representatives of the Progressive Spirit of the Great West Meet at St. Louis—Welcoming Features Given Today.

St. Louis, Oct. 25.—Two thousand eminent representatives of the progressive spirit of the great west filled Festival hall this morning at the opening of the fifteenth annual session of the Trans-Mississippi Commercial congress. Among those present were leading mine owners, lumbermen, merchants, agriculturalists, railroad magnates and other representatives of the great industries of the region beyond the Mississippi. There were also in

MR. M'KILLIP BACKS OUT

ARRANGEMENTS FOR JOINT DEBATES CALLED OFF.

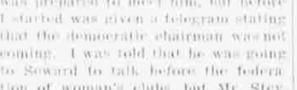
WOULD NOT AGREE TO PLANS

His Chairman Said They Would be All Right But They Were Not—A Counter Proposition Accepted by Chairman Fales for a Debate.

Chairman F. H. Fales of the republican congressional committee expressed considerable surprise at the assertions made by Chairman Stevens of the democratic committee about the alleged inability of that party to get Mr. McCarthy to debate with their candidate, Mr. McKillip. He says that Mr. McCarthy is ready and willing to meet Mr. McKillip in debate, in fact that he had made arrangements to do so, having so-called his appointments that were to occupy his attention during the balance of the campaign that he would be able to meet the fusion candidates at Columbus, Madison and Stanton on October 25, 26 and 27, he having been informed that those meetings would be satisfactory to the democratic management, but was later informed that they were not.

Mr. Stevens agreed to meet me at the "function," said Mr. Fales "in a range room for a joint series of debate, and I had hired a carriage and was prepared to meet him, but before I started was given a telegram stating that the democratic chairman was not coming. I was told that he was going to Seward to talk before the federation of woman's clubs, but Mr. Stevens informed me that anything he said would go with Mr. McKillip and he was asked if the dates at Columbus, Madison and Stanton would be satisfactory and he said they would. I then informed Mr. McCarthy that the arrangements had been made for those joint debates and notified the local committees of the towns to that effect. On the return of Mr. Stevens from Seward he told me that he had to call the whole matter off as Mr. McKillip had dates from then until election and could not afford to meet Mr. McCarthy. This struck me as peculiarly selfish, inasmuch as Mr. McCarthy had also arranged for all his time between the time and election also, but had rearranged them with some inconvenience to debate at those three points. Mr. Stevens said, however, that they could arrange to meet Mr. McCarthy in debate at Pender, and I at once accepted the proposition, provided we were permitted to name a date and place for one other date. I have not yet heard from Mr. Stevens whether they would consent to give this other date, and until I do the plans for the two debates will not be perfected. If the proposition is accepted I shall name another point. A certain editor in his mistaken excitement has offered to hire a band and hall and his proposition will meet with careful consideration by the committee."

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