

LONG RANGE FORECASTS

SCIENCE DOES NOT CREDIT ABILITY OF "PROPHETS."

IS DANGEROUS TO ENCOURAGE

Difficult for the People to Distinguish Between the Claims of Charlatans and the Accomplishments of Scientists—Apply Tests.

The United States weather bureau is taking pains to warn the people against those who pretend to tell what the weather will be days and weeks and months in advance and warn them that such forecasts are not to be relied upon.

In the early ages, when the masses of even the leading nations of the earth were ignorant, the belief was general that certain so-called sages or wise men had a knowledge of coming events.

In after days, with the increased education of the masses, the procuring of a living by the profession of a seer or wise man has been relegated to the semi-civilized and barbarous peoples.

Science is making rapid progress and it is sometimes difficult for the average person to distinguish between the claims of charlatans and the accomplishments of scientific men.

Such tests as have been outlined have been applied by meteorologists the world over to long range weather forecasts, with the result that no meteorologist of standing has been able to endorse either the basis upon which long range weather forecasts can be based as yet to be determined.

The importance of weather forecasts is now recognized in all civilized countries, and most governments maintain a corps of scientists to devote their time to forecasting and to a study of meteorology with a purpose to increase the accuracy of forecasts and extend the period for which they can be issued.

Four weeks from tomorrow is Christmas and many of those who will give gifts are already making their selections and laying them aside until the happy day arrives.

Wisner Football Team Record Has Lost But One Game During the Season—Many Fine Victories.

The Wisner and West Point football teams have played four games during the present season. The first resulted in a tie, 0 to 0.

that on the 24th day of September 1904, S. W. Hayes, a justice of the peace of Norfolk precinct, Madison county, Nebraska, issued an order of attachment for the sum of \$50.00 in an action pending before him, wherein James H. Conley is plaintiff, and William Waechter defendant, that property of defendant consisting of money has been attached under said order.

SATURDAY SIFTINGS.

Clyde Penwell was in the city from Page. E. Barker was a Norfolk visitor from Spencer. A. C. Smith of Lynch was a visitor in the city.

J. W. Bush of Tilden was in the city on business. A. H. Maas was in Norfolk from Battle Creek.

Geo. G. Bayha was down from Niobrara Friday. Francis Peterson was down from Foster Friday.

Ernest Milk was in the city from Bassett Friday. Guy Deuel was in the city from Meadow Grove.

Ed. L. Jenel was a Norfolk visitor Friday from Pierce. J. F. and S. P. Miles were in the city Friday from Winslow.

Jas. E. Mall and Otto Schauble were in town Friday from Pilger. Mrs. L. C. Taylor and Mrs. C. E. White visited yesterday in Omaha.

Ernest Bridge and Spencer Butterfield went to Lincoln to watch the football game.

Miss Olga Grant and Miss Inez Kynn are doing the Louisiana exposition this week.

Editor J. B. Donovan of the Star and J. A. Madden were over from Madison Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Welch of Columbus are visiting at the home of Conductor W. S. Fox.

J. B. Barnes, Jr., superintendent of the schools at Tekamah, is in the city to spend his vacation at the home of his parents.

Miss Elsa Hulsberg of Daber, Germany, has arrived in the city to make her home with Mrs. Dr. Bertha Ahlmann.

W. H. Johnson left at noon today for Excelsior Springs, Mo., where he will be during the next two weeks, seeking relief from rheumatism.

Miss Otella Pilger went to Anoka to spend her Thanksgiving vacation with her sister, Miss Bertha Pilger, who is principal of the Anoka public schools.

Mrs. Seuerhelm of Stanton was in the city for a time yesterday, shopping. She was expecting to meet her daughter here, who is returning from a visit to Wisconsin.

Dr. C. S. Parker is recovering from his recent attack of typhoid fever and expects, within a few days, to be in his office.

Rev. Mr. Fuerer of the German Evangelical church welcomed a son to his home on Pasewalk avenue and Sixth street, Wednesday night.

The members of the household department are requested to be present next Monday at the meeting of the Woman's club. Business of importance will be brought up for consideration.

Superintendent and Mrs. N. A. Lockwood welcomed a handsome and lusty son to their home at the corner of Braunschweig and Tenth street yesterday noon, and if the boys at the sugar factory are finding the superintendent unusually lenient and good natured the cause is not hard to find.

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The Norfolk merchants are opening up elegant stocks of Christmas goods and the early buyers are getting the choice of the display.

Neligh Leader: A report made by C. L. Wattle, treasurer of the carnival and race meeting of 1904, rendered November 23, 1904, shows that he has received a total of \$3,134.36.

Very Low Rates to International Live Stock Exhibition at Chicago, Via the Northwestern line. Excursion tickets will be sold Nov. 26, 27 and 28, limited to return until Dec. 5, inclusive. Apply to agents Chicago & Northwestern R'y.

CONFESSED ROBBER AT 17

YOUNG THURMAN GIBBONS ADMITS HE BROKE INTO HOUSE.

HE POINTS OUT POCKET BOOK

While the People of the House Were Away, He Entered Through the Rear Door, Took \$26 and Escaped Over Night—Caught, He Confessed.

Young Thurman Gibbons, aged seventeen years, yesterday afternoon confessed to burglarizing the home of Engineer Callwell on the night before and returned the money, about \$26, which he had taken.

The burglary occurred at about 8 o'clock in the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Callwell had gone to the railroad station at South Norfolk to meet a train and it was during that time that the theft occurred.

For one thing, on that same evening and at about 8 o'clock, the youthful burglar had come to the Schramm home, next door, and had asked for something to eat.

Fairfax Sun-Review: Mr. Sam Wilson, of the firm of Wilson Bros. & Co. of Norfolk, Neb., came up on Sunday evening's passenger, and Monday morning left for the new town of Gregory, accompanied by Mrs. Edwin M. Starcher and Miss Mary Wilson.

Money in Each Pocket. Efforts which lasted all night were futile in finding Gibbons. At 9 o'clock yesterday morning Chief Kane saw the fellow walking up Norfolk avenue.

He waited and when the boy passed by, tapped him on the shoulder. He took him into a room and at once searched the fellow. In every pocket of the lad's clothing, he had money concealed.

Asks as to where he had gotten the money, the young man at first said he didn't know, then claimed he won it playing pool and later in the day, when pressed through the sweatbox process, confessed it all and even went so far as to lead the officers to the spot where he had thrown away the pocket book.

INDIANS HAVE GONE HOME

BAND OF 40 PASSED THROUGH HERE LAST NIGHT.

TAKE OFF PATENT LEATHERS

Once More They Go Back to Their Aboriginal Modes of Living, and Will Enjoy the Winter as is Their wont, Out Near Rushville.

Colonel Frank Cummings' Indians have returned from the St. Louis exposition. Forty of them, including twenty chiefs, a few squaws, a lot of braves and papooses, passed through Norfolk last night enroute home to Rushville, after their visit during the summer at the great exposition.

There was a great contrast between the Indians who passed through Norfolk last night and those who went through here, enroute to the fair, last spring. Then they wore patent leather shoes, war paint, neatly pressed shirts and collars of linen.

This is the last contingent of the World's fair Indians. Many of them said they had a good time, but they were all glad to get back home.

WEDNESDAY WRINKLES.

O. B. Devitt was down from Long Pine.

N. H. Bahner was in Norfolk yesterday from Hadar.

F. L. Cook of Lyons had business in Norfolk yesterday.

Mrs. Tom Smith was down from Randolph yesterday.

Joe Smith of Columbus was a Norfolk visitor yesterday.

H. D. Perry was in Norfolk yesterday from Central City.

P. D. Parsons was a Norfolk visitor yesterday from Chambers.

E. J. Russell was a Norfolk visitor yesterday from Fullerton.

N. H. Newman of Oakdale transacted business in Norfolk yesterday.

S. Bayles and F. W. Fauslick of St. James were in Norfolk yesterday.

Banker Harry Barnes of Battle Creek was in Norfolk yesterday on business.

Water Commissioner H. L. Spaulding is able to be about again today and is in his office.

Miss Anna Miller has returned from Pierce where she has been visiting during the past week.

Rev. J. J. Parker came down from Plainview last night for a visit with relatives and friends.

F. Dolzal was here from Fremont.

P. E. McKillip of Humphrey was a Norfolk visitor yesterday.

Miss Edna A. Bullock, secretary of the Nebraska Library board, was in the city yesterday and went to Wayne today.

Miss Katharine Speece, who has

been trimmer for the Durland Sisters during the past season, has returned to her home in Columbus.

Mrs. R. K. Souner, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. H. Hahn, for the past three weeks, leaves tomorrow for her home in Grand Rapids, this state.

B. F. Lancaster came down from Battle this morning. He is on his way to Columbus as deputy sheriff of Boyd county, doing work for the term of district court now in session.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ross, who have made their home in this city for some time, are preparing to move to California. They will visit enroute, arriving at their destination about January 1.

A number of Methodists went to Stanton today to attend the funeral of Mrs. C. M. Griffith, wife of the Methodist pastor at that place, who died Monday night after a lingering illness.

Miss Daisy Martin of Atchison, Kansas, arrived in Norfolk today for a visit with her sister, Mrs. F. E. Davenport. Miss Martin formerly lived in Norfolk and has a great many friends here.

W. N. Huse is reported to be practically out of danger from his recent operation, is feeling like himself again and was able to be given a little nourishment yesterday at the Clarkson hospital, Omaha.

Mrs. Thomas Wade of Battle Creek died in St. Joseph hospital, Omaha, Monday night and the remains were taken to the home in Battle Creek last night for the funeral services.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade have lived in Madison county for a long time and their family has always been among the foremost of the community.

Fairfax Sun-Review: Work on the artesian well which is being put down on Fred Bentz's farm, east of Fairfax, is now at a stand-still, as the machine that was being used was too light and could not stand the strain.

They have ordered a very heavy machine, however, which is expected daily and as soon as it arrives it will be set up and the work continued to completion.

Pierce Call: Herbert Craven informed us last Saturday that Mr. Hender had closed a deal with a Kansas City firm for the dynamo, engine and gas producer that will be used in the electric lighting plant soon to be installed in Pierce. The engine will be 70 horse power and furnished by the Weber Engine Co.

Rural route carriers say that they would very much appreciate the kindness of their patrons if the people living along the routes who mail letters in the boxes, would lay in a small stock of postage stamps so that the letters mailed might be all ready for the office when the carrier comes along.

A number of patrons are said to mail letters and drop pennies into the boxes. On these cold mornings the carriers find it a great inconvenience to dip their chilled fingers into the box for the cold copper. No doubt if the patrons understood the discomfort thus caused, they would gladly stamp the letters themselves.

Laurel Advocate: F. E. Ward, general manager of the Great Northern railway, and W. W. Broughton, general freight agent, of St. Paul, and Fred Rogers, division freight and passenger agent, of Sioux City, made a short stop here Thursday afternoon of last week. They were on a tour of inspection, and were traveling in a railway automobile—the first railway "chug-buggy" this writer had seen—a most excellent way to see the country and at the same time inspect the road.

If we are rightly informed this is the first year of the railroad automobiles, and the Great Northern road has two of the machines.

Yesterday hundreds of dandelions were in bloom on some of the parks and lawns of Norfolk, but today they have been given one of the severest nips of the season by Jacob Frost.

The mercury skillfully maneuvered toward the zero point last night, but the prospects are that the low point for the storm period has been reached and that after today the beautiful Indian summer weather will return and comfort those who have been forced to burn extra coal and put on unusual numbers of warm clothes.

The merchants have appreciated the change as it has hustled up those who have delayed their purchase of winter goods until the weather enforced the need of such materials.

MRS. HAGERTY EXPLAINS

SAYS PAT DIDN'T HAVE HEART TO MEET HIS DEPOSITORS.

WARRANTS OUT FOR BANKERS

A Meeting of Depositors Will be Held in O'Neill Thursday Night, When State Bank Examiner Whittemore Will Give Full Report of Affairs.

O'Neill, Neb., Nov. 29.—Special to The News: Bank Examiner Fred Whittemore was interviewed today and gave out the statement that of the \$65,000 of loans, at the last statement of the Elkhorn Valley bank, he was up to this time able to find but \$25,000 in notes; that the loan and discount register are missing and that the affairs of the bank are in such shape that the true condition can not be ascertained for two or three days.

Warrants Out for Them. Warrants are in the hands of the sheriff charging Hagerty with receiving deposits after the bank was known to be insolvent and McGroovy with embezzling city money.

Pat Hagerty was over seventy years old. He was prominent in church and local affairs and had the people's confidence. Feeling is bitter and does not abate his developments proceed.

Mrs. Hagerty Speaks. Mrs. Hagerty, who is vice president of the bank, said today: "The newspapers have said that Mr. Hagerty took away a large sum of money. This is untrue. He took only about \$400. Neither did he take any notes. Any one can see the notes would be no good to him. He could neither sell nor collect them under present conditions. The only papers he took were private papers, of no commercial value. Mr. Hagerty only left because he could not pay, and he had not the heart to meet the depositors, most of whom were old time friends who had placed implicit confidence in him."

All Not Gold That Glitters. "It is a great misfortune that he went into the banking business. He was well off before he engaged in banking and he is the greatest sufferer by the failure. The bank had many heavy losses. Mr. Hagerty had confidence in customers who borrowed from him and who could not or would not pay. If the debts due the bank were all paid, nobody would lose anything. Those who criticize Mr. Hagerty, might also give some attention to those who borrowed and never paid the money back."

Letter List. List of letters remaining uncalled.

ESTABLISHED 1867 HIDES-WOOL-FURS ETC. SHIP YOUR GOODS TO US AND GET HIGHEST MARKET PRICES. D. BERGMAN & CO., ST. PAUL MINN. THE LARGEST AND MOST RELIABLE DEALERS IN THE NORTHWEST IMMEDIATE CASH RETURNS. WRITE FOR CIRCULARS.

MISSOURI PACIFIC RAILWAY

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for at the postoffice at Norfolk, Neb., Nov. 29, 1904.

Mr. F. P. Beason, Mrs. Amanda Rooten, Mrs. Aggie D. Brewer, Mr. Charles L. Brown, Mr. Marion P. Bul-Bul, Mr. Albert Comber, Miss Agnes Cheinfeld, Mrs. Harry Reynolds, Miss Gracela Rosler, J. D. Walton, Ed. Wilson, Rev. D. D. Wiley.

It not called for in fifteen days will be sent to the dead letter office. Parties calling for any of the above please say "advertised."

Home brannets. Plush and fur robes. Finest assortment in city. Prices low. Paul Nordwig.

If it economy to use want ads if you have anything to sell, exchange or give away; or if, on the other hand, you want to rent, buy or borrow.

AFTER BOYD COUNTY MAN

HILES STEWART, WHO WENT TO WHEELER, S. D.

BEN WELBAUM IS THE AGENT

It is Said That One of the Stewart Boys Confessed to Trying to Rob the Chicken Coop of Gus Stock, sr., and That He Shot into the Gang.

A report from Lincoln says that further light is to be shed in the shooting of Gustav Stock, jr., by his father, living at Lynch, Boyd county, when Henry Stewart is brought back from Wheeler, S. D., on a remittal issued yesterday by Governor Mickey. Ben Welbaum, agent, has gone after Stewart. The man in company with Hiles Stewart, is charged with burglary. On the night of November 22, Gustav Stock shot his son who was a naval engineer from the Pacific coast at home on a visit. One published report was that the son had before he died that his father tried to get him to go to a neighbor's hen house and a quarrel followed. This tale was received with doubts and it is now said that Hiles Stewart has confessed that he and Henry Stewart and young Stock went to the chicken house of Stock senior to rob it and the old man came out and shot the first person he saw. This proved to be his son. All this will be cleared up when the missing man is brought back.

The requisition is based on a complaint signed by the elder Stock that Henry and Hiles Stewart on the night of November 22 broke into his chicken house intending to steal property worth \$50 and that they did steal and carry away chickens to the value of \$5. No mention is made in the complaint of the younger Stock who was shot.

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