ITY OF "PROPHETS."

Difficult for the People to Distinguish day of December, 1904, at 9 o'clock a. While the People of the House Were 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 . The following article explaining the matter has been sent;

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. As most people did not understand the natural phenomena by which they were surrounded they readily believed the assumptions of a shrewd observer whose knowledge, exceeding their own, enabled him to forecast some events in a way that seemed to them wonderful.

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. But even in civilized countries charlatans in various professional and scientific fields, fortune tellers and long range weather forecasters have a lucrative following. Although many patrons profess to doubt the value of the purchase, they do not appear to realize the danger of encouraging such parasites on the community

Science is making rapid progress and it is sometimes difficult for the average person to distinguish between the claims of charlatans and the accomplishmetns of scientific men-Many people are too busy with their own special line of work to attempt to separate the possible from the impossible in other lines. For it often requires much study and careful investi- mann. gation to intelligently decide such a question. It would therefore seem wise for specialists of unquestioned attainments, after careful investigation, to denounce charlatans and expose their methods, thus aiding in educating the public, advancing civilizastances substantial pecuniary loss to

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 is 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. These scientists investigate the work of those claiming to make long range forecasts and would only too gladly aid the development of any theory that seemed to promise the advancement of forecasting. It would seem that the universal condemnation of long range weather forecasts by meteorologists would determine their value among thinking men, but in spite of this fact some reputable newspapers publish them, probably without much consideration, thereby apparently giving them sanction and misleading the readers who have not had opportunity to acquaint themselves with the progress that has been made in meteorology, and so presume they are worthy of consideration. It is not profitable, within the limits of this article, to attempt to point out the errors of principle in volved in long range weather forecasts. A careful study of meteorology would be necessary to understand the reasons. But anyone can test the results by careful, systematic observation, a work requiring little time. En ter on a calendar each day for a month or more in advance the weather predicted for the locality of the observer. For the days the forecast appears to be indefinite, so state. Then day by day enter on the calendar whether the forecast is verified or not. To be fair to all sides keep this up for a year or WISNER FOOTBALL TEAM RECORD more: then carefully compute three items, the number of days the forecast was correct enough to be of value, the number incorrect, and the number of days for which no forecast

The result of such a test would undoubtedly lead to the conclusion that forecasts, especially of severe storms, vented by law in order to protect that jury in a way similar to that which dians a victory of 6 to 0. prevents uneducated, irresponsible persons from practising law, medicine, etc. Let all prove their ability to forebunal, as the employes of the United forecasts before the public.

William Wachter will take notice. Northwestern R'y.

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 James H. Conley is plaintiff, and Wilfiam Wachter defendant, that property of defendant consisting of money Said cause was continued to the 3rd James H. Conley.

SATURDAY SIFTINGS.

Clyde Penwell was in the city from

E. Barker was a Norfolk visitor from

In the city, J. W. Bush of Tilden was in the city

Battle Creek.

Francis Peterson was down from ed. Foster Friday.

Ernest Milk was in the city from

Bassett Friday. Meadow Grove.

Friday from Pierce.

J. F. and S. P. Miles were in the city Friday from Winside,

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 burglar had come to the Schramm football game.

sition this week. Editor J. B. Donovan of the Star that it was someone familiar with the and J. A. Madden were over from home.

Madison Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Welch of Col-

Conductor W. S. Fox.

his parents. many, has arrived in the city to make of the lad's clothing, he had money her home with Mrs. Dr. Bertha Ahl-

W. H. Johnson left at noon today ten dollar bills and silver. for Excelsior Springs, Mo., where he seeking relief from rheumatism.

her sister, Miss Bertha Pilger, who is process, confessed it all and even went work and 7,000 had been delivered. tion, and preventing in many in- principal of the Anoka public schools. so far as to lead the officers to the His loss is \$400.00. the city for a time yesterday, shop pocket book. ping. 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 import ance will be brought up for considera-

Superintendent and Mrs. N. A. Lockwood welcomed a handsome and lusty son to their home at the corner of Braasch avenue and Tenth street vesterday 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.

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. 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. Wattles, treasurer of the carnival and race meeting of 1904, rendered November 23, 1904, shows that he has received a total of \$3,134.36. Of this sum there was received from H. S. Rollins from the sale of tickets, \$2,-678.21, and from W. W. Cole, from con- Pine cessions, etc., \$456.15. There has been disbursed on checks drawn by the sec- day from Hadar. retary the sum of \$3,072,63, being payments for the additional land bought Norfolk yesterday by the park commission of Mr. Maybury, for park imporvements, the car- Randolph yesterday. nival expenses and race purses, leaving a cash balance now on hand of folk visitor yesterday.

Has Lost But One Game During the Season-Many Fine Victories.

The Wisner and West Point football teams have played four games during could be determined. Then there is the present season. The first resulted a basis to determine whether the re- in a tie, 0 to 0. The second game was sults justify a use of the forecasts or 11 to 6 in favor of Wisner, the third 31 to 0 in favor of Wisner and in the Creek was in Norfolk yesterday on last game, during which West Point is said to have plugged up with the the publication of these unwarranted Oakland backfield, Wisner won 5 to ing is able to be about again today have been given one of the severes The only game that the Wisner floods, droughts, etc., should be pre- team lost throughout the entire sea. son was with the Omaha Indians, in a portion of the community liable to in- cracking contest which gave the in-

feel proud of its 1904 achievement.

cast by a trial before a competent tri- Very Low Rates to International Live Stock Exhibition at Chicago, States weather bureau must do be- Via the Northwestern line. Excursion fore being allowed to spread their tickets will be sold Nov. 26, 27 and 28, the Nebraska Library board, was in as it has hustled up those who have limited to return until Dec. 5, inclu- the city yesterday and went to Wayne delayed their purchase of winter goods sive. Apply to agents Chicago & today.

SCIENCE DOES NOT CREDIT ABIL. an action pending before him, wherein YOUNG THURMAN GIBBONS AD-MITS HE BROKE INTO HOUSE.

Away, He Entered Through the Rear Night-Caught, He Confessed.

Young Thurman Gibbons, aged seventeen years, yesterday afternoon con- 1.

o'clock in the evening. Mr. and Mrs. go, where she has been visiting. Callwell had gone to the railroad stamost immediately the case was reported and Officers Kane and Pilger, Jas. E. Mall and Otto Schauble were in a cab, went in search of a clue, They figured at once that young Gibbons was the guilty party.

For one thing, on that same evening and at about 8 o'clock, the youthful home, next door, and had asked for Miss Olga Graul and Miss Inez something to eat. Evidently he had Kynn are doing the Louisiana expo gone directly over to the Callwell house and entered. The police knew

Money in Each Pocket,

Efforts which lasted all night were umbus are visiting at the home of futile in finding Gibbons. At 9 o'clock yesterday morning Chief Kane saw J. B. Barnes, jr., superintendent of the fellow walking up Norfolk avenue. the schools at Tekamah, is in the city He walted and when the boy passed to spend his vacation at the home of by, tapped him on the shoulder. He took him into a room and at once Miss Elsa Hulsberg of Daber, Ger- searched the fellow. In every pocket concealed. In his overalls and coat and vest, he had five dollar bills and

Asked as to where he had gotten Miss Otelia Pilger went to Anoka to it playing pool and later in the day. Krotter & Co. to be delivered in Greg-Mrs. Seuerheln of Stanton was in spot where he had thrown away the

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. Again at home, in Nebraska, they will discard their patent leather shoes and once more put on the blankets.

There was a great contrast between the Indians who passed through Nor folk last night and those who went through here, enroute to the fair, last spring. Then they were patent leath er shoes, war paint, neatly pressed shirts and collars of linen. Now they look like they do at home,

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

N. H. Bahner was in Norfolk yester-

F. L. Cook of Lyons had business in Mrs. Tom Smith was down from

Joe Smith of Columbus was a Nor

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 transact

ed business in Norfolk yesterday. S. Bayles and F. W. Faulstick of St. James were in Norfolk yesterday. Banker Harry Barnes of Battle of the machines. business.

and is in his office

Pierce where she has been visiting toward the zero point last night, but during the past week.

relatives and friends. F. Dolezal was here from Fremont. P. E. McKillip of Humphrey was a

Norfolk visitor yesterday, Miss Edna A. Bullock, secretary of

Miss Katharine Speece,

during the past season, has recurried to her bome in Columbus

Mrs. R. K. Sosner, who has been visiting ber daughter, Mrs. C. H. Hahn, morrow for her home in Grand Rapids this state.

B. F. Lancaster came down from IS DANGEROUS TO ENCOURAGE has been attached under said order. HE POINTS OUT POCKET BOOK Butte this morning. He is on blaway WARRANTS OUT FOR BANKERS. 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 Door, Took \$26 and Escaped Over made their home in this city for some time, are preparing to move to Callfornia. They will visit enroute, arriv-Ing at their destination about January

A. C. Smith of Lynch was a visitor Engineer Callwell on the night before Stanton today to attend the funeral and gave out the statement that of have anything to sell, exchange or and returned the money, about \$26, of Mrs. C. M. Griffith, wife of the Meth. the \$65,000 of loans, at the last state give away; or if, on the other hand, which he had taken. The confession odist pastor at that place, who died ment of the Elkhorn Valley bank, he you want to rent, buy of borrow. was wrung from the young man, who Monday night after a lingering illness, was up to this time able to find but

er efforts of Chief of Police Kane, who sas, arrived in Norfolk today for a vis-discount register are missing and that Geo. G. Bayha was down from Nio had given undivided attention to the it with her sister, Mrs. F. E. Daven the affairs of the bank are in such case from the moment it was report. Port. Miss Martin formerly lived in shape that the true condition can not Norfolk and has a great many friends be ascertained for two or three days. The burglary occurred at about 8 here. She has just come from Chica-

W. N. Huse is reported to be prac-Guy Deuel was in the city from tion at South Norfolk to meet a train tically out of danger from his recent ing deposits after the bank was known and it was during that time that the operation, is feeling like himself again to be insolvent and McGreevy with Ed. L. Jenel was a Norfolk visitor theft occurred. When Mrs. Callwell and was able to be given a little nour. embezzling city money. A deposit returned, the money was missing. Al. ishment yesterday at the Clarkson hos- ors' meeting has been called for Thurs. It is Said That One of the Stewart pital, Omaha.

Mrs. Thomas Wade of Battle Creek, pects to make a full report. died in St. Joseph hospital, Omaha, Monday night and the remains were old. He was prominent in church and taken to the home in Bartle Creek local affairs and had the peoples' conlast night for the funeral services fidence. Feeling is bitter and does not ther light is to be shed in the shoot-Mr. and Mrs. Wade have lived in Mad- abate as developments proceed. ison county for a long time and their. family has always been among the foremost of the community.

They returned Tuesday evening,

reports that the prairie fire that raged placed implicit confidence in him. on the reservation last Friday and Saturday was very destructive. Several Mr. Lamoreaux lost 3,000 posts which he didn't know, then claimed he won 10,000 posts which he had sold to Wm.

fax, 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 nearly seven hundred feet and the men who are sinking it say that the have the best indications of water.

Pierce Call: Herbert Craven in formed us last Saturday that Mr. Henzler 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. The gas pro ducer is a late invention and will save engine. The machine manufactures gas for the running of the engine from coke, charcoal or hard coal and is said

to be cheaper than gasoline 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, gener al freight agent, of St. Paul, and Fred Rogers, division freight and passenger agent, of Sloux City, made a short stop here Thursday afternoon of last week. They were on a tour of inspec tion, and were traveling in a railway automobile-the first railway "chugbuggy" 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

Yesterday hundreds of dandelions were in blocm on some of the parks Water Commissioner H. L. Spauld and lawns of Norfolk, but today they nips of the season by Jacob Frost Miss Anna Miller has returned from The mercury skillfully maneuvered the prospects are that the low point Rev. J. J. Parker came down from for the storm period has been reached The Wisner team has a right to Plainview last night for a visit with 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 mer chants have appreciated the change until the weather enforced the need of such materials.

MEET HIS DEPOSITORS.

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 fessed to burglarizing the home of A number of Methodists went to Whittemore was interviewed today A. H. Maas was in Norfolk from had at first denied it, through the clev- Miss Daisy Martin of Atchison, Kan. \$25,000 in notes; that the loan and

Warrants Out for Them, Warrants are in the hands of the sheriff charging Hagerty with receivday, at which time the examiner ex-

Pat Hagerty was over seventy years

Mrs. Hagerty Speaks.

Mrs. Hagerty, who is vice president. Henry Stewart is brought back from of the bank, said today: "The news Wheeler, S. D., on a requisition issued Fairfax Sun-Review: Mr. Sam Wil- papers have said that Mr. Hagerty vesterday by Governor Mickey Ben son, of the firm of Wilson Bros. & Co. took away a large som of money. This Welbaum, agent, has gone after Stewof Norfolk, Neb., came up on Sunday is untrue. He took only about \$400 art. The man in company with Hiller evening's passenger, and Monday Neither did he take any notes. Any Stewart, is charged with burglary. On morning left for the new town of Greg- one can see the notes would be no the night of November 22. Gustav ory, accompanied by Mrs. Edwin M. good to him. He could neither sell Stock shot his son who was a Starcher and Miss Mary Wilson. The nor collect them under present con havid sugmeer from the Pacific party went up to Gregory for the pur ditions. The only papers he took were coast at home on a visit. One nubpose of beginning the erection of private papers, of no commercial val. lished report was that the son said bebuildings on their lots in that town, ue. Mr. Hagerty only left because he fore he died that his father tried to could not pay, and he had not the get him to go to a neighbor's hen Bonesteel Pilot: Wm. Lamoreaux heart to meet the depositors, most of house and a quarrel followed. This came in from Gregory Tuesday. He whom were old time friends who had tale was received with doubts and it

All Not Gold That Glitters. barns and much hay was consumed, went into the banking business. He house of Stock senior to rob it and was well off before he engaged in the old man came out and shot the were located on his ranch sixty miles banking and he is the greatest suf- first person he saw. This proved to will be during the next two weeks, the money, the young man at first said northwest of Bonesteel. He had had ferer by the failure. The bank had be his son. All this will be cleared up many heavy losses. Mr. Hagerty had when the missing man is brought confidence in customers who borrowed back. spend her Thanksgiving vacation with when pressed through the sweatbox ory. Seven teams were doing the from him and who could not or would. The requisition is based on a comnot pay. If the debts due the bank plaint signed by the elder Stock that were all paid, nobody would lose any. Henry and Hiles Stewart on the night the money back."

Letter List.

Mr. F. P. Beacom, Mrs. Amanda Booten, Mrs. Aggie D. Brewer, Mr. Charley L. Brown, Mr. Marion P. Bulfor the past three weeks, leaves to SAYS PAT DIDN'T HAVE HEART TO HIL. Mr. Albert Cometer, Musa Agnes Cheufield, Mrs. Harry Reynolds, Miss. Gracia Scaler, J. D. Waltin, Ed. Wil-

non, Rev. D. D. Willey. If not excited for in fifteen days will be sent to the head letter office.

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Boys Confessed to Trying to Rob the Chicken Coop of Gus Stock, sr.,

living at Lynch, Boyd county, when is now said that Hiles Stewart has confessed that he and Henry Stewart and "It is a great mosfortune that he young Stock went to the chicken

Fairfax Sun-Review: Work on the thing. Those who criticise Mr. Hager- of November 22 broke into his chicken artesian well which is being put down ty, might also give some attention to house intending to steal property on Fred Bentz's farm, east of Fair those who borrowed and never paid 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 List of letters remaining uncalled shot.



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