

## TWO PONIES ARE STOLEN

SPAN OF ANIMALS BELONGING TO G. W. EVANS GONE.

PICKETED OUT, ROPES WERE CUT

It is believed by many that some of the tramps who are loitering in a gang of twenty-five, around Norfolk, did the stealing.

Two ponies belonging to G. W. Evans, who lives in the southwest part of the city, were stolen yesterday by unknown parties, and have not yet been recovered. The ponies were picketed out on ropes, and the ropes were cut by the horse thieves. Efforts to trace the robbers have been made, but as yet to no avail.

It is believed by many in the neighborhood of Mr. Evans' home that the thieves are some of the large gang of tramps who have been hanging around the Junction round house for the past two weeks, unmolested by the Norfolk police. Many complaints are being made over the city because of the dilatory methods in which the police force of Norfolk have allowed these hoboos to remain in the city.

**Twenty-five Tramps in Gang.**  
It is said that there are at least twenty-five tramps and crooks in the gang. They have been loafing down around the Elkhorn river, putting kegs of beer under their belts and dropping into town when they chose. Several of them have been peddling articles of various sorts throughout the town and, according to the word of one who has sold needles and collar buttons, they have reaped a good harvest here without having had to pay any city license whatever.

Police Officer Uecher says that "Happy Harry" Thompson is still loitering about the town. Thompson was one of the gang of five who broke jail here and any one of these five could be sent up on a jail breaking charge if nothing else.

**Look Out For Next Week.**  
Look out for next week. With a big tent show in town and this mob of tramps and crooks loafing around until the crowds get here, it is easily apparent that there will be good reason why the citizens of Norfolk should be on their guard from the work of these thugs. Doors should be locked at all times, people in the crowds should keep their hands on their pockets, and police who will do something to rid the community of the gang ought to be put on as specials.

### THURSDAY TIDINGS.

Mrs. D. Rees is spending the day in West Point.

Mrs. H. E. Owen will leave tonight for Hot Springs.

R. M. O'Neill of Genoa was a city visitor yesterday.

Mrs. T. E. Fonda of St. Edwards is visiting in the city.

P. M. King came up from Humphrey last night on business.

Miss Otella Pilger went to Tilden today for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bessert of Lynch are visiting in the city.

Mrs. Sleekie and Mrs. Wehre went to Wisner to visit today.

Major Gagner of Madison is in the city for a few days visit.

Dr. F. A. Bryant went to Wayne this morning on business.

S. F. and L. C. Sloan of Long Pine are in the city on business.

Frank Hamilton went to Omaha this morning for a short visit.

Rev. H. Robbet of Montivideo, Minn., is visiting friends here.

Mrs. Geo. T. Kelley of Pierce was shopping in the city yesterday.

Mrs. O. A. Sleeper of Warnerville was shopping in the city yesterday.

C. G. Whipple came down from Niobrara this morning to visit relatives.

Howard Beymer has returned from Chicago, where he has been visiting.

Leon Thompkins returned last night from Inman where he has been visiting.

Mrs. Jones of Omaha is in the city visiting her daughter Mrs. A. A. Ahlmann.

Miss Merda Wolfe of Battle Creek spent the day in the city shopping yesterday.

Mrs. A. M. Cross and Mrs. Kate of Pierce were shopping in the city yesterday.

Mrs. Ralph Allan and children have returned from Seattle, where they have been visiting.

Mrs. Peters and Miss Zuelow were up from Stanton yesterday visiting their parents.

Clara Marty of Plainview passed through the city this morning on her way to Columbus.

Miss Jennie Hilton of Chicago is a guest at the home of Mrs. J. T. Thompson on Pasewalk avenue.

Max Lenser and George Osby of Tilden and Frank Lenser of this place left today for Lake Superior on the excursion.

Miss Loretta Masters left today for Sheridan, Wyo., where she goes to visit Mr. and Mrs. J. Warrall, formerly of this city.

W. E. Taylor, cashier of the Madison State bank, remained in the city over night on his way home to Madison from a trip up the Bonesteel line.

J. L. Hershiser has erected a new awning in front of his drug store at the Junction.

Elmer Hight and Bert Kummerer fished yesterday and caught a nice string of fish.

Miss Lois Gibson very pleasantly entertained a few of her friends at a lawn party last evening.

D. A. Holmes, formerly of Norfolk, is now general counsellor for the Unit-

ed States Packing company of New York City.

The Stanton base ball team passed through on the noon train yesterday to Oakdale, where they played Nellig.

The Red Tops will play ball with the Enoia team at the Norfolk Relief association picnic at Hille's grove next Sunday.

The Norfolk market on hogs followed the increase at South Omaha yesterday and went to \$6.10, or ten cents higher than has been known here during a long time.

Yesterday was a stifling hot day, with the mercury at 90. The lowest point reached was 62. This morning the air was close and sultry, almost to the point of suffocation.

It was reported in Norfolk yesterday afternoon that a bank had been entered in a small town near Stanton and that five yeggmen in the act of dynamiting the safe were captured. Vigorous use of wires to Stanton failed to reveal any truth in the report.

People arriving in Norfolk on the morning trains today from the west and north said that it was raining early today all the way from Long Pine to O'Neill and all the way from Bonesteel to Plainview. The oppressive air here foretold the storm that was coming.

M. Mihills of this city sold to George Nordyke of Allen, one of his Duroc Jersey hogs for the good figure of \$100 yesterday. Mr. Nordyke made an offer of \$200 for another animal, a full brother to this hog, which was refused. These two hogs are litter brothers to the \$112 gilt sold last winter at the Mihills and Tighe sale. Mr. Mihills has two other sisters in the same herd.

Mrs. P. M. Sisson, wife of the former presiding elder of the Methodist church in the Norfolk district, but now of South Omaha, was operated upon yesterday morning in Omaha for gall stones. The surgeon removed 181 gall stones and the patient was doing nicely at last reports. A postal card was received this morning from Dr. Sisson by Rev. J. E. Poncher of this city, telling of the operation. A peculiar feature of the case is the fact that Dr. Sisson, while he lived in Norfolk, suffered very seriously from gall stones and was twice operated upon for the ailment, being now entirely recovered. The many friends of the family, not only in Norfolk but in all north Nebraska, will sincerely hope for the early recovery of Mrs. Sisson.

The final Norfolk contribution to the San Francisco sufferers was sent today in the form of a bank draft amounting to \$123.53. The draft was sent by W. A. Witzigman of the Citizens National bank, who was chairman of the committee which raised funds in Norfolk and the surrounding country for San Francisco's relief. This money came from a balance that was left over after the first carload of flour was sent, and from contributions that have been received since the earthquake by the committee. This includes gifts from farmers of this vicinity, many of whom donated provisions which were turned into cash. The draft that went today was made out to the order of General Fund, to whom the carload of supplies had been sent before and who, it was believed, will see that proper use of the money is made.

## DROWNS AT JOLLY PICNIC

WEST POINT PARK CELEBRATION TURNS INTO GLOOM.

JOHN ACKERMAN THE VICTIM

The 18-Year-Old Son of a Well Known and Old Established West Point Family Lost His Life at Headgates of Flume in Peculiarly Sad Manner.

West Point, Neb., July 12.—Special to The News: The joyous picnic celebration of the second anniversary of the dedication of Sherman park in West Point was quickly converted into a period of gloom at 6 o'clock last night when John Ackerman, the 18-year-old son of C. W. Ackerman, an old resident of West Point, was drowned at the headgates of the mill flume in the Elkhorn river, near the park.

The young man was an exceptionally bright and promising fellow, had just returned from college in Indiana for his summer vacation, and was popular here.

**Took a Swim After Ball Game.**  
Young Ackerman, together with other youths, had been playing baseball during the late afternoon and after the game, together with two other young men, went swimming in the river. He was able to swim only a little bit and had only been in the water a short time when, in some way, he went under and was drowned.

**Under Water Only Twenty Minutes.**  
Ackerman was only under the water twenty minutes before his body was found and brought ashore. Four physicians were on hand and did every thing that could be done to restore his life, but it was too late.

**Festive Spirit Returns to Gloom.**  
It had been arranged to have a celebration in the evening in honor of the second anniversary of the park dedication. There were to have been fireworks, a band concert and a general good time. The sad accident, however, turned the festive spirit into gloom, and the celebration was abandoned.

There is great good sense in the Spanish saying that "through not spending enough we spend too much." This is "the law and the prophets" in the matter of store-advertising.

## CALL THEM MUSH FAKIRS

TRAMPS WHO REPAIR UMBRELLAS HAVE QUEER NAME.

BUT CLEAR UP \$4 OR \$5 A DAY

"Honesty is the Best Policy, Even for Tramps," Declares Knight of the Box Car in Norfolk—Was Anxious to Read of Atkinson Crooks.

"Mush fakirs" is the term applied by the tramp profession to that class of hoboos who repair umbrellas along their route. It is a unique name, derived in a unique manner, and the origin was explained to The News by a tramp who had dropped in to get a supply of exchanges.

"Have you got any Atkinson or O'Neill exchanges?" he asked.

"What do you want to see—the story of the bums arrested at Atkinson and jailed at O'Neill?"

"Yes, that's right."

He was shown the report from Atkinson which told of the umbrella vender who was caught tapping a till.

"Oh, a mush fakir, was he?" exclaimed the tramp visitor.

"What do you mean by that?" was queried.

**Umbrella Resembles Mushroom.**  
"Why, an umbrella resembles a mushroom," said the hobo, "and so we call the umbrella man a 'mush fakir.'"

He said, when questioned about it, that he had heard on the street of the gang arrested at Atkinson, but he denied all knowledge of the crowd who broke jail in Norfolk, and declared that "Happy" Harry Thompson has not been around here for some time. This particular tramp has been in town for more than a week.

**"Mush Fakirs" Make Money.**  
The "mush fakirs" make money, according to the tramp. "Don't you ever think they don't make anything," he said, "for they will clean up \$4 or \$5 every day. It's just like it is in everything else, the good workman will make more than a poor one."

"Some of them are thieves, just as some of every class of people are thieves," declared the tramp. "Some of them will use their umbrellas as a blind to get the lay of the land, but any peddler does this. There are, however, some mush fakirs who work straight."

**Honesty Best Policy for Tramp.**  
Honesty is the best policy, even for a tramp, according to this knight of the ties. "I've knocked around the world a good deal," he said—and he looked the part—and I know that it pays to be honest. A fellow may be ornery for a time and win at it, but sooner or later they will get you, and in the long run honesty pays best."

"What is your line?" was ventured.

"I peddle collar buttons and needles," said the tramp, "and I've done well at it in Norfolk, too."

"How much do you make?"

"Oh, ordinarily \$2 a day and if I wanted to work eight or nine hours I could do better at it than that. In towns where the field has been worked ahead of me, it isn't so good, but where there is a clear field, I make good money."

**Needed No License Here.**  
"What about a license, didn't you have to have one here?"

"No," said the tramp. "I haven't been bothered here. In towns where they get after me, if the field justifies it I take out a license, if it doesn't I move on."

The fellow said that he was a shingle by trade, and had quit work last winter because he hurt his foot. He has worked two days in Norfolk at shingling, but it hurt his foot and he had to quit.

**BORN CRIMINAL, CAN'T BE GOOD**  
Talented Physician Declares It Impossible for Him to Be Straight.

Denver, July 12.—William James Patterson, one year ago a respected and prosperous physician, a university graduate and graduate of medicine from Washington and Rush Medical schools, and an expert in criminology, lies a physical and mental wreck in the city jail, the victim of his too long study into the ways and the works of criminals. Only one qualification of this statement concerning himself does the once highly respected man make. This is that he would not have fallen had he not had the natural criminal instinct, which was undeveloped until his delving into criminology brought it to the surface.

"I'm a natural criminal. I could not be otherwise if I chose," he said, when arrested for issuing a fraudulent check for \$20. He scouts the idea of environment creating criminals.

"I'm a living example of a man with criminal instincts highly developed," he said. "I could not be straight if I wanted to. I would defraud people at a time when I did not need money and had no possible reason for taking it, other than to fill this natural craving."

Patterson was arrested in April last for forgery committed in Kansas. At that time he was living with his wife, apparently refined, and two children. Wealthy parents of Salina, Kan., rescued him from prison, but the quick repetition of the crime demonstrates the truth of his statement that he cannot live straight.

**PLUTOCRAT RULERS NOT BEST.**  
Sarah Platt Decker's Plan for Public Officials Finds Opposition.

New York, July 12.—"Would millionaires rule better New York city?" Mrs. Clarence Burns says it all de-

pends on the millionaires. Mrs. Burns, who is president of the Little Mothers' association and identified with many public improvements and knows her city in its best and worst aspects, was discussing the plan of Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker of Denver, to make plutocrats serve as city housekeepers.

Mrs. Decker, as a voter and as head of the General Federation of Women's clubs, talks from both sides of the question. In a recent address she implored men who had achieved fortune and who were the community's ablest citizens, "to become governors of states, mayors and officials of cities, and to serve without pay or hope of emolument out of pure love of humanity."

"That might work in the west, where men are on a more equal footing and where they are less a problem in nationality than is found in New York," said Mrs. Burns, "but in New York foreigners participate largely in the government. It is doubtful if millionaire officials would make a success of it here. The rich man might do what he thought they wanted and err. Then suppose your man of wealth was not morally fit? The careers of our millionaires have not always suggested high nobility of purpose and other requisites. Look at some of the trust magnates, for instance."

"It is safer to bank on a Tim Sullivan. No one could better represent his district than he does. He knows them all from the little babies down. They go to him with their troubles. He is one of them—that's the secret of it."

## THE NEW TRAIN SERVICE

SHOSHONI PASSENGER TO START NEXT SUNDAY.

GETS TO NORFOLK AT 6 A. M.

On the Return Trip, the Train Arrives in Norfolk a Little After Midnight. No Changes on This Division—New Card Out.

[From Thursday's Daily.]

A new through train from Chicago to Shoshoni will start over the northern system the coming Sunday.

It will be known as the Shoshoni passenger train, and will pass through Norfolk at about 6 o'clock in the morning going west, and shortly after midnight going east.

The new time card was issued from the Chicago & Northwestern headquarters here today, and goes into effect at 12:05 o'clock, midnight, Sunday morning, standard time.

The new Shoshoni train will leave Chicago every morning at 10:15 o'clock. It will reach Norfolk the next morning at 6:10, will take breakfast here, and will go on west at 6:35, arriving at Long Pine at 11:30 a. m. and thence proceeding on to Shoshoni, which point it reaches at 7:20 the next morning.

Returning, the train leaves Shoshoni at 10 p. m., reaches Norfolk at 1:15 a. m. the second morning after, strikes Omaha at 6 a. m. and Chicago at 8:50 that night.

The first train will leave Chicago Sunday morning, reaching Norfolk Monday morning and Shoshoni Tuesday morning.

There are no other changes affecting this division. The trains leaving here at noon and night will connect at Chadron with trains into Shoshoni, thus giving three trains a day. The noon train to Long Pine will then go right on through to Chadron.

**EXAMINING ROUTE.**  
County Commissioners are Looking Over Line of New Ditch.

County Commissioners Harding, Malone and Taft are in the city looking over the land that is to be touched by the new gulch leading from Corporation gulch to the river.

**TWO SECTIONS.**  
Train From West so Heavy That It Had to Be Divided.

Owing to the heavy traffic on the C. & N. W. today the noon passenger from the west had to be run in two sections. The officials' train was attached to the second section.

**RAILROAD MAN DEAD.**  
M. C. Burbank, Formerly Timekeeper in Office Here, Succumbs.

Word has been received here announcing the death of M. C. Burbank, formerly timekeeper for C. H. Reynolds, at the hospital in Clinton, Iowa.

Mr. Burbank had been suffering from appendicitis for some time and was very low at the time he was taken to the hospital.

Manus C. Burbank was twenty-one years of age, and had been employed in the office of Superintendent Reynolds as timekeeper for one year. He suffered a complication of appendicitis and typhoid fever. The funeral will be held at Missouri Valley Friday afternoon at 2:30.

Over a million acres of land will be thrown open to settlement on the Shoshoni Indian reservation August 15, 1906. These lands are reached by the direct route of the Chicago & Northwestern R'y. from Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Omaha, and other points in the Mississippi valley. Send 2c in stamps for pamphlets, maps and full particulars to W. B. Kinslern, P. T. M., C. & N. W. R'y. Co., Chicago.

It's a good plan to forget some things—but not to forget to read the ads.

## THAW THREATENED MURDER

DECLARED LONG AGO THAT HE WOULD GET WHITE YET.

WOMEN WILL TESTIFY TO THIS

Evidence Which is Said to Have Been Gained From Edna McClure, an Actress, May Shatter Thaw's Hope for Release Through "Unwritten Law."

New York, July 11.—"Before her marriage to Harry Thaw, Evelyn Nesbit did make an affidavit in a suit she contemplated bringing against Thaw. The suit was for breach of promise of marriage. The original affidavit made by Evelyn Nesbit is in existence today, and has not been destroyed."

These highly important statements have been made with the greatest positiveness by a man who was a friend of the late Stanford White. This contradicts the statements of Judge Olcott, Harry Thaw's counsel, who said repeatedly that Evelyn Nesbit never made any affidavit against Thaw.

In this affidavit it is said she charged Mr. Thaw with having pointed a pistol at her head and threatened to shoot her if she did not immediately swear to a charge accusing Stanford White of accomplishing her ruin.

This affidavit has been destroyed, but a photograph of the document is in existence, and the contents are of such a nature as to preclude publication.

**Threatened White, Too.**  
A line of evidence which, if corroborated, will go far to destroy any hopes Thaw may be basing on the "unwritten law" as a defense for killing Stanford White has come into possession of the district attorney's office through Edna McClure, an actress now performing in "A Social Whirl."

This evidence would seem to indicate that Thaw's killing of White was the result of a planned and determined vengeance covering a period of nearly two years.

The name of a woman who spent several months of 1903 in Europe in the company of Evelyn Nesbit and Harry Thaw was given to Mr. Garvan. This woman, it is said, will testify that in her presence and in the presence of William Sturgis and Evelyn Nesbit, in her apartments in this city, Harry Thaw drew a pistol two years ago and, flourishing it over his head, exclaimed: "This is for White."

Miss McClure said that both Stanford White and Harry Thaw were pursuing Evelyn Nesbit. There were two cabs at the stage door for her every night and two bunches of flowers. White won at that time and he took the girl from the stage and sent her to school in Pompton, N. J. She was taken ill while there and underwent an operation. Then White sent her and her mother to Europe.

Harry Thaw learned of this and went abroad. He met the girl in Paris and Evelyn went with him, leaving Mrs. Holman, the girl's mother, penniless in Paris. She had to cable White for money to get home. Evelyn tired of Thaw's conduct abroad and left him.

When she got home she went to Stanford White and told him of the treatment to which she had been subjected by Thaw. White then took her to his attorney and had her draw up the affidavit which is now so badly wanted by the prosecution. Thaw followed her home and after some time, she rejoined him and they went abroad together.

**Told Thaw to Go to White.**  
Miss McClure said that Evelyn was on the point of leaving Thaw after a bitter quarrel when he offered marriage to her. Miss McClure also told the assistant district attorney that while entertaining a number of guests in a Broadway restaurant one night Thaw saw Stanford White enter the place. He began to abuse White, says Miss McClure, and said to his wife: "There goes that blackguard now that owned you before I did."

Mrs. Thaw is reported to have answered: "Stop raking up my past Harry. That brute over there is responsible. Go to him about it."

"I will," Thaw said, "I'll get him yet."

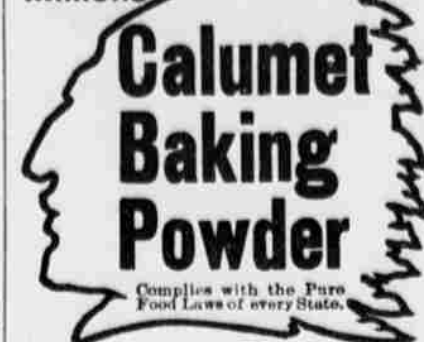
Mrs. Legrand Mink, the mother of Edna McClure, was with her daughter at the district attorney's office yesterday. In speaking of the Thaw case today she said: "Harry Thaw's hate for Stanford White was like that of a maniac. He seemed possessed of a consuming horror of White. It was plainly a mania with him."

The district attorney's office also is searching for William Sturgis, a close friend of Harry K. Thaw, who has disappeared since the tragedy. It is reported that Sturgis had heard Thaw make threats against Stanford White.

**White Good to Nesbits.**  
No matter what may have been the enmity between White and Evelyn Nesbit, if any existed, during the few months preceding the killing, White, Mr. Garvan is said to have learned, had the kindest feelings for Evelyn Nesbit's family. Evidence tending to show that up to the day of his death White had been paying for the education of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw's brother Howard, was offered to Mr. Garvan. This boy is said to be about 18 years old, is at college either in New York or Pennsylvania, and the state already has set investigators at work to find him.

**Chorus Girls Flee.**  
The investigation of the district attorney's office is bringing to the office of the prosecutor many young women of the stage. The Broadway theatrical

Used by Millions



district has been flooded with subpoenas.

Many chorus girls have left the city and others remain at their homes to avoid the subpoena servers.

## WILL RACE HENRY PILLER

NIORARA FATHER OF NINETEEN, AGE 79, CHALLENGES.

OR HE WILL WRESTLE PILLER

James Esgate, a Man Who Served Four Years in the Army and Who Works Every Day at His Trade, is Ready to Compete for Prize.

Niobrara, Neb., July 12.—Special to The News: The item in The News yesterday regarding Henry Piller has brought out James Esgate as his challenger. Mr. Esgate is past seventy-nine, and is father of nineteen children, the mother of whom is still living. He was four and a half years in the army besides.

He works daily at his trade as a mason and sends Mr. Piller a challenge to run him a foot race and beat him, or throw him in a wrestling match.

So Norfolk can bunch up its sports and take a day off on Niobrara island park, and the old town will show them a good time.

**Republican Caucuses.**  
Notice is hereby given that the republican voters of Norfolk precinct will meet in caucus for the purpose of selecting delegates to the county convention to be held at Battle Creek, Nebraska, on the 25th day of July, 1906, at 1 p. m., as follows:

First ward, July 14, at 8:30 p. m. at the city hall.

Second ward, July 14, at 8:30 p. m., at the office of Mapes & Hazen.

Third ward, July 14, at 8:30 p. m., at the city hall.

Fourth ward, July 14, at 8:30 p. m., at the J. L. Hershiser drug store at Norfolk Junction.

Outside precincts on July 14 at 2 p. m. at the city hall.

The said several wards are entitled to representation as follows:

First ward, six (6).

Second ward, ten (10).

Third ward, six (6).

Fourth ward, three (3).

Outside precinct, five (5).

Jack Koenigstein, Committeeman First ward.

Burt Mapes, Committeeman Second ward.

W. A. Witzigman, Committeeman Third ward.

W. H. Livingston, Committeeman Fourth ward.

A. L. Carter, Committeeman Outside Precinct.

**Notice.**  
To Whom It May Concern and Particularly to Orin J. Showers:

Be it known that M. C. Hazen on the 7th day of November, 1904, purchased at public sale at the treasurer's office in Madison county, Nebraska, of the then treasurer of said county, for the delinquent taxes of 1903, the following described property, taxed for said year in the name of Orin J. Showers, to-wit: the NE 1/4 of lot 5, block 5, Pasewalk's addition to Norfolk, in Madison county, Nebraska, the said purchase being evidenced by certificate of