

DICKERSON NO NOVICE

CONFESSED HORSE THIEF HAS SERVED TIME IN AT LEAST FOUR STATE PRISONS.

EACH TERM FOR HIS SPECIALTY OF TAKING HORSES

Sheriff Says He Has Sufficient Evidence to Convict and That Other Members of Gang Will be Rounded Up Soon—Dickerson Said to be Leader of Well Organized Gang.

Perry, Aug. 5.—Sheriff George Ross was in the city Wednesday picking up a few of the threads in the evidence against Tom Dickerson, the 70-year-old horse thief captured near Marengo a few weeks ago. The sheriff stated that he had secured evidence connecting Dickerson with the crimes in Dallas county and had an open and shut case against him on at least two counts.

"Dickerson is no novice at the game," said Sheriff Ross. "He has served time in the state penitentiaries of Iowa, Indiana, Illinois and Michigan, that we know of and in each commitment the crime named was horse stealing. He went under the name of J. W. Johnson, John Johnson, O'Brien, Downey and several other aliases.

"The old man is too old to do the actual thieving. My investigation leads me to believe that he used to go out in his automobile and ride over the country, locating the teams that he wanted, making a mark on the place and then sending out his confederates to get the horses. I know of one instance where the confederates stole two horses not intended by Dickerson to be the ones taken. The team he had spotted, a very valuable one, having been moved to another farm the day before the thieving."

A number of arrests are expected in a few days which will uncover the rest of the gang. There are a lot of detectives and officers working on the job and before the work is finished, the best organized and the most efficient gang of horse thieves which has operated in Iowa in many years will be completely uncovered, according to the Dallas county sheriff.

OATS AVERAGE 35 BUSHELS.

Harvesting Shows Yields Somewhat Better Than Expected.

Fort Dodge, Aug. 5.—An average of thirty-five bushels to the acre is the oat yield reported by the International Harvester company.

"This year," said one of the officials of the company, "is much better than was expected. It has surprised the farmers themselves. The dry weather has made the straw unusually short and in some places, the oats have been hard to cut."

Altho winter wheat is somewhat of an experiment in Webster county, John Rutledge, the pioneer farmer, north of the city, has threshed out a yield of thirty bushels to the acre. His oats, however, planted on high, dry soil, have been unusually low in their yield.

The whir of the threshing machines is to be heard over this section of the state as the golden grain is separated from the chaff and poured into the granaries. The number of threshing outfits that are being distributed out of this city this season has been large, probably more than in any other one season.

W. H. Black, who reported recently that his oats were thirty bushels to the acre, has been the object of considerable joking on the part of skeptical farmers. Mr. Black, however, still sticks to his assertion and declares that he knows a field in Cooper township, which, when threshed, will go to the same figure.

Grinnell and Vicinity.

Grinnell, Aug. 5.—That the west-side sewer is to be an accomplished fact seems to be made certain by the action of the city council in the purchase, at their special meeting on Wednesday afternoon, of a tract of land on the southwest of the city, containing 142 acres, and well situated for sewage disposal when the proper facilities are placed there. The land has been held in the name of H. H. Robbins, who is now in Eugene, Ore. The price paid was \$17,000. All but forty acres can be sold to good advantage and that will leave enough to take care of the sewage for many years to come. The vote on the proposition to buy the land was unanimous but there were four of the six members of the council present—Bump, Creamer, Laros and Lemley.

News of the critical illness of the mother of Mrs. J. S. Miller, of this city, called both Mr. and Mrs. Miller to Earlham on Wednesday afternoon.

After spending some time in a visit at the Nelson home in this city, Mrs. Charles A. Schuster, of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Miss Florence Nelson, of Trenton, Ontario, have gone to visit friends in Northfield, Minn., planning to return here for a second visit.

Matt Lyon, who moved into Grinnell from the country some months ago and rented the Baker residence at the corner of State street and Fourth avenue, has just bought the place, the consideration named being \$3,000.

Miss Nellie Cooper is entertaining as guests in her home Miss Bess Wade, of Atlanta, Ga., and the Misses Ethel and Evangeline Roberts, of Newton.

Mrs. G. H. Hiser and her infant daughter, Gertrude, the latter nursing three weeks in age, have come from the hospital in Des Moines and are at home with Grandfather and Grandmother Gifford, at the Hotel Monroe.

Mrs. F. H. Gifford is continuing her plan of improvement of the Monroe hotel by putting hot and cold water into each room for guests. The contract has been signed and the work of installation will begin directly.

Other arrangements for the accommodation of guests are also decided upon and will be made as rapidly as possible without interfering with the regular trade.

The pulpit of the First Congregational church of Muscatine is to be supplied during the month of August, in the absence of the regular pastor on his vacation, by J. Winkler, of Iowa College.

All boys of 15 years of age or over

are invited to be present at 3 o'clock on Sunday afternoon next, on the south campus of the college, to listen to an address by Dr. F. A. Ely, of Des Moines, on the sex problem and what a boy ought to know and do. Dr. Ely comes at the request of the Boys' League.

Miss Calla Hand, of Portland, Ore., who is spending her vacation at the home of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. LaRoy S. Hand, in this city, is having the pleasure of a visit from her friend, Miss Emma Nye, formerly county superintendent but now principal of the high school in Eddyville.

Miss Lucy Mitchell, who has spent the past season in Grinnell and went some weeks ago back to her old home in Charles City to make a visit, has returned here and started yesterday for Security, Tex., to spend some time with her sisters, who have a home there.

Ray Heishman, who had his jaws badly broken and displaced in an auto accident between here and Malcom two or three weeks ago, has just been to the specialist in Des Moines to have the wires removed and is fast reaching a normal condition.

Henry Jensen has just started on a sight seeing trip to New Mexico, planning to be away several weeks.

The Marston family at the Congressional parsonage are enjoying a visit from the son, Harold D. Marston, who has been teaching and goes to take the position of high school principal at Carver, Mass., Sept. 1.

Mrs. Mary Belle Wheeler has recently sold her farm near Malcom for \$15,000. She is now visiting Mrs. Mary D. Cox and others in this city.

C. P. Stickle has been particularly unfortunate in the loss of two valuable horses, both being found dead in field or pasture, the some weeks apart in their death, and with no apparent connection in cause.

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WOMAN BREAKS LEG DAY BEFORE 101ST BIRTHDAY.

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Council Bluffs, Aug. 5.—Mrs. Hawley, mother of Mayor Hawley, of College Springs, is 101 years old today. She anticipated an enjoyable day with friends and relatives, but last night she fell in crossing a room and broke one of her legs.

BASEBALL RESULTS FRIDAY.

American League.

At Washington—Chicago 11, Washington 4.

At New York—New York 5, Detroit 1.

At Philadelphia—Philadelphia 7, Cleveland 3.

At Boston—Boston 9, St. Louis 5.

National League.

At Chicago—Chicago 5, Philadelphia 2.

At Cincinnati—New York 5, Cincinnati 2.

At Pittsburgh—Pittsburgh 4, Boston 3.

At St. Louis—St. Louis 3, Brooklyn 2.

Games today—Same as yesterday.

American Association.

At Columbus—Columbus 7, Milwaukee 4.

At Indianapolis—Indianapolis 5-2, Minneapolis 1-2 (second game called in the thirteenth on account of darkness.)

At Louisville—Kansas City 5, Louisville 3.

At Toledo—Toledo 7, St. Paul 0.

Games today—Same as yesterday.

Central Association.

At Burlington—Keokuk 10, Burlington 6.

At Monmouth—Kewanee 12, Monmouth 2.

At Ottumwa—Ottumwa 4, Muscatine 3 (10 innings).

At Waterloo—Cedar Rapids 6, Waterloo 3.

Western League.

At Des Moines—Des Moines 7, Denver 6.

At Omaha—Topeka 9, Omaha 5.

At Sioux City—Sioux City 15, Wichita 13.

At St. Joseph—St. Joseph 4, Lincoln 2.

Crow Dissemminator of Disease.

Another reputation is gone. Modern research has, according to a colonial office report, proved carrion crows to be disseminators of disease instead of useful scavengers, and they are no longer to be protected in the towns of British Guiana.

Little Sonny

Helps With The Grass.

Sonny Rides on the Wheelbarrow.

PERHAPS the lawn mower is heavy on a hot evening, as daddy said, but Jack and Evelyn merely chuckled when he complained because they had not come out to help him. They knew that daddy would not trust that lawn mower to either of them. When Evelyn hinted this to him daddy wrinkled his forehead in a funny way he has said:

"But then you know you might have helped some. Sonny helped, and he is only two years old. If a little fellow like that could help his daddy, why couldn't you help me?"

"It was one evening not long ago that I passed the house where Sonny lives. We are great friends, and when I saw him trotting along with a tin pail hanging over his arm I asked:

"Whither away, Sonny boy?"

"Sonny lifted his blue eyes to mine and replied:

"Dess tittin' dwas."

"Now, there are times when your daddy has trouble understanding Sonny, and this was one of the times.

"What did you say, Sonny?" I asked again.

"I inquisitively peered into the pail Sonny was carrying, and, lo, it was half filled with grass.

"Oh, you mean you have been cutting grass?" I said.

"Less, lissed Sonny, with a grieved air: 'tuttin' dwas. Me help."

"When I reached Sonny's lawn I saw Sonny's daddy out there with the lawn mower and his mamma with a rake gathering the grass into little heaps.

"I stopped to chat, and Sonny trotted up with his pail, now empty. You would have thought from the air he gave himself he was doing all the work himself.

"More dwas," he said as he dived down into one of the little heaps of green and then, handful after handful, piled it into the pail.

"Gypie frisked around the pile, poking her nose into the midst of it and now and then scattering the grass playfully with her fore feet.

"Naughty Gypie; maw hep tut dwas," Sonny would was the dog.

"Sonny wants to help," his mother explained, "so I am raking up the grass in heaps. Then he can carry it away in his pail. You would be surprised to see how much he has carried over there."

"I went across the road and looked at a little heap of grass on a vacant lot. By patiently piling back and forth the little heap had carried it all over there. Later, when the lawn was mowed, his father would get out the wheelbarrow and, piling the grass into it, give Sonny a good time riding to and from the vacant lot. And I think little Sonny earned his drink. Don't you?"

MOTOR AROUND WORLD

MAN AND WIFE MAKING WORLD TOUR ON SINGLE CYCLE AS ENDURANCE TEST.

WILL VISIT EVERY COUNTRY ON GLOBE

Must Finish Journey in Time to be Present at Opening of Panama-Pacific Exposition in San Francisco—Reach Iowa on First Stages of Journey.

Special to Times-Republican.

Mason City, Aug. 5.—Around the world on a motorcycle, in time to be present on the opening day of the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco, on June 15, 1915, for a prize of \$10,000 is the task set for Mr. and Mrs. Harry Humphreys who paid Mason City a short visit today to make repairs and for a short rest. They left Los Angeles, Cal., twenty-six days ago, and according to the rules of the race must in their tour visit every country of the world. They have been averaging 200 miles per day and expect to get to New York City before midnight Aug. 11 to go abroad the Rapahonack for the voyage to London the next stopping place.

They will then visit the countries of Europe, leaving that continent from Spain, coast Africa to Capetown, thence to Madagascar, Indian, China, Japan, Philippine Islands, Fiji Islands, Peru, South America, and other countries there, Cuba, United States and thence to California. The test is to try out the endurance of a woman and the \$10,000 prize is offered by Oscar Hammerstein, of New York.

Mrs. Humphreys is the champion long distance motorcyclist of England, having made a 900-mile ride in three days and two nights. Her husband is a Marathon sprinter, having won the Marathon in New York, going twenty-six miles in two hours and twenty-eight minutes, and he also won the Scotland Marathon in January, 1912, making the same distance in two hours, thirty-three minutes.

His greatest race was the international event from Johannesburg to Kimberly, South Africa, 450 miles, which he did in forty-eight hours and won one thousand pounds, besides a diamond ring presented in person by Oom Paul Kruger.

Mrs. Humphreys rides in a criblike arrangement on the side of the motorcycle.

Simple Remedy for Burns.

Common whitening, mixed with water to the consistency of a thick cream spread on linen, forms an excellent local application to burns and scalds. The whole burnt surface should be covered, thus excluding the action of the air. The ease it affords is instantaneous, and it only requires to be kept moist by occasional sprinkling of cold water.

Finding of Fresh-Water Eel.

The straits of Messina are channels of immense depth, through which a wild form of whirling eddies have the effect of bringing up from the depths below many marine creatures which are rarely seen except in the deep sea trawls. It was here that the fresh-water eel was first discovered, an incident which threw a blaze of light on the life history of a very mysterious fish.—London Daily Telegraph.

Factory Tied Up by Eel.

A factory at Burnley, Scotland, was tied up the other day through an eel which had come from the river Calder getting into the condensing apparatus attached to the boiler. The machinery had to be stopped till the fish was extracted.

Daily Thought.

We sleep, but the loom of life never stops; and the pattern which was weaving when the sun went down is weaving when it comes up tomorrow.—Henry Ward Beecher.

GOV. HODGES TO AID OF FARMER

Good Roads and Graded Schools and an Awakening of the Small Town Merchant to His Neglected Opportunities the Governor's Program—"Get Together" His Motto.

Governor Hodges of Kansas is going to devote a good deal of his time in the remainder of his administration to work out plans whereby the life of the farmer may be made so attractive that there will be no need for a "back to the farms" movement in Kansas at least. The first step in this plan is the organization of community centers, the next is good roads, the next is graded schools in the country districts, and then he would have the country merchants advertise that every interest in the community may be built up.

"This administration is using its best endeavors to build up community centers, better rural schools and local markets for the products of Kansas," the governor said in a recent interview. "The 'back to the farm' movement is the wrong end to begin work on. Every state should have a system of good roads, with big township schools that teach domestic science, agriculture and art students for normal training work. The school should be made so attractive and so good that it would not be necessary for the agriculturist to go to town with his family to procure an education for them.

Brains Needed For Success.

"The freest, the truest and the best life is the agriculturist's life. It takes the same brain, however, to be a successful farmer that it does to be a successful banker or professional man, and our farmers are now awakening to the fact that good roads, community interest centers and graded country schools are solving the problem, and when we have community centers, good roads and country schools in a high degree of efficiency there will be no 'back to the farm' movement, for there will then be no incentive or desire to leave the farm.

"I believe it is of vital interest to the agriculturist to keep the small towns in a prosperous condition, but the reason for the decline of the small town is from the fact that the merchants do not advertise their wares, together with the prices, as well as an accurate description of the stock that they handle, while, on the other hand, the mail order houses have a big, high priced catalogue in the hands of every man throughout the country. This is a constant advertisement of their wares, the description and prices are then known, and a family that wishes to buy some article looks at the catalogue and at once takes it up with the mail order house.

"A mail order house, with its expensive buildings, high priced ground, enormous rent, high priced officers, interest and a score of other necessary expenses, makes his overhead expense enormous, while, to the exact contrary, the country merchant, with a very minor expense account, can be a strong competitor of the mail order house if he will only set himself to the task of presenting his stock for the consideration of the customers by strong, clear, lucid, honest advertisement.

Merchants the Educators.

"The newspaper is by far the best medium, but if that is not accessible then a circular letter should be used. The farmer would much rather deal with his home merchant if he knows that he can get the same goods for the same price, but the solution of the problem rests with the country merchant, and it behooves him to get in touch with the farmers. Take them into your confidence, talk to them and point out to them certain added specifications that the list price man overlooks.

"This campaign of honest education should be made, and it must be made, by the man who is vitally interested—the merchant. The agriculturists realize that by the blotting out of the cities, they, the farmers, would be compelled to pay increased taxes, merchants and their employees must become stock raisers or agriculturists, and thus become competitors of the farmers.

"The community center means mutual interest—the stock raisers, the farmers, the merchants and men who have the general welfare of the public at heart. There should be a 'get-together' movement everywhere for the common good of mankind."

Advertising With Flowers.

Now that the large advertising boards that once disfigured the landscape on either side of the French railroads have been taxed out of existence by the chamber of deputies an ingenious and less offensive way of advertising specialties in the same places has been devised. Advertisers on the Orleans railroad have begun to plant beds of flowers of brilliant hues in the fields on either side of the track, with the blossoms so arranged as to spell the name of the products to which it is desired to draw the attention of the traveler.

First Parcel Post Package.

The silver loving cup commemorative of the opening of the parcel post system is now in the National museum at Washington. It was the first package to go through the mail under the new system and was mailed in Washington by Postmaster-General Hitchcock on Jan. 1 to Postmaster Morgan at New York. The cup is eight inches high and is suitably inscribed.

To Aid Spokane Working Girls.

The Philanthropic society of Spokane has just been organized by a number of club women, with the co-operation of about 2,000 working girls. The object of the organization is to build and conduct a home hotel for working girls and girl students on the plan of the Franklin Square house, in

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