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Eastern Daily Press 20 January 1880

ACCIDENTS.—Two accidents happened last week to workmen on the new Forncett and Wymondham junction railway in course of construction. On Wednesday, whilst excavating some earth near Hapton, a considerable quantity fell upon one of the men. He was soon extricated, and at first was thought to be very dangerously injured; but he is now progressing favorably. On Saturday a man employed near Horsford Watering on a bank was caught between two wagons and seriously bruised. Mr. Boast of Wymondham and Mr. Owen of Long Stratton were in attendance. In the evening the man was removed to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital. On inquiring at the works we find that no blame attaches to the officials.

Eastern Daily Press 30 January 1880

WYMONDHAM.

ACCIDENT.—At Hapton Hole on Tuesday, two men in charge of a drag, loaded with material for the new railway, coming down a steep hill on the public road, lost control of the drag. The result was that one of the men was so seriously injured that it was deemed necessary to remove him to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital at once. The other was conveyed home and was promptly attended by Dr. B. R. Boast of Wymondham.

Norwich Mercury 04 February 1880

WYMONDHAM.

WYMONDHAM AND FORNCETT (JUNCTION) RAILWAY.—This line of railway, connecting the centre and west of Norfolk with the Suffolk Railway, is now in full course of construction, and several hundreds of men are being employed by the contractor (Mr. Lovett) on the work. Since the work was commenced, some three months since, it has been rapidly proceeded with, and a great many workmen are now at work within a very short distance of Wymondham Station. The line will run through the parishes of Wymondham, Wreningham, Ashwelthorpe, Hapton and Forncett, and its length is a little over six miles. The line, which will be in connection with the present stations of Wymondham and Forncett, when completed, will be a great boon to farmers, merchants and other business men, residing in Suffolk, who have business at the many large markets situate in the centre and West of Norfolk and the Northern counties. This new line will also greatly relieve the goods traffic from the North (which is very considerable) for stations on the Colchester

line, as at present all goods trains have, of necessity, to go round by Norwich. One of the stipulations in the contract is that the new line shall be completed by Christmas in the present year. The Great Eastern Railway will be the owners of the line when completed.

Norfolk News 14 February 1880

TOLMAN—January 30, at the residence of his son, **Hapton House Farm, Little Cressingham, Samuel Tolman,** aged 84.

Lynn Advertiser 03 April 1880

FOR IMMEDIATE DISPOSAL,
PONY CARRIAGE, Cart; both in good condition.
Pony, strong, safe, rising 8 years, under 14 hands.
—Apply to Mr. Howes, **Hapton Vicarage, Long Stratton, Norfolk.**

Norwich Mercury 28 April 1880

ALLEGED BOBBERY AT HAPTON.

Wm. Womack (21), and Robert Womack (19), labourers, were charged in the calender with breaking into the premises of Mr. J. W. Pratt, and stealing a number of fowls on the 8th of April; but in consequence of the absence of a witness the case was remitted to the Quarter Sessions.

Norfolk Chronicle 14 February 1880

RAINFALL IN

To the Editor

SIR,—The Rainfall in January has been, as far as I can learn, unprecedentedly small. Lady Bayning, who I believe is the driest on record. The total for the last four months is barely half the average. The month has been generally cold, with a few days of rain. The thermometer has been generally below 40° on eight days. On the 1st, however, the maximum was 58°; and the minimum did not sink below 48° either day or night.
There are several changes to be recorded this year among the observers. The Rev. W. A. Chapman, of Colkington, has vacated the place vacated at **Hapton** by Miss Burroughes is supplied by the Rev. J. L. M. Moore; the Rev. J. L. M. Moore has resumed it, and Dr. Amyot, of Diss, well known among meteorologists, has promised to supply a record of the future.
Mattishall, 11th February, 1880.

7 JANUARY.

Editor.

Mr. Martin has kept a record since 1836, reports that the January of 1861, with 1.43 inches, had previously been the coldest on record. Generally cold, the thermometer not rising above the freezing point during four days, and only reaching 32° on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. Mr. Martin, who has since retired to Kirk, is gone into Devonshire for the greater part of the year; Mr. Martin has moved from West Tofts to West Tofts. Mr. T. F. Boddington, of Salhouse, who had been compelled by ill health to discontinue his record, has resumed it. The rain which falls on the borderland of Norfolk and Suffolk.

Yours truly,
J. M. DU PORT.

BURGLARY.

William Womack (21), labourer, and Robert Womack (19), labourer, were indicted for feloniously breaking and entering a certain building in the occupation of James Wortley Pratt, and stealing twenty-one fowls (nineteen hens and two cocks), value £3. 10s., the property of Mr. Pratt, at Hapton, on the night of the 8th of April, 1880, or early the following morning. Mr. C. Cooper prosecuted; and Mr. J. F. Skipper defended. The prosecutor lives at Ashwelthorpe, but has some farm premises at Hapton, where this robbery was committed. Here was a fowls' house, in which a great number of fowls were kept. On the morning of the 9th of April it was discovered that the fowls' house had been broken into, and 21 fowls stolen. The staple had been drawn, and clumsily replaced. Information was at once forwarded to the police, and Detective Rix found that Mr. A. G. Bagshaw, dealer and fishmonger, of Norwich, had purchased, of two young men, 20 fowls, which afterwards proved to be those of the prosecutor. These two men were identified by Mr. Bagshaw as the prisoners. In answer to Mr. Skipper, Mr. Bagshaw said he had not had many transactions where the purchase of 20 fowls was concerned. The prisoners, he distinctly asserted, were the men who brought him the fowls. They were brought to his shop in four frail baskets, and inside of some baskets found at the prisoner's house were observed some dung-stains of hens. Prisoners, when apprehended, admitted being in Norwich on the morning the fowls were sold. The learned counsel for the prisoners urged that the prisoners were not the men who sold the fowls to Mr. Bagshaw, who, having bought game fowls at 1s. 9d.—a price much below their value—did not occupy a very creditable position in relation to these proceedings. He called upon the jury to discredit the evidence of Mr. Bagshaw altogether, and, therefore, asked the jury to acquit the prisoners, as a considerable doubt existed in the case. The CHAIRMAN, in summing up, regretted the line the defence had taken up in imputing dishonest practices to Mr. Bagshaw, in order to exonerate the prisoners. There was not the slightest ground for throwing discredit upon Mr. Bagshaw. A four months' imprisonment was passed upon William, and upon Robert, who had been in the internment at the Castle since his committal, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

The Court then adjourned.

SECOND COURT.

(Before Sir WILLOUGHBY JONES, Bart.)

ROBBERY FROM A WHERRY.

HAPTON.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT ON THE RAILWAY.—A navvy employed by Mr. Lovett, the contractor for the new Fornsett and Wymondham Railway, was engaged with some horses and trucks used in "tipping" soil on Tuesday last, when he was jammed between the buffers of two trucks coming in opposite directions. So severe was the collision that it had the effect of breaking both the poor man's thighs, and otherwise severely injuring him inwardly that all hope of recovery is almost gone. Medical assistance was at once sent for, and the poor man was conveyed to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.

Norfolk News 02 October 1880

I, JAMES A. GREEN, of Hapton, Hereby Give Notice that I will not be answerable for any Debt or Debts contracted by my Wife, LOUISA GREEN. 16,779] (Signed) JAMES A. GREEN.

Norfolk News 11 September 1880

PETTY SESSIONS, Sept. 3 (before the Rev. B. Houchen.) —Thomas Garrod, laborer, Hapton, was charged by police-constable Baker with begging the previous day. He was committed to the Castle for seven days' hard labor.

Eastern Daily Press 06 October 1880

James Shaw, plasterer, hailing from St. John's Wood, Middlesex, and John Bailey, laborer, Hapton, were charged with being drunk on Monday evening. They were each fined 2s. 6d. and 4s. 6d. costs, to be levied by distress; in default, three days' imprisonment.

Norfolk Chronicle 23 October 1880

A Steady Boy, aged 14, short, but active and willing; can Help in Garden and Stable. Address, Vicar, Hapton, Long Stratton.

Norwich Mercury 13 November 1880

HAPTON.

SAD ACCIDENT ON THE NEW RAILWAY.—A man employed by the Contractor of the new railway was engaged bricklaying on one of the bridges now in course of erection in this parish, when his foot slipped, and he fell a distance of about 30 feet into the cutting beneath. The poor man was at once conveyed to the nearest inn, and medical assistance obtained, when it was found that he had seriously injured the spine of his back, and sustained other internal injuries of so serious a nature that his recovery is considered very doubtful.

Eastern Daily Press 10 December 1880

WYMONDHAM.

THE AGRICULTURAL SHOW.—All parties interested in this show may be congratulated on the fact that the new loop line will be in working order long before the time of its being held, which will be seen by the following account of the Fornsett and Wymondham Railway junction:—The work on this line, which was begun September, 1879, by Mr. Lovatt, the eminent contractor, of Wolverhampton, has made such progress in the last few weeks that it is now rapidly approaching completion. The remaining portion of earth-works in the cuttings which have been generally heavy, are now being worked by relays of men at night at some places, and, aided by three locomotive steam engines, it is anticipated the banks will be all made up and the permanent way, more than half of which is now laid, will be all put down in January, 1881. The bridges, sixteen in number, are all of substantial construction, the last of which is now being finished. The arch viaduct at Horsford Watering, and the long culvert under the high embankment at **Hapton**, notwithstanding the difficult nature of the foundation (thousands of tons of concrete being used) are firm and secure. The persevering energy of Mr. Liddle, contractor's engineer, and Mr. Buckley, clerk of the works for the railway company, have left nothing undone to give the line a permanent and workmanlike character.

Norwich Mercury 15 December 1880

WYMONDHAM.

THE Norfolk Stag Hounds met at Wymondham Railway Station on Thursday, under Captain Barclay, the master. There was a good muster of of the right sort, and at about noon a handsome buck was uncarted on Wrenningham Common, and, as anticipated, a good run of forty minutes resulted, the route being through the villages of Ashwelthorpe, Fundenhall, and Hapton, the stag being captured at Hapton Hall, the master and Mr. Dunham, jun., being well in at the finish. The county crossed gave some capital jumps, which tried the mettle of the different quads, several spills being the result.

NORFOLK.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES (ANIMALS) ACT, 1878.

FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE.

THE County of Norfolk having been declared by the Privy Council an area infected with Foot-and-Mouth Disease, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in order to give facilities to Owners of Stock desirous of Removing Healthy Animals, the following persons are the Veterinary Inspectors, of whom Certificates and Licenses for Removal can be obtained:—

MR. FREDERICK LOW,	Veterinary-Surgeon,	Norwich.
MR. WM. SHIPLEY	" "	Southtown- Great Yarmouth.
MR. T. S. BARKER	" "	Aylsham.
MR. EDWARD CASE	" "	Fakenham.
MR. RICHARD CARTER	" "	E. Dereham.
MR. W. J. BEART	" "	King's Lynn.
MR. FREDERICK CASE	" "	Swaffham.
MR. E. J. KING	" "	Diss.
MR. D. G. HUNTING	" "	Loddon.
MR. JOHN WEST	" "	Thetford.
MR. B. H. CALVER	" "	Downham Market.
MR. JAMES WRIGHT	" "	Burnham Market.
MR. F. W. PLUMELY	" "	North Walsham.
MR. D. E. RATTEE	" "	Hapton, Long Stratton.
MR. H. BUCKINGHAM	" "	Harleston.
MR. T. W. MARGARSON	" "	Wretton, Stoke Ferry.
MR. JOHN HAMMOND	" "	Bale, East Dereham.
MR. J. D. OVERED	" "	Blofield.
MR. EDMUND BARKER	" "	St. Faith's.
MR. THOMAS E. AUGER	" "	Wymondham.

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MONDAY.

[Before E. K. Harvey, Esq. (chairman), W. J. Utten Browne, E. Field, C. Goodwin, and G. Barnard, Esqs.]

Frederick Huggett, laborer, **Hapton**, charged with being drunk and disorderly on Castle Meadow, on Saturday night, was fined 5s. and 5s. 6d. costs, in default of payment by distress fourteen day's imprisonment.

William Stebbings, laborer, Muspole Street, St. Mary's, was charged with being drunk and using obscene language in Coslany Street. Defendant said he did not use himself to taking intoxicating liquor, he only took a pint of beer when he wanted it. He was fined 10s. and costs 4s. 6d. in default of payment by distress fourteen days' imprisonment.