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## SOURCE ARTICLES

**1883-23 – Instant Horse Racing: Horse & Buggy Travel Dangers**

### **GEORGE NICHOLS**

NOVEMBER 12, 1884

NEWTON - Last week seemed to be fruitful of casualties. George Nichols was killed by being thrown from a load of straw and running a pitchfork through his heart, and later John Ericson was thrown from a wagon by a runaway team and had his skull fractured so that he died in a few minutes. *The Newton Kansan, Newton Kansas. Thursday, November 20, 1884. Page 2.*

### **JOHN ERICSON**

NOVEMBER 14, 1884

NEWTON - John Ericson was thrown from a wagon by a runaway team and had his skull fractured so that he died in a few minutes. *The Newton Kansan, Newton Kansas. Thursday, November 20, 1884. Page 2.*

### **WILLIAM MOONEY**

OCTOBER 4, 1885

NEWTON – William Mooney, residing two miles south of town, and who is quite deaf, was run over Sunday evening last by a vehicle near the corner of Main and First streets. He was picked up unconscious by James Dexter and brought to the Ohio House, where Dr. Seaton examined his injuries, which were found to consist of numerous severe bruises. *The Newton Kansan, Newton, Kansas. Thursday, October 8, 1855. Page 3.*

### **UNNAMED FARMER**

MARCH 2, 1886

NEWTON - Another runaway occurred yesterday afternoon on Main street. The crippled farmer who was driving was unable to control the team and it would no doubt have fared badly with

him had not the horses been caught. *The Newton Daily Republican, Newton Kansas. Wednesday, March 3, 1886. Page 1.*

#### **UNNAMED PERSON**

MARCH 27, 1886

NEWTON - A serious runaway is reported to have occurred on Walnut street Saturday, but no two reports agree as to whose team it was or in what the damage consisted. *The Newton Daily Republican, Newton Kansas. Monday, March 29, 1886. Page 1.*

#### **MR. MCARTHUR**

JULY 9, 1886

HALSTEAD - On last Friday morning a Mr. McArthur, of near Halstead, had quite a runaway at this place which luckily ended in nothing worse than some breakages. It appears that Mr. McArthur was driving near the railroad, in company with his wife and boy, when the cannon ball train came through. His team became frightened and dashed off throwing the inmates of the buggy to the ground and running about three miles southwest along the railroad track where they became entangled in a hedge fence and were captured. *The Newton Daily Republican, Newton Kansas. Saturday, July 17, 1886. Page 1.*

#### **C.W. GIMTH**

SEPTEMBER 9, 1886

HESSTON - C.W. Gimth had a narrow escape while attempting to hold a horse belonging to S.C. Prouty close to an approaching train, the horse rearing up and striking him in the short ribs with both fore feet, but luckily no bones were broken. *The Newton Kansan, Newton Kansas. Thursday, September 9, 1886. Page 3.*

#### **MRS. CHARLES E. HONEYMAN**

SEPTEMBER 9, 1886

HESSTON - Mrs. Charles E. Honeyman has about recovered from the shaking up that she got in Newton on the shaft of Sam Bretch's runaway horse. It was a close call for Charley and not a pleasant scene to witness. *The Newton Kansan, Newton Kansas. Thursday, September 9, 1886. Page 3.*

#### **WALTER HASSAN**

DECEMBER 26, 1886

NEWTON - A Runaway. Walter Hassan reports a bad runaway yesterday. His horse, while harnessed to the buggy, broke loose from the hitching post and, after running around a block or two, jumped over the Fort Scott railroad grade in the northeastern part of town demolishing the buggy and seriously injuring itself. Buggy ride declared off for the present. *The Newton Daily Republican, Newton Kansas. Monday, December 27, 1886. Page 4.*

## **HENRIETTA FRIDAY**

JANUARY 17, 1887

NEWTON - Mrs. Friday, wife of Jacob Friday, formerly of this city but now residing near Florence came to a sudden and horrible death last Monday evening caused by a team running away while hitched to a wagon. At the time of the accident Mr. Friday was absent from the wagon on business and had left his wife to hold the team which became frightened and in the runaway Mrs. Friday was thrown from the wagon, the wheels of which passed over her head with the result as stated above. The remains of the deceased were brought to Newton last evening and will be interred in the city cemetery to-day. The funeral will take place from the Lutheran Church on the corner of West Seventh and Elm streets at 10 o'clock this morning. *The Newton Kansan. Thursday, January 20, 1887. Page 3.*

## **A. SHUSTER'S HORSES**

JANUARY 25, 1887

NEWTON - They Take A Run. Again we are called on to make note of a runaway which happened last evening at 7 o'clock. The team attached to one of A. Shuster's hacks was standing at the Santa Fe depot, their usual place, when the locomotive frightened them. They made a good run through several streets and whirled around on Sixth street to the stable. On entering the doorway, they did no damage but after entering demoralized two buggies somewhat. In their run on the streets a side plate glass and spring were broken besides some scratches. It seems that runaways are becoming contagious but luckily little or no damage has yet been done. *The Newton Daily Republican, Newton Kansas. Wednesday, January 26, 1887. Page 1.*

## **E. WORTHINGTON**

JANUARY 26, 1887

ANNELLY - A lively runaway took place yesterday at Annelly. Mr. E. Worthington was driving to town, and when a short distance from the station, a dog ran from among some high grass and caused the team to run away. Worthington tried to steer the horses for the railroad crossing but failed, and they sailed across one of the roughest places, and in doing so the tongue fell from the neck yoke. In this manner they next collided with the side of a blacksmith shop, turning the wagon completely in the air and over, and miraculously covering Mr. W. under the wagon bed without hardly a scratch or a bruise. *The Newton Kansan, Newton Kansas. Thursday, January 27, 1887. Page 4.*

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