

NEWELL GASTINEAU - horse thief

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Crawfordsville, Ind., Sept 14 - Newell Gastineau, a callow youth residing at Ladoga, would have been married on Tuesday next to Miss Ida Tyler, a fascinating damsel of Crawfordsville, but for the awkward interference of justice. Young Gastineau was long on devotion, but short on cash, and, realizing the marriage would suffer a postponement, he concluded to resort to heroic measures. Last night he visited the barn of Frank Frantz, near Ladoga, stole a horse and burned the barn after him, entailing a loss of \$4,000. He sold the horse at Veedersburg, and in a few hours was in the Crawfordsville jail. He pleaded guilty at the preliminary hearing and was sentenced to three years.

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