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Herman Jennings, in his "Provincetown, or Odds and Ends from the Tip End" tells of a citizen of that village who never tired of describing the wonderful actions and intelligence of his white horse.

One day after the horse had been taken to the blacksmith's shop to be shod the owner remarked to several bystanders: "Gentlemen, to show you how much that horse knows I will, by word only, make him leave the shop and place himself in the shafts of my wagon."

Standing outside the shop, he called: "Whitey, come, get into place; we will go for our dinner." The horse never moved and despite the repeated call, failed to budge. Finally the blacksmith came to the rescue, with the remark that if the shoemaker was paid the horse would go, as undoubtedly the horse did not want to go away in debt.

"Out came the owner's pocketbook and the bill was paid, after which, at the first call, old Whitey took his place when told."



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Provincetown — A movement is on foot to light Provincetown with gas. A company has been formed, and the whole of the shares taken up. There can be little doubt but that this will be a paying venture for the inhabitants of this go-ahead town.

Provincetown's first street lights, oil lamps, were set up April 12, 1884.

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