

AFFAIRS OF THE RAILWAYS.

Personal, Local and General Notes.

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The Chicago & Alton used their new "out-of" between Pearl and Nebo, on the Kansas City division, for the first time on Tuesday.

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The Scioto Valley road will be sold at foreclosure sale Jan. 22, 1890. The decree of the court providing for the sale cannot be sold unless it brings \$1,000,000.

The Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis heads two of its trains with the Timlin-Heldinger system of warming coaches, which, it is claimed, is the most appropriate.

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Train No. 9, over the Vandavia west, leaving the Union Station on Tuesday night, made the run from the Bell to Westport, thirty-eight miles, in forty-five minutes, hauling thirteen cars.

A Cincinnati paper puts afloat a rumor that H. M. Bronson, general passenger agent of the Union Station, is resigning.

W. H. Fisher, general passenger agent of the Fort Wayne, Cincinnati & Louisville, has been sent out on a Christmas greeting, which he has sent out to the friends of the road as a Christmas greeting.

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AN ANCIENT MARINER.

The Bold Adventures of John Davis, the Discoverer of Davis Strait.

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An Experience He Told with Much Delight in His More Prosperous Days.

Chicago Letter.

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Deaf Mutes Who Talk. Paris Dispatch to London Telegraph.

They have taught deaf mutes to talk in Paris. This result has been accomplished after years of labor, and M. Javal, director of the National Deaf and Dumb Institution, has given the public an example of the success of his pupils.

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