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### A ROBBER PROOF CAR

Being Built for the Rock Island Railroad.

### IT IS SUPPLIED WITH STEEL CAGES.

Other Railroad News of the Day Pertaining to Kansas Railroads.

The Rock Island, ever ready to adopt the latest improvements in traffic equipment, has its eye on an invention that will cause a deep, profound sorrow to fall upon the large and growing fraternity, whose function it is to hold up trains in secluded nooks and help themselves to the contents of the express car. It is nothing else than a burglar-proof, bullet-proof, baggage and express car. If the predictions of its inventors are verified, having train robbers like that reported near Ft. Worth yesterday, will be rendered next to impossible. The car is being built as an experiment, and if it is successful, they will be used probably not only on the Rock Island but many other roads that cross Indian Territory, Texas and other haunts of bold, bad men. The car will be supplied with cages, designed to be opened only from the outside by a station master. In these cages the safe and more valuable parcels are placed. The arrangement is such that if the robbers succeed in entering the car they will be exposed to the fire of the messenger from a bullet-proof compartment in each end of the car, the messenger being able to shoot along the sides of the car to protect the engineer or to prevent burglars and robbers from making an entry.

The car has a double floor and a double roof, and in the messenger's compartment, from which he may shoot along the sides of the car, outward swinging sections provided with perches, or through portholes in its end.

At opposite sides of the car, adjoining each messenger's compartment, are strongly barred compartments or cages for the reception of safe, etc., each cage being reached by a door opening in the body portion of the car, and a passageway is left on one side of each cage from the messenger's room to the central portion of the car.

This passageway is designed to be closed at each end by doors carried on the ends of a platform pivoted between the floors, the doors being thus simultaneously opened and closed, and the arrangement being such that a robber gaining access to the center is unable to be shut in there or in the passageway by the messenger, the latter taking refuge in one of the end compartments. The passageway is also closed by an intermediate door having a lock on the side next to the messenger's room.

Better than riches are good health and a contented mind. Both can be obtained by using Dr. Price's Baking Powder.

### ROCK ISLAND NOTES.

Items About the Great Rock Island Route Gathered in Topeka.

The government quarantine against Texas cattle was raised this week. The quarantine is imposed by the federal department of agriculture by reason of the "Texas fever."

The rate of \$11 to Chicago and \$3 to St. Louis will be restored to the old rate of \$14 and \$9.50 next Wednesday.

Assistant General Freight Agent G. A. Kimball is attending a meeting of the southwestern traffic association at Ft. Worth, where cattle rates are being readjusted. A. P. Tanner represents the Santa Fe at the same meeting.

Rock Island employees in Topeka other than employees of the general offices will be paid next Monday. The office employees are paid on the last day of each month. On the same day the pay car will go to Horton and pay off the shopmen.

A Phillips excursion of tourist sleepers went through Topeka last night for California. It is a sort of Raymond-Whitcomb affair with less style and expense.

The holiday passenger rates this year do not become effective until the day before Christmas. They are usually made operative from the 25th to the 23d. This will probably not apply however to college students, in whose favor an exception may be made.

### FIFTY-FOUR HOURS.

The Santa Fe Shop Men Now Get In That and Sometimes More.

The Santa Fe shops are doing a good deal of work and are employing about the same number of men that they have had for the last month at least. Twelve new painters have been put on at the main paint shop this week, raising the force to nearly thirty. It is nothing like the fall force, a good deal of coach work has been done since the increase.

In all the other departments there has

been little change. In the car department M. Manson, the new general foreman, has some advanced ideas in regard to the placing of the machines and they are being changed around to conform to his views of greater convenience. This is not objectionable to the machine men and helpers, as it affords them several extra hours for a short time, as the moving must be done out of the regular working day.

There is no immediate prospect of an increase in force in any department.

The shops forces are still working nine hours a day for six days a week. This suits the men first rate, as it is much better than eight hours a day four days a week, like it was for awhile last summer, but they are wishing they could work ten hours a day with the Saturday afternoon off. This would not only give them a half holiday, but would add two hours a week to their time.

### WHY IT IS DULL.

A. J. Hitt Explains the Lull in General Freight Traffic.

A successful explanation for the present depression in freight traffic is given by Assistant General Superintendent A. J. Hitt of the Rock Island.

"For several weeks," he says, "the cattle shipments were heavy, artificially prosperous. This was due to the failure of the crops. Grain was scarce, and the visible supply of hay was small. Under these circumstances the cattlemen were confronted with only two alternatives—ship or kill, and they shipped. Enough cattle were shipped last month to meet the demand for some time. There is no grain to ship, and while the Rock Island is getting its full share of freight traffic, it is very light for this season of the year."

"In passenger traffic the through business to Texas, Salt Lake and California, is lighter than it ever was before at this season of the year. The local traffic is light. Suppose people going short distances are waiting to take advantage of the holiday rates."

### NOT SO GOOD.

The Santa Fe Freight Business is Still Some on the Decline.

There is yet a noticeable decrease in the freight business of the Santa Fe. While the number of cars is still a fair average—over 1300 cars were handled yesterday of freight alone—it is largely coal. The stock business is not so good. The southwest is about done shipping its cattle to the eastern markets, and the road yesterday handled only 161 cars of stock. The business ran about 300 cars a few weeks ago.

Fruit will begin to move again in a month or so, and the car service people are expecting it will be a rather exceptional business so far as California is concerned, at least. The coal business is not so good now as it was a few days ago. The warm weather of the past few days has had a rather deadening effect on it. Merchandise is not moving very briskly. Passenger business will soon begin to pick up for the holidays. The local business is pretty good however.

### A LUCKY MAIL CLERK.

He Invents a Simple Mail Sack Appliance That May Make Him Rich.

A young man named Krundie who is a postal clerk on the Santa Fe between Kansas City and La Junta has invented a device to hold mail sacks ready for the receivers on mail cars, that promises to do away with the rather crude method of tying them to the frames with string and allowing the string to break as the sack is jerked off the arm by the car hook. It consists of a simply contrived iron arrangement with a sort of tongue to it. Each end of the sack is caught by this iron and tongue and held in place on the frame by the simple force of gravity. The train comes along—the hook on the mail car catches the sack—swish, click, zip—the tongue releases itself and the sack is gone.

The Santa Fe officials think the device will work and will try it on some mail cars between Kansas City and Emporia soon. If it works, and there seems to be no doubt that it will, it will probably be put on the entire line.

### FOUND FLOATING.

A Few Items, Personal and Otherwise, Found About the Santa Fe.

The grain and other exhibits that the Santa Fe land department had at the New York food and industrial exhibit is coming back. The world's fair train of cars is also back again.

Land Commissioner John E. Frost of the Santa Fe will return from Chicago tomorrow probably.

The Santa Fe's woolen mill track seems to have been lost in the strike last summer. Nothing has been heard of it since.

John E. Godding of Kilbourne City, Wis., visited the Santa Fe land department yesterday.

Brakeman T. A. Verlin and Engineer

### THE PASS AGREEMENT.

The Railroad Passes Are Soon to Be Very Much Limited.

Receiver J. C. Wilson of the Santa Fe has been in Chicago this week attending a meeting of the representatives of fifty different railroads, who have been invited to make an anti-pass agreement. This was a continuation of the meeting held at St. Louis about a month ago, and a modified agreement has been adopted. According to the agreement no passes are hereafter to be issued to any shipper, commercial man, auxiliary directors or agents of any coal or tank line company. All trip passes issued shall be limited to this month, and no trip pass shall be issued after January 1, 1895, on account of business with the traffic departments of the roads interested.

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### FOR THE UNION PACIFIC—PAYING TAXES.

Geo. W. Veale, Jr., Tax Agent of the Union Pacific, is now out visiting the various county treasurers and paying the taxes.

The Union Pacific is paying all the taxes this year instead of making the half payment as usual in December and the next in the spring.

Xmas Photographs.

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If you want Xmas photographs. Snyder's Art Gallery.

### NOTES OF TOPEKA & VICINITY.

The grabbing house on East Seventh street is still running.

Mrs. E. E. Sheldon has returned from a professional trip to Concordia.

Mayor Harrison is putting up some large barns on his farm southwest of the city.

The building at 611 Kansas avenue, which is being rented, will be occupied by Chas. E. Warden.

Mrs. E. E. Baker leaves next week for Pittsburg, Kas., where she will spend the holidays with her mother.

There are now sixty students in the Kansas Medical college, and a pharmaceutical department has been added.

Mrs. Judge Riner and Mrs. George F. Sharitt have returned from a visit with friends in Leavenworth and Atchison.

E. E. Roubush has returned from a visit to Chicago. He has not sold his printing establishment as was reported.

John S. Boyd and wife of Chicago, are in the city. Mr. Boyd is connected with the Masonic Mutual Benefit association.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Southworth of Abilene, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Guilford Dudley, have returned home.

T. J. Haack, who is spending the winter in Hot Springs, is much improved in health. He is suffering from rheumatism.

Ora Sage, traveling auditor of the Mexican railroad, who has been visiting his mother for a week, has returned to Mexico.

Louis L. Long, who lives at the corner of Fourth and Harrison streets, is recovering from a serious attack of rheumatism of the heart.

There is talk of organizing a chess class in the Y. M. C. A. There are some of the best chess players in the city in the association.

J. B. Bartholomew has returned from Chicago. He says the dam company has accepted the new ordinance and work will begin at once.

The Journeymen Barber's union of Hutchinson, has written Governor Morrill a letter endorsing J. G. Samuelson for labor commissioner.

"Good horses now bring anywhere from 50 cents to \$50 in addition on the streets, with the average bringing about \$25," said Auctioneer John Asbaugh today.

There are a few people in Topeka who are opposed to the free coinage of silver. W. Y. Drew is one of them. He thinks the mine owners would reap all the benefit.

The Lowman Hill Christian Endeavor society has selected the following officers: President, W. Bruce; vice president, E. H. Bowman; secretary, Miss Lelia Green.

There was a football game at Washburn college last evening between the second and third preparatory teams. The score was 4 to 0 in favor of the third "preps."

The Mission Center Flambour club, which attracted a great deal of attention during the campaign, gave an oyster supper and entertainment at Orange hall in Mission township last night and disbanded temporarily.

Deputy United States Marshal L. E. Ashton, assisted by Henry Dillard, took A. R. Niblo to the penitentiary at Lansing last night. He was convicted of purchasing a registered package and received a fifteen months' sentence.

Miss Harriet Adams has been appointed assistant instructor in anatomy in the Kansas Medical college, and Violet Church has been appointed assistant in the chemical laboratory. Both young ladies are graduates of the college.

George Meek, the fireman who sued the Missouri Pacific railroad for \$10,000 damages for injuries received in a wreck was awarded \$5,000 by a jury in the United States circuit court at 5 o'clock last night. The jury went out at noon.

Arthur Gregg, who was so badly injured on discharge of a cannon, is fast recovering, and is now able to be up. The sight of his right eye was not destroyed, as was thought for some time, and he will recover the use of his injured arm.

D. M. Peffer, son of the senator, who was badly hurt a few days ago by a fall from his bicycle, is able to be on the street. He was over a dog, and he was thrown to the paved street, breaking his right arm near the elbow, and sustaining other severe bruises.

The installment of Prof. Sloan's life of Napoleon, published in the December number of the Century, makes extended reference to the influence of Abbe Reynald's works upon the mind of the great Corsican. It may be of interest to readers of the Century to learn that a copy of Abbe Reynald's works forms part of the small but choice library of Alden S. Huling of this city.

If your hair is thinning and fading, use Ayer's Hair Vigor. It restores color and vitality.

### ROSEBUD WASN'T THERE.

She is Sick at Fremont, Neb., and an Unlucky Star Played Her Part.

A very good audience succeeded in getting caught in "A Summer Blizzard" last night at the Grand and the upper portion of it, which was the larger, seemed to enjoy it.

There is no more story to "A Summer Blizzard" than there is to a president's message, and the fact that farce comedy must be kept brimming over with horseplay and poor specialties seemed to predominate in the mind of the director of the piece. As a whole, the audience hardly thought the piece was exactly up to the standard as a musical farce comedy.

There were meritorious features, however, that were a relief from the rather cumbersome antics of Phony Dice and Cough Drop Ed.

The Nicholls sisters in their acrobatic dancing were good. There were two or three good singers in the cast. The best male members of the cast were Mr. White as Willie Settle and Mr. Reynolds as Herman Higball. Both did some very clever specialties.

W. H. Murphy who played Howland Hunt, a character that looks like Ewing Herbert, was good enough in his way.

The company feels rather crippled just at present from the fact that its star, Miss Rosebud, is at Fremont, Nebraska, sick with typhoid fever. Her part, Helen Blazes, was quite ably handled by Blanche Nicholls, whom nobody in the company supposed would act much until necessity compelled it. She played the smallest part with the piece, but nobody else cared to tackle Helen on such short notice until Miss Nicholls volunteered. There was some surprise at her audacity, but she has been playing the part for several nights now and doing all of Miss Rosebud's songs and dances about as well as that artist herself, although she isn't so pretty.

The company carries a carload of good special scenery and plays Lawrence tonight.

Dr. E. H. Bartley, late chemist department of health, Brooklyn, after examining all the baking powders in the market pronounced Dr. Price's superior.

### SUNDAY AT THE CHURCHES.

Regular services at the First Christian church at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Church of Christ, scientist, 210 West Sixth street, Willis F. Gross, pastor. Services at 11 a. m.; subject of sermon, "Faithful Unto Death."

Walnut Grove M. E. church. Preaching at 11 a. m. by Rev. Thomas Martin; at 7:30 p. m. by Dr. S. F. Upham.

Madison Street Baptist church, W. F. Pile, pastor. Services morning and evening at the usual hours.

Second Adventists meet at Mr. Welty's, northwest corner of Washburn avenue and Twelfth street at 2 p. m. Subject, "Christ Teaching in Parables."

Brethren (Dunkard) church, Oakland. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by Elder Vaniman.

English Lutheran church. Morning service at 11 a. m.; evening service at 7:30 p. m. Preaching by Rev. A. E. Wagner of Kansas City, Mo.

Oakland M. E. Church. At 11 a. m. preaching by Rev. J. H. Lockwood, D.D. of Salina, Kan. At 7:30 p. m. preaching by Rev. A. C. George, D. D. Evening subject, "The Seven Hills of Romans." A chalice talk on the book of Romans.

Grace Cathedral—Ordination to the priesthood of Rev. Joseph Mayon and sermon by Bishop Thomas at 11 a. m. Sermon by Rev. Joseph Mayon 4:30 p. m.

Dean Millsbaugh will preach at St. Simons, colored, Western and 7th at 4:30 p. m.

Rev. Mr. Francis of Guthrie, Oklahoma, will preach at Good Shepherd, North Topeka, at 7:30 p. m.

Rev. Daniel Brooks preaches at Calvary Mission east 4th at 4 p. m.

Rev. J. B. Thomas, pastor of the First Baptist church, will preach at the usual hours. Evening topic: "The Blessedness of Desires or the Fourth Root of the Root."

Westminster Presbyterian church—Rev. E. S. Farrand, pastor. A sermon to children at 11 a. m. Evening service at 7:30 p. m.

First Unitarian society—Preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor, Rev. A. Wyman. Subject, "A Man's Loss shall be of his own household."

There is a growing sentiment in favor of frequent official examinations of life insurance companies, and all companies will be required by law to submit to this sooner or later. The New York Life has taken a step in advance in this matter, and now asks for examinations every three years.

The report of the "seven states" committee on the New York Life, is republished in this issue of the JOURNAL, for the benefit of those who have not seen it.

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### Kindergarten Minstrels, December 14 and 15.

A. W. Dana, Robert Pierce and Sam Davidson in "My Lord in Livery." Kindergarten Minstrels.

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