

TO PROTECT EMPLOYEES

The New Federal Law in Regard to Freight Cars

GOES INTO EFFECT NEXT MONTH.

Some Miscellaneous Railroad News of Interest in Kansas—Personnel and Shop Notes.

On July 1 all railroads under the jurisdiction of the Interstate laws will come under the jurisdiction of two sections of the car coupler law passed by congress in 1893.

Section 4 of the law requires that freight cars engaged in interstate commerce shall be provided with handholds or grab irons on the sides and ends of all cars.

Section 5 requires that all cars shall be of standard height of draw-bar, which is fixed for thirty-four and one-half inches when the car is empty and thirty-one and a half inches when the car is loaded.

It is made an offense to haul any cars not so equipped and the penalty is made \$100 for each offense and the United States district attorney is authorized to prosecute.

If the railroads do not comply with the law employees injured because the cars are not equipped as required will doubtless use this fact in suits for damages.

HE FEARED TRAIN ROBBERS.

A Railroad Story Pertaining to the Lincoln Branch. There was considerable excitement along the Lincoln Branch one day recently. A rumor somehow reached the railroad men that a gang of men would hold up the train near Tescott, says the Salina Republican.

The agent at Lincoln telegraphed the Tescott agent of the threatened danger, and the trainmen and passengers were all on their guard.

When the train arrived at Salina, a pretty good looking and rather stalwart man jumped off the train. He walked straight to a hack and was driven up town. A few minutes later he came tearing up to the depot, having walked back.

"Do you fellows know where my purse is?" said he, rather excitedly. "No, Well, by Jove, I guess somebody around here must know. I'm dead broke now. Went to pay the hackman up town and couldn't find my purse." Thus he stormed around at a terrible rate.

"Well, my name is George Hawkins of Lincoln and there was \$5.35 in that purse. If you find it forward it to me." "All right," said the operator Hart with a smile. "You didn't hide it away on account of the train robbers did you?"

A grateful astonished expression first spread itself over Hawkins' face which was soon followed by a roar of laughter such as a man can only give when he is laughing at himself. He reached down and pulled from under his sock the purse in question.

B. R. T. ENDORSES CALDWELL.

And Commends a Number of Other Federal Judges.

The Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen's convention at Galesburg passed resolutions recognizing all other labor organizations, urging federation of railway employees, protesting against use of military power by the several states or national government, advocating abolition of the convict labor system, condemning the present law as administered by judges of federal courts, pledging the Brotherhood to vote for no candidate of either house or legislature not pledged to support fair and just labor legislation, endorsing the Olney arbitration bill and recommending lodges to use their influence to secure its passage, denouncing in unmeasured terms Judges Ricks, Jenkins and Dallas, and commending Judge Caldwell, requesting the legislature of Pennsylvania to prohibit usurpation of power by the Philadelphia & Reading railroad and thanking L. S. Coffin for his efforts in behalf of the railroad men.

THEY FEEL BETTER NOW

Since the Base Ball Game of Saturday Which Topeka Won.

The base ball game was more satisfactory to the Topeka fans because Topeka won Saturday and the crowd was treated to some really excellent playing.

Score by innings: Topeka..... 4 0 0 5 0 1 3—13 Emporia..... 0 0 0 0 3 0 4—7

Manager Mote has secured Mackey, the Indian pitcher and he is expected here in a few days. He has also secured Faulkner, the star catcher of the Troy team.

Troy was to have played here today and tomorrow.

THIRD READER STORY.

The Good Boy Wins the Examination and the Bad Boy Fails.

Two of the young who were at Downs, Kansas, a few days ago for the purpose of taking the examination held for Annapolis and West Point aspirants were in marked contrast says the Downs Times. One of them seemed very well satisfied with himself. He had plenty of money, or at least he tried to create such an impression. In making a trivial purchase in one of the stores he came across three coppers in his pocket and contemptuously threw them on the floor as if too trivial for his notice. He was a Kansas University man, too—but he did not come out successful in the contest.

His opposite was a lad evidently from the country, a young fellow somewhat diffident in manner, and who seemed indispensed to mingle with the crowd, probably feeling that he was not in that class. He had driven seventy miles for the purpose of taking the examination, camping out on the way, and boarded himself in the same manner while here. His finances were at such a low ebb that he borrowed a few cents to make a necessary purchase—but he was one of the successful contestants. The whole world belongs to the boy with a worthy ambition who makes the best use of his talent and all honorable means to attain it.

The Great Rock Island Route. HOMESEEKERS' EXCURSION. On June 11, 1895, the Rock Island will sell you tickets to points west and south at one lowest first class fare for the round trip. Stop-overs will be granted, and final limit of tickets will be July 1, 1895. For all information see your nearest Rock Island agent.

A. M. FULLER, City Pass. Agent, 601 Kansas ave.

WAGES MUST DESCEND

Also Some of the Employees at the Pension Office.

AN ORDER FROM HOKE SMITH

Ordering a Reduction of \$3,000 in the Expenses of the Office Here—Thirty-Eight Clerks Affected.

By a recent order of Secretary of the Interior Hoke Smith, the expenses of the United States pension office here must be reduced \$3,000 per year and this means that the salary of every clerk in the office will be cut from \$100 to \$80 per year and it is understood that two or three will be discharged.

The clerks in the pension office get from \$80 to \$1,500 per year, and those who get the largest salaries will of course receive the greatest reduction. The four clerks who draw the largest salaries are Chief Clerk James Howe, E. E. Miller, H. G. Doncyson and W. H. Ruff. Upon these four men rests a great share of the responsibility of the office, and they are acknowledged to be among the most proficient in the city. They often work at night and on Sundays when the office is crowded with work.

There are thirty-eight clerks in the office who will be affected by the order. It is understood that the order was issued to reduce the expenses of the government and that all the offices in the United States will be compelled to make similar reductions.

Pension Agent Glick was not in the city today and Chief Clerk Howe refused to talk about the order. "It is a private matter," said he, "and it was not intended that it should get out. I do not care to say anything about it and anything given out must come from Gov. Glick."

WILL GET HIS PENSION.

Col. Sweeney of Silver Lake Declared Insane by the Probate Court.

August B. Sweeney has been adjudged insane by the probate court.

During the war a regiment was sent out from Ohio to fight for the Union and at its head was August B. Sweeney. He was a good officer and a gallant soldier and was always in the thickest of the fight. Several times he was shot and carried bullets to his body.

His injuries were not fatal but affected his mind so that he is grown prematurely old and his mind is unsteady.

He now lives at Silver Lake with his brother-in-law, Dr. Magill. He recently applied for a pension on the ground of his unsoundness of mind and other disabilities, but the pension examiners were not enough in evidence and the pension bureau insisted that a formal examination for insanity must be made before the probate judge.

It was done and Col. Sweeney was declared insane. The back pay due the colonel in this event is something more than \$6,000.

CLOTHED THIRTY-FIVE.

The Topeka Suffragists Clothed Thirty-Five Scranton Families.

The three women who went to Scranton yesterday in the name of the Topeka Equal Suffrage association to distribute clothing to the suffraging miners, came back early in the afternoon.

The women were Dr. Eva Harding, Mrs. J. M. Hart and Mrs. M. E. Goodwin. They went Saturday night and got up in time to begin work at 7 o'clock Sunday morning.

Thirty-five bundles were distributed to as many families and six other families were found who will have to be provided for. These families were all of them miners and contain at least three children.

There are a great many needy families in Scranton that will not accept aid. Their pride overrides their poverty.

The very needy families that will accept aid are now nearly all provided with proper clothing, but the food store is very short and only a few sacks of flour remain. The buying committee has now less than \$20 in its treasury.

SON OF HIS FATHER.

The Bob Lincoln Boom for President Bobs Up Again.

NEW YORK, June 10.—Hon. Thomas L. James, ex-postmaster general, mayor of Tenally, N. J., and president of the Lincoln National bank, said, discussing the political situation:

"I look upon Robert Lincoln as the likeliest dark horse in the race for the Republican nomination.

"He is strong in the south, but that statement does not by any means sum up all his possibilities before a convention. Illinois Republicans would unite upon him. Georgia, Arizona, Kentucky and Tennessee will be with him, but in all the southern states there live warm and influential friends of the Illinois man. In the Carolinas, in Virginia in Arkansas and Mississippi, I believe that he will get half of the entire southern delegation and when the break comes on the favorites Lincoln and Allison will get the benefit of it.

"The Iowa senator is a well balanced, sound-viewed man, who, next to Lincoln, possesses elements of strength where the other candidates are weak. It is my opinion that Mr. Harrison cannot by any means be nominated."

BRUCE LYNCH'S CASE.

In Which He Seeks to Oust Chase From the Penitentiary.

In the supreme court tomorrow morning the case in which J. Bruce Lynch seeks to oust S. W. Chase from the wardenship of the state penitentiary, will be argued.

The case comes up on quo warranto proceedings and it is expected that the supreme court will give its decision immediately upon the completion of the argument.

Attorney General Dawes will appear in behalf of Lynch and Frank Herald and J. G. Waters will argue the case for Chase.

The decision in this case will definitely settle the wardenship for at least two years.

Warden Chase is here today looking after his interest in the case.

Do not fail to hear the prize musicians of Topeka tomorrow night at Hamilton hall for the benefit of the Scranton unemployed. Admission 25 cents.

Professor Vincent Graham sings the prize song at Hamilton hall tomorrow night, for the benefit of the Scranton unemployed. Come and help in a worthy cause.

SNAP SHOTS AT HOME NEWS.

Is this wet enough for you? There will be a council meeting tonight.

The Y. M. C. A. ball team has disbanded. Oskaloosa is now connected with Topeka by telephone.

It begins to look as if Topeka might have a suicide club.

The bachelors and young married men are billed to play tomorrow.

The theater and swimming pool at the fair grounds is nearly completed.

At Vinewood park yesterday a good many people were caught in the rain.

Councilman Stephenson says the lower dam will be completed in seven months.

There was no band concert at Garfield park yesterday afternoon on account of the rain.

Senator Peffer will deliver an address before the county Farmers' Alliance next Saturday.

The Sunday school of the First M. E. church will picnic at Bismarck grove Friday.

This is Rock Island pay day on the road, and Santa Fe pay day in the offices.

The annual picnic of the Old Settlers association will be held at Garfield park Thursday.

A Topeka man who rode to Eudora on his bicycle yesterday is too stiff to walk with comfort today.

The water had risen twelve feet in Silver Lake before it commenced raining yesterday noon.

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LOCAL MENTION.

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The Wyatt sisters sing "The Long Day Closes" at Hamilton hall tomorrow night. The Scranton miners hope that it means that their day of enforced idleness is to come to an end, and they may be so blessed as to be able to turn their time and strength, into labor that will again make them independent men among men. Come and assist your quarter to the fund for their assistance.

The Junior class at Washburn college has issued a book of 110 pages, handsomely bound in cloth, descriptive of the college and the various classes, but especially of the junior class. It is full of bright things and contains excellent pictures of all the classes, the chess club, foot ball team and scenes from the Greek play. It is printed on excellent paper and is a souvenir of which the class may well be proud.

Mineral Water. The finest in the west. Come and try it. J. W. Phillips, 613 W. Eighth ave.

THOMPSON BROTHERS

626 Kansas Ave. and 617-619 Quincy St.

FURNITURE

Has come to us this spring by the car load—each succeeding carload seeming to surpass all others in certain points of excellence. The car—par excellence—containing the costly, the richly radiant furniture is the one just unloaded—this furniture is now placed in position for inspection—is an object lesson in what is latest and best in Furniture.

If interested in other than dry goods box furniture, which we do not handle, you will surely examine our nice Furniture.

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No guess work as to selling, the offering is unapproachable in variety and value. The highest grade fancy seamless matting is the Imperial Art, 60 cents a yard, \$20 a roll of 40 yards.

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ROCKERS.



Upholstered with silk seats and backs, also with fancy polished wood backs—the big rockers, about twenty of them have been recently interviewed with the result that they have that "all gone feeling," so far as regards former prices. Rockers—large ones that were \$18, \$19, \$20, \$22 and \$25 each—and they are beauties. Your choice so long as they last for \$15.

RATTAN ROCKERS.

Cool and pleasant to use in hot weather. A few of them at \$5; not exactly one-half price, but truly, very near half. Semi-annual revisions of styles by the makers—a sifting out and dropping of many patterns, also drops the prices. Only a few pieces got that way on our floors.

A FINE DINING ROOM

Is quite a possibility when you furnish it from our store. Chairs with leather seats and carved backs at \$5, \$7, \$8, and \$11 apiece; extension tables at \$18, \$20, \$25, \$30 and \$35 each; side boards at \$35, \$40, \$50, \$60 and \$75; china cabinets at \$20, \$25, \$30 and \$40, constitute a stock of elegant furniture from which you can secure many desirable articles for a fine dining room.

Just Received.

Another complete stock of Hammocks. We have no competition in prices on this line. We can sell Hammocks for what other stores in Topeka pay for them. How can we do it? We have got on the inside with the cheapest factory in the country, and we buy them as cheap as the biggest jobber in the U. S. There's only one small profit between the maker and the consumer on our Hammocks. Why pay two or three profits elsewhere? Here are some of our good things:

- Full size close woven Hammocks, only 89c.
Full size close woven Hammocks with pillow and spreader, only \$1.11.
Full size close woven Hammocks with pillow, spreader and drapery, only \$1.95.
Extra large close woven Hammocks with pillow and spreader, only \$1.50.
We have fourteen styles in close woven Hammocks.

Canvas Weave Hammocks.

So called because they are woven so closely as to resemble canvas are