

## RAILROAD NEWS.

**Union Pacific Denies Story of Abandoning Construction.**

**Claim They Always Lay Off Men at This Time of Year.**

**AFFECT ONAGA CUTOFF**

**It Is Believed That Harriman Issued Curtailment Orders.**

**Other Items of Interest to Railway People.**

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 30.—At the office of the Union Pacific railroad company in this city there was a prompt denial of the accuracy of the telegram from Omaha announcing that all construction on the entire system had been abandoned. It was said that a discharge of employees always took place on November 1, after the construction work of the summer was ended, because construction work in winter was much more expensive and that this year the number of men discharged was greater only because the amount of construction work done during the summer had been greater. No curtailment of business is looked for, but rather an increase.

Vice President and General Manager A. L. Mohler of the Union Pacific this afternoon declared that there is a lot of unnecessary sensation over the reduction in track forces which necessarily takes place at this season of the year on account of the shorter hours and cold weather. "We have been doing an exceedingly large amount of improvements," explained Mohler, "and have put our property in the best physical condition it has ever known. Therefore the opportunity for reducing forces earlier than usual has been acted upon, and on account of the present national condition unquestionably a wrong motive has been applied."

"We are only doing that which comes from natural conditions and in line with the general practice of all railroads at this season of the year."

"We are continuing all improvement work which can be done to advantage and which we can utilize, and work which can not be carried on at normal expense will be discontinued."

The Lane cutoff, west from Omaha, which has cost \$5,000,000 and three years work and which would have been finished in 15 days has been abandoned. The work has ceased on all construction in Kansas City and along the Kansas division, including the new line between Topeka and Lincoln, Neb.

The work on the new shops in Omaha has been temporarily abandoned. None of the operating forces has been discharged and probably will not be for some time. On this point, General Superintendent Park says:

"We expect a curtailment of business and as fast as this occurs we will lay off train crews. For the present this will not be done. Our orders are to dispense with every available man and to stop every piece of construction work on the whole system. We are ordered to cut expenses in every possible way."

These orders came from New York, but the officers would not say who issued them. E. H. Harriman is the only official of the Union Pacific higher than Omaha officials.

### TRAINS TIED UP.

**Operating Force on Mexican Central Walk Out.**

Mexico City, Oct. 30.—Not a wheel is moving on the Tampico division of the Mexican Central railroad, all of the operating forces having walked out yesterday. The men in the shops joined them. The strike was caused by a quarrel at Cardenas between a conductor who is said to have been drinking and the chief dispatcher. The conductor drew a pistol on the trainmaster and another dispatcher coming to his aid, the conductor was disarmed and thrown down stairs. The three men, Americans, were taken to prison and the operating force refused to work until they were released. A special government representative is endeavoring to settle the trouble as is a representative of the road.

### CURTAILMENT OF EXPENSES.

**Operating Officials Meeting in New York With This Object in View.**

New York, Oct. 30.—Men who are prominently identified with the immediate and practical operation of the large railway systems of the country, gathered in this city yesterday and took counsel with one another as to how best to curtail expenses on their respective roads. The general opinion expressed was that there would be a



STUYVESANT FISH, OPPONENT OF E. H. HARRIMAN IN THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL FIGHT.

material reduction in the outlay for the operation of railways and in the purchase of railway supplies throughout the United States.

**ORIENT USES NEW BALLAST.**  
**Red Rock Clay From Anthony Instead of the Old Stone.**

Wichita, Kan., Oct. 30.—"Red rock" clay from Anthony is being used by the Orient railway in ballasting its line from Wichita south. One hundred and fifty car loads of this material have been distributed over the track, covering a distance of a mile in this city, from the junction with the Frisco at Gilbert street to the bridge spanning the Arkansas river on Bailey street. A force of thirty men is now engaged in tamping the material around the ties.

Red rock clay has been found to be very satisfactory as a ballasting material. The Frisco railroad has used it with success. It is cheaper than gravel, cinders or crushed rock and is said to be very durable. It is a red, lumpy, sticky substance, resembling rock.

**WILL NOT STOP CONSTRUCTION.**  
**Burlington Will Push Construction Work Until Completed.**

Omaha, Oct. 30.—The Burlington and Northwestern which have headquarters in Omaha, are proceeding with their work. When asked if the Northwestern would follow the Union Pacific action, General Manager Walters of the lines west of the Missouri river said:

"No, we are too busy to quit work and lie idle."  
General Manager Holdredge of the Burlington lines west of the Missouri river, said no more men would be laid off by his road than was usual for the approach of winter, that the financial situation was cutting no figure whatever in the affairs of his company.

**FOR BETTER TRAIN SERVICE.**  
**Katy May Put on Passenger Trains Parsons and Moran.**

Parsons, Kan., Oct. 30.—A proposition is before the general officers of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railway in regard to running a new train between Parsons and Moran on the Parsons division. Since train No. 24 was taken of this division and routed over the Neosho division on its journey to Kansas City, the towns of Savonburg, Eismore, Stark and Kimball have been without adequate train service going north. They have plenty of it going south.

A complaint was made to the state board of railway commissioners some time ago, and a hearing was held in Savonburg at which representative citizens from each of the towns attended and gave a report to Commissioner

## HIS HEAD BROKEN.

**Coroner Thinks Perhaps the Man Was Murdered.**

New York, Oct. 30.—The autopsy which is to be held is expected to clear much of the mystery surrounding the death of Herman Bradley Potter, Jr., a prosperous insurance agent of Doylestown, Pa., who came to New York on a pleasure trip, and whose body was found late last night in his room at the Waldorf-Astoria. Wounds on the head and body, including a fracture in the skull, inclined Coroner Harburger to the opinion that the man was murdered. A letter left by Potter for his wife, written in a fine hand and apparently without nervousness or anything to show that the writer was dying, certain statements in the letter and the finding of a small jar which contained the remnants of powder, led the police to express the opinion that possibly Potter had committed suicide.

In the letter Potter bids his wife and children good bye and tells his wife where to find certain documents relating to his business, which were in his desk at his home. He also tells of an attack on him by three thugs last Saturday night, two of whom he knocked down, but the third, he says, managed to strangle him and render him unconscious and while in this condition he was robbed.

### AT THE THEATERS.

Meredith Nicholson's interesting story in book form called "The House of a Thousand Candles" has been accepted by reviewers to be one of the most thrilling, entertaining and dramatic novels of the present time—just the sort of book that appeals to the dramatist with its delightful complications and dazzling surprises. "The



E. M. Holland.

House of a Thousand Candles" has lent itself so admirably to dramatic construction that it is said to be one of the most interesting plays. It is in this play that E. M. Holland will be seen at the Grand tomorrow evening. Mr. Holland's long service on the stage is an assurance that his performance will be worth seeing.

Mr. David Higgins will appear at the Grand Friday in the fifth edition of that popular racing drama and romance, "His Last Dollar," which is now enjoying its fifth successful season. It is the story of the love of a manly man and a womanly woman, well woven with bright comedy lines and mirthful situations. While David Higgins is a notable stellar feature in the company he by no means carries the entire burden of success for the incident of the brave Kentucky girl, Eleanor Downs, who has brought her dearly loved horse east to race in the grand Futurity, is woven into the general theme of this American play in a natural and skillful manner and the truer side, as well as better, of the racing subject is in this play shown for the first time on the American stage.

A strong drama well set in five acts is the result of the effort of Mr. Higgins and his collaborator, Dr. Cooke, and the play promises a continued life of success and popularity. A strong company will support Mr. Higgins, including Mary Servoss, Emma Salvatore, Alma MacLaren, Elsie Milford, Molly Malcolm, Thomas Reynolds, Frank Denithorn, Wm. Belfort, Page Spencer, C. P. Eggleston and Allan H. Bailey.

"The Little Detective" will be the attraction at the Grand for Saturday matinee and evening.

The offering at the Grand for Sunday afternoon and night will be "The Girl and the Stampedale".

Both the vaudeville houses, the Majestic and the Olympic, have enjoyed good patronage so far this week. It is deserved for the shows offered are up to the standard of their respective classes.

### At the Olympic.

The show at the Olympic this week is of a higher class variety than any yet booked by this popular little theater. Joe Godfrey, the acrobatic clown, is in line for himself and is the only person ever seen in Topeka who does head springs without the assistance of his hands. The three DeGreasus have a novelty act in which they introduce singing, dancing and a number of other features. Little Rosacotta is one of the most clever children yet seen in Topeka, and as a monologist can give most of the older ones a few pointers. In their comedy sketch "What Happened to O'Hara," Burns, Morris & Co. have a sure laugh producer and are probably the best shown with the illustrated song, "Nobody Ever Brings Presents to Me," and the kinodrome pictures, "Old Mashers" and "At the Sea Shore," are the best yet shown at this theater.

## What is it?

In point of fact, it is the freedom from poisonous and spurious ingredients, the excellence in flavor, that gives to



their wide popularity and increasing sale. The retail grocers are learning that quality rather than price is necessary to retain the confidence of customers and make a successful business.

# THE LAST WEEK

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**THE END COMES AT TEN O'CLOCK SATURDAY NIGHT**

**Buy Your Piano This Week and Save \$75.00 to \$150.00**

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**If in Need of a Good Piano Cheap Read This Entire Ad**

**Sale Positively Closes at 10 o'Clock Saturday Night**

The finite mind can only understand conditions and things which have a beginning and an ending. Ten days ago we inaugurated a great price reduction piano sale, which means we employed to clear our 517 Kan. ave. ware rooms of the then very large stock of pianos. We stated in our first announcement that the sale would only last two weeks. That was the beginning, and now we near the end. Consequently, just as advertised, the sale will positively come to a close at 10 o'clock Saturday night, which will take from you the musical opportunity to save from \$75 to \$150 on a fine piano. Since the inauguration of this gigantic factory sale of good pianos the selling has been wonderfully heavy—so much that we have only about half the big stock on our floor, unsold, and they are all very fine, very high grade, choice pianos, and, if one can go by the past ten days' selling, we hardly think the balance of pianos on hand will last until closing hours Saturday evening.

If you are in the market for a piano now, or expect to buy within a year or eighteen months, it will certainly pay you to hurry to this fleeting opportunity. When we make the statement that the sale positively closes Saturday, the people of Topeka and Kansas need no further warning because they know we do just as we advertise. The people realize that now is the last opportunity to buy a real good piano at a great saving in cost. Among the pianos we have left, is one \$375 piano, beautifully veneered, walnut cased piano, which will go tomorrow at \$268. We have a very few \$400 pianos which will continue to go at \$310; then we have \$425, \$450 and \$500 pianos which will go this week at the grand jubilee finish for \$308, \$322 and \$347. We have in the assortment two used pianos. These two pianos will go tomorrow for \$128 and \$180—\$10 down and \$6 monthly. They are worth twice this amount, as they are both very choice instruments and only show slight usage. We give you the above prices in a more compact manner:

- \$375 Pianos \$298**
- \$400 Pianos \$303**
- \$425 Pianos \$315**
- \$450 Pianos \$335**
- \$500 Pianos \$348**

- One Used Piano \$128**
- One Used Piano \$180**
- One Used Piano \$75**
- One Used Piano \$228**
- One Used Piano \$20**
- One Used Piano \$25**

**\$10 to \$25 Cash and \$6 to \$10 a Month**

Notwithstanding the low prices on the above pianos, we furnish with each instrument a handsome stool and scarf and an absolute guarantee, and, even beyond that, we agree to see that your piano is kept in good tune.

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**UTES PROMISE TO BE GOOD.**  
While their Representative Go to See the "White Father."

Forest City, S. D., Oct. 30.—The Ute Indians have promised to cause no disturbances while representatives of the tribe are sent to Washington to lay their grievance before the government. Chief Red Cap, however, refuses to recognize the orders of Captain Downs that the children be sent to school. The Utes are camped at Thunder Buttes on the edge of the Bad Lands, and all, including the women, are armed. Four troops of cavalry from Fort Des Moines are now on the reservation. Captain Downs and twenty policemen are also near the Indian camp, awaiting the arrival of Captain Johnston of the Second Cavalry who placed the Utes on the Cheyenne reservation and in whom they have confidence.

**PASSED UP TO GARFIELD.**  
He Will Select Federal Officials for Oklahoma.

Washington, Oct. 30.—The president has placed upon Secretary Garfield the greatest part of the responsibility of selecting the federal officials to be appointed in the new state of Oklahoma. The secretary is giving most of his time to that duty. It was decided that all members of the cabinet should recommend an increase of salaries for this assistants.

**Against Woman Suffrage.**  
Philadelphia, Oct. 30.—The biennial convention of the Universalist church in business session placed itself on record as against the enfranchisement of women and declared for a uniform divorce law.