

Railroad News of Week

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VISIT 53 TOWNS

Santa Fe to Sing Praises of Cow, Sow and Hen.

Demonstration Train to Make Tour Early in May.

With several minor changes having been made this week, F. P. Cruise, manager of the agricultural and industrial department, today announced the final schedule of the "Cow, Sow and Hen" special which the Santa Fe, Agricultural college, will operate over its lines in this state during the first two weeks of May.

The train will consist of three stock cars, one each for the three classes to be exhibited, a flat car for exhibition purposes, a business car, and three coaches for the accommodation of the speakers and other persons who will make the trip.

The Santa Fe will equip the three stock cars at Topeka before sending them to Manhattan, where they will be loaded with the exhibits, and will be returned to Topeka no later than April 29. The train will be made up the following day and that night will be run to Abilene, from which place the start over the state will be made Monday morning, May 1. The first stop will be at Olathe and the total of fifty-two towns have been visited, the train will wind up its trip at Topeka with a big meeting Saturday afternoon, May 13.

Carry College Speakers. The train will be in charge of Mr. Cruise, J. P. Jarrell, editor of "The Earth," will make the trip and other Santa Fe officials will be with the train at least part of the time. The college will be represented by Dr. C. W. McCampbell, head of the animal husbandry department; Prof. J. B. Fitch, of the dairying department; Prof. L. E. Call, head of the agronomy department; Prof. W. A. Lippincott, head of the poultry department; N. L. Harris, poultry expert; T. J. Falkert, superintendent of institutes and extension schools, and J. B. Bennett, extension editor.

The schedule which has just been approved by the operating department of the road has been so arranged that any stops other than those shown will be impossible, but most of the towns left out will find that if the weather is favorable it will be possible to send representatives to some other point where meetings will be held. Many towns have been demanding that the train pass them a visit, such as it is, was passing thru but they have been notified that the plan is to cover as much of the state as possible in the allotted time of two months. The college, with the close of the present term near, could not arrange for a longer trip. Night meetings will be held at a number of places. These will be held at the train, Mr. Cruise says, instead of some place up town because the exhibits will be the strong feature.

The Schedule. Following is the schedule, showing not only the towns to be visited but the time of each meeting.

Table with columns for Day, Town, and Time. Includes dates from Monday, May 1 to Saturday, May 6, listing various towns like Olathe, Abilene, Manhattan, etc.

VISIT THE KANSAS WHEAT BELT

Santa Fe Officials on Trade Trip With Party From Galveston.

J. R. Koontz, assistant freight traffic manager of the Santa Fe, and J. P. Jarrell, editor of "The Earth," are making a tour of the Kansas wheat belt this week in company with a delegation of steamship representatives from Galveston, Tex. The object of the tour is to investigate fully the new crop conditions and to observe the millers and other wheat buyers with the advantages of shipping wheat south over the Santa Fe for export at Galveston. The party will be in Topeka next week, probably Tuesday, for a meeting with the local millers at the Chamber of Commerce.

START ON SECOND TRACK

Frisco Will Spend \$2,000,000 Between Spring Hill and Paola, Kan.

Work of laying rails on the double tracking of the Frisco from Spring Hill, Kan., to Paola, Kan., has been started. The laying of the 12.7 miles of additional track will cost approximately \$2,000,000. Double tracking has also been begun by the Frisco from Windsor Springs to Valley Park, near St. Louis, a distance of six miles.

Other projects in the Frisco plans for this year include the ballasting of the line between Muskogee and Okmulgee, Okla.

BREAD LIGHTS

It doesn't happen very often this late in the year but both the Union Pacific and Rock Island had to use snow plows this week in opening their lines in the western part of the state.

Lee McGrath has been appointed superintendent in charge of the Santa Fe office building at Topeka. McGrath was formerly building electrician, a position now held by William Franklin.

With the service impaired on practically every division of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad, a rough estimate of the cost of the flood this week at that road is placed between \$30,000 and \$100,000.

Mrs. E. J. Alden has been appointed assistant secretary of the Burlington with headquarters at Chicago. It is said that she is the only woman in America holding a corporate office with a class 1 railway.

The Santa Fe is making arrangements to run a special train to accommodate the members of the national association of real estate boards who will attend the national convention at San Francisco in May.

The Union Pacific trucks were washed out this week near Arrington and it took several section crews to repair the damage. High water from the Delaware river, which flooded the entire Valley Falls district, was to blame.

President Harding on April 5 sent to the senate the names of G. W. W. Hanger, J. H. Elliott and A. O. Wharton for reappointment as members of the railroad labor board for a new term upon the expiration of their present term on April 15.

A Union Pacific bulletin announces that General Supt. H. J. Plumbok of Kansas City, has moved his office from the Union Pacific headquarters at Twelfth and Liberty streets to the second floor of the Railway Exchange building at Seventh and Walnut streets.

The vacancy in the office of assistant to the vice president of the Santa Fe in charge of operation, a position held by W. K. Eiter prior to his appointment as acting general manager of the eastern lines, is being filled by G. W. Lupton, formerly superintendent of terminals at Sedalia, Mo.

The Missouri Pacific is considering improvements necessary to handle the increasing business thru the yards at Pleasant Hill, Mo., to consist of a new coal chute, remodeled passenger station and additional trackage. The estimated cost of the improvements is between \$1,000,000 and \$1,500,000.

Passengers who like to use the observation end of trains on the Baltimore & Ohio and enjoy the scenery they do so in the future without getting chilled, regardless of the season. Free lap robes may now be obtained from either the Pullman conductor or porter on request. It is said that the innovation has proven very popular so far.

With a lot of girls in the Santa Fe general offices wearing diamond rings and waiting patiently for the month of June, the following announcement may create more or less interest here: The Frisco has issued a notice from its general office at Springfield, Mo., to the effect that in the future women employees of the company who marry will be expected to resign.

The number of cars loaded with revenue freight increased again during the week ending March 25, to the highest point this year, according to a report from Washington. The total was \$4,825, an increase of over 22,000 as compared with the week before. This compares with \$56,587 in the corresponding week of 1921 and \$2,386 in the corresponding week in 1920.

Insurance on parcels, left at stations, is not offered by the Pennsylvania railroad to the extent of \$500. The rate on values in excess of \$500 will not be accepted. Persons desiring to insure will be required to sign a paper showing the value, and excess value stamps will be affixed by the agent.

SANTA FE NOTES

Notes and personals by Mrs. E. D. Wedleigh. Call Blue 4231 or 2520.

Mrs. Hel Wolfe and daughter, Patty, of Norton street, spent Friday the guests of Mrs. Cecil Wagoner in High street.

Miss Myrtle Hight of Morris avenue spent Friday evening the guest of Miss Mae Greiner in Center street.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Falchich of Chandler street will motor to Oskaloosa, Kan., Sunday and spend the day the guest of Mrs. Patricia's brother, Mr. Frank Meredith and Mrs. Meredith.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Croft of Madison street have gone to Fort Scott, Kan., to spend a few days the guest of his sister, Mrs. Curtis Gerwig and her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Whitfill and son, Milton, and Mr. Virgil McCluskey will spend the week-end in Kansas City.

Mr. H. M. Duncan, division superintendent for the Santa Fe at Kansas City, who has been quite ill in a Topeka hospital, is improving rapidly and expects to return home in a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. Hel Wolfe and daughter, Patty, of Norton street, will spend the week-end in Lawrence, Kan., with relatives.

When Miss Lillian Butler, whose marriage to Mr. J. Vigneron of Eaton, Kan., will take place next week, arrived at her desk in the freight depot Friday afternoon she found it a wonderful sight. The desk, her desk light covered with red paper, and been decorated with a wedding cake on it and leading from the desk to the door was a trail of hearts. Above the desk was a paper bell which was decorated with stripes of the paper.

The five girls arranging the surprise for Miss Butler were Miss Myrtle Hight, Gertrude Parcel, Miss Anna Davis, Helwig, and Miss Myrtle Helwig.

The man in the office at the freight depot, Mr. Vigneron and his bride will go to Eaton following their marriage and will make their home there. Mr. Vigneron is a former Topekan man serving his apprenticeship here in the machine shop. Miss Butler has been a clerk and the telephone operator in the freight depot for about four years.

The "Aurora" Havana cigar is the best on the market. Try one.—Adv.

STOREY TO SPEAK

Santa Fe Head To Be Guest of Dinner Club April 26.

President Harvey House System Will Also Be Present.

The Santa Fe Dinner club, at its second annual meeting and banquet which will be held at Pelletier's Tea room Wednesday evening, April 26, at 6:30 o'clock, will be honored by the presence of W. B. Storey, president of the company, who will be the principal speaker.

On account of the affair coming so close to the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Santa Fe, that session being scheduled for April 27, a number of high officials and other persons will be present, according to W. B. Collins, president of the club.

Two Directors Coming. In addition to President Storey, there will be included in the list A. C. Jobes, vice president of the First National bank of Kansas City, and Warren E. Brown, president of the Brown-Crummer Investment company of Wichita, each a director of the Santa Fe, and Ford Harvey, president of the Fred Harvey system.

It will be the first time that President Storey has been a guest of the club, according to Collins who is now busy arranging program details. Several musical numbers and other entertainment features are to be added.

CELEBRATE PARK ANNIVERSARY

Yellowstone Sight-Seeing Bus Will Tour Thru Kansas.

Preparations for the celebration of the Golden anniversary of Yellowstone National park, which will be held this summer in the big national playground are attaining such a scale that they will reach Topeka, when one of the famous yellow buses used in transportation of sightseeing travelers thru the park arrives here. The bus is driven by one of the famous "game wardens" who handles it on the park's highways. They are not called chauffeurs in Yellowstone, they are "game wardens."

Early in April, this bus will make a trip far into the south and east. Central Ohio is its destination, and will cross Kansas, Missouri, southern Illinois and Indiana en route. The bus is running on a schedule of fifty miles a day and will carry the majority of working girls in the playground's Golden anniversary has been nationwide. When the plow that cleared away the winter's accumulation of snow has been removed, had been unused all winter reached the log village of West Yellowstone, they had accomplished a double purpose—re-established communication between the park's entrance and the outside world, and also carried in the first official tourists of the Golden Anniversary Year, and the tour of the yellow bus is part of the outlined plan for the coming season. The bus will follow them during the gala year.

ROADS SEE NEW FUEL SUPPLY

Now the Question Is "Is There a Coal Field in Southwest Kansas?"

A report that the Santa Fe is planning to build a branch line from Dodge City thru the new Bucklin coal field is now in circulation, following the report last week that the Rock Island was proposing to connect with the new field by building a spur line south from Bucklin.

Among these two reports are flying a lot of rumors concerning the new discovery in southwest Kansas. One report is that the people of Bucklin are laughing in their sleeves because they consider the entire matter a joke.

On the other hand it is reported that a vein of coal between five and six feet in thickness and about seventy feet below the surface of the earth actually has been found south of Bucklin, and that options have been taken on 40,000 acres of land in Clark county, and 35,000 acres in Kiowa, Ford and Comanche counties in preparation for active mining operations.

Railroad officials in Topeka say they know nothing concerning the reports that both the Rock Island and the Santa Fe are planning to connect with the new field.

Hokus—Think of the days when the restaurateur used to give a bottle of wine with a table d'hôte dinner.

Pokus—And now he thinks he is being mighty generous if he gives a little food with the jazz.—New York Sun.

English Girls Study the Kansas Clothes Budget

Survey Now Being Conducted in Industrial Centers of England, Says Report from London—Women Workers There Have Better Chance of Decent Standard of Life, Is Claim.

London, April 15.—English wage-earning women are much impressed by the new list over from America and widely published here that working girls in Kansas are expected to dress on \$30 a year; that 50 per cent of the women wage earners in that state earn less than \$12 a week, 70 per cent less than \$20 a week, and the women's division of the Kansas court of industrial relations has laid down that \$16.93 a week is the minimum necessary for a woman to support a family at a decent standard of living.

A similar survey of England is now being made and it is claimed that all things taken into account, it will be found that the industrial worker, the factory hand, the domestic servant, the servant in England has really a better chance of a decent standard of life—if she can get any work at all to do.

The ordinary shop or office worker in England, a beginner, who earns from \$4 to \$4 a week (taking the pound to equal \$4) for an 8-hour day, reckons to spend half her wages in board and lodging. The other half is divided between amusements, holiday fund, insurance, clothes, carfare and recreation.

Clerks Must Economize. Steamship and office clerks have to spend more on their clothes than factory workers, and therefore have to take from their food account the cost of the expense of an outfit.

Factory workers on the other hand are provided with overalls, which they usually wear as dresses, and are therefore able to save their own clothes for outdoors and home wear.

Very good winter coat of thick warm cheviot or blanket cloth can be bought anywhere for \$12. This coat lasts two seasons and is often made in divided sections, so that they can be put down in the annual expense account at \$6.

English working girls all wear the same kind of hats, summer and winter. The velvet felt, which is worn seven or eight months of the year, usually lasts for two seasons, and originally \$1.75 or \$2. In summer a straw of similar shape trimmed with a band of bright ribbon, which is frequently changed, costs about \$1.00. These will be bought alternate years.

The standard blue serge suit worn by the majority of working girls in summer has returned to its pre-war price of \$6. The winter tweed suit now comes to the same price, and the usual habit is to buy a serge suit one year and a tweed the next. So that only one suit need be placed in the annual budget.

Undergarments the English girl is very economical. The English girl of the lower classes does not change all her underclothes as frequently as the American girl. The separate climate makes this possible; she changes one garment one week, another the next; so her laundry and her underclothes are relatively small items. Two union suits cost \$3, a winter petticoat \$1, knickers \$1, three blouses \$2 and two each of chemise and drawers cost within \$3. Three pairs of stockings \$2, a corset \$2.50, two pairs of shoes \$5. Most girls who work in cities go to dances and have a pair of dancing shoes as well, which may run as high as \$2.50. It is usual to have a party dress, too, which she may make herself or buy for \$5.

Dress Bill to \$12.50 Per Year. This brings the dress bill for the year up to \$12.50, to which must be added the cost of underclothes, an umbrella and a sweater, which the English girl usually knits for herself.

The girl who works at the rate of \$12 a week (\$23 in England is looked upon as well-to-do, able to take her fair share in the family support, to make a just contribution when any new furniture or equipment is needed in the house, able to go to the seaside for her two weeks vacation in the summer, and that options have been taken on 40,000 acres of land in Clark county, and 35,000 acres in Kiowa, Ford and Comanche counties in preparation for active mining operations.

On the other hand, the girl who earns the equivalent of \$12 a week and has to live alone finds life pretty meager and restricted. The boarding house and hotel are her most economical resort; but living this life means a constant drain in small subscriptions, in tips and other local claims.

It is from this type of worker that the great bulk of charitable donations are obtained. In small sums, ranging from 10 cents to \$1, English working girls contribute a great proportion of the money spent in European relief work.

Better off in England (if she can get her job) than she is in Kansas. Her clothes need cost her but \$50 a year and may cost considerably less if she can save her vacation, costing \$25, may take her to one of the beauty spots of the world, even a week in Paris or Switzerland if she wants to enjoy herself, and if she is a member of a thrifty working class family she may put away in the postoffice savings bank a nice little nest egg.

EAST SIDE NEWS

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Mr. Alfred Skinner has returned to Lawrence, Kan., after spending some time in Topeka the guest of his daughter, Mr. F. M. Osterman in Lafayette street.

Mr. John Theuring of East First avenue has gone to Phoenix, Ariz., where he will spend two weeks the guest of his son, Mr. Geo. Theuring and Mrs. Theuring.

Mrs. John Theuring who has spent some time in Phoenix with her son and his wife, will return home with her husband.

The Ladies Aid society of the East Side Methodist church will hold a Rummage Sale Thursday and Friday, April 20 and 21, at 909 East Sixth avenue, in the Salvage Grocery Store. Positions for the sale may be left at the homes of the members of the society.

The very good of the Seward Avenue Baptist church will meet Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Charles Thompson, 824 Madison street.

Mrs. G. W. James entertained at dinner Friday at her home in Olive avenue. The guests were: Mrs. C. H. Euler and daughters, Claudia and Gretchen, and Mrs. Wayne and Roland, Mrs. Win Smith and daughter, Wilma and son, Dean, Mrs. Iolo Stewart and son, Raymond, Mrs. W. H. Stewart and daughter, Irene, Mrs. W. R. Pfeiffer and daughter, Florence, Mildred and Wilma, Mrs. Louis Doud and daughter, Juanita, and Mrs. Geo. Baughman and daughter, Helen.

The Ladies Aid society of the East Side Methodist church will meet Wednesday afternoon in the church.

The K. K. Club met Friday evening at the home of Mr. Charles Thompson, 824 Madison street. The guests were: Mrs. Bruce Warner, Mrs. H. P. Miller, Mrs. James Hagan, Mrs. Hal Wolfe and daughter, Patty, Mrs. Harry Johnson, Mrs. H. D. Wedleigh, Miss Selma White, Miss C. Pasquer, Miss Rose Deahler and Miss Miller. The next meeting will be held in two weeks at the home of Mrs. H. D. Wedleigh in Madison street.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Oppits of 100 Woodruff avenue, are the parents of a daughter, born Wednesday, April 12, at Stormont hospital; she has named the baby, Eunice Loraine.

Mrs. Geo. August Meyer and grandson, Harry Hilderman of North Lake street, will spend the week end in Kansas City, Mo., with relatives.

Roses, Carnations and Potted plants at the Palmyra Greenhouse, 121 Woodruff avenue.—Adv.

WHY SOCKS HAVE CLOCKS

In Old Days Decorations Were Used to Hide the Seams—Past Still Clings to Our Clothes.

It is surprising how much of the past still remains, more especially in regard to the clothes we wear. On the backs of most gloves will be found three thin stripes. These marks correspond to the fourchette pieces between the fingers. In earlier times gloves were not made so neatly as they are today, and the stitching of the fingers was carried down part of the way on to the back of the glove, braid being used to conceal the seams.

To a practically similar reason does the clock on a sock owe its origin. In the days when stockings were made of cloth the seams occurred where the clocks are now displayed, the decoration being utilized to hide the seams.

The little bow which will invariably be found on the fourchette pieces of a man's hat is a survival of the time when a hat was made by taking a piece of leather, boring two holes thru it, and drawing it together with a piece of string.

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