

RAILROADS PLEASED WITH REDUCTION IN RATE

Railroads Make an Important Concession to the Shippers.

MELLEN GOES EAST

Crop Conditions in the West Delight Northern Pacific President.

The decision of the Butte Terminal association at a meeting held in Butte this week to reduce the demurrage or per diem car service from \$2 to \$1 after August 1, is considered an important concession. Shippers are pleased over the announcement. It will mean quite a reduction in expenditure for those who cannot unload cars promptly upon their arrival.

At present the rate is \$2 a day straight. Under the new rule it will be \$1 a day for the first five days and \$2 a day thereafter. It is not believed that very many shippers will have to pay the later rate as they generally have the cars unloaded sooner than five days after their arrival.

President C. S. Mellen of the Northern Pacific reached New York this week from the West, and gave glowing accounts of the crops to be moved and of the amount of business in the West.

"Crop prospects upon the west end of the Northern Pacific are about 20 per cent off as compared with last year. The crop is now being harvested and may be said to be out of reach of further damage," said Mr. Mellen.

"Notwithstanding the reduction in wheat tonnage to be moved, the general development upon the line is such that there will be a larger increase in earnings, both gross and net, for the year ending June, 1904, over the year just closed."

According to President Mellen there exists a mistaken idea as to the importance of traffic other than wheat in arriving at the total movement of freight handled by the Western roads during the course of a year. Wheat, of course, governs the purchasing power of farmers and merchants, but under normal conditions the percentage of revenue derived by the roads for transporting rye, oats, barley, lumber and coal is much more profitable than that

secured from the movement of the farmers' staple crop.

President Mellen said that the movement of general merchandise from the East at the present time was far in excess of that ever known before by Western roads, and, furthermore, there appeared no good reasons for regarding the outlook with apprehension.

The announcement from New York that the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy had secured a temporary loan of \$5,000,000 is arousing interest in financial circles. The belief is current that the company has some important improvements in contemplation that may include the construction of the much-talked-of Billings-Great Falls line. The policy of the company has always been to build only branches and extensions out of current funds or its surplus rather than to borrow money. This is said to be the first time in years the road has borrowed any money in the open market. The loan is payable next March at 5 1/2 per cent with a commission of 1 1/2 per cent added, making the cost of the loan \$5,000,000.

Slight injuries often disable a man and cause several days' loss of time, and when blood poison develops sometimes result in the loss of a hand or limb. Chamberlain's Pain Balm is an antiseptic liniment. When applied to cuts, bruises and burns it causes them to heal quickly and without maturation, and prevents any danger of blood poisoning. For sale by Paxson & Rockefeller, Newbro Drug Co., Christie & Leys and Hros.

WATCH THE RUBBER PENCIL

Attorney and Court House Officials Victims of Practical Jokes.

Beware of the men with the rubber pencil. It is not loaded, but if you try to use it the laugh will be on you, and you may have to treat the crowd that gathers about you.

The rubber pencil is a pencil only in appearance. It is of the regulation size and shape, but instead of having lead inside it contains rubber. When you go to write the rubber pencil.

Gene Roberts, deputy clerk of the district court, brought some of these pencils home from the east the other day. He distributed them around the courthouse and several persons have been caught by them.

Chancellor O'Donnell asked for a pencil in court the other day. He got the rubber one and tried in vain to make a note with it.

Clerk Kennedy of the board of county commissioners tried to induce Clerk and Recorder Weston to use it, but he refused to do so.

Several attorneys can testify to the fun-provoking merits of the little rubber pencil.

Probing Into Charges.

New York, July 18.—Advices have been received by Rev. Dr. J. L. Barton of the American Board of Foreign Missions regarding the seizure and imprisonment recently by the Turks of Dr. Tenckjian of Euphrates college, Harpoot, a graduate of an American college in Turkey. The professor is charged with conspiracy against the settlement. The professor says he has been subjected to cruel treatment.

Cable Steamer Leaves.

Honolulu, July 18.—The cable steamer Anglia will sail for London via the Suez canal today.

VALUABLE LACE IS STRANGELY MISSING

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
New York, July 18.—A package containing six yards of lace, said to be valued at \$6,000, has been missing since April 6, when it was shipped by express from here to Washington.

The lace is a part of a set valued at \$30,000 belonging to the wife of General A. E. Bates of Washington. Mrs. Bates is at present in Europe with her daughter.

Mrs. Bates came to New York early in the spring. She bought the lace to have it cleaned and repaired. As the cleaner completed the work on the separate pieces she sent them to Mrs. Bates by express, there being three separate bundles.

The second contained the lace that is missing. The package containing the piece of greatest value is in the shape of a large shawl. It reached Washington safely.

No trace of the second package has been found, however. The cleaners say that although the lace was a commercial value \$6,000, it really was of greater value, because it made up a part of a set and also because it was an heirloom.

It was worn by Mrs. Bates' mother at the time King Edward, as Prince of Wales, was entertained at the White house.

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POSSE SEEKING FLEEING SLAYER

MAN CHARGED WITH MURDER ESCAPES WHEN MOB THREATENS TO LYNCH HIM.

SEVERAL SHOTS ARE FIRED

In the Darkness, However, the Prisoner Manages to Hide From His Pursuers.

Cody, Wyo., July 18.—Great excitement exists throughout Big Horn basin over the escape of James Gorman, convicted murderer of his brother, Tom Gorman.

Wednesday evening Sheriff Fenton received news that a party of determined men from Shell and Painted Rock, in this county, were coming down to the basin to lynch Gorman and Walters, another convicted murderer.

Acting on this information, the sheriff handcuffed the two prisoners and two armed deputies secretly removed them to a canyon, about two miles from town.

When nearly to their destination, Gorman, who is a powerful man, suddenly wrenched off his handcuffs and ran for the surrounding shrubbery.

One of the guards started in pursuit and fired several shots at the fugitive but he escaped in the darkness. Walters, the other prisoner, made no attempt to escape.

Information was instantly sent to town and a number of mounted men started in pursuit. So far he has not been captured.

Those who have gone after Gorman openly declare their intention of lynching him if recaptured.

Etland Has Relatives.

Red Lodge, July 18.—T. B. Etland of Anita, N. D., supposed to be a brother of the man of that name confined here for murder, has been located.

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RAVENOUS INSECTS DO GREAT DAMAGE

PHYLLOXERA COST FRANCE THE ENORMOUS SUM OF SOME \$650,000,000.

LOCUST WELL UP IN THE LIST

But He Is Eaten Himself by Some Peoples, Which Is in a Way a Compensation.

New York, July 18.—A London dispatch says:

The ravages of slugs and wireworms in our own back gardens convince most of us that these insects at least may well be included among the criminal population. But there are very many others to whom the doings of even the much abused green fly are a child's play compared with the ruin and devastation which they can and do spread around.

In France the phylloxera, a tiny insect with luxurious tastes, cost the vineyard owners \$650,000,000 a few years ago, that being the value of the royal feast they had enjoyed.

Locust Most Dreaded.

Perhaps, however, the worst and most dreaded criminal of them all is the locust. It is a matter for much congratulation that he leaves this country severely alone, for in his native wilds he is truly a terror.

He gathers in swarms not of thousands, but millions, and where the hordes go darkness black as night gathers over the land, for the light of day is shut out by them. When they have laid a district under contribution not a blade of vegetation remains upon it.

It is difficult to estimate the actual money value of the damage these truly criminal insects cause, statistics not being obtainable from the countries they infest; but the hopeless ruin and utter starvation and misery they leave in their track entitle them to a foremost place in the lists of criminal insects.

They Devour Them.

Comfort, however, may be obtained in the fact that the criminal locust himself is fried and roasted in some countries, and no doubt many a peasant who has suffered from a locust visit enjoys these meals with an enhanced gusto.

The extent, however, of the locust plague may be seen by the fact that in Cyprus peasants are paid £40 for every ton of locust eggs they destroy. In some years as many as 60 tons are destroyed, which means that some 600,000,000 of locusts have been cheated of their chance of existence. But still they come, and recently the locust swarms were as active as ever.

Ordinary House Moth.

To come to a creature with which we are more familiar, it is estimated that the ordinary house moth destroys clothing, furniture and other properties to the yearly value of thousands of pounds in the United Kingdom alone.

Another criminal insect, this time one who would sip the very lifeblood of our existence if it were allowed to wield its sway unchecked for a year or two, is the cephalopod stem sawfly. The female of this class of insect first hovers her way into the stems of young wheat and there deposits her eggs. The larva finding itself in pleasant surroundings, very soon quickens into life and gorges itself. Of course that means that this stem of wheat is ruined. In sunny Japan, a few years back, the stem sawfly ruined crops to the value of \$75,000,000.

Great Damage Done.

But the damage done by insects of all denominations and kinds is much too great to be estimated. We can only be thankful that they leave us anything at all. What with the click beetle, or scarabaeidae, which, with its brother in wickedness, the crane fly, is gnawing at most of the roots, aphids and scale insects, which are enjoying themselves on the foliage, while the solid wood is being riddled by the tunnels of boring grubs, it is not wonderful that, considering this is but one of his troubles, the farmer is often a short tempered individual.

Take them altogether, insects are of considerably more trouble to man than they are worth. But still, to show the bright side of the picture, it must be mentioned that some insects are distinctly useful to mankind.

Good for Medicine.

Several soft-skinned beetles have been used medicinally to raise blisters, and the gall of the cynips tinctoria, or was until recently, largely used in the manufacture of ink.

Another insect gives us the well known cochineal red dye, while, no doubt, life has been rendered much more bearable to the feminine population by the existence of the silkworm. The bee also provides us with honey and wax, while it is certain that the silphidae and the maggots of flies do a very great service to man indeed by devouring decaying refuse which would otherwise breed serious disease.

NORTHERN PACIFIC SUNDAY EXCURSION TRAIN STARTS.

Next Sunday the Northern Pacific will inaugurate their Sunday excursion train service to Twin Bridges, Alder and intermediate points. Trains will leave Butte each Sunday at 9 a. m.; returning, leave Alder at 5:45 p. m., arriving at Butte at 9 p. m. Special rates will be points good on this train only. For particulars call on or write.

W. H. MERRIMAN,
General Agent Northern Pacific Railway.

PECULIAR ACTS OF RICH MAN

Odd Testimony Is Introduced in an Effort to Break a Will.

USES SAND PAPER

Hands Too Rough, He Says, So He Tries to Smooth Them.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
Boston, July 18.—Erich Wentworth, deceased millionaire, once told his grandson, Leslie H. Stuart, according to testimony given before Probate Justice Harmon, that Willoughby H. Stuart, Wentworth's son-in-law, had debts amounting to \$4,000,000 or \$5,000,000.

This testimony was given at a hearing of the contest of the will of Wentworth, which cut off relatives and left \$7,000,000 to found an industrial school.

Of Unsound Mind.

The family holds Wentworth was of unsound mind. Stuart testified that his father, formerly a British vice-consul, was found to be insane when examined some years ago.

He told of his grandfather's table manners, which he said were disgusting and of his alleged disregard for personal appearance. He said Wentworth declared that doctors knew nothing about medicine.

"I know more about it than all of them put together," said he.

"Why, look at me," said he, added the witness, "I have dyspepsia, and what do I do for it—I eat gravel. The chickens use it. It does them good, and if it does them good, why it should do me good."

Stuart told of many medicines which Wentworth brought home and of many concoctions which he would try to mix.

Sandpapers His Hands.

Mr. Wentworth used to take sandpaper and sandpaper his hands and often the top of his head; he said it was a good thing for rough or chapped hands to make them smooth.

Witness was asked: "Did Mr. Wentworth ever express to you his intention of forming a mechanics' institute?"

"He always declared he did not believe in them—colleges or museums. It would be better to spend the money in good streets," said Mr. Wentworth, "and then he would tell how the presidents of various colleges had come to him for advice as to how to run their institutions."

RESCUED BY THE FIREMEN

Fire in an Apartment House Forces Guests to Flee.

Auburn, N. Y., July 18.—Fire which started in a large frame building in Garden street shortly before midnight caused losses estimated at \$150,000, partly covered by insurance.

The burned structures included the high school, erected a few years ago at a cost of \$75,000; the Auburn Soap & Chemical factory; Charles Hollingshead's carpenter shop; O. A. Young's chair factory; apartment house of Mrs. Emma Shingleton; brick block occupied by Joseph Nichols, dealer in confectionery; Auburn Extract company and Redmond's boarding house.

Hekocks' wood yard and J. Brinkhoff's carpet cleaning establishment were also destroyed.

The guests of the apartment house were rescued by firemen.

SQUATTERS TOLD TO VACATE

New York, July 18.—Notice has been served by the county court of White Plains to the 58 squatters on the land purchased as New York's watershed that they must vacate.

Some of the property taken in is Purdy's station, Goldbridge; this is to be turned into an artificial lake to furnish New York with additional water.

Many of the farmers already are preparing to migrate, but others declare they will fight.

Included in property to be seized by the city are four churches, four schools, two hotels, several summer residences and about 40 farms.

Delegates Are Named.

New Orleans, La., July 18.—Albert Golchoux, first vice-president of the New Orleans Progress union, has named the following delegates to represent the union at the 14th annual session of the Trans-Mississippi Commercial congress to be held in Seattle, Wash., August 18 to 21 inclusive: Thomas F. Cunningham, chairman, J. A. Blaffer, Sidney Story, Thomas Richardson, Orloff Lake, G. G. Fredericks, E. M. Loeb, W. G. Wilmot, Phillip Eirlin and Walter Saxon.

NORTHERN PACIFIC SUMMER EXCURSION RATES.

On May 16 the Northern Pacific place on sale its "week-end" excursion rates, as follows:

Pipestone and return \$1.00
Whitehall and return 1.50
Lime Spur and return 2.00
On sale Saturdays and Sundays. Good returning the following Mondays.
Twin Bridges and return \$2.00
Alder and return 2.50
Pony and return 2.75
On sale Saturdays. Good returning following Mondays.
Deer Lodge and return \$1.00
On sale Sundays for No. 5. Good returning same day only.
Bonita and return \$4.00
On sale for train No. 7. Good returning the following Mondays.
Hamilton and return \$10.00
Tickets on sale Wednesdays and Saturdays. Good for two days and include board and lodging at the "Ravalli" hotel.
Tickets on sale daily. Good for eight days, and include a week's board and lodging at the "Ravalli" hotel.
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