

MISTAKE CAUSED BY TWO COOKS.

Cognomens Alike, Initials and All—Each Expected a Letter.

CLERK FOLLOWED THE LAW.

delivered the Letter in Accordance With Postal Regulations and Instructions Made by Special Entry.

The clerks in the Salt Lake post-office are very much perturbed and feel keenly the attacks and groundless charges constantly made by a local disreputable sheet. The latest publication of falsehood and slander appeared yesterday morning when the sheet referred to attempted to give facts concerning the arrival in this city of a letter addressed to W. W. Cook.

The statement was made that the letter arrived here on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. Where the writer of that statement got his information, unless from a Chinese hop joint, is a mystery. According to postal officials, he certainly did not get it from the post-office. The letter did not arrive at the postoffice at 10 a. m. Tuesday.

The facts in the case, which are as follows, show that the postoffice clerks were not at all responsible for the delay in the delivery, and that the mistake which was made might not have happened in a lifetime.

On Tuesday night at 9:25 a letter addressed to W. W. Cook, and bearing a special delivery stamp, was received at the postoffice. The letter to be addressed in care of the "city clerk." When the special delivery clerk got the letter he at once made inquiry, and found that the clerk's office was closed. It then did what the postal laws demand—he searched for the residence of the man to whom the letter was addressed. In looking over the postoffice directory he found that on March 30, 12 days prior to the receipt of the letter, an entry was made on the directory at the request of a W. W. Cook, that he was expecting a special delivery letter from the east, and that it was to be delivered to him at his residence, 179 west Sixth South street. In this connection it should be stated that the postal laws require that a special delivery letter shall be delivered at the residence if the place of business is closed.

Seeing the instruction to deliver a special delivery letter to W. W. Cook at the address given, and knowing that the clerk's office was closed, the clerk accordingly sent the letter to the address given above. Mrs. Cook received the letter. The letter was opened and the Cooke found that it was not for them, but for another W. W. Cook. They did not at once notify the post-office authorities, and the letter did not again reach the office until 3 p. m. the next day.

It happened that there were two men by the name of W. W. Cook, and each expected a letter. One instructed the authorities to send his letter to his residence. A special entry was made so that this would be done. When the letter came and it was found that the clerk's office was closed, the clerk followed the instructions and also the law, let that plain enough. And is it not clear that no blame attaches to the postoffice. And could not this have been learned if real information had been wanted?

DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE.

University Regents Have Decided to Create This Branch.

In order to secure recognition for the work now done in physiology and other branches of medical training that are general rather than directly professional, the University regents have decided to create a department of medicine at the University.

BIGGEST COAL MINER.

Francis Le Baron Robbins of Pittsburgh is reputed to be the largest individual coal operator in America. In recent negotiations between the two warring sides he has acted frequently as spokesman for the bituminous coal operators.

Mr. Robbins is president of the Pittsburgh Coal company and also of the Monongahela Consolidated Coal and Coke company. He is a native of Wisconsin, born at Ripon in 1855.



SALT LAKE ROUTE OPENS ON SUNDAY

Tickets Through to Los Angeles Will be Sold Here For Tomorrow's Train.

AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Made to That Effect This Morning—Live Stock and Perishable Goods Solicited.

After 22 days of strenuously the blockade on the Salt Lake Route, occasioned by washouts, will be raised on Sunday. Tomorrow through tickets will be sold at headquarters here and the midnight train will go right through to Los Angeles over the temporary repair work through the Meadow Valley wash, Nev.

Official notification of this was received by District Freight and Passenger Agent J. L. Moore this morning in the form of a wire from his superior officer, E. W. Gillett, which reads: "Line open Sunday, I have advised all concerned to accept all freight, including livestock and perishable."

Since March 24, when the big freshet came rushing down the canyon, carrying before it, there have been trying times for the maintenance and engineering departments of the Clark road. Both Division Superintendent Van Housen and Engineer Brown have been on the scene directing the army of men engaged in driving piles, erecting cribbing work and blasting material to dump into the big gaps washed out by the torrents. Twice after the work was commenced heavy storms had the effect of washing away more of the grade and some of the repairs, but the men kept at it night without stopping except to change the gangs.

Just how much this calamity has cost the road will perhaps never be recorded, but it is safe to say that \$1,000,000 will not be too high an estimate for freight and passengers and the cost of repairing the damage done. What hurts most is the damage to the reputation of the new line, which started out under such happy auspices. The opening of the line would have been postponed another year had the line been completed with steel bridges, stone abutments and concrete cutwaters in the first place, as originally intended. The wooden trestles were installed to save time, it being the intention to substitute steel after the road was completed.

This will be done ultimately and then the Salt Lake Route will be second to none. In the meantime there may not be a similar storm to that of March 24 for 20 years, as it is over that period since there was one like it.

ROAD TO SEARCHLIGHT.

Santa Fe Will Construct the Line From Manvel at Once.

Searchlight, Nev., April 13.—It is stated that a road will be built from Manvel to Searchlight at once. The board of directors of the Santa Fe, as reported by Supt. A. G. Wells, has passed favorably upon the proposition, and articles of incorporation of the Searchlight and Northern Railroad have been filed. Division Superintendent John Deane has authority for the statement that Santa Fe engineers are preparing estimates of the cost of construction. Bright and Drew, of Los Angeles, also the Lantry-Sharpe construction company of Kansas City have representatives here investigating conditions preparatory to bidding on the contract. The roadway survey is completed.

ANOTHER PIPE DREAM.

Sheet Unreliable, Inaccurate and Misleading as Usual.

To the Editor: With his characteristic mania for supplying his paper with unreliable, inaccurate and misleading information, the Tribune Ogden correspondent has a half column of his pipe dream interpretation in that paper this morning. It is evident that his eyes were not in good condition or he would readily have seen that "the great quantity of gravel" that has "been hauled in" is only what was removed in sinking the ties into the ground and will be replaced or removed when the work is finished.

Mr. Bamberger states that the Rio Grande Railway company was never the owner of the rail or spike that was used in laying this track. It was rails that were taken from Mr. Bamberger's own track and replaced by the new 85-pound rails which have been laid on the south end and will be laid on the entire line. It seems to be in the eyes of some people a very serious offense for the Rio Grande to have hauled this material but perhaps if this bright correspondent would investigate further he would find that all the material did not come via that route.

ONE WHO HAS INVESTIGATED.

Mr. Bamberger fights his own fights, hires his own men and pays for them, too. The 25 teams were all Ogden teams; the men were taken from his own forces; the road is his; the material is his, and it is all paid for.

SPIKE AND RAIL.

G. W. Hull, representative for the Pennsylvania lines at Denver, is numbered among the visitors in town.

GOOD FRIDAY IN WALL STREET

For First Time in Many Years Not Observed as a Holiday.

ATTENDANCE VERY SMALL.

Trading Was Light, but Prices Everywhere Were Well Sustained.

New York, April 13.—For the first time in many years Good Friday was not observed as a holiday in New York today. All the city departments were in operation and the stock exchange also was open for business as usual. In both of these instances money was responsible for the change in the city's tradition. The city's corporation counsel having decided that department heads had no power to allow per diem pay for time not actually occupied in the city service, and laborers requested that the usual holiday be omitted. Their request was granted.

The governing board of the stock exchange decided not to suspend operations for the day because of the unsettled condition of the money market. The attendance at the stock exchange at the opening today was small and dealings were insignificant. Efforts to put up prices were hampered by the steady selling of consolidated gas which declined over 2 points. Nevertheless, a few selected stocks made good progress upward, particularly Reading, Union Pacific, Amalgamated Copper and Brooklyn Transit. Trading had dwindled to nominal proportions by 11 o'clock but the market was well sustained. Pacific Coast gained 1/2; the second preferred 2/4; and Brooklyn Transit 1/8.

Amalgamated Copper made a gain of a point, trading became practically stagnant before noon. Bonds were very dull and steady. Prices were shaded after 12 o'clock. B. & O. losing 1/4, the preferred improved 2/4; Pacific Coast 1/4, and the second preferred 1/2.

There was a good rally in the late trading in which some of the leading stocks benefited largely. New York Central, Union Pacific, Smelting and International Pump rose a point to 1/4. Amalgamated Copper, Great Northern preferred 1/4, and Denver & Rio Grande preferred 1/4.

BOSTON CLOSE.

Today's closing on stocks in Boston, as reported by the Pollock wires especially from:

- Atlantic, 21.50@21.75; Amalgamated, 112.75@113.75; Binghamton Co., 29.50@29.75; Boston Co., 23.12 1/2@23.25; Butte Coalition, 35.75@36.50; Calumet & Arizona, 115.00@118.00; Calumet & Hecla, 70.00@75.00; Centennial, 25.00@27.00; Con. Merc., 63.00; Copper Range, 81.25@81.50; Daly West, 14.75@15.00; East Butte, 11.00@12.00; Granite, 12.50@12.75; Michigan, 13.75@14.00; Mohawk, 62.12 1/2@62.50; Nevada Co., 17.50@18.00; Parrott, 35.00@38.75; Royce, 22.00@23.00; Tenn. Copper, 47.00@48.00; Utah Con., 43.75@44.00; United States Con., 60.00@61.00; United States Pfd., 45.00@47.75; Utah Apex, 6.25@6.00; Nevada Utah, 4.87 1/2@5.12 1/2.

Baltimore & Ohio preferred 3/4. The strength of the late market was due to the announcement of the new stock subscription privileges.

LIVESTOCK.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, April 13.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,500; market strong. Heaves, 4.00@5.25; cows and heifers, 3.50@4.25; stockers and feeders, 2.50@4.75. Hogs—Receipts, 5,000; market strong to 5 cents higher; estimated tomorrow, 100,000. Mixed and butchers, 6.40@6.62 1/2; good heavy, 6.50@6.62 1/2; rough heavy, 6.20@6.30; lights, 6.30@6.57 1/2; pigs, 4.80@5.25; bulk, 6.20@6.60. Sheep—Receipts, 5,000; market steady. Sheep, 1.25@1.50; lambs, 4.75@5.00; yearlings, 3.50@4.00.

KANSAS CITY.

Kansas City, April 13.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,000. Native steers, 4.75@5.50; native cows and heifers, 2.50@3.10; stockers and feeders, 2.00@2.50. Western fed steers, 3.50@3.75; western fed cows, 2.50@4.50. Hogs—Receipts, 5,000; market 5 cents higher. Bulk, 6.40@6.75; heavy, 6.40@6.62 1/2; packers, 6.40@6.50; pigs and lights, 5.25@6.00. Sheep—Receipts, 2,000; market steady. Muttons, 4.50@5.00; lambs, 5.00@5.50; range wethers, 4.50@5.25; fed ewes, 4.25@5.50.

OMAHA.

Omaha, April 13.—Cattle—Receipts, 10,000. Native steers, 4.00@5.50; cows and heifers, 3.00@4.50; western steers, 3.50@4.50; canners, 1.50@2.75; stockers and feeders, 2.50@4.00; calves, 3.00@6.50; bulk of sales, 2.50@4.25. Hogs—Receipts, 5,000; market shade to 1 cent higher. Heavy, 6.37 1/2@6.45; mixed, 6.37 1/2@6.45; lights, 6.30@6.40; pigs, 5.00@6.10; bulk, 6.37 1/2@6.45. Sheep—Receipts, 2,000; market steady. Yearlings, 5.50@6.25; wethers, 5.00@6.10; ewes, 4.75@5.25; lambs, 6.00@6.50.

WOOL.

ST. LOUIS. St. Louis, April 13.—Wool, steady. Territory and western medium, 23@25; fine medium, 21@25; fine, 18@21.

PRODUCE.

SAN FRANCISCO GRAIN. San Francisco, April 13.—Wheat—Steady. May, 1.27 1/2 bid; Dec., 1.25; Barley—Steady. May, 1.18 bid; Dec., 96 1/2 bid.

NEW YORK CLOSING STOCKS.

Table with columns for stock names and prices. Includes Atchafalpa, Baltimore & Ohio, Canadian Pacific, Chicago & Alton, Chicago & North Western, Chicago & Northern Pacific, Colorado Southern, Denver & Rio Grande, Erie, Illinois Central, Louisville & Nashville, Manhattan L., Metropolitan St. Ry., Mexican Central, Missouri Pacific, New York Central, Pennsylvania, Reading, Rock Island pfd, St. Paul, Southern Pacific, Southern Railway, Union Pacific, Union Pacific pfd, Wabash, Wisconsin Central, Northern Pacific, Amalgamated Copper, American Car & Foundry, American Locomotive, American Smelting & Refining, Am. Smelting & Refining pfd, Colorado Fuel & Iron, Colorado Fuel & Iron pfd, International Paper, National Biscuit, National Lead, Pacific Mail, People's Gas, Pressed Steel Car, Pullman Palace Car, Standard Oil, Standard Oil pfd, Standard Oil of Ind., Tennessee Coal & Iron, United States Steel, United States Steel pfd, Western Union, Mackay, Mackay pfd.

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TODAY'S MONEY MARKET.

New York, April 13.—Close: Prime mercantile paper, 5 1/2 @ 6 per cent. Sterling exchange, steady, at decline, at 484.50@485 for demand, and at 482.25@482.50 for 60-day bills; posted rates, 482 1/2 @483 and 485 1/2@486; commercial bills, 481 1/2@482. Bar silver, 64 1/2. Mexican dollars, 50. Government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, irregular. United States Steel pfd, 44 1/2 per cent, ruling rate, 50 1/2 per cent; closing bid, 4 per cent; offered, 4 1/2 per cent. Time loans, easier; 60 and 90 days and six months, 6 per cent.

AFTERNOON ON EXCHANGE.

Among this afternoon's sales on the Mining Exchange were: Uncle Sam—500 at 39 1/2. Beck Tunnel—900 at 130. Tetra—500 at 17.

CHINA SHOP.

Orders taken for China. Firing done. Private lessons; also special class for beginners Saturdays. Room 36 Hooper Block.

4 CAR LOADS OF Granite and Marble Monuments

Decoration Day is Near at Hand

REMEMBER ELIAS MORRIS & SONS CO.

Importers and Dealers in Marble, Granite and Stone 23-27 West So. Temple - - Opp. South Gate Temple Block

Advertisement for Merchants Protective Association, featuring a portrait of Francis G. Luke, Gen'l Mgr., and text about scientific collectors of bad debts.

ADVERTISERS SHOULD USE THE SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS

If they desire to reach the people of the Western States and Territories in their homes. Circulation Books Open To Advertisers.

Advertisement for F. Amerbach & Bro. featuring 'ESTABLISHED 1864' and 'SATURDAY SPECIALS' with a list of items like '1000 Hemmed Pillow Cases' and 'UMBRELLA SALE'.

Advertisement for Petticoat Sale featuring '100 Couch Covers' and 'One Day Petticoat Sale!' with a list of items and prices.

Advertisement for Saturday Special by the Ind. Grocery Co. featuring '74 W. FIRST SOUTH' and a list of grocery items and prices.

Large advertisement for JAP-A-LAC featuring 'A STAIN AND VARNISH COMBINED' and 'THE GREATEST FACTOR IN HOUSECLEANING ECONOMY' with illustrations of people using the product.

Advertisement for BENNETT GLASS & PAINT CO. featuring 'CAN BE HAD AT' and '67 WEST FIRST SOUTH ST.'