

BIG RAILROAD OFFICE SLATED FOR ASHLEY.

Ohio Man Talked Of for Executive Position With Wabash Railroad Under President Ramsey.

IS NOW WITH MICHIGAN ROAD.

Official Announcement of the Appointment is Expected Soon—News of the Railroads in General.

Henry W. Ashley, general manager of the Ann Arbor Railroad, recently acquired by the Wabash Railroad Company, is slated for a place in the executive department of the Wabash under President Joseph Ramsey, Jr.

BETTER PLACES GIVEN TO MISSOURI PACIFIC EMPLOYEES.

Official announcements, effective January 1, were made yesterday by the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company of the promotion of W. H. Bissland, chief clerk of the passenger department in St. Louis, to general ticket agent, with offices in St. Louis, Mo., and Memphis, Tenn.

SOLDIER AND RAILROAD OFFICIAL.

B. F. Dickson, appointed general superintendent Kansas City Division of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, was born in Scotland. For several years he was connected with the Santa Fe Railroad, where he held the position of general superintendent.

PLAN OF WHITE RIVER RAILROAD.

A meeting of the stockholders of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Northern Railway will be held to-morrow morning for the purpose of authorizing the construction of a line of stock to be devoted to the completion of the White River Railroad.

CHANGES ON THE BURLINGTON.

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DAMAGES FOR CHARTER REVOCATION.

Detroit, Dec. 27.—The Michigan Central Railroad this afternoon began suit by summary against the Wayne Circuit Court against the State of Michigan for \$500,000 damages resulting from the revocation of the railroad's special charter by the special session of the State Legislature just at the close of the legislative session.

STRIKE SITUATION IS UNCHANGED.

Marshalltown, Ia., Dec. 27.—The Central switchmen's strike situation is unchanged to-night. General Superintendent Freney arrived here Monday morning and on Sunday with Grand Master Hawley.

A TEXAS WONDER.

HALL'S GREAT DISCOVERY. One bottle of Dr. E. C. Hall's Great Discovery cures all kidney and bladder troubles, removes gravel, cures diabetes, gonorrhea, and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder.

READ THIS.

Abandon all other pills.—This is to certify that I have been cured of kidney and bladder trouble by the use of one bottle of Hall's Texas Wonder. When I began it was down in bed, not able to turn over. Was given up to die by all doctors. I only weighed about 80 pounds. Now I weigh 145 pounds. In two weeks after I began it I was up and able to do all my work. I thank Dr. Hall for the cure it made for me.

Clearance Sale Prior to Inventory

STOCK-TAKING TIME is at hand and all the small lots, short lengths and odds and ends to be found in every department are being sacrificed. The reduction in every instance has been extremely radical. You will find this sale of great advantage, for the relative value of the merchandise has not changed as far as you are concerned, except perhaps the holiday goods. The offerings enumerated below are but a fraction of the thousands of saving instances this sale affords.

Half-Price Sale, Royal Granite Ware

Every piece of Royal Steel Granite Ware will be sold Monday at exactly 1/2 the marked prices—a few of the pieces are slightly imperfect, but not enough to impair their usefulness. We have determined not to inventory them, therefore this remarkable reduction.

GRAND LEADER BROADWAY, WASHINGTON, ST. LOUIS, MO. FASTEST-GROWING STORE IN AMERICA. BROADWAY AND WASHINGTON.

Holiday Furniture, One-Quarter Off

Every remaining piece of Holiday Furniture, such as Morris Chairs, Ladies' and Gents' Rockers, Fancy Parlor Chairs, Parlor Cabinets, Writing Desks, Vernis Martin Taborettes, Tables, etc., is offered at a discount of 25%, as we are anxious to dispose of them previous to inventory.

Toy Prices Reduced Again.

Before inventory we will make an extreme effort to dispose of all toys that are on display. The entire stock has been divided in six assortments. You will be able to buy toys for 1/2 and 3/4 of what they previously sold for.

A One-Day Sale of Muslin Underwear.

TUESDAY we begin taking inventory in this department, and are therefore very anxious to dispose of all odd and soiled and mused garments to-morrow. For that reason we have reduced the price about one-half. It's a splendid opportunity for saving.

China and Bric-a-Brac.

We have made still further reduction on China and Bric-a-Brac bought expressly for the holiday trade—you who are acquainted with the wonderful values which our special china tables contained will appreciate these further reductions.

\$1.00-\$1.25 Silk Poppins, 69c a Yard.

A great purchase of Silk Poppins from one of the largest silk importers will be offered to-morrow for considerably less than they are actually worth. They come in light and dark shades, also black, and are strictly guaranteed to be made of nothing but silk and wool—the kind that has been in use for years and years—and a better wearing silk has never been produced.

Carpets, Rugs and Matting.

PREVIOUS to inventory we will offer all odds and ends in this department at marvelously low prices. Some price hints follow.

Lace Curtains and Draperies

Lace Curtains—Odd Nottingham, Scotch and Brussels Net Lace Curtains, 50 to 54 inches wide and from 2 to 3 1/2 yds. long, worth up to \$2 per pair—at, per curtain 19c

Dress Goods Clearance.

YOU who are judges of Dress Goods values will readily pronounce these offerings as exceptional. The price reductions have been extremely radical, notwithstanding the high character of the goods and their desirability.

Great Sale of Remnants.

Wonderfully low prices on the most wanted materials. Center Aisle, Basement.

SALE OF Men's Slippers.

Broken lines of Men's Slippers will be closed out Monday at less than half price.

Calendars for 1903.

All Calendars must be sold at once. Here's the way the prices come down:

DEAD INFANT MAY HAVE BEEN THROWN FROM A TRAIN.

Body of a Boy Baby Discovered Near I. & N. Railroad Tracks—Investigation Follows.

EAST SIDE NEWS.

James home in Amelia street. The Reverend Doctor W. H. Bradley, pastor of the Upper Alton Presbyterian Church, will officiate at the funeral which will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

ATTACKS DAUGHTER'S ASSAILANT.

James Henry of Alton, yesterday attacked Ed Pollard in the Alton City Court just before the morning adjournment. The assault created a commotion, and it was several minutes before order was restored.

EDWARDSVILLE.

State Auditor J. P. McCullough has certified to County Clerk Edw. Feutz the assessments on capital stock of companies and corporations in Madison County imposed by the State Board of Equalization, which adjourned its sessions at Springfield Tuesday.

ADDING MACHINE MEN DINE.

The American Arithmometer Company entertained about forty of its agents and salesmen with a banquet at the Planters Hotel last night. Alvin Macaulay, general manager of the company, presided.

Earnings of Mexican Central.

The earnings of the Mexican Central Railway Company, Limited, for the third week in December were \$47,545, as compared with the earnings of the same period last year of \$57,735, an increase of 13.5 per cent being shown. For the last three weeks the earnings have been \$139,524, an increase of 15.2 per cent over the earnings of the same period last year.

Belleville News Notes.

—W. Anderson, secretary of the Alton Y. M. C. A., will deliver an address at the men's meeting this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Frank Wilkins Is Exonerated.

Frank Wilkins, the East Side cigar maker who was charged in a warrant with arson, was exonerated before Justice Gahler yesterday, the Justice dismissing the case on the showing of the evidence of the prosecution.

TEAM IN DOUBLE COLLISION.

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ALTON NOTES AND PERSONALS.

—Agent J. B. Thomas of the Burlington Route at Alton departed for Pittsburg, Pa., yesterday, where he will assume the duties of traveling passenger agent for the Burlington.

NEW BANK BEGINS BUSINESS.

The Alton Banking and Trust Company started in business yesterday at No. 63 East Second street. The bank makes the fourth for Alton. The capital stock of the new institution is \$100,000, divided among fifty stockholders.

Want Interchangeable Mileage.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Eight hundred traveling men were present today for the hearing of the Illinois Commercial Men's Association, held in the Masonic Temple. The report of the Railroad Committee was the most important incident of the meeting. It declared that within a year the committee hoped to secure interchangeable mileage.

Rock Island Improvements.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—The Rock Island Railroad Company has decided to expend \$2,000,000 in permanent improvements along its lines in Iowa, Nebraska and west to Denver in 1903. These improvements are to be in the form of the ballast on tracks and increasing depth of ballast.

L. & N. Merger to Be Heard.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 27.—The Interstate Commerce Commission has notified the Kentucky Railroad Commission that it will on January 15 begin the hearing of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad merger matter. The hearing will be held in New York.

Large Contract for Cars.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 27.—The Seaboard Air Line has awarded a contract to the Southern Railway Works for the building of 1,000 freight cars of 60,000 pounds capacity each. Deliveries on this contract are to begin in March next. The contract represents an outlay of \$700,000.

Railroad Notes and Changes.

J. S. Van Leer, for the past five years rate clerk in the general freight office of the Wabash Railroad Company, has resigned to accept the position of chief clerk in the commercial agent's office of the Rock Island Railroad at St. Louis.

Diamond Jubilee Celebration.

The seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Methodist Church in Edwardsville will be observed at St. John's church this evening with proper regard to its importance. The diamond jubilee celebration commences this morning with a prayer service by the Sunday school. At 10 o'clock the jubilee service will be preached by the pastor, the Reverend T. E. Simpson, and communion will be administered.

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