

AMONG THE BIG REDWOODS.

Always Children and Flowers Wherever the President Goes.

REBUKES CARDS ON TREES.

Santa Cruz, Cal., May 13.—President Roosevelt was given an ovation here. After a drive on Beach Hill his carriage was driven through an avenue of thousands of school children, with waving flags for a mile, scattered flowers along his pathway. The cheerers of the children were taken up by the pioneers, the Grand Army, Avalon companies U. S. K. of P. and citizens. On being introduced by Mayor Clark, the president said:

"I thank you for this greeting. I wish to say a word especially to the men of the Grand Army and the representatives of the pioneers, and to the pioneers who showed their patriotism in winning the golden west for their country. It is a pleasure for me to see the men of the naval militia. If there is one thing this country is alive to, it is our navy, but we must have a better one. We cannot afford to neglect our navy. We must build it up; we must have the best of fighting ships and the best of men to man them. You have a wonderful state. I am glad to see that your big trees and missions are preserved. They should be, as they are the heritage of the ages. They should be left unmarred for our children and our children's children, and so on down the ages.

"Above all the trees should not be marred by placing cards or names upon them. The cards give an air of ridicule to the solemn and majestic giants. I ask you to keep all cards off the trees, or any kinds of signs that will mar them. See to it that the gift from nature is kept unmarred. You can never replace a tree. Oh, I am pleased to be here among these wonderful red woods. I thank you for giving me this enjoyment. Preserve and keep what nature has done."

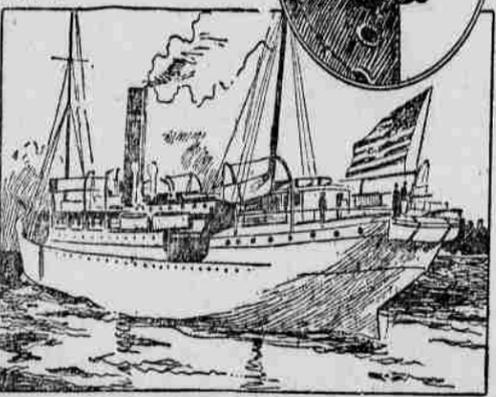
President Wheeler and others, acted on the president's suggestion by tearing down the cards from the trees amid great applause.

Railroad Shops Idle.

El Paso, May 11.—Two hundred and fifty machinists, boiler-makers and helpers in the El Paso and Northeastern shops at Alamogordo, N. M., went on strike because the superintendent of motive power discharged their foreman.

UNITED STATES CABLE SHIP BURNSIDE.

The United States cable ship Burnside, launched last week at the Heath shipyards, Tacoma, Wash., is by all odds the largest steamship ever constructed at any of the Tacoma shipyards, and members of the Chamber of Commerce and the business element of the city were present in large numbers to witness her christening. The vessel is due at Sitka early in June to commence work on the Alaskan cable.



A Private Gas Well.

Arkansas City, May 9.—John Hamilton is the only man in this part of Kansas who has his own natural gas well to supply gas for his household purposes. When the Arkansas City Natural Gas and Oil company abandoned its well it was plugged up and Hamilton, who owns the land, tapped it with a small pipe and pipes the gas to his house. The flow is more than enough to light and heat his entire house, but it is not strong enough to be of value for commercial uses.

Colorado Exhibit in Abeyance.

Denver, May 8.—The plans for the Colorado exhibit at the world's fair are being held in abeyance pending the reply from the mayor of St. Louis and President Francis to a communication forwarded to them by the state world's fair commissioner. If a favorable reply is not received there will be no building or exhibit at the exposition. The letter asks what is going to be done regarding the regulation of charges for hotels, cabs, carriages and all conveyances.

Porto Rico's Claim on Cuba.

Washington, May 13.—The government of Porto Rico has presented to the state department a claim of that government against the government of Cuba for about \$1,000,000, which is based on an alleged loan by Porto Rico to Cuba of the sum named before the war which resulted in the cession of the island to the United States.

General Wood declined to recognize the claim because it was a debt of the Spanish government, which, at that time, was trustee of Porto Rico.

THE KAW INDIAN LANDS.

Deeds Are Made Out For Allotments And Some May Be Leased Or Sold.

Guthrie, Okla., May 13.—The Kaw Indians will soon receive the deeds for their first allotments of 160 acres each. The deeds have been filled out and forwarded to the secretary of the interior for approval. The division of the Kaw land marks one of the quickest allotments on record. The division of the remaining Kaw lands will give each of the Kaws 400 acres each. This division of the land, however, will not dissolve the tribal relations. Any Indian deemed capable will be allowed to withdraw from the tribe and dispose of his land as an American citizen would be allowed to do.

The balance of the tribe will be allowed to dispose of their surplus land at the end of ten years and their allotments at the end of 25 years.

Several Indians have died during the allotment and the land assigned to them will be sold to the highest bidder.

Besides the land each Kaw Indian will receive in the neighborhood of \$1,000. Each Indian will be allowed to lease his land for a term of years, which will be an incentive to white people to locate and improve the rich land of the Kaws.

Disastrous Floods.

Concordia, Kans., May 13.—The Republican river and its tributaries are again in flood covering thousands of acres of low land and ruining corn and wheat fields. The Central Branch of the Missouri Pacific has been compelled to suspend traffic west and north of here owing to the many washouts and submerged track. Howe's circus billed to exhibit here was unable to show.

Electric Companies Have Trouble.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 11.—A general strike of electrical workers and outside linemen was declared, between 300 and 400 men going out. Last week the several electric companies were served with a notice to the effect that unless all linemen were granted an increase of about 20 per cent in wages the men would strike. The wages at present paid average \$3 a day.

Argentine Cattle Excluded.

London, May 13.—The board of agriculture has prohibited the importation into Great Britain of animals from Argentina and Uruguay on and after May 13 in consequence of the existence of foot and mouth disease in those republics.

AS SEEN BY THE HUMORIST.



COMPETITOR FOR "ORIENT."

Rock Island Confering With Mexican Central For Merger.

St. Louis, May 11.—It is stated that A. A. Robinson, president of the Mexican Central, is now in New York in conference with officials of the Rock Island upon the terms of sale.

The acquisition of the Mexican Central would place the Rock Island in the position of a formidable competitor for Stillwell's Orient line, as well as prove by developments an excellent feeder to the system.

The lines connect at El Paso and extend from this point to the capital of Mexico, while several feeder lines tap important territory.

The Mexican Central already reaches within a few miles of the Pacific coast and there is little to be done in case the deal goes through for the Rock Island to get a Pacific outlet. Branch lines have been started. One extension is projected from Jimenez, and if completed would place the Rock Island into close competitive contact with the Stillwell line.

It is pointed out that by the acquisition of the Mexican Central the Rock Island would not only get a direct route to the Pacific coast, which will shorten the distance to the Philippines and the principal ports of Asia, but it would acquire an established traffic with Mexico.

The New England Quarantine.

Washington, May 13.—Secretary Wilson received word of a fresh outbreak of foot and mouth disease in a herd located at Farmington, Mass. It was believed by the department officials that the epidemic had been wiped out in New England. Secretary Wilson said that he had contemplated lifting the quarantine altogether from New England in a fortnight, but that action must be now postponed indefinitely, and it is impossible to foretell when the restrictive measures against those states can be removed.

Traffic Tied Up By Strikes.

Melbourne, May 11.—The government has arranged for a limited passenger service, but freight traffic is entirely suspended by a strike of engine men. Already there has been a sharp increase in the prices of provisions and fuel. Over 3,000 miles of railroad are affected. A prolonged stoppage of traffic would paralyze trade and cause untold distress in the country districts. It is alleged that the strikers have been promised financial aid from English and American trade unions.

A Noted Man Dead.

Cheyenne, Wyo., May 8.—Captain William H. Strope is dead of pneumonia. He was born in New York 73 years ago. When a child he went to sea, traveling all over the world. As spongy express rider for the Wells Fargo company he made a great ride across the continent in 1857, carrying the inaugural address of President Buchanan to San Francisco.

During the civil war Captain Strope was in command of a gunboat on the Mississippi.

Broke Agreement And Struck.

Chicago, May 13.—A strike is on of 1,500 tallymen and lumber inspectors which may develop serious trouble for the lumber industry of this city. Seventy-five lumber yards are involved. Upon refusal of the employes to grant a demand for 30 cents an hour and a ten-hour day, the men walked out without any warning, although an agreement had been signed January 1st between the tallymen and lumber inspectors' union and the employes, making the wages 23½ cents an hour.

KAW VALLEY ELECTRIC LINE.

Contract Let For Construction And Equipment.

Kansas City, May 12.—The Topeka, Lawrence and Kansas City Railway Company has made arrangements for placing its stocks and bonds on the eastern markets and made a contract for the construction of an electric line between Topeka and Kansas City. The papers have been filed for record with the register of deeds of Wyandotte county. Agreements were made between T. S. Salathiel, president of the company, and eastern bond brokers in which the road claims to have a stock of \$2,500,000 and bonds valued at the same amount.

A. MacRobert Irving, a New York broker, is given the contract for the construction and equipment of the road according to the specifications of the company's engineers. The company agrees to pay Irving \$1,375,000 for the construction and equipment of the road, work on the construction to commence within sixty days after the first payment is made on the bonds.

Tourists to Pacific Coast.

New York, May 13.—About 800 tourists to the Pacific coast began their journey by special trains over the Pennsylvania railroad. Seven special trains will be used, each composed of Pullman, vestibule, baggage, dining and drawing room sleeping cars. Each train will be in charge of a Pennsylvania railroad tourist agent and will be accompanied by a chaperon, official stenographer and special baggage master.

Well Fixed In The Pacific.

Berlin, May 13.—Commenting on the establishment of two new American coaling stations in the Pacific ocean, the Kreuz Zeitung says: "With the Panama canal, the Hawaiian Islands, Tutuila and the Philippines, the United States holds the most important strategic points in the Eastern hemisphere where some day her supremacy will be indisputable."

Bonding In Massachusetts.

Boston, May 11.—The committee on rules of the Massachusetts senate decided to report resolutions to investigate charges of bribery made by George J. Raymond, of Boston. Mr. Raymond alleges that a senator last year offered for a money consideration to prevent the passage of a bill which affected Mr. Raymond's business. Mr. Raymond made public a statement that the senator to whom he referred was a member of the present legislature as well as of the last one.

For Uintah Indian Allotment.

Washington, May 8.—Inspector McLaughlin, of the Indian bureau, has been ordered to proceed to the Uintah reservation in Utah to negotiate with the Indians who own the reservation for the allotment of a part of their lands and the cession of the remainder to the government. The law providing for this authorizes the authorities arbitrarily to open the reservation in case of failure to reach an agreement. The reservation is a large one.

Stolen Money Recovered.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 13.—Detectives recovered all but \$300 of the \$20,000 in currency stolen from the safe of the United States Express Company in transit from Pottsville, Pa., to this city. W. A. J. Murphy, an express messenger in the employ of the company, who was arrested on suspicion of having some knowledge of the mysterious disappearance of the valuable package, is said by the police to have made a confession which led to the recovery of the money.

FRISCO AND ROCK ISLAND.

Merger Of The Two Systems Is Practically Effected.

CONFIRMED IN WALL STREET.

New York, May 11.—J. P. Morgan & Co. made the following statement regarding the report that the deal between the Rock Island and Frisco railroads had been consummated:

"It is true that President Yoakum, of the St. Louis & San Francisco Railway Company, was elected a director of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway Company, which, of course, means that the harmonious relations which have existed for some time between the two roads are to continue."

A Wall street news bureau says that the negotiations recently renewed for the purchase of control of the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad Company by the Rock Island company have been practically closed and that the terms have been fully agreed upon.

The election of President Yoakum to the Rock Island directory ends all doubt. If the deal is not already closed it will be before many days, and the great Rock Island and the Frisco now comes practically one system.

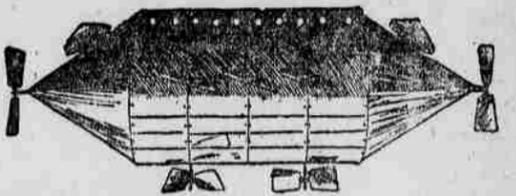
The combining of these two great lines will create a powerful system, furnishing the Rock Island with a line from the far north direct to New Orleans and Galveston. This will be a big factor in turning the wheat traffic for export purposes into Southern ports. Over the Western corn belt they will form a net which will girdle the entire territory. The Chicago & Eastern Illinois will give the Rock Island a Chicago-St. Louis line and there will be several ways for it to work to the Gulf ports over its own and the acquired tracks. Traffic arrangements will take the Rock Island east to Buffalo, and possible agreements with the Santa Fe will send it further into the West. One of the most important features of the deal will be the result in destroying much of the competition in the Southwest. The Gould interests will now be about the only competitors.

Rock Island Deal With Frisco.

Des Moines, Ia., May 11.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad company held in this city the deal made by J. P. Morgan & Co. for the sale to the Rock Island of the St. Louis & San Francisco railway, was approved and the capital stock of the Rock Island increased \$20,000,000.

The contract with Morgan & Co. calls for an exchange of \$20,000,000 worth of Rock Island stock for \$31,000,000 worth of St. Louis & San Francisco stock, and the turning over of the entire Frisco system to the Rock Island officials. There also was ordered issued \$18,000,000 worth of 5 per cent gold bonds in connection with the Frisco deal.

LARGE AIRSHIP UNDER CONSTRUCTION.



The largest airship ever devised is now building in San Francisco, and even in its present half-finished condition it spreads itself out over about a block of territory. It is made of aluminum, and will be

bigger than the ordinary Mississippi river steamboat. More than \$100,000 has already been spent on the machine and it will cost more than \$200,000. Charles Stanley is the inventor.

Meets The People.

Muskogee, I. T., May 12.—Secretary Hitchcock and his party left here early in the morning for a daylight ride to Ardmore. They spent the evening at that place, and will then run back to Sulphur to spend Sunday. The secretary is not accompanied by any of the Indian officials. He expressed a desire to make the trip unaccompanied by any of them.

He thought the people would be freer to express their sentiments to him if he were alone.

Gas Explosion In Store.

Stockton, Cal., May 11.—Ten or twelve persons were severely injured and three business houses in the center of this city were burned by an explosion which occurred in the rear of Gerlach & Morath's shoe store, when the street was crowded with people. The glass front of the store was blown out and many persons passing were hurt by flying pieces of glass. The wall of the Western Union building adjoining was blown in, and operators and messenger boys were more or less hurt.

Fever On The Isthmus.

Washington, D. C., May 13.—General Haines, member of the isthmus canal commission who has just returned from the isthmus, says that fever is prevalent there and that it is quite dangerous to white men. He says it is either yellow fever or such a malignant type of malarial fever as to be as bad as yellow fever. The condition can be improved, but it will require control by the government of sanitary measures. He thinks it would take a year to do this.

MARKETS CORRECTED DAILY

Kansas City.			
NATIVE STEERS	3 75	3 85	3 95
HOGS—Choice to heavy	6 40	6 50	6 60
WHEAT—No. 2 hard	60	61	62
COBBL—No. 2 mixed	—	—	—
OATS—No. 2 mixed	—	—	—
HAY—Choice Timothy	12 75	13 00	13 25
Choice Prairie	—	—	—
BUTTER	18	19	19
EGGS	—	—	—

Chicago Live Stock.			
GOOD TO PRIME	1 10	1 10	1 10
STOCKERS & FEEDERS	4 00	4 10	4 20
TEXAS FEED STEERS	4 00	4 10	4 20
HOGS	6 50	6 60	6 70

Chicago Grain.			
WHEAT—No. 2 Hard	1 75	1 77	1 79
CORN—No. 2	44 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2
OATS—No. 2	—	—	—

St. Louis Live Stock.			
BEEVES	1 00	1 10	1 20
STOCKERS & FEEDERS	3 20	3 30	3 40
TEXAS STEERS	3 50	3 60	3 70

Cotton.			
MIDLAND	—	—	—
LIVERPOOL	—	—	—
NEW YORK	11.50	11.50	11.50
GALVESTON	—	—	—

Wichita Grain.			
Open	High	Low	Close
WHEAT	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2
July	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2
Sept.	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2
CORN	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2
July	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2
Sept.	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2
OATS	—	—	—
July	35	35 1/2	35 1/2
Sept.	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2

Wichita Live Stock.			
HOGS	5 85	5 95	6 05
CATTLE—STOCKERS	—	—	—
FEEDERS	—	—	—
HEIFERS	—	—	—
STEERS	4 55	4 65	4 75

LATEST NEWS IN BRIEF.

Japan has a standing army of 150,000 men, perfectly drilled and trained.

Edward VII and Victor Emmanuel kissed each other in public at Rome.

The semi-annual assemblage of the M. E. bishops of the world is in session at Meadville, Pa.

The mercury dropped seven degrees below freezing point in Colorado and Wyoming on April 29.

The cruiser Albany, now on the Asiatic station, is to be ordered to the Pacific for repairs next autumn.

The Connecticut house of representatives rejected a bill granting women the right to vote by a vote of 105 to 60.

The striking longshoremen of Montreal at a meeting decided to accept the terms of agreement reached by representatives of both sides.

The question of the liability of foreigners to pay the house tax in Japan will be submitted to the international arbitration court at The Hague in September next.

Manila is now the only "walled city" in the Orient, and it is Secretary Root's intention to have it preserved. It is quite likely that the moat outside the wall will be filled up as a sanitary measure.

The foreign office has given out the decision that Austria will not be represented at the St. Louis fair; but that Hungary may send exhibits of fine arts, home industry and industrial educational departments.

The larger daily newspapers have very many news items about the May officials. There also was ordered issued \$18,000,000 worth of 5 per cent gold bonds in connection with the Frisco deal.

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Five hundred feet of the permanent trestle work on the Lusin cut-off, adjacent to the eastern shore of Salt Lake, Utah, sank while a train was passing over it and twenty cars were thrown into the filled-in grade. No one was injured.

The Colombian congress has been called to meet on June 20, when the Panama canal treaty will be acted upon.

The report of Joaquin Miller's death was not true; at least it was premature and the aged poet still lives.

Governor Miley, of Nebraska, has arranged for a conference of seven representatives from each side; the business men's association and the unions; with the governor as chairman. The opinion is generally expressed that the end of the Omaha strike is in sight.

The strike situation at Montreal is getting worse. The strike has drawn in the employes of the Canadian baggage transfer company and there are great piles of baggage awaiting delivery and transfer. A detachment of cavalry came from Toronto.

A special session is called of the Montana legislature to provide for a Montana exhibit at the St. Louis fair.

U. S. Consul General McWade, cables from Canton, China, that bubonic plague is increasing in a number of provinces, and the famine in Kwangsi is becoming terrible.

The big dye house at Plymouth, Mass., began to settle and after a week the foundations were down four feet. The machinery was removed but there is no hope of saving the building. Quinsand is responsible for it all.