

ROCK ISLAND IS TO BE RAILROAD, NOT INVESTMENT

Henry W. Mudge, erst water boy, becomes its new president.

Speculation as to changes in officers.

FRISCO DUE FOR A SHAKE-UP.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Henry U. Mudge assumed the duties this morning of president of the Rock Island. He announced that his policy will be to run it as a railroad and not as a financial scheme.

Announcements regarding additional Rock Island appointments will probably be made early in the coming week. It is pretty well understood that F. O. Melcher, now general manager, will succeed Mr. Mudge as second vice-president in charge of the operation and construction, and that W. S. Tinsman, manager of the Southern and Choctaw districts, will succeed Mr. Melcher as general manager.

Mr. Mudge stated that he did not know anything about the Lehigh Valley deal, nor had any information as to whether or not the Moores and Reid had gained control of the Wabash road.

Started as Water Boy. Asked about his early career, Mr. Mudge said: "I can't grow away from that water boy story. I did not start that story, and I do not believe that I can stop it. When 16 years old I hired out as a Santa Fe track laborer, for the section boss at \$1.50 per day. When I arrived on the job the section boss, an Irishman, had all the men he could work, and so he put me to carrying water at a track laborer's salary. I was a husky lad and anxious to do a man's work. So whenever a laborer dropped his pick I grabbed it and swung it until he wanted it again. Finally they let me have a pick of my own. Then I learned a little telegraphy from a kind-hearted station agent during the nights I spent near a little station. Soon I got a small station for myself, and was about the bummiest 'ham' operator a road ever had. Since that time I have, as a manager, encountered many 'ham' operators, but I have always dealt gently with them, remembering my own early shortcomings."

Winchell Heads Line.

Another step was taken in the construction of the new Frisco system by the election of B. L. Winchell to the presidency of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois and to the Evansville & Terre Haute railroads. In both these positions Mr. Winchell succeeds H. I. Miller, who resigned, and who, according to rumor, will succeed E. E. Thomas as president of the Lehigh Valley.

B. F. Yoakum was also elected chairman of the board of both roads, and W. J. Jackson, formerly general manager of the Eastern Illinois, was made vice-president and general manager of both roads in charge of operation and construction. W. B. Biddle also was elected vice-president of both roads in charge of traffic, and C. W. Hillard and A. S. Greig were made vice-presidents. Mr. Greig has the title of general purchasing agent. C. S. Wright was made secretary of the Evansville & Terre Haute road and T. H. Heed assistant secretary and treasurer.

B. F. Yoakum also assumes the position of chairman of the executive committee of the Eastern Illinois, and the Rock Island interests resigned from the boards of both roads. The reorganized board of the Eastern Illinois now consists of the following: James Campbell, Edwin Hawley, T. H. Heed, C. W. Hillard, R. A. Jackson, H. H. Porter, Jr., E. V. R. Thayer, Frank Trunbull, T. H. West and Messrs. Winchell and Yoakum.

The new board of the Evansville & Terre Haute road is as follows: James Campbell, W. K. Bixby, F. F. Flower, A. S. Greig, Edwin Hawley, T. D. Keith, C. W. Hillard, T. H. West and Messrs. Winchell and Yoakum.

Col. Gus Singleton will entertain the members of Ingleside Rebekah lodge of Odd Fellows Monday evening with an oyster supper, at the hall in the Three Links building. An entertaining program has been arranged for the occasion.

Sleeping Smoker Causes Deaths of Three People--Robbers Burn Building in Order to Loot Store

New York Police and Firemen Rescue More Than Hundred People From the Flames at Three Fires.

New York, Dec. 4.—New York firemen had to deal with three serious fires this morning, resulting in the loss of three lives, the daring rescue of more than 100 persons and the destruction of several completed aeroplanes.

The first and most serious occurred in an apartment house, where a child was burned and two others were seriously injured. Joseph Amos, a retired trans-Atlantic chef, slept with a lighted pipe and the bed clothing caught fire. He burned to death. The fire spread rapidly to the upper floors and Mrs. Maria Braun and her 3-year-old child perished. A score of persons were rescued by the police.

Several complete aeroplanes were destroyed in the plant of the Walter Kimball Aeroplane company, near Morris park.

Robbers Burn Building. Robbers bent on looting Abraham Robentz's jewelry store, on the ground floor of a five-story tenement house on the upper east side, applied a torch and for a time 75 sleeping families were in grave danger, but policemen rescued the tenants. The fire gained headway so quickly the robbers were foiled in their efforts to rob the store during the excitement.

TWIN GIRLS BORN TO MR. AND MRS. COFER

Their first twins, girls, were born to Mr. and Mrs. John Cofer, of 917 South Third street, last night, who were showered with congratulations today by their friends. Both mother and twins were doing nicely today and both promise to be healthy. Mr. Cofer is a popular engineer for the N. C. & St. L. railroad, running out of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Parrent, of 520 South Ninth street, are the proud parents of a fine girl, born last night. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Roof, of South Fourth street, are the parents of a fine boy baby.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley McCormick, of 1604 Broad street, are the parents of a fine boy baby, weighing 12 pounds. The proud father of the lad is a fireman at the No. 2 station.

BURLY SOCIETY CANNOT INSURE

ATTORNEY GENERAL HOLDS IT IS INFRINGEMENT OF THE STATE LAW.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 4. (Special.)—Attorney General Breathitt delivered an opinion this morning, holding that the Burley Tobacco society has no right under the law to form an insurance company. He says it is a combine of commercial corporation with an insurance company, which is against the state law. An appeal to the courts is expected.

—On an attachment issued from Magistrate C. W. Emery's court the saloon of John M. Cashon, 134 South Fourth street, was closed yesterday afternoon by Constable A. C. Shelton. The claim amounted to \$419.75 due the Paducah Brewery company.

The Weather

Forecast for Paducah and vicinity: Rain tonight and colder in west and central portion; Sunday rain or snow and much colder. Highest temperature today was 75 and the lowest was 52.

Sun rose today 7:02 Sun sets today 4:39 Moon sets (a. m.) 12:04

Strike to Continue; May Become General

Minneapolis, Dec. 4.—Following the announcement last night that there will be no arbitration of the switchmen's strike, it is believed today the dispute will be fought to a finish. Roads intimate they don't intend to make concessions. Strikers intimate that if it seems the strike is lost they will call a general switchmen's strike.

LONE OAK SCHOOL CASE IS DECIDED: BUT IS APPEALED

Miss Greenville Harrison Wins Suit to Compel Signing of Contract.

Salary of Teacher is Tied Up, Too.

MISS BROWNING IN CHARGE.

To cast the deciding vote in case of a tie in a division board it is not necessary for the county school superintendent to be present at the meeting, was the substance of a decision rendered this morning by Circuit Judge William Reed, when he held that Miss Greenville Harrison was the teacher elected to the consolidated school at Lone Oak. Judge Reed said it was a knotty problem. An appeal was taken on the case by the attorneys for Miss Eleanor Browning.

Thus the first round of a case, which has been fought bitterly for several months, ends with victory for Superintendent Middleton, who was sustained that he had the right to remain in his office and vote; but the attorneys for Miss Browning are confident that the appellate court will reverse the lower court.

The case began in September when there was a vacancy in the fourth grade at the consolidated school. On September 2 a meeting of the Fourth divisional board was held. Seven trustees were present, and Miss Browning received four votes and Miss Harrison three votes. Friends of Miss Harrison claimed that Miss Browning was not elected because she did not receive five votes, a majority of the board.

To end this Chairman W. R. Davis called another meeting of the divisional board on September 1, when the board tied, four voting for Miss Harrison and four trustees for Miss Browning. W. A. Middleton, who had been appointed superintendent by Judge Lightfoot, was present at the meeting, and when called upon by the chairman to untie the board, replied that he had not qualified, and could not vote. That night the board adjourned, although a contract was signed by two trustees, employing Miss Browning as substitute teacher until a regular teacher was elected. She has been in charge of the school since, but has not received any salary.

September 15 Superintendent Middleton in his office cast his vote for Miss Harrison and declared her the teacher of the grade. Then the next day, September 16, he filed his bond as school superintendent. These points were battled hard by the attorneys for Miss Browning. Trustee W. R. Davis refused to sign a contract with either Miss Harrison or Miss Browning, and a mandamus suit was filed in October against Chairman Davis to force him to sign the contract with Miss Harrison.

Yesterday afternoon the arguments were concluded and Judge Reed announced that he would decide it today, and suggested that there was a court higher than the circuit court to which it could be taken. Judge Reed said he placed a liberal construction on the statute and decided that Miss Harrison was elected the teacher.

The salary of the teacher is \$60 a month, and since Miss Browning has been teaching the accrued salary is about \$170. Should the appellate court sustain Judge Reed the salary would be allowed Miss Harrison, and Miss Browning would receive nothing for her services as teacher for three months.

In Circuit Court. Today was the last day of the civil term of court, and Judge Reed disposed of all the cases on the docket. Judgment was set aside in the case of Mrs. H. B. Osborn against Mrs. M. Byrd.

Ten days were given the attorneys in the case of Joe Smith against James Smith to file answers. Judgment was given L. A. Washington for four feet and five inches of property from John W. Little on a lot on Jefferson street near Fifteenth street. Judgment was given L. A. Washington in the suit against John Dunlap and others for four feet and five inches of property on Jefferson street.

W. J. Whitehead was given judgment for \$250 with interest since November 9, 1907, against the Southern Insurance company of New Orleans, as the result of a loss by fire. The consolidated cases of W. J. Whitehead and Mary Whitehead against the Ohio German Insurance company and W. J. Whitehead and Henry Gockel against the Ohio German Insurance company were continued.

In the consolidated suit of A. J. Thompson, administrator of George T. Renick, against Walter E. Renick, and M. E. Rogers against W. E. Renick, judgment was given. Property in the county was decided belonged to Mary C. Rogers, Mattie B. Miller, Will C. Thompson and W. E. Renick. On motion of Attorney W. V. Eaton B. M. Stephens, of Dallas, Tex., was sworn in as an attorney.

Guns of Vicksburg Are Trained on Governor's Palace at Corinto and He is Warned of Responsibility

Prompt and Decisive Action Taken to Protect American Residents--Prairie is Still Aground.

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Wilmington, Del., Dec. 4.—The Prairie is still fast in the mud. No effort was made to get her off the bar during the night and it is not expected she will be gotten off until late this afternoon. She is deep in the mud and it is reported today that 700 marines aboard will be taken off during the day and transported to Fort Delaware.

Zelaya Sends Agent.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Zelaya has not only refused to take official cognizance of Knox's note, but is declared to have dispatched special agents to Washington to endeavor to have the state department's ultimatum set aside, first by appealing to that department; secondly by direct appeals to members of congress. The state department is aware of the presence and identity of these emissaries. While they are being watched nothing like espionage is being maintained.

It was reported that any attempt of Zelaya to escape from Nicaragua will receive the vigorous attention of the American warships, this government regarding Zelaya as the man responsible for the torture and death of Groce and Cannon.

The plan to deflect the government's program with reference to Nicaragua came to light last evening. Fernando Sanchez and Dr. V. M. Roman, the former accompanied by his family, arrived here and registered at a leading hotel. Neither would talk. They gave their address as New York.

Members of the Central American diplomatic corps, however, were in a flutter when they discovered the new arrivals. Sanchez, they declared, is a partner of Zelaya in many of the latter's business ventures in Nicaragua, and managed to amass a fortune of five million dollars. Roman, the report continues, has long been Sanchez's business adviser. He is also a close friend and adherent of Zelaya.

During the afternoon and early evening more than a score of telegrams were dispatched from Sanchez's rooms. Almost an equal number were received. This telegraphic activity, the Central Americans insist, is aimed at members of congress, with a view to winning enough of them to render the administration's present program inoperative in the event it is presented to congress.

Dr. Castillo, diplomatic agent of the provisional government of Nicaragua and representative of the revolutionists here, formally requested government. This naturally will be informal, as neither Nicaraguan representatives nor Castillo have an official standing.

Chicago Market.

Table with 4 columns: Dec., High, Low, Close. Wheat 1.05 1.05 1.05 1.05. Corn 61 60 60 60. Oats 42 42 42 42. Provisions 20.55 20.40 20.45. Lard 11.47 11.42 11.45. Ribs 10.65 10.60 10.62.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 4.—The gunboat Princeton, under hurry orders from Bremerton navy yard, is speeding down the coast and will arrive here this afternoon, according to a wireless message received from her captain. She will immediately take coal and provisions for her rush trip to Nicaraguan waters.

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District Nurse Will Arrive This Month to Begin Her Labors.

Reception and Shower Yesterday a Success.

AT 214 SOUTH SEVENTH STREET.

Citizens, who visited the "rest home" of the Charity department of the Woman's club, 214 South Seventh street, at the charity shower and reception yesterday, carried away an optimistic impression of the first real systematic effort at doing settlement work in Paducah. Those who have read of the settlement work in cities, if they will call at 214 South Seventh street, where they will be welcome, will find that Paducah now is not behind any city in this movement for the amelioration of the condition of the poor. The object of the settlement work is not only to relieve temporary distress, but in so far as humanly possible to remedy the condition and make the relief permanent. For this purpose a method is adopted by which the exact condition and circumstances of every applicant for relief is ascertained, a district nurse is employed to show the indigent sick how to care for themselves and their families, how to nurse and how to protect themselves from contagion. Ministers and physicians co-operate with the workers in the general plan.

Miss Agnes Mahoney, of New York, the district nurse, will leave for Paducah December 9. She is experienced in this kind of work in the city slums and tenement districts, is a short story writer of note, and a woman of varied accomplishments. The Home at 214 South Seventh street is well adapted for the purpose, being centrally located and easily found, yet inconspicuous, and containing plenty of room. Miss Shaw will be the matron in charge. The home has been comfortably furnished and all by voluntary donations. For the reception yesterday it was attractive in its simple arrangement.

The house is a story and a half structure with two large rooms down stairs and two or three smaller ones. Upstairs there is a well furnished room for the district nurse. One of the rooms downstairs will be for the storage of things contributed for the relief of the poor. Everything is packed away carefully as received, and marked so that there will be no difficulty in knowing at all times what relief material there is on hand.

The organization is at all times ready to receive contributions for relief. A telephone has been installed and a free employment bureau will be conducted in connection with the "rest room."

The Reception. The reception yesterday was delightful in its appointments. Mrs. Harry McElwee and Mrs. Van de Velde received in the hall, and Mrs. Kiger, Miss Shaw, Mrs. E. R. Cunningham and Mrs. A. T. Sutherland were in the parlor. Mrs. F. M. Fisher presided at the tea table. Sandwiches and tea were served and the D. A. R.'s sent over a beautiful cake, decorated with flags, which graced the table before the reception was over.

Mrs. Sarah Rogers, Mrs. Roy Gresham and Mrs. Evert Thompson sang for the guests during the afternoon. Many useful articles were received from the guests during the afternoon.

Dr. Dodd Returns. The Rev. M. E. Dodd, pastor of the First Baptist church, has returned from Hartford, where he led a revival for two weeks. Interest was manifested in all of the meetings and the church membership was increased as the result of the revival. Dr. Dodd will fill his pulpit at the church tomorrow as usual.

CHRISTMAS BOOMS BOOST BUSINESS

BANK CLEARINGS SOAR THIS WEEK--POSTOFFICE GAINED LAST MONTH.

Christmas is in the air already, and the fact that the holidays are near is seen every day by the number of people that are in the business district. Merchants have decorated their stores with holly and all of the symbols of yuletide, and are ready for the largest Christmas trade in Paducah's history.

Trade has been opening well so far, and the call for people to shop early and not wait until the last days and squirm about in the mobs. The pleasant weather has not been conducive to trade, but still the sale of holiday articles has kept the merchants busy. From now until Christmas eve the merchants expect to have all the trade they can handle.

Postoffice Shows Gains. An increase of \$1,292.67 was found last month in the postal receipts over November, 1908. Last month from the sale of stamps and post cards \$7,131.11 was collected, while in November, 1908, \$5,838.44 was taken in. This is proof that business is increasing steadily, as every month an increase is shown over the month of the preceding year.

MILLION DOLLAR DEAL ABOUT CLOSED FOR WEST KENTUCKY LAND. Henderson, Ky., Dec. 4. (Special.)—A deal is about closed for the sale to a New York syndicate for the development by the Crittenden Coal and Coke company of 75,000 acres of coal land in Union, 20,000 acres in Webster and 5,000 acres in Crittenden. About \$1,400,000 is involved in the deal.

Sounding For Skyscraper. To determine the necessary depth for the foundation for the City National bank skyscraper at Fourth street and Broadway, a well is being dug. So far the clay has been firm and the preliminary evidence is that it will not be necessary to dig to a great depth for the foundation of the big building.

MANY FRIENDS WILL ATTEND HIS FUNERAL

The funeral and burial of Conductor Robert E. Dawes will take place tomorrow morning shortly after 9 o'clock in Kuttawa, his former home. Paducah friends who desire to attend the service may leave Paducah tomorrow morning at 7:50 o'clock on train No. 122, and arrive in time for the ceremonies. Early this morning Conductor T. J. Flynn, secretary of the Paducah auxiliary of the Brotherhood of Railway Conductors, of which Mr. Dawes was a member, left for Louisville to accompany the body to Kuttawa tonight. Tomorrow a delegation of the Paducah conductors will officiate at the burial of their comrade.

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COL. MOTT AYRES IS SEEKING POSITION

A warm race is on for sergeant-at-arms of the senate. West Kentucky has a candidate in Col. Mott Ayres, of Fulton, who is now on a visit to the eastern senators. His opponent is Oscar Vest, of Owen county, and they are making a hot fight for the job. Both have many influential friends, who are working in their interest. Col. Ayres has been conducting his race quietly and is tipped as a winner.

A Comparison of the Circulation of The Sun for Two Years. November, 1907 average. 3925. November, 1908 average. 5052. November, 1909 average. 6700. This is the biggest circulation west of Louisville.