

TERRITORIAL NEWS.

A conductor says that much trouble is experienced with tramps along the line of the Northern Pacific road east of here. They can everywhere be seen, and at every station the conductor and brakemen have to be on the alert, lest they secret themselves among the truck frames under the cars.

The Northern Pacific has a contract for two hundred thousand pounds of car wheels and one thousand tons of rails, to be delivered at Duluth this week, to be used on the Oregon part of the Northern Pacific road. Heretofore all this material has been shipped around by water. Now it goes across the continent.

A dispatch received at the executive office yesterday from Mine Commissioner Read, states that the Denver Exposition is an assured failure, and that the Louisville Exposition wants Montana's ore exhibit sent there. Mr. Read will doubtless arrange for going on to Kentucky and telling the people of the Blue Grass country about our great mining industry.—Independent.

The "Why" in Vegetable Cookery.

Why should beans never be put into cold water to soak, as is often recommended? Because all the nutritious portion of the bean is extracted by the process. They should be washed in warm water, then in cold, be tied loosely in a cloth, be put into boiling water, with a spoonful of dripping and a little salt in it, and be kept boiling for four hours. They are then excellent if served with gravy, and not with melted butter. They serve as garnish around roast mutton or beef, and are excellent eating served whole or as a puree. To make the latter, when the beans are done throw them instantly into cold water, when the skins will slip off. Rub the beans through a colander, and mix a lump of butter with them. A little stock, or milk, or cream is excellent mixed in.

Why should plenty of fast boiling water be used in boiling vegetables, potatoes excepted? Because the greater the body of boiling water the greater the heat. If only a little water be used, the whole affair soon cools, and the vegetables become tough, so much so that no length of time in boiling them will render them otherwise. Broccoli sprouts in April, if properly cooked by boiling them for eight minutes in boiling water, will be tender as marrow; but, if not properly done, hours will not cook them.

Why should onions be always cut in round and very thin rings? Because the fiber is thus cut across, and in so cutting them, whether for frying or for making sauce, they are rendered very tender when cooked. With turnips and carrots it is just the same; neither of the three should be split or cut in any other way.

Why should parsley never be boiled with soda—only boiling water and salt? Because parsley, having no oil in it, would be spoiled with soda and all flavor would be extracted. All parsley should be picked free from the stem, be put into plenty of boiling water with salt and in summer be boiled only one minute, and in winter two minutes, and be strained and chopped on the back of a plate. If only a little water is used in boiling it, the water becomes brown, and the parsley tough and ill flavored.

Why should vinegar for pickling with never be boiled? Because boiling takes all the strength from it. Whatever vegetables are to be pickled should first be made soft with boiling water strong with salt and then be well drained and the vinegar poured over.

Why should two ounces of salt and a bit of washing soda always be put in the water to boil greens in? Because the salt crisps the greens and flavors them, and the soda extracts the oil, which is greatly injurious to the digestion.—*Germantown Telegraph.*

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