MAY GO TO OMAHA.

GEORGE DECKER LIKELY TO MANAGE BALL TEAM THERE.

GAIN FOR WESTERN LEAGUE.

NEW STORY ON KIDNAPING OF CHRIS VON DER AHE.

Good Natured Policeman Saw His Captors Drive Away With Him—Chicago Sports Think Sharkey Should Be Barred.

George Decker will probably be manager of the Omaha team of the Western League. The great first baseman has known for some time he would be benched by the Chicago club if Everitt showed anything like good form on the initial base. It is certain "Wild Bill" will be seen there when the season opens next month. Decker has been asking for his release and has had a flattering offer from Schuman and O'Brien, owners of the eighth franchise in the Western League.

If terms are closed, and there appears to be little doubt of it now, the Western League will have made a distinct gain in its playing list and the Omaha team will be benefited in a marked degree. Decker is not only one of the best first basemen in the business, but is as well a thorough gentleman, whose good qualities will probably be well appreciated in Omaha. He is a splendid batter, and will unquestionably lead the minor organization with the stick when the season is over. His only weakness in a baseball sense is a lack of quick and good judgment on the bases. What kind of a manager the big player will make no one can tell. But he has good baseball sense and has been with the Chicago team long enough to have a fair knowledge of how an aggregation should be run.

Decker is from Los Angeles, Cal., and his present season would have been his seventh as a member of the colts. He began playing ball in Aspen, Col., and after that got considerable minor league experience with small organizations. He was secured by the Chicago team as a general utility man and first baseman, and has served in that capacity ever since.

President Hart was asked if there was any truth in the report that Decker was to be sold to the Omaha club. He said:

"It is probable Decker will be let go to Omaha. He is willing to go there, and his wishes will be respected in the matter. I understand the team out there will be a strong one and that the owners are willing to give Decker full control. If that is the case, he will better himself by going. The other league clubs will be asked to waive claim to Decker, and if none of them wants him, the Omahas will get him. I don't know of any league club now that would put in a claim for him. But that is something that I cannot state authoritatively."

Decker has wanted to leave the Chicagos for some time. While there he was not given steady employment and he thought that spoiled his usefulness.

There is a story concerning the recent kidnaping of Chris Von der Ahe which the latter admits is true. When the German's captors were carrying him in a hack by main force across the bridge over the Mississippi river, Chris managed to climb half way out of the door and would have leaped to the ground had it not been for the fact that one of his legs was firmly held by the Pittsburg detectives.

"Help! Murder! They're stealing me! I'm Chris Von der Ahe! Save me!" he yelled, as the horses dashed along. When the team neared the East St. Louis end of the bridge, a policeman called a halt and ordered the driver to pay toll.

"You can make as much noise as you like," said the policeman to the party in the carriage, "but you mustn't gallop the horses."

"Don't you know me?" shrieked Von der Ahe, wildly. "I'm Chris Von der Ahe and these ruffians in here are stealing me. Help, officer. I'm being dragged out of the state! Save me!"

The policeman, who knew Von der Ahe, and was also aware of the fact that Chris liked to have a good time now and then, laughed heartily at the German's frantic cries, and when Chris repeated his roar for help the "copper" said with a grin:

"Go ahead, driver. Where's he been? To a wine supper? It's a peach, ain't it?"

Whereupon the hack was rattled away to the railroad yards, where Von der Ahe, still yelling for help, was bundled into a train. Nearly everybody, according to Chris himself, accused him of having what is sometimes known as a "beaut."

Baseball men are generally of the opinion that Ewing's Cincinnati team will be a stronger factor in the pennant race this year than ever before. Down at San Antonio, Buck is putting his men through a vigorous course of training, with the most encouraging results. He has placed McBride in left field n the regular team, where he is playing fast ball already. Elmer Smith is covering center field and will be a fixture. Right field will be filled by either Miller or McFarland. Beckley, McPhee, Corcoran and Irwin will, of course, constitute the infield, with Steinfeldt, formerly of the Detroits, as general utility man. The last-named player has made a most favorable impression in every respect. Hawley has not signed yet, but the other pitchers, Hill, Breitenstein, Dwyer, Goar, and Dammon, are coming around rapidly. Peitz and Vaughn are slated to do all the catching. Ewing says that his team will play the game strictly in accordance with the rules, and that if all other teams live up to the requirements similarly, the Cincinnatis will be pretty close to the wire at the finish.

Adolph Edsten, of the Minneapolis Journal, has come to the conclusion that the Millers will be an important factor in the coming league race. He says:

"While baseball writers are boasting about the players who will represent their respective cities, let them ponder over the following list and figure if those named are not entitled to a place in the first division, right from the start: Perry Werden, Charles Reilly and Ed Dixon, fresh from the National League; "Count" Campau, Tom Letcher, "Tacks" Parrott and Artie Ball, all of them fast, willing and seasoned players; Frank Piggemeier, Charles Phillippi and Harry Sonier for the pitcher's box, not to speak of the coming stars found in that swarm of colts. Moreover, the management is even now negotiating for two more National League players, one of them a twirler. If that aggregation don't crowd some of the teams that are claiming the pennant, Gus Schmeis is no prophet."

The following players have been signed, claimed and released by Western League clubs for season of 1898, according to the latest bulletin issued by President Johnson:

Indianapolis—Signed: F. H. Bruner, Joe Kostal, F. R. Bell, Charles Knepper, R. G. Allen, George Hogriever, E. H. Deady, Isaac Durrett, W. A. Thompson, Edward Scott and Jacob Weimer. Accepted terms: Thomas F. Fleming, G. A. Flynn and Flourney. Claimed: William Currans and Robert Spade.

Columbus—Claimed: William Kuehne and Michael McDermott.

Minneapolis—Signed: Charles T. Reilly, Charles Phillippi and C. C. Campeau.

Kansas City—Released: John Menefee. Claimed: R. C. Roach.

Detroit—Signed: G. E. Waddell.

Omaha—Signed: A. B. Hagerman and Hercules Burnett. Claimed: Second baseman, Clements, Arthur Hayes, Edward Lawler, Fielder Whitney and W. F. Jordan.

St. Paul—Signed: Walter Preston and Wallace Hollingsworth.

Milwaukee—Accepted terms: William Terry.

SHARKEY SHOULD BE BARRED.

Sailor's Foul Tactics Arouse the Sporting World—Gossip of the Boxers.

As an evidence of the disgust caused by Sailor Sharkey's foul tactics in his meeting with Choynski, the following from the Chicago News is a fair sample of the way he is now regarded throughout the country:

"If London priz ring rules, bare knuckles, wrestling, butting and every other variety of rough tactics prevailed in the modern arena, one Thomas Sharkey, ex-marine, would certainly have precedence above all competitors. But as such rules are stowed away ever since Sullivan and Kilrain fought at Richburg, Miss., and as boxing is now supposed to consist of fair stand-up contests with large, fat gloves, it is difficult to understand what excuse exists for giving this Sharkey repeated chances to perform in front of any gathering. Such men as Sharkey do more to pile ill-repute on the boxing game than a dozen fast, clean, showy boxers can take off in ten years."

"The record of this Sharkey, so far as his leading contests are concerned, now stands as follows: He was made a chopping block by Jim Corbett, and responded by throwing the latter upon a hard floor and generally fighting him after the pattern of a bear. He also fought Joe Choynski a la bulldog, and Joe was unable to settle him, even though the sailor was at that time a novice in the ring. He was a party to the robbery of Bob Fitzsimmons—one of the worst jobs ever put up by the specially notorious gang of California gamblers. He showed such foul and savage tactics against Peter Maher that the police were in duty bound to interfere. He won from poor old Joe Goddard by cracking the barrier man's skull against the floor and he puts a climax on his career by throwing Joe Choynski through the ropes of a San Francisco ring.

"A lovely career this Sharkey. He will either be barred permanently from all athletic clubs and public shows or he will wind up by killing someone on a hardwood floor, thus ruining the boxing game for years to come. There has been some little talk of bringing him to Chicago for a public show. It would be suicidal for the local promoters to think of such a play."

A story is told of Parson Davies and a New Orleans race track tout, in which the Parson did not lose a cent, although he has the appearance of a market for gold bricks. Davies knows less about horses than he knows about Greek, and that means nothing. When he went to the New Orleans track a few days ago with his good old angel-friend Colonel Hopkins, who likes to pick winners (and losers), the Parson was singled out as a novice. Thee Parson was singled out as a novice. The Pargazing innocently at Ben Falk's slate when a busy individual at his elbow said:

"Beg your pardon, but let me take your pencil."

The stranger seemed to be occupied with something of graver moment than the making of a new acquaintance.

"Speaking to me, sir?" said the Parson, awaking from his reverie.

"Yes. I asked you for your pencil for a moment. I want to figure up what I've bet on a horse in this race. I have already got on $600, I think, and I want to bet $1,400."

"And you want to borrow a pencil?"

"Er—yes."

"My dear sir," said the Parson, blandly, "a pencil won't do you any good. What you need is a typewriter. Stand right here and I will go and fetch you one." And the Parson wandered off to find Colonel Hopkins.

Paddy Smith, the lightweight pugilist, and brother of Denver Ed Smith, is in Seattle on his way to the Klondike, which has attracted a large number of other Western sporting men. Writing from Seattle, Smith says: "Just a few lines descriptive of this tour. I have been here for three months, and it is the wildest place I ever saw. Gambling is wide open and everything goes. Every game on earth, except the poolroom, is in full blast. There are more dog trainers here than I ever saw before in my life. Every man that has a dog has to keep a rope on him, for the first time a dog goes out alone he is 'pinched.' Not even curs are barred. I brought a dog up from Spokane, but a Klondiker stole him out of the backyard. By this time he is on the Yukon, and when I go in I will have no dog. My pack goes on my back.

"I tell you this is a speedy place. Klondikers are coming and going, and everything is on the rush order from morning till night. Not a man but talks of the Klondike, the Yukon and Stewart rivers. Every day ships arrive and sail. The streets are as crowded at night as they are in the day time. I hope to leave about May 17. It is going to be a tough trip, but I will take one chance. The fastest on record for the return trip from the Klondike to Dyea is twenty-one days. It took the best dog team in Alaska to do it. It takes about forty-three days to go to Dawson City, as it is all up-hill going, and must be done by fair heel-and-toe walking. You can go to Dawson by the Yukon in a boat, but it costs $500. Some go by the river route, but most of them over the Chilkoot pass."

Jack Everhardt, the New Orleans boxer, says a few interesting things of the men who are posing as lightweights throughout the country. "You can count the legitimate 135-pound men of this country on the fingers of one hand," says Jack. "McKeever, McPartland, Zeigler and that crowd have to work like Trojans to come down to less than forty. They may be able to do 133 after a rigorous course of training, but the fact is they have been fighting in the welterweight class for the past three or four years. The rule in Philadelphia, the home of so-called lightweights, is: 'Once a lightweight always a lightweight.' It doesn't matter how heavy a man becomes in that town, he is always a lightweight. For my part, I weigh at the present time about 144 pounds, and I would not think of making 135 pounds unless it was to engage in a championship battle. I would much prefer to give away four or five pounds and meet a man at catch weights. As for Philadelphia, it is the greatest place in the country for a boxer. A man goes six rounds there and receives a certain sum whether he wins or not. It does not matter even if he knocks out his man, he will get only the stipulated sum. I have met five of the principal 'lightweights' in the country on five consecutive Saturdays and have always had my $500 tucked away before I went on."

DOGS WITH NOTABLE NAMES.

Kennel Club Show Will Bring Out Many Canines Bearing Well Known Cognomens.

What's in a name? The man who asks this question will find an interesting study in the pages between the covers of the catalogue containing the names of the 500 dogs that are to be on exhibition at the second annual bench show at the Third Regiment armory on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week. Among the dogs will be found some very appropriately named. There are the Irish water spaniels who answer to the call of "Roger O'Donohue" and "Dan Maloney," and there is "Little Red Riding Hood" keeping these two Emerald Isle puppies company. On a bench close by "Bob Fitzsimmons," a Chesapeake bay dog, will be seen, and in the greyhound class there will be "Gen. Lee," named no doubt in honor of the gallant United States consul at Havana.

Among the great Danes there are "Mark Hanna," "Tom Paine" and "Prince Bismarck." There are the Russian wolfhounds on another bench who sail under the distinguished names of "Alexis" and "Skobeloff." Then there are the Scotch terriers "Tambourine" and "Nosegay," and "Micky Monahan," one of the finest Irish terriers in the country, and will be there on the bench alongside the Skye terrier "Razor," evidently the property of a barber. On another bench there are "Dago" and "John the Baptist," Italian greyhounds, and next to them come "Hotfoot Dorothy" and "Princess of Wales," pretty little fox terriers. Next in line is the mastiff who bears the name of "Grover," representing, of course, Mr. Cleveland, ex-president of the United States. Among the English setters is "Ida Bryson," named in honor of Dave Bryson, a Memphis, Tenn., business man, who was the breeder and for many years owner of the famous English setter "Gladstone." There are also in the list the St. Bernard dogs "Duke of Argyle," "Quo Vadis" and "Shamus O'Brien," and in the bulldog class there is "Frenchman" and "Caezar."

The Fort Riley, Kas., kennels, the property of officers in the regular United States army, will be largely represented at the show. These dogs will no doubt attract special attention at this time.

All the dogs will have arrived to-day and to-morrow, as soon as the show opens, the judges will begin work making the awards.

Notice Issued by Chairman Mott.

Baltimore, Md., March 13.—Chairman Mott, of the L. A. W. racing board, has issued the following notice:

"The contracts of Henry E. Ducker, manager of the National Track Association team, with E. A. McDuffie and Dudley Marks, manager for Tom Linton, are approved. Registered: No. 1,000, New York district, Frank Waller; No. 5,000, district E., W. W. Hamilton; No. 5,001, district E., S. G. Meixell."

Coney Island Jockey Club Stakes.

New York, March 13.—The following stakes of the Coney Island Jockey Club are announced to close on Tuesday:

Coney Island Grand National steeplechase, $750 added, handicap steeplechase for 4-year-olds and upwards, full steeplechase course, about two and a half miles.

Bay hurdle race, $750 added, handicap for 4-year-olds and upward, two miles, over eight hurdles on the turf.

The Rosebuds, $750 added, for fillies, 2-year-olds, four and a half furlongs.

Company D Loses to Wentworth.

Lexington, Mo., March 13.—(Special.) Company D basket ball team of Kansas City played the Wentworth academy team here last evening. The game was the best ever witnessed in this city. Neither side scored during the two halves, and on the rubber thirty minutes was necessary to decide the game, Wentworth winning by a score of 3 to 0, after seventy minutes' play. Only three fouls were made—Wentworth two, and Company D one, Holman, for Wentworth, throwing the only foul at which he had a chance. Company D missed both of its chances.

Dundee Club's Weekly Roll.

The weekly roll of the Dundee Club took place on the Armory alleys yesterday, Friess being high man with 477. The scores:

	St.	Sp.	Tl.		St.	Sp.	Tl.
Friess	6	13	477	Rieger	6	6	373
A. J. Vogel	5	9	417	Zimmerman	2	8	369
A. Vogel	7	10	403	Bradley	2	11	355
Sitzler	6	9	396	Heyer	3	8	342
E. Vogel	4	11	396	Harvey	4	5	318
Burns	6	7	393				

General Sporting Notes.

Eddie Curry, who is to meet Ben Jordan at the National Sporting Club, London, on April 4, has arrived at that city.

George Barrett, the well known English jockey, died February 25. He had not ridden since 1896. He began riding in 1887 and won many classic races on famous horses.

A half mile race track at Juneau is among the latest Alaskan probabilities. Thomas D. Draw, a well known mining man who has struck it rich in that country, is said to be the backer of the enterprise.

There is an agitation among Canadian athletes to limit the championships to Canadian athletes only and debar all foreigners from competition at the annual championship meet. The Olympian Athletic Association, of Winnipeg, is the prime mover in the affair.

George Martin broke the 100-yard record for swimming on the back in a recent trial in the New Corporation baths, Paisley, Scotland. Martin's time was 1:13 in a twenty-five yard tank. Joey Mitchell swam 200 yards in 2:20 3-5, breaking the record by 4 1-5 seconds.

Orelio, own brother to Ormonde, the $150,000 horse owned by W. O'B. Macdonough, was sold in England some weeks ago at the Newmarket sales for 950 guineas, and his owner says he is destined for South Africa. He does not seem a dear horse, as his breeding is beyond criticism, and he won the Royal stakes at Newmarket and was placed third in the Great Foal stakes, and second in the Houghton stakes.

Baseball Notes.

In two weeks the Kansas City Blues will begin to pile into town.

"Brownie" Foreman, who has signed with Norfolk, Va., has signed the pledge again.

Columbus fans haven't given up hope of seeing Jack Crooks with the Ancients again this season.

The baseball season is so near at hand that the tense can be changed from future to present without a violation of grammatical ethics.

Joe Campbell, of the Washington Post, is about the only scribe in the country who is dissatisfied with the resolution to stamp out rowdyism. Campbell predicted the failure of the resolution to become a law, which may account for his pessimism.

George Rettger has refused to sign with Milwaukee at $160 a month and announces that he will go back to work at his trade. By working six days a week four weeks a month he can earn $85. In baseball he worked on an average of six hours a week.

Robert Spade, the Ohio boy who has signed with Indianapolis, is being touted as one of the best pitchers of the league. His advance notices read like the glowing accounts given "Kid" Bevis, Eylar and others before the indefatigable threebase hitters got at them.

Hec Burnett, who was suspended and fined $100 for assaulting Umpire Wright last season, and instituted suit against Detroit for salary lost during his suspension, has withdrawn his suit, signed a Detroit contract and promises to be good all through this season.

It is expected that Friend and Thornton, two of Chicago's "south paw" pitchers, will be greatly assisted in their preliminary work by advice from Kilroy, the new right fielder of the Colts. Kilroy takes delight in teaching others the tricks it took him so long to learn. He will find two good subjects for his work in Friend and Thornton.—New York Herald.

Harry Steinfeldt wears his pads in practice at San Antonio but he only wears them for protection. "Those pads," said he, "are made of whalebone, they weigh about three ounces and are not inconvenient. They protect your shins if on a rough ground a hard-hit ball should take a false bound. A ball that hits my shins when I've got these pads on won't bound but a couple of feet. They usually drop right in front of me. I wear them for protection only. I was laid up one time for two weeks because a player deliberately jumped on me, spikes first, and ever since that I have been wearing the pads. Spikes can't penetrate them. Some day all the players will be wearing pads."

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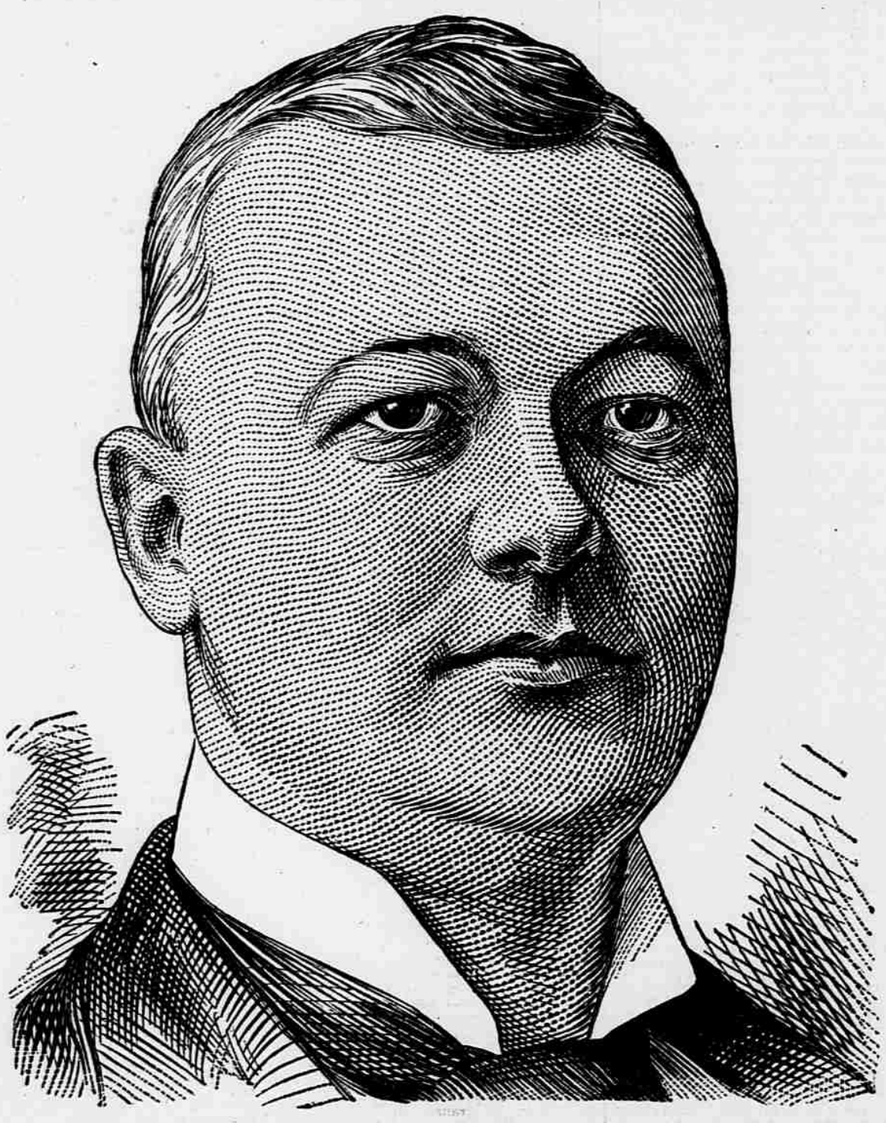

To be born a Harrison has been, in this country, as with the Pitt family of prime ministers in England, to turn instinctively toward politics and a public life.

Two presidents of the United States, a governor of Virginia, who was also a signer of the Declaration of Independence and a member of congress for several years—all within four generations, father to son, has but one parallel in this country and few abroad.

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Nerves and brain can be worked out. This is the condition of thousands of exhausted nervous systems that have been almost worked to death in school, counting rooms, factories and stores. Shaky nerves, flabby muscles, muddy complexions and the general appearance of weariness and pain tell the story of exhaustion. Persistent headaches go with nervous debility. That terrible throbbing of the heart comes from a wretched condition of the nervous system.

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RAILROADS IN SOUTHWEST.

MANY LINES UNDER CONSTRUCTION OR PROJECTED.

Territory Tributary to Kansas City Bids Fair to Again Lead in New Railway Mileage—All Point to Oklahoma.

As the Southwestern states led in railway construction last year, they continue to lead in projected railroads. Surveys have been completed for an extension of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific from El Reno, O. T., to Arapahoe, and it is stated that grading will soon begin. Surveys are reported to be in progress for a branch of the Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf from Shawnee, O. T., north to Stillwater, Perkins and Pawnee, and the contract has been awarded to J. W. Maney & Co., for the first twenty-five miles of the extension of this road west toward Arapahoe, the work to begin at once and to be finished by August 25. This road is also being rapidly extended from its present eastern terminus to a connection with the Pittsburg & Gulf, and will soon also have an entrance into Fort Smith, Ark. The Fort Smith & Western has been incorporated with a capital stock of from $1,250,000 to $5,000,000 to build a road from Fort Smith west through rich coal fields to McAlester, I. T., and the Fort Smith & El Paso has been organized to build a terminal road a mile in length in Fort Smith. It is announced that active work will begin at once on the Kansas & Southwestern, from Hunniwell, Kas., south to Kay Center, O. T., the right of way having been secured and the material having been contracted for.

The Muskogee Coal & Railway Company proposes to build 105 miles of road from Red Fork, I. T., on the line of the Frisco, west to Guthrie, O. T. The entire line has been surveyed and eleven miles of the roadbed has been graded from Red Fork to Twin Mounds. Grading has been begun on the line of the Santa Fe & Grand Canyon at Williams, A. T. This road is to run from Williams north to the Grand canyon of Colorado, sixty-five miles. The extension of the Hutchinson & Southern from Medford to Blackwell, O. T., twenty-five miles, has been completed and opened for traffic, and the road will be pushed on to Ponca, O. T., twenty-five miles south of Blackwell. A large force is at work on the Gulf & Brazos Valley from Peck City, Tex., to the Red river, and tracklaying will soon begin at Peck City.

Officials of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul deny that road is interested in the project to build the Nebraska, Kansas & Gulf from the mouth of the Niobrara river in Nebraska, south through Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Indian Territory and Texas to Galveston. This company is incorporated with a capital stock of $25,000,000 to build about 1,100 miles of railroad. The project to build the Springfield, Little Rock & Gulf from Springfield, Mo., through Dardanelle and Little Rock to the southern line of Arkansas, with a branch from Dardanelle to Wister, I. T., is said to have fallen through, owing to a failure to float the bonds of the company. Work on this line was begun last December and about four miles of roadbed was graded. The company was voted a liberal land grant by the Arkansas legislature.

The Bolivar Channel and Dock Company has been chartered in Texas in the interest of the Gulf & Interstate railway for the purpose of building docks and elevators at Bolivar, Tex., opposite Galveston to accommodate the business of the railroad company. The capital stock is $100,000.

MIDGLEY GROWS SARCASTIC.

Addresses a Circular Letter to Freight Officers of Western Joint Traffic Lines.

Chairman Midgley, of the Western Joint Traffic bureau, has addressed the following letter to the freight officials of Western roads:

"With the view of better observing reforms undertaken by the traffic officers in December last, conferences were to be held weekly—of the St. Louis lines in that city on Mondays, and of the Chicago lines in this city the following day. These were to be honest efforts on the part of the traffic officers to set an inspiring example as to the manner in which obligations solemnly assumed should be religiously regarded.

"Strange though it may seem, the intentions thus expressed were as fleeting as snowflakes on a rushing stream; and as they have admittedly vanished, the undersigned will withdraw his request that each general freight agent should make it his first business to support, by his presence at the gatherings above described, the declared purpose to resist firmly all assaults upon the published tariffs. Members may, of course, continue to meet in a friendly way, if they so desire; but it should, at least, be acknowledged that such gatherings, if held, will not be with the object of renewing pledges which, so far as relates to export shipments, rested so lightly, apparently, upon the consciences of some that they never were seriously felt.

"The undersigned stated at the meeting of traffic officers of lines interested in the transportation of grain from the Southwest, held last month, that he would, unless energetic reforms were then undertaken, not hesitate to report the situation as he understood it in case the executive officers should request to be informed; and as matters have since in no wise improved, but have gone from bad to worse, this will serve to convey the unwillingness of the chairman to attend the aforesaid weekly meetings or to countenance their continuance, until the executive officers of the interested railroads, appreciating the startling gravity of the conditions surrounding shipments destined eastwardly, will address themselves resolutely to their correction."

There is a disposition on the part of the roads in the bureau to abandon the organization, or rather to wipe out the greater part of the expense, retaining only one commissioner, and limiting the functions of the bureau to the printing of joint tariffs. An investigation of the books of the bureau which has been going on (after the precaution had been neglected for many years) has disclosed a shortage in the accounts which will probably amount to about $4,000, for which Mr. W. H. Hosmer, secretary of the bureau, is responsible. Mr. Hosmer admits having taken the money for his own use, with the intention of at some time returning it.

SANTA FE DEPOT AT HOUSTON.

New Passenger Station to Be Built This Year as Part of Santa Fe's General Improvements.

The Santa Fe is arranging to build a new passenger station at Houston, Tex. The construction will be started at an early date by the general contractor, J. M. Archer, of Dallas, Tex. The exterior walls will be of pressed brick with stone trimmings and foundation, the roof being of stained shingles. The station proper will cover an area of 40x75 feet and provides the customary separate waiting rooms for the white and colored patrons. The building was designed by Chief Engineer C. F. W. Felt, of Galveston, and is a good example of the neat stations on the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe route. The women's waiting room, 20x24 feet, is connected with the men's waiting room, 18x24 feet, by an arched opening, and the two rooms occupy one end of the building. Between these rooms and the waiting room for colored passengers, 16x24 feet, the space is occupied by the ticket office and the various toilet rooms, and the baggage room, 14x24 feet, is at the extreme end of the building. Covered platforms extend around three sides of the building, with a porte cochere opposite the women's waiting room, and a shed 250 feet in length extending from the station on the track side.

The construction work is in charge of Mr. L. D. Smith, of Galveston, the building supervisor of the Gulf, Colorado & Santa re railway.

NEW UNION PACIFIC FLYER.

Shortens Time to Denver Two Hours—New Local Train to Junction City.

The Union Pacific train which left Kansas City at 8:30 last night was the first train running under the new schedule by which that road shortens the time over its rails two hours and twenty minutes between Kansas City and Denver. To accomplish this great reduction in time the Union Pacific has put on a new local train between Kansas City and Junction City, Kas. This new train will leave Junction City every morning and arrive at the Union depot at 10:20 a. m. Returning, it will leave for Junction City at 4:30 p. m. The new train will do the local work as far as Junction City formerly done by the through night express for Denver. The night flyer will make only one stop, at Lawrence, between this city and Topeka.

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INDEPENDENCE.

H. Clay Lewis May Recover From Injuries Received in Fight in County Jail.

H. Clay Lewis, who was cut by James Bennet, a negro, during a fight in the county jail Friday, was slightly improved yesterday. Bennett skillfully concealed the knife after the cutting. It was found yesterday beneath the floor of the upper corridor. It was a case knife. Lewis' left cheek was laid open, the knife penetrating into the mouth.

Moore Is Still a Candidate.

A rumor was persistently circulated yesterday to the effect that W. H. Moore, one of the candidates for the Democratic mayoralty nomination, had withdrawn from the race. Mr. Moore stated yesterday to a Journal reporter that he had not withdrawn and was in the race to stay. While Mr. Moore himself has not asked for a reconsideration of the action of the Democratic city committee, some of his friends have done so, and it is yet possible that a change in the primaries may be made, as many Democrats of prominence have denounced the action of the committee as an effort to override the wishes of the majority of the Democratic voters.

Independence News Notes.

A meeting of the Republican central committee will be held to-night at the office of G. W. Coakley.

The county court will meet in this city to-day. The grand jury will also be in session.

Mrs. Simon Stoll was reported not improved yesterday. Her advanced age is much against her recovery.

T. T. Gray, of Sedalia, is in the city visiting old friends. He will return to Sedalia to-morrow.

The March term of the circuit court will convene in this city to-day. Special Judge O. H. Dean will preside in the place of Judge Henry.

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