FAN AND THE BLUES

PLAYERS REPRESENTING KANSAS CITY LIKELY TO BE FAST.

Value of Team Work in Pennant Winning Apparent—Loftus and the St. Louis Franchise—The Changes in the Rules.

Notwithstanding the frigidity of the atmosphere and the excitment attending the dedication of Convention hall, the fan finds time to discuss the chances of the Blues in the coming contest. It is the consensus of opinion that Kansas City is all right, and as soon as the contracts are all in, the comment will be upon a more substantial basis. It is not even regarded as a possibility that the management will not be able to corral the better portion of the men on the reserve list, and those who fail to put their names to a Western League souvenir, to be filed away by the bland president of the league, will be missing a good thing. A player that is associated with a band of fast sprinters stands a better chance for recognition than a good man with a band of dubs. A better example could not be found than in the late lamented Omaha pennant winners(?). That team had several as good players as any club in the business, but they were handicapped by the bad players, and naturally fell under suspicion. There is nothing like a team pulling together, and had it not been for excellent team work, Kansas City would have been at the bottom of the ladder, as every team in the league would have given half its pay to "put it over" the Blues. It is all the more commendable that the boys appreciated their position—and "they didn't do a thing."

The unsettled state of the affairs of the National League does not seem to worry the Western League magnates in the least, as they are going along making contracts, picking up good things and arranging a schedule for eight clubs. Charlie Comiskey and Tom Loftus are going along pumping hot air stories about bidding on the St. Louis franchise. It is possible that both may be in earnest in what they say, but anyone acquainted with the men are wont to think they are "kidding" until the deed is done. And a would-be Western magnate over in Iowa could tell a story of "hot air" blasts generated by Comiskey and Loftus that would make a Klondiker think he was sojourning on the equator. But whether Loftus gets the franchise or not, it is settled that the Western League will be in the ring.

The comment on the rules is growing and there is little objection expressed by any who have studied the proposed changes. It is generally conceded that if the changes are adopted they will be conducive to faster playing and that is what the public pays for witnessing. The fellow that puts up the good, hard iron dollars does not care anything about the inside history of salaries, etc. What he wants is fast playing and anything that will bring it about will receive his approval—and your Uncle Jimmy knows it.

NATIONAL TROTTING RULES.

Hoppled Horses May Be Entered at the Discretion of Track Owners.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—The special congress of the National Trotting Association met here to-day. National President Johnson presiding. The congress was called to consider the propriety of modifying certain rules affecting the question of hopples and the licensing of drivers. Sixty-five delegates were seated. The report of the committee on rules, presented by the secretary of the committee, R. T. Allen, of Joliet, Ill., had reference to section 2 of rule 9, which provided that "horses wearing hopples shall not be eligible to start in races on grounds of members after January 1, 1899."

It was desired to alter this section by substituting the words "unless otherwise stated" for the words "after January 1, 1899." A majority report was lost by a vote of 66 to 12. The report of the rules committee was submitted and adopted.

Eliminations and substitutes were made and inserted in the phraseology of section 4, of rule 24, relative to drivers and their licenses. It was decided that instead of a "license" the drivers wear "colors."

It was decided to abolish all rules in the approved book of rules relating to the carrying of licenses by drivers. In section 6, of rule 27, the words "together with the horses, shall be suspended for not less than one year, or shall be expelled," were substituted for the words "shall be expelled."

In rule 28, sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 9, with reference to the licensing of riders and drivers, were declared abolished. The recommendation of the committee on rules to the effect that the provisions of sections 1 and 2, of rule 43, with reference to timers and "bar" time be not enforced, was unanimously agreed upon. Section 3 of the last mentioned rule, which read: "Time made on non-association tracks shall be records or bars as the case may be, the same as if made over association tracks," was abolished, and the following substitute agreed upon:

"Any public race at less than one mile or exceeding half a mile, shall be regarded as irregular, and time made in any such race shall create a bar."

At the closing of the proceedings, W. B. Fasig moved for the appointment of a committee whose duty it should be to prepare an amendment to the rule empowering judges to decide a finishing heat in which fraud would be detected. W. B. Fasig, Judge H. M. Whitehead, of the Meadville track, Pennsylvania, and S. T. Tousan, of New York, were appointed a committee to prepare the amendment which was to be section 4 to rule 35 of the approved rules. After a protracted discussion, however, the amendment was laid on the table indefinitely.

The congress then adjourned sine die.

CAN'T DOWN CHRIS.

Will Doubtless Be Elected President of the Sportsman's Park and Club.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 23.—An election of directors of Sportman's park and club was held to-day by order of court, resulting in the selection of the following board:

Chris Von der Ahe, J. W. Peckington, Edward F. Joy, Charles P. Higgins and Henry Belmeier.

The new board in turn will elect Chris Von Der Ahe, president; J. W. Peckington, vice president, and Edward F. Joy, secretary.

B. S. Muckenfuss and F. A. Becker did not arive at the park until after the election was over.

Next week the National League will meet in New York. Von Der Ahe will be there representing the Sportman's park and club, and if the National League refuses to recognize him, he will then go into the New York courts, and try with their aid to secure the recognition he believes himself entitled to.

Famous Doniphan Team Sold.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—The attraction at the Splan-Neugass sale to-day was the Doniphan team, Wert and B. C., each with a race record of 2:15½. They were started at $2,500 by John Dickerson for Mr. McCarty, of New York. The bids were raised in turn by John F. Turner, Scott Hudson, George H. Ketcham and others until finally H. L. Van Voorhis, of Pittsburg, secured them at $9,500, which is the highest price paid for a team for a number of years. The horses were bought for Andrew Carnegie, who, it is said, authorized Van Voorhis to pay $11,000 if they could not be bought at a lower price.

Whitefoot, by Alycone—Addie H., went to J. D. Dobbins, of Kansas City, for $725.

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KANSAS CITY BOWLING LEAGUE

Acmes Beat Kansas City Athletics and Set a New Mark in High Scores.

The game on the Brunswick alleys last night was a good demonstration of the value of practice, especially in bowling, for the Acmes simply toyed with their opponents, the Kansas City Athletics, until it was time to jump in and show them how the game should be played. The Athletics seldom appear in practice games, and have evidently relied too much during the past season on their good record of previous seasons, while the Acmes have evinced all season a determination to win by keeping in form through regular practice, and it has undoubtedly placed them in the front and will keep them there—just where they belong.

The game started with both teams bowling better than an average clip and was close until the twentieth frame had been passed. The Acmes led in the fifth by nineteen pins, but surrendered the lead in the next five, falling three behind in the tenth. They soon regained their lead and made it fifty-one in the fifteenth and fifty-eight in the twentieth. Here they bade the Athletics a tearful farewell and started on a rough-riding expedition, in which they fairly forced the honors to come their way for such a succession of strikes and spares, whether on good balls or bad, has seldom been seen in a game. "Acme luck" was certainly the most potent factor in the game during the last ten frames, for they had only two splits in that time, against thirteen for the Athletics, while doubles and triples fell into their net very freely. In fact, they had all the luck of the game and as good luck and good bowling are accompanying factors in the game, they made a grand finish and succeeded in again raising the previous high team score already held by them.

The result of the game is easily explained by a comparison of totals and, what does not show in the summary, five doubles and four triples for the Acmes, against one lone double for the Athletics. The small total of misses is also a noteworthy feature of the game, each side having fourteen, although Barse had a clean record. Cheney, of the Acmes, was high man of the game, with 546. He got an ordinary start with 155 in the tenth, but settled down to a steady winning gait, being helped by two doubles and a triple. Barse was close behind him with 538, marking from the sixteenth frame. Hale made a fine finish after an ordinary game up to the twentieth, where he registered 210. Offutt could not quite reach the mark, although he bowled a good game. Kling, the fairy queen, carried too much weight and gave out early in the race after leading the bunch in the first half. Splits killed his score and he could not do better than 469.

Huckett was high man for the Athletics with 494, and deserved a much higher score as he had only one miss, but he suffered with the others of his team from an excess of splits. Stranathan rolled his second game of the season and came in second with 484, rolling an excellent spare game for one who has been out for so long. Deiterich rolled his usual steady game, but was unable to do better than 471. Crider had the hardest luck on splits and was forced to content himself with 458. Whiting was low man with 446. The score:

ACMES.

	Strikes.	Spares.	Misses.	Totals.
Cheney	11	13	3	546
Barse	9	17	0	538
Hale	10	14	5	524
Offutt	6	17	3	499
Kling	8	11	3	469
Totals	44	72	14	2576

KANSAS CITY ATHLETICS.

	Strikes.	Spares.	Misses.	Totals.
Hackett	6	17	1	494
Stranathan	5	18	3	484
Deiterich	8	12	4	471
Crider	4	16	1	458
Whitney	7	12	5	443
Totals	30	76	14	2350

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

Clubs.	Played.	Won.	Lost.	P. C.
Acmes	17	13	4	.765
Missouris	16	10	6	.625
Kansas Citys	16	9	7	.563
Kansas City Athletics	17	9	8	.529
Southpaws	17	8	9	.471
Eagles	17	2	15	.118

HIGHEST TEAM SCORES.

Acmes	2,576	K. C. Athletics	2,460
Missouris	2,515	Southpaws	2,459
Kansas Citys	2,473	Eagles	2,396

HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL SCORES.

Acmes—Kling	568
Missouris—Diblie	567
Kansas City Athletics—Hackett	558
Kansas Citys—McMinamin	555
Eagles—Baker	539
Southpaws—McLeod	531

Telegraphers' League.

RELAYS.

	Strikes.	Spares.	Misses.	Totals.
Hagen	7	10	6	445
Dunlap	6	11	9	432
Lauder	9	15	6	398
Seaman	3	10	9	366
Long	4	8	13	351
Totals	29	44	43	1992

ELECTRICS.

	Strikes.	Spares.	Misses.	Totals.
Redline	5	12	10	410
Wood	4	13	9	403
Brown	5	9	11	393
Chester	4	10	11	378
Shelley	2	10	11	363
Totals	20	54	52	1,947

Social Rifles' Weekly Roll.

The Social Rifle Club held its weekly roll on the Amory alleys last night. Scores:

	St.	Sp.	Tl.		St.	Sp.	Tl.
Summerfield	7	14	480	Baehr	5	7	398
Warneke	6	12	452	A. Summerfield	4	10	376
Hagan	6	10	451	Whitlin	3	12	363
Hucke	5	9	403	Huth	4	8	360
Miller	5	11	402	Gennit	3	6	347
Egelhoff	6	8	401	Makepeace	1	10	345
Samuel	6	8	400	Henn	3	7	340

All-Star Bowlers.

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 23.—The All-Star bowlers won three games from the Colts this afternoon by the following scor:

All-Stars	852	848	896
Colts	849	802	787

This evening the All-Stars won two and lost one game with the Colts. Score:

All-Stars	812	945	924
Colts	837	799	793

CYCLING ON THE COAST.

All Indoor Records, From Three Miles Up, Broken by Floyd McFarland.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 23.—At Mechanics' pavilion, Floyd McFarland, of San Jose, defeated Harry Elkes, of Glens Falls, in a fifteen-mile race, also beating several world's records. The riders started from opposite sides of the track and were paced by twenty men. Elkes quit at the end of eight and a third miles, McFarland then being about ten laps in the lead. The time of the winner, which lowers all indoor records from three miles up, was as follows, by miles:

1	2:01	9	17:52
2	4:04	10	19:59
3	5:49	11	22:08
4	7:44	12	24:14
5	9:44	13	26:14
6	11:45	14	28:14
7	13:46	15	30:22
8	15:41		

Downing and Cotter won the tandem race over Goodman and Eaton in two straight heats. Time, 2:01, 2:07.

Eddie Leonard (60 yards) beat Teddy Goodman (25 yards) and William Furman (35 yards), in the one-mile handicap. Time, 2:00.

Some Excellent Bowling.

In a friendly contest on the Brunswick alleys yesterday afternoon all previous high scores of the season were eclipsed by Baker, of the Eagles, who made the magnificent score of 648. Immediately after, a second game was commenced, in which nine men participated, and Baker nearly duplicated his previous score, making 624. In this game eight of the nine men went over 500, and made a grand average of 525 for each man. It is doubtful if this game has ever been equaled in Kansas City.

Coney Island Club May Bid.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 23.—Martin Julian, manager of Robert Fitzsimmons, said today regarding the coming fight between Fitzsimmons and Jeffries:

"We have extended the time of receiving bids until March 6, and the fight will be in New York, if nothing happens. I rather think the Coney Island Athletic Club will make the highest bid and the fight will take place there."

Mack in the Lead.

In the continuous pool match at the Brunswick billiard room yesterday, Mack beat Lathrop in the afternoon by a score of 75 to 42. In the evening Lathrop found his pace and went after the doughty little expert and won by a score of 75 to 27. The total score now stands: Mack, 232, and Lathrop, 184.

The match will be concluded with to-day's games at 3:30 and 8 p. m.

Races at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 23.—Seventy-sixth day Crescent City Jockey Club's winter meeting. Weather fine; track slow. Locust Blossom was the only winning favorite.

First race—Selling; 6 furlongs. Agitator, 110 (C. Combs), 7 to 2, won; Free Hand, 93½ (Frost), 9 to 5 and 4 to 5, second; Jim Flood, 105 (Troxler), 60 to 1, third. Time, 1:17.

Second race—1 mile. Jimp, 107 (Holden), 7 to 2, won; Jim McCleery, 100 (Southard), 7 to 2 and 6 to 5, second; Dandy M., 107 (C. Combs), 3 to 2, third. Time, 1:46¼.

Third race—1 1-8 miles. Monk Wayman, 113 (Troxler), 8 to 2, won; Tonto, 103 (O'Connor), 9 to 5 and 7 to 10, second; Evenatus, 95 (Mitchell), 20 to 1, third. Time, 2:01¼.

Fourth race—Handicap; 6 furlongs. Village Pride, 91 (Odom), 15 to 1, won; Dave S., 93 (Holden), 3 to 1 and even, second; Sensational, 105 (O'Connor), 9 to 5, third. Time, 1:16½.

Fifth race—Selling; 1 mile. Ma Angeline, 99 (Troxler), 6 to 1, won; Nannie L., 104 (Frost), 12 to 1 and 5 to 1, second; Earl Fonson, 104 (Ross), 7 to 1, third. Time, 1:46½.

Sixth race—Selling; 7 furlongs; Locust Blossom, 100 (O'Connor), 3 to 2, won; Xalissa, 100 (Holden), 8 to 1 and 3 to 1, second; Ben Frost, 104 (Mason), 2 to 1, third. Time, 1:32½.

Fast Track at Oakland.

SAN FRANCICO, CAL., Feb. 23.—Weather clear, track fast at Oakland to-day:

First race—Five furlongs; selling. Odd Eyes, 110 (Thorpe), 8 to 5, won; Florence Finke, 110 (W. H. Martin), 4 to 1 and 3 to 2, second; Racebud, 110 (E. Jones), 4 to 10, third. Time, 1:03¾.

Second race—Seven-sixteenths of a mile; 2-year-olds; purse. Sardine, 117 (H. Martin), 1 to 2, won; Bathos, 115 (N. Turner), 5 to 1 and 7 to 5, second; Harry Thatcher, 105 (E. Jones), 15 to 1, third. Time, 0:43.

Third race—Futurity course; selling. Rio Chico, 103 (Bullman), 6 to 1, won; Good Hope, 101 (E. Jones), 2½ to 1 and 4 to 5, second; Recreation, 114 (Thorpe), 3 to 5, third. Time, 110¾.

Fourth race—Three-quarters of a mile; free handicap. Miss Rowena, 118 (Piggott), 3 to 1, won; Abuse, 124 (H. Martin), 4 to 5 and out, second; Rubicon, 115 (Bullman), 2½ to 1, third. Time, 1:13½.

Fifth race—Eleven-sixteenths of a mile; selling. Merops, 90 (Devine), 3 to 1, won; Go To Bed, 100 (Bullman), 7 to 5 and 1 to 2, second; imp. Mistral II., 109 (Piggott), 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:47.

Sixth race—Futurity course; selling. Joe Ullman, 118 (Butter), 6 to 5, won; Ed Gartland II., 118 (Thorpe), 7 to 1 and 2½ to 1, second; Montanus, 106 (Bullman), 7 to 1, third. Time, 1:11½.

Charlie Thorp to Retire.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 23.—An afternoon paper states that Charlie Thorpe, the celebrated jockey, who has ridden for Burns & Waterhouse for the past three years at $10,000 a year, will retire from the saddle at the end of this season to his ranch in the Sacramento valley. Thorpe is well fixed financially and is over 40 years of age.

Peoria Gets a Franchise.

PEORIA, ILL., Feb. 23.—W. C. Bryan, of Chicago, made arrangements to-day whereby Peoria comes into possession of a franchise in the Western Baseball Association. This will necessitate a shortening of the season as now arranged.

GETTING READY FOR "CUBA."

First Full Rehearsal Will Be Held at the Midland Hotel This Evening—Tickets Are in Demand.

The people who are to present the spectacular melodrama "Cuba" Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at the Coates feel confident that their friends and patrons will suffer no disappointment in their production. At the sale yesterday 525 tickets were sold and of the boxes, two only are left for the first evening. Six remain unsold for the second night.

The ladies are making handsome box parties and inviting their friends to appear in evening dress. It will be one of the most dressy affairs throughout that Kansas City has witnessed in many days. The sale will continue at Carl Hoffman's Music Company until the evening of the first performance.

One of the new features in song will be the solo "Chanson du Torreador" from Carmen, by Senor Estanislao Reyes, of Mexico, who sings in grand opera.

Perhaps no company has ever been produced in this city that revels in song as this one of "Cuba." Every selection is new and sparkles with mirth or fire. The first complete rehearsal will be held at the Midland this evening.

The costumes are very handsome and will be given out Saturday afternoon and evening to the performers at the Coates House, through the kindness of Mr. Bond, the manager. Many new costumes are being made for "Cuba." The entire outfit is furnished in this city and it will be a surprise to all that there is so rich a set of costumes in the city. The French under Mr. Edward De Vonnie, the Scotch under the Kansas City Highland brigade; the German led by Mr. John H. Krull, and the Swedes under Mr. C. G. Anderson, are doing splendid work in the last scene.

Rehearsals were held last night at the Coates.

Omaha Delegation Returns.

The Omaha delegation, which had participated with Kansas City in the celebration of the birth of the Father of His Country and the dedication of one of his country's greatest convention halls, returned yesterday morning to their busy city up the river. They did not take the city with them, although it had been tendered the night before by Mayor Jones, but they did carry away a most pleasant recollection of the town which "is a good place to live in," and of the people who make it so.

Four of the faithful—Aldermen Wyne, Lach, Otto and Jewett—joined the visitors at the Midland hotel at 8:30 in the morning and escorted them to the Union depot, bidding them good-by at 9 o'clock on the Missouri Pacific train. A box of cigars and a few "cold bots" to drive away the loneliness were slipped into the collective pocket of the delegation as farewells were being said and as the train pulled out the hills resounded with the cheers for Kansas City and for Alderman Otto, "the first to greet us and the last to leave us."

Sousa Leaves for Topeka.

Sousa's band left Kansas City yesterday afternoon for Topeka. The members were naturally tired out by the long programme of the ball and most of them did not leave their rooms until a short time before noon. The strain of the two long programmes of Wednesday and of meeting a large number of Kansas Cityans, who were generally anxious to entertain them and whose offices in that direction they were loath to decline, was greater than they have encountered at any other place on the present trip.

All had dinner about noon, however, in order to get to the train, which left before 1 o'clock. Mr. Sousa was up early and did not appear to be any the worse for the unusual events and labor of the day before. He spent the morning visiting with friends and reading. The trip through the West includes dates at Lincoln, Omaha and Denver.

Derangement of the Liver, with constipation, injures the complexion, induces pimples, sallow skin. Carter's Little Liver Pills remove the cause.

For Stealing a Watch.

Zeke Butler was arrested yesterday by Marshal Linburg, in Argentine, on the charge of stealing a watch from a stranger in a saloon at 300 East Twelfth street, in Kansas City. The watch was stolen Saturday night. When Butler was searched at the station the watch was found and will be returned to the owner. Butler has consented to accompany the officers back to Missouri.

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AMONG THE RAILROADS

TRANS-MISSOURI LINES ADOPT UNIFORM REGULATIONS.

The Issue of Individual Rules Will Be Discontinued—Trouble Regarding Implement and Vehicle Shipments.

The lines in the territory controlled by the trans-Missouri freight bureau have been in the habit heretofore of placing their own construction on the rules and regulations governing traffic, and the consequence is that there are many conflicting conclusions. This was apparent when the instructions in reference to the shipment of agricultural implements and vehicles was promulgated. Many of the lines were allowing concessions that in the opinion of their competitors were contrary to the letter of the law, and telegrams and letters were passing between the general agents and headquarters on the average of three per day.

At the last meeting of the trans-Missouri lines this matter was given some attention and all agreed that there was a great deal of room for misconstruction, where each line interpreted the rule to its own liking. It was therefore agreed that all the lines would adopt the same set of rulings and that it would be issued by the bureau and that no line would atempt to issue an individual circular governing any shipment covered by the agreed rules and regulations. It did not take very long to bring all the lines into the fold and the secretary of the bureau was instructed to issue circular letter No. 1, which supersedes trans-Missouri freight rate committee circular letter No. 1A.

This circular letter is concurred in by all the lines and covers the rules and regulations applying to freight traffic having origin and destination within the territory of the trans-Missouri freight bureau, except as otherwise noted, and becomes effective March 10. And so all the lines will be governed by the same issue of instructions and will not be allowed to place their own construction on the intent of the rule in order to influence shipping.

Thus, the rule governing agricultural implements and vehicles is the same by all lines and reads: Agricultural implements (except hand) and articles classified as vehicles (except children's vehicles), straight or mixed carloads, minimum weight 20,000 pounds, class A rates, unless otherwise provided. Note 1—The rates on agricultural implements and vehicles will apply only on articles classified as class A under the head of agricultural implements and vehicles in the western classification. Note 2—The rates authorized above on shipments of vehicles may be applied on shipments of buggies, straight carloads, unless lower charges would obtain by the use of western classification rates and minima.

This will settle the mooted question as to whether the shipper will be allowed to load buggies with implements and obtain class A rates.

BURLINGTON PLANS.

Will Raise Money to Buy Chicago, Burlington & Northern and the Keokuk & Western.

BOSTON, Feb. 23.—At a special meeting of the directors of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, held here to-day, it was decided to raise about $5,000,000 of new money for improvement and equipment purposes and to issue $18,000,000 in new bonds with the proceeds of which the Chicago, Burlington & Northern and the Keokuk & Western railroads are to be bought in and the Ottawa, Oswego & Fox River Valley road 6 per cent bonds falling due in 1900 are to be liquidated.

Chairman Hunnewell, of the finance committee, stated after the meeting that no refunding plan was contemplated. He said: "It is the intention of the company to put a new mortgage on its property east of the Mississippi and we need about $5,000,000 of new money as we intend to buy in the Chicago, Burlington & Northern railroad and refund its debt this year, and we shall also at the same time make provision for the Ottawa, Oswego & Fox River Valley 6 per cent bonds falling due in 1900 so that it will make about $16,000,000 to raise."

The plan of the directors is to go to the stockholders for what money is wanted this year, say about $16,000,000, issuing to them about $1,000,000 stock and $16,000,000 new 5% per cent bonds, about $16,000,000 cash, which will give the stockholders reasonable compensation for advancing a large sum of money without increasing the company's annual payments.

The directors voted to buy the Keokuk & Western railroad, 250 miles long, in Iowa and Missouri, and practically in Chicago, Burlington & Quincy territory.

As a 3½ per cent bond on the property of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy east of the Mississippi river (practically all the company's property in Illinois and Wisconsin), may be considered as worth par, it is explained that the directors have practically agreed to raise $16,000,000 from stockholders by giving them a bonus of $4,000,000 in Chicago, Burlington & Quincy stock. As this stock is worth nearly $6,000,000, the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy stockholders get a plum this year of the value of $6 in addition to their $6 cash dividends. The amount of Chicago, Burlington & Quincy stock outstanding is $88,655,100.

Proposed Iowa Railroad.

OMAHA, NEB., Feb. 23.—The stockholders of the Winona, Marshalltown & Southwestern railway met in Marshalltown today and elected officers as follows: President, N. S. Ketchum; vice president and treasurer, George F. Kirby; secretary, A. G. Glick; chief engineer, C. C. Gilman.

The complete survey starts at Osage and runs almost directly south through seven county seats—Osage, Nelson, Grundy Center, Marshalltown, Newton, Knoxville and Chariton. It passes through the finest agricultural portion of Iowa and taps the rich coal fields of the southern portion of the state. Grading will be commenced early in the spring.

Not Favorable for Railroads.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—President Purdy, of the Rock Island road, says: "It would surprise me if any of the Western roads make a good February showing. The same month a year ago was very favorable for operation while this year it has been quite the contrary. At present the volume of business shown is equal to the same period last year. There is a fairly good movement of corn, and considerable west bound miscellaneous freight is moving. Recent snows have interfered with business only in a general way. The movement has not been impaired."

Regular "Denial" Meeting.

The Kansas City freight representatives held their regular weekly "denial" meeting yesterday. The big gun of the association was as usual represented by telegram. The meeting was held behind closed doors, but it leaked out that the "denials" had no reference to the cutting of rates, as the representatives were well satisfied with the existing situation. One agent said that the rate situation on his road had not been in better shape for years, and the admission was regarded as a matter of congratulation.

Reduced Rate South.

Effective March 1, the Missouri Pacific will apply the less carload rate of 30 cents per 100 pounds on packing house products as the maximum on less carload shipments of fertilizer from Kansas City to Memphis. The former rate was 40 cents per 100 pounds.

Box Cars for San Joaquin Road.

TOPEKA, Feb. 23.—(Special.) The Santa Fe shops in this city have just received an order to build 250 box cars for the San Joaquin road in California, the new Santa Fe acquisition.

General Railroad Notes.

James Barker, general passenger and ticket agent of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas spent yesterday in Kansas City.

Butts, the illustrated song singer at the Orpheum, uses a picture of the "Frisco" flyer in illustrating the verses of the song "My Father Was a Sailor on the Maine."

"Fighting Joe Hooker" Davidson, secretary of the local passenger agents' association, says he is getting fat, the railroads are all sticking to tariff and he does not have anything to worry him. He will start gymnasium work next week to keep down to weight.

Subscription books for the $1,000,000 unsold portion of the $5,000,000 Minneapolis & St. Louis first and refunding 4 per cent gold bonds opened at the office of Redmond, Kerr & Co. yesterday, and closed immediately, the amount offered being about ten times oversubscribed.

Mr. F. L. Harris, general agent of the Mobile & Ohio passenger department, was suddenly taken sick at his office on Tuesday afternoon, and was at once removed to a hotel for medical attendance. Yesterday he recovered sufficiently to be taken out to his residence, near Forest park.

The annual report just issued by the railroad commissioners of Ohio shows that passenger earnings in the state increased $396,922, or 2.39 per cent, for 1898. The freight earnings showed a gain of $7,163,590, or 16.609 per cent. The increase in combined freight and passenger business for the year was $7,559,512, or 12.829 per cent.

The Southern Pacific and Santa Fe have given notice that they will hereafter refuse to receive cars more than forty feet in length. The order will hold good through all the gateways, except as applying to cars for Washington and Oregon, to which territory they will very likely have to accept them on account of competition. Some cars on which agricultural implements are loaded are over fifty feet in length. It is very difficult for the Western roads to handle these extremely large cars on account of the tunnels, and, besides, they are not cars that can be advantageously loaded to be sent East again.

IMPOSINGLY SIMPLE.

Funeral Services of the Late W. A. Lawton—No Attempt at Eulogy or Ostentation.

With hymns which the dying man had chosen and a prayer and sermon, which, in accordance with the wish of the deceased, contained no word of eulogy; with the mute faces of the host of one-time friends and associates and the beautiful flowers, their offerings, speaking the praises that were forbidden the lips, all that is mortal of the late William A. Lawton was yesterday laid to rest. Mr. Lawton, who was well known in this city as one of its best and most enterprising young business men and citizens, died February 17 in the City of Mexico, whither he had gone in the hope of rallying from an attack of pneumonia which had come near ending his life in his home here. Upon the receipt of the news his sister, Miss Henrietta Lawton, of Kansas City, started at once for the scene of his death to see to the bringing back of the remains.

In compliance with the request of the deceased, the funeral, which was held at the First Congregational church, was a quiet one; a farewell by the nearest friends and relatives in which only the simplest ceremonies had a part. Full representations from the many business and social organizations of which Mr. Lawton was a member came, but only as mourning and sympathizing friends. The floral offerings were many, beautiful and rare, and filled the space in front of the pulpit and about the bier. After the funeral, only part of the flowers were left in the vault and the rest, in obedience to a suggestion which all knew the deceased would have approved, were taken and distributed among some of the hospitals of the city. The remains were laid in the vault at Elmwood cemetery, only the minister and the mourning family accompanying them.

At 2:30 o'clock, the appointed time, the church was filled with those whose relations had been so near with Mr. Lawton that they felt their presence would be in accordance with his wish. The choir sang the first of the two hymns which Mr. Lawton had chosen: "Abide With Me." Rev. Dr. Henry Hopkins, the pastor of the church, read from the Bible—Isaiah, lv:3—the verses beginning: "When thou passest through the waters I will be with thee, and thro' the rivers they shall not overflow thee"—and again from John 14:1: "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house there are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you"—and from Revelations: "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes and there shall be no more death."

Among the organizations represented by those of their members nearest associated with Mr. Lawton were the present and old boards of directors of the Karnival Krewe, the Typothetae, the Elks, the Woodmen of the World, the Sons of the Revolution, the Heptasophs and the pressmen and other employes of the firm of Lawton & Burnap.

The pallbearers were C. J. Schmelzer, J. C. Sherwood, A. D. L. Hamilton, Granville M. Walden, H. F. Lang and Walter S. Halliwell.

Death of Mrs. Emma Fowler.

Mrs. Emma Fowler, 43 years of age, and wife of H. S. Fowler, died at her home, 1627 Park, yesterday evening of cancer, after a long illness. She had lived in Kansas City for nine years and leaves her husband and one daughter. The funeral will be held from the residence Sunday and burial will be in Elmwood cemetery.

Mrs. Fowler was a woman of exceptional personality, endearing herself to many friends, who will be grieved to hear of her death.

Funeral of Mrs. W. T. Reed.

The remains of Mrs. W. T. Reed, who died in Phoenix, A. T., arrived in Kansas City yesterday morning. The funeral was held in the afternoon from the Carroll-Davidson undertaking parlors. The burial was in Elmwood cemetery.

J. E. Peterson, Mrs. Caroline Peterson and Mrs. Charles Dick, of Akron, O., arrived in Kansas City yesterday to attend the funeral.

HIS SKULL FRACTURED.

Robert Sandridge Thrown From a Wagon Four Miles West of Westport Yesterday.

Robert Sandridge, a 15-year-old negro boy who lives with his parents on a farm six miles west of Bonner Springs, is at the city hospital with a fractured skull and a broken arm. Young Sandridge was thrown from a wagon about four miles west of Westport yesterday afternoon and sustained the injuries which necessitated his removal to the hospital. The singletrees of the vehicle he was driving broke and let the tongue drop. The end of the tongue struck the ground while the team was going at a lively rate, and Sandridge pitched headforemost to the ground. He was picked up unconscious, was brought back to town and sent to police headquarters.

Sandridge's skull was fractured just above the left temple in such a manner that the scalp was not even lacerated. There was not so much as a scar or bruise on his head and no outward indication of the nature of the injury he had suffered. Physicians say that cases of this kind are exceedingly rare.

COUNTY BARGAIN SALE.

Treasurer Caskey Has Many "Snaps" to Offer in the Way of Old Judgments.

On the odds and ends counter in the county treasurer's office there are many old judgments which are for sale at almost any price. The sale opened yesterday morning and it will probably continue for two or three days. It was made possible by a law enacted by the legislature about a year ago providing for the levying of a tax upon all old judgments in district courts. Hundreds of old unpaid judgments were found on the dockets of the local courts and these constitute the assortment offered by Treasurer Caskey. After the new law was enacted practically all of the judgments which were thought to have a value were either settled or the taxes paid. Those now on sale are not appraised very high.

Programme at Greenwood Club.

Miss Eunice Wray, Fulton will conduct the programme at the Greenwood Club this evening. She will be assisted by Miss Fontaine, Miss Wortham and Mr. S. S. Gunlack, with Mrs. S. S. Gunlack as accompanist. The programme will be as follows:

Reading (Longfellow).
Reading, selected.
Song, "Gypsy Love Song," from "The Fortune Teller," S. S. Gunlack.
Reading, Miss Wortham.
Pantomime, "Famine," Martha Fontaine.
Reading (Shakespeare).
Reading (Riley).
Song, "Honor and Arms," S. S. Gunlack.
Reading, selected.
Pantomime, Miss Fontaine.
Half Hour of Humor, Miss Fulton.

Liberty's Postmaster Appointed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—(Special.) Andrew J. Robison was to-day appointed postmaster at Liberty, Mo., after a protracted canvass and considerable delay.

Mrs. Winslow's SOOTHING SYRUP for children teething softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pains, cures wind colic; 25c bottle.

CITY NEWS IN PARAGRAPH.

John Merkle, who runs a rooming house at 418 West Ninth street, Alice Kelly and Albert Munroe were arrested last night by Officer P. J. Murphy. Munroe went in the house to remove Alice Kelly's trunk and Merkle tried to scare him by firing a pistol in the air. Merkle gave bond and the others were locked up.

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Use Dr. Burkhart's Vegetable Compound Tablets, good for the kidneys and stomach, 25c; all druggists.

THEY ALL TALK LOTS

MONTHLY DINNER OF REAL ESTATE EXCHANGE.

Several Subjects of Interest to Real Estate Men Discussed—Some Needed Changes in Landlord and Tenant Laws.

Time was, in the memory of people now living, when the Kansas City real estate dealer who could afford three meals a day was in luck. That was in the days of the remarkable depression. But now the pendulum is swinging back and the Kansas City real estate dealer is not so much bothered as to how he will pay for three meals a day as he is to find time to eat them. Real estate business is active and growing more so every day. Probably to make certain that all shall take time to secure enough to sustain the powers of life the Kansas City Real Estate exchange has revived its practice of a monthly dinner for the members. Here all lay aside the cares and rush of business long enough to enjoy leisurely a sumptuous repast and afterward in social fashion to exchange views or discuss some matter of real estate interest.

One of these regular monthly dinners took place in the banquet room of the Coates last evening. About thirty members of the exchange sat down to the meal, which lasted from 6 o'clock until nearly 9.

Then President V. F. Boor, in the capacity of toastmaster, introduced George F. Putnam, the former president of the American National bank, who delivered an encouraging address on "The Position the Kansas City Real