

RAILROAD NEWS NOTES

Shop Men Laid Off Three Days.

The I. & G. N. shop men have been laid off for three days. This is something unusual, and something that was not expected. It is unfortunate all around. It works a great hardship on the wage-earner, and is hurtful to all the business interests of the city. It is also reported that the employees will be called upon to lose time right along now. It is presumed this is done with a view to economizing. From all accounts the road is still rushed with business, the rolling stock is in bad condition, and every hour of time of its employees is needed. It is certainly to be hoped this order of things will not be for long.

Banquet and Ball Thursday Night.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, sub-division No. 194, will enjoy with their invited friends a grand banquet and ball on Thursday evening, Oct. 31, at the city hall.

The dance will take place at the city hall, rather, but it has been arranged to spread the banquet at the Knights of Pythias hall.

Great preparations have been made for this affair, and its success is assured. The following committees have charge, and that is sufficient guarantee of its success:

Executive—Mr. S. E. Burkhead, chairman; Messrs. Samuel Manley, R. F. Wright, Thos. H. Motter, W. F. Converse, B. F. Ackerman, William Jander.

Reception—Mr. R. F. Wright, chairman; Messrs. and Mesdames B. F. Ackerman, S. C. Bradt, E. M. O'Connor, W. F. Converse, E. N. Rutledge, H. W. Reitch, S. E. Burkhead, J. F. Milton.

Floor and Music—Mr. E. M. O'Connor, chairman; Messrs. Frank Lacy, G. Dilley Broyles, Dan O'Connor, Jno. McRight, Fred Broyles, Geo. Price, F. F. Ludolph, Dr. R. H. McLeod, Dr. E. V. Converse.

Arrangements—Mr. L. H. Tarbuton, chairman; Messrs. W. B. Leach, J. H. Giddings, W. George, T. H. Temple, F. W. James, E. H. Payne, J. T. Buckingham, Geo. Wallace, M. Milton, L. N. Cook, W. G. Henson, L. E. Del-Homme.

Banquet—Mr. W. B. Cook, chairman; Messrs. and Mesdames Thos. H. Motter, Chas. Reitch, William Lyne, Adam Schnorr, M. T. Byrnes, Jno. Nall, W. A. Anderson, Samuel Manley, J. M. McMillan, E. B. Garress, Albert Kunkle, W. T. Murrell, M. A. Beavis, M. A. Goodrich; Mesdames D. W. Gillespie, William Jander, W. B. Cook, Osa Adkins, L. H. Tarbuton.

Decorations—Mr. H. M. Jones, chairman; Messrs. and Mesdames E. J. Sowell, J. P. Henry, J. W. Chamblee, C. L. McDonald, T. L. Griffith, J. W. Harrison, A. Mead, C. C. Shaw, C. C. Duncan, T. S. Parker, H. W. Rodrick, Hiram Muse, W. H. Parsons, R. P. Wardlow; Mrs. H. M. Jones.

Stole a Railroad.

The wholesale theft of a railway sounds like a large order, but it has been accomplished in Ireland, according to a story told yesterday before the Vice Regal Commission on Irish Railways.

A line was built between Birr and Portlanna in 1868. The Great Southern and Western worked the line until 1876, when it failed to renew the lease. The neighboring population then stole the railway. The telegraph wires went first and the rails followed in short order. Then the gates, buildings, in fact, the total equipment, were carried off. In the words of Deputy Lieutenant Trench, at present the bed of the railway alone survives.

This testimony was corrected, however, as a bridge spanning the river Brosna has up to the present escaped. A man, however, did come down with cranes and other appliances, intending to carry off the girders of the bridge, but the police station happened to be close by and the sergeant of police took it upon himself to prevent the man from taking the bridge away.—London Correspondent New York Sun.

Smokeless Locomotives Near.

Recent fuel tests made by the government indicate that it may be possible soon for locomotives to enter cities without emitting smoke of any quantity whatever from their stacks, says a report from Washington. In the hope that there will be an early solution of what is perhaps the most difficult problem in the elimination of the smoke nuisance of the big cities of the country, these tests are to be continued in co-operation with the government fuel testing plant, at Norfolk, Va., and various railroads.

If the results verify what has been done before, this big move forward will be hailed with great acclaim by those pioneers in the crusade for purer air, for the smoke made by passenger, freight and switch engines within the confines of the great municipalities, has constituted, in many instances, the greater part of the suburban evil.

Recent tests indicate that a fuel

made from slack coal pressed into briquettes not only burns almost without smoke, but also evaporates more steam and produces more power under the same boilers than does the same quantity of coal. These briquettes are made by taking the waste or slack coal from mines and mixing it with sufficient tar to make the coal hold together, the whole being pressed into blocks or cakes by machinery.

Ethics of Transportation.

A Western railroad man tells of a road in Arkansas built long ago, a road that had all the weaknesses to which neglected systems are exposed. The ballast was thin, the grades heavy and the ties rotten. Nearly all the passengers traveling this road provided themselves with accident policies, although as a matter of fact, there was not much danger, as the trains were not given to sprinting and the regular accidents used to occur without very serious results. Trainmen had by long practice learned when to jump, and the passengers, by following their example, fared just as well.

The fastest train went at the rate—when the wind was not unfavorable—of ten miles an hour, and so was called the Little Rock Express.

One day the Little Rock Express jumped the track and went tearing into a cornfield. While the rest of the trainmen were sitting in the shade, waiting for the wreck train, the conductor came up, saying to the engineer:

"Bill, I am afraid you're in for it this time. I miss my guess if you don't get fired for this."

"Ah, gwan!" exclaimed Bill, "it wasn't my fault. It was the fault of the rotten old road. Besides, we get derailed on an average of three times a week. The superintendent wouldn't know what to think if we kept the rack for ten days running."

"That's all right, Bill," rejoined the conductor, "but you're off the wrong way. So long as you keep on the right of way, it doesn't matter much; but we have no business in this man's cornfield, and you know it."—Exchange.

TEXAS NEWS NOTES.

A political scrap is not wanted as one of the attractions at the San Antonio fair.

The legislative committee of commercial secretaries meets in Dallas today.

Agricultural and Mechanical football team defeated the Haskell Indians by a score of 5 to 0.

The body of Fred Dittma was found hanging from a door knob at his home in Dallas.

The State Humane Society met in Dallas and elected officers.

The Five Million Club at the Dallas meeting selected Amarillo for the next meeting place.

A Texarkana, Ark., man seeks to sell liquor in Texas and asks permission to file petition for mandamus against controller.

Request is made at San Augustine by Capt. Rogers for more rangers.

Judge Kittrell held in the case of J. I. McCracken, wanted for forgery in Illinois, that he is not a fugitive.

Two section men were seriously hurt in a cutting scrape at Fairbanks Sunday.

A prohibition campaign is on in Williamson county.

A Knockdown Argument.

A suburban school just opening for the season was composed of both city and country children. The teacher selected eight boys to debate the subject "Which is Preferable, Country or City Life?"

After they had read many arguments with much enthusiasm Country Hugh laid down his paper and said: "Mr. President, they don't know what they're talkin' about. The city boy knows nothin' about 'going to town,' and that beats anything I know."—Ladies' Home Journal.

The Old Romans.

Do you know that the Roman mortar was harder than the stones which it held together? It is a remarkable thing that we do not know how to make mortar like that now. And what an eye those old Romans had for position! It is a pity that some historical writer doesn't write a romance with Julius Caesar as the central figure. Shakespeare seems to be the only author who has done anything of that sort really well.—London Captain.

Cold Comfort.

"I have no money," the man complained. "You have been given," responded Jupiter, "a sense of humor instead." "To what end?" "That you may enjoy watching those who have."—Editor.

False.

Miss Rondlack—How dare you tell people my hair is bleached? You know it is false? Miss Ravenwing—Yes, dear, I know it is. I told them it was bleached before you got it.—London Telegraph.

His Version.

Sunday School Teacher—Freddy, do you remember the precept about sparing the rod? Small Freddy—Yes, ma'am. Spare the rod and lose the fish.—New York Globe.

NEWS NOTES OF THE COUNTY

AS TO FALSE REPORTS.

Brother Farmers of Anderson Co. Do not become alarmed at the low price of cotton and dump it on the depressed market, thereby bearing the market yourself.

Don't believe and become alarmed at the false reports and statements that are continually being made by excited, unreliable and unscrupulous parties, whose sole purpose it is to scare the farmers, hoping that they will sell while prices are low, by telling and writing all kinds of rot and slush.

A report was circulated in my part of the county that all the banks in Palestine, and especially the First National, was refusing to loan money on warehouse cotton, and being in Palestine on the 25th I called on President Gooch of the First National Bank and had a long talk with him. He informed me that no such refusals had been made by his bank, and I also learned that no other bank in the city had made any such refusals.

Such falsehoods as these are doing an injustice to both the farmers and bankers of our county. There are other reports being made both verbally and through the press, that the leaders and officers of the Farmers' Union of Texas had fallen down and had sold out the organization and were advising the farmers to sell their cotton.

I am in a position to say that all this is false, but to the contrary are still in the fight and advising, yea, pleading with the farmers to hold their cotton for the union's minimum price.

So, don't be scared, for there are enough farmers in the South who are holding cotton to force the market to the minimum. Do not listen to these falsehoods that are being circulated, for no other purpose than to disrupt the farmers and get them to turn dumper and become a real bear on the market.

JOE E. EDMONDSON.

Slocum, Texas, Oct. 28.

ELKHART FARMERS' UNION.

Dear Herald:

Learning of a report in circulation in Palestine that this local Farmers' Union was dead since one of its members had withdrawn, the Union on last Saturday in an adjourned meeting passed a resolution requesting its secretary to write for your columns a true statement of its condition. Our local, No. 4142, was organized in February, 1907, by J. L. Armstrong, and duly chartered by the Farmers' Union of Texas, with fifteen members. Our meetings have been on the first and third Saturdays of each month from that date till now, missing one date only, that of Oct. 21, which in consequence of the unavoidable absence of the secretary, was adjourned to Saturday, the 26th day of October, when the union met in full force and harmoniously transacted all business coming up, one item being the initiation of three new members, another the receiving of applications for four more.

Our present membership is thirty, and our local is earnest, enthusiastic and solidly determined to stand for the principles of the order, and to push its purposes to accomplishment so far as our actions and our lives may be able to do.

One of our members desired to engage in the buying of cotton seed in a way that we thought was not in accord with the principles of our order, and finding the local of that opinion, he asked permission to withdraw, which was granted in kindness and without discord or the least interruption to the harmony, prosperity and onward march of our local.

We doubt if there is in Anderson county a local more alive, more deeply interested in the Farmers' Union, more determined to stand by it and for it, and with it, whether it "sink or swim," live or die, survive or perish, than Elkhart Union No. 4142.

At the last county union, held at Slocum, Elkhart asked the honor of having the next county union with its local union, and was favored in its request. When that county union meets, our brethren from other parts of Anderson county will find us here, alive, ready, warm, determined, full of vim and hospitality, and while we are wanting a full membership we do not want them so badly that we will either receive them or keep them if they desire to do business in a way which we think could tend only to the hurt, if not the destruction, of our Farmers' Union.

Most truly,
J. G. H. BUCK,
Secretary and Treasurer Elkhart Local No. 4142.

CHURCH NOTICE.

I wish to call attention again to our quarterly conference, which meets at Neches next Saturday and Sunday.

Brother Smith is to preach Saturday at 11 o'clock and Sunday night.

My subject for 11 o'clock Sunday will be: "The Origin and Progress of Methodism."

Everybody cordially invited to attend these services.

W. W. HORNER, Pastor.

SHEPHERD CARVERS.

The Lonely Sheep Tenders of the California Sierras.

There are few lonelier lives in the world than those lived by shepherds in the high meadows of the California Sierras. All alone they follow their sheep, seeing no one for many months of the year but the sheep, their dogs and perhaps an occasional—a very occasional—traveler. Probably this solitude dries up the springs of speech for they are said to be very silent when they do encounter any one.

One of these strange men is a Basque from the Pyrenees. A lean, dark visaged, ragged fellow, he is now and then overtaken by some wanderer in the mountains. Along the trail before him his sheep feed. His mongrel collie hangs at his heels. He may raise his stick in mute salutation; he may slouch by without a sign. Yet this uncouth being has one talent—he can carve. His amusement is carving quaint sheep buckles out of bone. Every herd has its bellwether, about whose neck hangs a bell. The bell depends from a leather collar, and it is the buckles of these collars that this old Basque shepherd and some of these other Sierra shepherds make in the course of their lonely days. Sometimes a buckle represents a summer's work, for some of them are very elaborate. Some are in the semblance of saints or angels, some have the monograms of the sheep owners or of the shepherds in curious designs. All are patiently cut, bit by bit, with the pocketknife of the shepherd.—Exchange.

DIET AND SLEEP.

Eating Before Retiring and Digestion During Slumber.

Diet has little influence on sleep except in so far as it may produce disturbances of digestion and through these of the general balance of health.

The hypnotic effects of certain foods, such as onions, lettuce, milk, etc., are chiefly imaginary. Even the time of the last meal of the day is of relatively little importance except that it is well to let this be at least two or three hours before retiring. But even this rule has many exceptions, as many healthy laboring men habitually fall asleep over their pipes directly after supper, and children after poking the spoon into their little eyes and off over the tea table, with the bread and butter still clutched in their chubby fists.

The processes of digestion probably go on more slowly during sleep, but they are perfectly carried out, as is illustrated by the almost invariable habit among animals of going to sleep directly after a meal.

Indeed, a moderate amount of food in the stomach or intestines seems to promote slumber. Many night workers, for instance, sleep much better for taking a light or even full supper just before retiring.—Dr. Woods Hutchinson in American Magazine.

The Tenors' Parts.

Probably the composers are largely responsible for tenor worship. In Verdi's operas, with hardly an exception, the tenor plays a more important part than the baritone or bass, and the same is true of other opera writers. Mozart's "Don Giovanni" being a notable exception. Wagner wrote one opera, "The Flying Dutchman," in which the baritone is king, whereas in six of his works the supremacy of the tenor is indicated by the very titles—"Rienzi," "Tannhauser," "Lohengrin," "Tristan und Isolde," "Siegfried," "Parsifal." This being so, we shall probably continue to be subject to the tyranny of one tenor or another, unless it be true, as was maintained at a convocation of French savants, that the tenor voice is a relic of barbarism, destined to become extinct.—Argonaut.

Poems, Pictures and Songs.

It takes all kinds of people to make up a world and all kinds of poetry to make up a world literature. Despite the efforts of the critics to lay down definite canons of judgment for literary, pictorial and musical art, most of us continue to like a poem, a picture or a song for no better reason than because we like it. It appeals to us, and if it does that it is for us a true poem, picture or song. Whether it is to be classed among the great products of art is another question. That depends upon the universality and permanence of the appeal it makes.—Current Literature.

Trifling Favors.

Mrs. Jones—That old maid next door is the most brazen borrower I know! Mrs. Brown—Indeed! Mrs. Jones—Yes. Why, only yesterday she came over to inquire if she could borrow my husband for an hour to clean her sewing machine, thrash a man who had insulted her and discharge her cook.—London Scraps.

Pretty Bad.

"Well," asked Stunjay, "what do you think of the cigar?" My doctor especially recommended that brand to me." "H'm!" coughed Knox. "So he wants to cure you of the tobacco habit, eh?"—Philadelphia Press.

Her Mission.

"She always reminds me of a public office." "That's curious." "Not so very. She's continually seeking the man, you know."—Chicago Record-Herald.

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CITATION.

The State of Texas.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Anderson County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Willy Blackman by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 3rd Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 3rd Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Anderson county, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Palestine, on the 4th Monday in November, A. D. 1907, the same being the 25th day of November, A. D. 1907, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 2nd day of October, A. D. 1907, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 7652, wherein Lina Blackman is plaintiff, and Willy Blackman is defendant, and said petition alleging:

That plaintiff and defendant were legally married in the year 1887 and lived together as husband and wife until the year 1889, when defendant, without cause or provocation on part of plaintiff, abandoned plaintiff and has never returned or lived with plaintiff since said date.

Wherefore plaintiff prays that defendant be cited to answer herein, and upon final hearing she be granted judgment for divorce, costs suit, and to such other and further relief to which she may be entitled, both general and special.

Herein fail not, but have before said Court at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return

thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, Jno. F. Brown, Clerk of the District Court of Anderson County.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Palestine, this the 25th day of Oct., A. D. 1907. (L. S.) JNO. F. BROWN, Clerk, District Court Anderson Co.

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