**Missouri Pacific Time Table.**

Arrival and departure of passenger trains at Butler Station.

NORTH BOUND

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| Passenger, | 4:47 a. m. |
| Passenger, | 2:42 p. m. |
| Passenger, | 9:15 p. m. |
| Local Freight | 11:20 a. m. |

SOUTH BOUND

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| Passenger, | 7:16 a. m. |
| Passenger, | 1:55 p m. |
| Passenger, | 9:55 p. m. |
| Local Freight | 1:55 p. m. |


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## THE MARGAY CAT.

**An Interesting Member of the Feline Race and Its Peculiarities.**

The Margay, or American tiger cat, is a little smaller than the ocelot and not quite so handsome. The legs and feet are spotted in true leopard fashion, but the shoulders, sides and back are plentifully besprinkled with small, irregular rosettes or else big black blotches, which on the shoulders are lengthened into semi-circular bands. The ground color is bright tawny above and lighter below. A specimen in the American museum of natural history measures twenty-four inches in length of head and body; tail, ten inches, and height at the shoulder, ten and one-half inches. Of all the American Felidæ, writes W. T. Hornaday in St. Nicholas, the Margay cat approaches nearest to the domestic cat in temper and habits. In South America, where it is commonest, it is often tamed and allowed the freedom of a house because of the rats it exterminates. It is said to make, when caught young and well treated, a very docile animal. In its wild state, however, it is death on poultry and young pigs, and wherever a house stands at the edge of its jungle home it makes itself a great nuisance. I once shot a bold and audacious specimen on the Essequibo river in South America about midday as it was in the very act of carrying off a duckling from a spot within thirty yards of the house.

The home of the Margay cat is in the heavy, low-lying forests of tropical America, from the state of Vera Cruz, in Mexico, southward through the whole of Central and South America to Paraguay. Even hunters seldom see it save along the margins of watercourses, a very favorite resort for forest dwellers generally.

## SHE SNICKERED.

**A Case Where the Astrology Racket Did Not Work.**

The brown-eyed, blonde young woman from the west had charmed a swell young man with her large and commodious fortune, and he was doing all in his power to win her, says the Detroit Free Press. She wasn't a fool by a great deal, and that made it ninety per cent. more difficult for him, and forced him to develop all his resources. At last he struck upon a plan which he thought had the prize package in it.

"I have never told you," he said to her one evening, "that long before I ever saw you fate had directed me to you."

"Indeed?" she responded, so sincerely that his heart beat faster, and her face blushed at the compliment.

"Yes, and it came about in a remarkable way. Just for fun, one day, I consulted an astrologist, and she told me that I would never care for any woman until I had met one who was then only a schoolgirl, a beautiful, golden-haired creature, with wonderful brown eyes, whose home was toward the setting sun. I laughed at the prophecy, but I found that the words of the seer were true, for I never cared for any woman until I saw you."

Then he stopped, embarrassed and palpitating, thinking she would fall into his arms. But she did not; on the contrary, she snickered.

"Are you sure your astrological friend spoke of a golden-haired schoolgirl?" she asked.

"How could I ever forget?" he responded, intensely.

"You couldn't, probably," she twittered; "only, when I was a schoolgirl I wasn't golden-haired. I've only been using blondine for the last year, don't you know?" And then a heavy weight seemed to fall on him and he staggered away.

## TRAINED FOR FIVE YEARS.

**How the Fighting Bulls of Spain Are Prepared for the Ring.**

The bulls used for fighting purposes are a specially selected, specially cared-for class, says a writer in the Fortnightly Review. They are all pedigreed. Andalusia is especially the district of the bull. Here, at the age of one year, the young bulls are separated from the heifers, branded with the owner's mark, and turned out loose on the plains to graze with others of their own age. When a year older, the young bulls are gathered together in order that their mettle and fighting qualities may be tested. One of them is separated from the herd and chased by a man on horseback, who, by the skillful use of a blunted lance, overthrows the escaping bull, whereupon another rider comes in front of the animal with a sharper lance to withstand the expected attacks. If the bull, on regaining his feet, attacks the rider twice it is passed as a fighting animal, but if it turns tail and runs off then it is set aside to be killed or to be used in agricultural work. And so with each animal until the whole herd of two-year-olds has been tested. Each bull that has stood the test successfully is then entered in the herd book with a description of its appearance and receives a name. The process of careful selection goes on from year to year until the bull is five years old, when, should its mettle still prove true, it is ready for the arena, and flaming posters appear on the walls of Madrid or Seville announcing that Espartero (or whatever his name is) will on such a date make his first and final appearance. A good, "warrantable" five-year-old bull for the fighting arena costs from three hundred and fifty to four hundred dollars.

**Some Queer Creatures.**

Not only do certain animals adopt the color of things about them, but change their habits and the requirements of their nervous system. Thus a Malay butterfly is well known, which imitates the appearance of a dead leaf on a twig, even to the extent of a transparent spot on its wings, to represent the hole nibbled by insects. A certain spider, a class of careful workers, spins a slovenly web, so that its own body may have a proper surrounding for imitating particles blown in by the wind. Certain fishes stand upright in the water to represent rushes.

## GROWN BY THE ANCIENTS.

**Asparagus Is a Vegetable with Something of a Pedigree.**

Of all the plants used for food, there is none which has been so long known, or has had, so to say, so distinguished a lineage as asparagus, says Chambers' Journal. Its record, in fact, reaches back to almost the commencement of authentic history, as it is mentioned by the comic poet Cratinus, who died about 425 B. C., and was a contemporary of, though slightly older than, Aristophanes.

Among the Romans, also, the tasty vegetable was held in high esteem. Cato the elder—not the gentleman who was of opinion that Plato reasoned well, but his great-grandfather, who insisted upon the destruction of Carthage, and who was born 234 B. C.—wrote a work which is still extant, "De Re Rustica," and in it he treats at length of the virtues and proper cultivation of asparagus. Pliny, also, in his "Natural History," (about 60 A. D.), has much to say on the subject. "Of all the productions of your garden," he feelingly observes, "your chief care will be your asparagus," and he devotes several chapters and parts of chapters to its many beneficent qualities and the best modes of raising it.

He asserts that, even in his day, the soil about Ravenna was so favorable to its production that three heads grown in that district had been known to weigh a Roman pound. As, however, this pound seems to have been equal to only about eleven of our ounces, it would apparently have required four of the stocks to reach a pound of our weight; but this result, considering the state of horticulture in those days, may be looked upon as wonderful enough, and has, in point of fact, only been equaled in our own times.

## THE FLYING FISH.

**Some Interesting Facts Concerning This Curious Creature.**

A very common error made in natural histories where this fish is mentioned is that it does not fly. "Its supposed flight is nothing more than a prolonged leap; it cannot deviate from a straight line, and cannot rise a second time without entering the water." This, briefly, is the sort of thing one meets with in textbooks where reference is made to this fish.

The simplest way of dealing with it is the professor's method of answering the query of the French academy whether their definition of a crab was correct. The story is so well known that it does not need repetition. As the result of personal observation extending over a good many years, I assert that the exocetus does fly.

I have often seen, says a writer in Chambers' Magazine, a flying fish rise two hundred yards off, describe a semi-circle, and, meeting the ship, rise twenty feet in the air perpendicularly, at the same time darting off at right angles to its previous course. Then, after another long flight, when just about to enter the water, the gaping jaws of a dolphin emerging from the sea gave it pause and it rose again, returning almost directly upon its former course. This procedure is so common that it is a marvel it is not more widely known.

A flying fish of mature size can fly a thousand yards. It does not flap its fins as a bird, but they vibrate, like the wings of an insect, with a distinct hum. The only thing which terminates its flight involuntarily is the drying of its fin membranes and their consequent stiffening.

## BEAUTY IN AGE.

**An Old Lady Who Believes in Being Always Cheerful.**

A dear old lady of eighty-three is she who is described by Kate Sanborn, in "A Truthful Woman in Southern California," as "Grandma Wade." She says:

I have known several interesting octogenarians, but never one that surpassed her in loveliness, wit and positive jollity. She still has her ardent admirers among men as well as women, and now and then receives an earnest proposal from some lonely old fellow. The last of these aged lovers, when refused and relegated to the position of a brother, urged her to reconsider the matter and make it a subject of prayer. But she quietly said:

"I'm not going to bother the Lord with questions I can answer myself!"

One day when she was choked by a bread crumb at the table, she said to the frightened waiter, as soon as she could regain her breath:

"Never mind if that did go down the wrong way. A great many good things have gone down the right way this winter."

She is invariably cheerful, and when she was parting with her son for the winter, she said:

"Well, John, I want to know before you go just what you have left me in your will."

This little joke turned a tear into a smile.

Even when ill, she is so bright and hopeful that a friend once exclaimed:

"Grandma, I do believe you would laugh if you were dying!"

"Well," said she, "so many folks go to the Lord with a long face, I guess He will be glad to see me come to Him smiling!"

**A Striking Outfit.**

Sir Thomas Robinson, a wealthy Englishman of the last century, was a tall, uncouth man, and his appearance was rendered still more striking by his hunting dress, which consisted of a tight green jacket, buckskin breeches and a fur cap. He once set off in his hunting suit to pay a visit to his sister in Paris, and he arrived at the house while there was a large company at dinner. The servant announced "Monsieur Robinson," and in walked this remarkable figure, to the amazement of the guests. One of them, a French abbe, lifted his fork three times to his mouth and each time laid it down without tasting the food. Unable at last to restrain his curiosity he burst out eagerly: "Excuse me, monsieur, are you the famous Robinson Crusoe, so remarkable in history?"

## AMUSING BLUNDERS.

**Desperate Situations of Diffident Young Orators.**

Some amusing examples of unintentional transpositions are given in a recently-published collection of "Bulls and Blunders." Slips of the kind usually result from nervousness rather than from ignorance, but it is a question which was responsible in the case of the pompous colored preacher who told his flock that it was "easier for a camel to go through the knee of an idol than for a rich man to enter Heaven."

Not so in the case of the courtly and cultivated George William Curtis, who, it is said, was so overcome with stage fright when he commenced his first lecture that instead of the reference to the bottomless pit which he intended to make, he astonished his hearers by beginning tremulously:

"Ladies and gentlemen, the pittomless bott—!"

The crowning specimen of ludicrous helplessness in the face of elusive syllables is that of the unfortunate speaker who, at a pathetic point of his address, when his hero was about to undergo a heartrending parting from home and friends, uttered, in his most melting voice:

"Biddy, diddy—"

He stopped confused; flushed, set his mouth and tried again, with a difficult resumption of the interrupted pathos:

"Diddy, biddy—"

Something was wrong still. He grew scarlet, perspired, and gasped forth a third attempt, not more intelligible. His hearers could none of them interpret it. It might be High German, or it might be a Mother Goose refrain:

"Diddy, hiddy, biddy doo!"

The situation was desperate; but the persistent orator rallied, paused until he had fully recovered his self-control, and trying once more, with slow utterance and distinct enunciation, conquered at length the simple phrase which had overthrown him. He said:

"Did he bid adieu?"

## ODD BOX OFFICE RECEIPTS.

**Pigs, Poultry, Cocoanuts and Fruit in Payment for a Concert in the Pacific.**

There is no more interesting subject of study than currency. People do not realize how difficult it would be to get along without it. Some years ago, says a writer in the Washington Star, Mlle. Zelle, of the Theater Lyrique, at Paris, on a professional tour around the world, gave a concert at the Society islands, in the South Pacific. It was arranged that in payment for an air from "Norma" and three or four other selections she was to get one-third of the receipts. Her share consisted of 3 pigs, 23 turkeys, 44 chickens, 5,000 cocoanuts and considerable quantities of bananas, lemons and oranges. The live stock and produce would have represented a value of about 4,000 francs in the markets of her native city, but it was hardly practicable to dispose of the former off-hand and the latter had to be fed to the pigs and poultry. A joint stock company, known as the African Barter company, limited, now existing in London, carries on a great business on the west coast of Africa entirely by bartering European manufactures for palm oil, gold dust, ivory, coffee, gum and other raw products. Eggs have been in circulation in lieu of money in the Alpine villages of Switzerland. Nails have been similarly employed in Scotland, dried codfish in Newfoundland, whales' teeth in the Fiji islands, mats of rice straw in Angola, salt in Abyssinia, beeswax in Sumatra, red feathers in the isles of the Pacific, tea in Tartary and iron hoes in Madagascar. A century ago tobacco was made legal tender in Virginia. When women were imported into that colony for wives for the settlers 100 pounds of tobacco per head was charged for them, the price being subsequently raised to 150 pounds.

## A PLEASANT EXPERIENCE.

**An Old Lady's Story of Being Held in Washington's Arms.**

In Dr. Mines' volume of reminiscences, "A Tour Around New York," the author devotes a paragraph to the attractions of Battery park, and adds a pleasing little story of a time before his own:

I remember a dear old lady who loved to talk about this park and tell of the people she had met here and the scenes she had witnessed; and of these one man and one morning's adventure stood out most prominently.

A little thing in white, her nurse had brought her to the park to witness a civic ceremony, and the crowd prevented her from obtaining a good view of the pageant.

As, with a child's impatience, she tried to press through the throng, a tall and handsome elderly gentleman, clad in a suit of black velvet and with a dress sword at his side, stooped down to her, inquired pleasantly about her trouble, and then lifted her upon his shoulder and held her there until the procession had passed.

Delighted with what she saw, the child thought little about the gentleman who had brushed away her trouble, but thanked him when he released her with a kiss and set her down upon the ground. As he moved away, the nurse, in an awestruck voice, asked the child if she knew whose arms had held her, and then told her that it was President Washington. The little eyes watched him out of sight, and never forgot his stately appearance.

I think dear old Mrs. Atterbury was prouder of having been the heroine of this incident than of all the social honors that afterward fell to her lot.

**The German Wife-Beater.**

In Germany when a man is convicted of beating his wife he is allowed to continue his work, is looked after by the police, and arrested every Saturday and locked up until Monday morning, when he is again delivered over to his employer. His wages are given to his wife. If he won't work he is taken to jail, where he has to work harder than outside.


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Convention Concatenated Order of Hoo Hoo at Kansas City, Sept. 9 and 10, 1894, round trip tickets one and one-third fare, on certificate plan.

State Meeting Farmers & Laborers Union at Pertle Springs Mo., Aug. 26 to 28, ticket will be sold at rate of $2.20 for round trip limited to Aug. 1st

Missouri Inter-State Fair and Priest of Pallas Parade, Kansas City, Mo., Oct 1 to 7, tickets will be sold at one fare for round trip, limited to Oct. 8th.

Johnson County Fair, Holden, Mo., Aug. 27 to 31, round trip tickets $2, limited to Sep. 1.

Anderson County Fair at Garnett, Kansas, Sept. 4 to 7, 1894, tickets will be sold at $2.55 for round trip, limited to return Sept. 8th.

Miami County Fair, Paola, Kansas, Sept. 25 to 28, tickets will be sold at $2 20 for round trip, limited for return to Sept. 29th, 1894.

Rob Morris Inter-State Picnic Association (Masonic order) at Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 31, 1894, tickets will be sold at $2.30 for round trip limited to Sept. 1st.

National Encampment, G. A. R. Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 10 to 15, 1894, tickets will be sold on September 8th and 9th at $20 85 round trip, limited to Sept. 25. Passengers permitted to make one stop on the return at any intermediate point designated

State Democratic Press association at Pertle Springs, Mo. Sept. 7 and 8, 1894, tickets will be sold at $2.20 for round trip, limited for return to Sept. 10th.

Southwest Missouri Conference of the M. E. church, south, at Jefferson City, Mo. Sept. 18 to 25, tickets will be sold at one and one-third fare for round trip, on certificate plan.

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**Trustee's Sale.**

Whereas Freeman Short and Betty Short his wife, by their deed of trust dated February 25, 1889, and recorded in the recorder's office within and for Bates county, Missouri, in book No. 86 page 532, conveyed to John B Brugler, trustee, the following described real estate lying and being situate in the county of Bates and state of Missouri, to-wit:

All of lot thirteen (13) in the northeast quarter of section two (2) township thirty-nine (39) range thirty-three (33); also commencing twenty-five and (6-10) rods west of the southeast corner of lot nine (9) of the northeast quarter of section two (2) township thirty-nine (39) range thirty-three (33) thence west twenty-one (32-100) rods, thence north seventy-five rods, thence east twenty-one (32-100) rods, thence south seventy-five rods to beginning; containing fifty-two (52) acres more or less, which conveyance was made in trust to secure the payment of ten coupon notes fully described in said deed of trust and whereas default has been made in the payment of the principal of said note and coupons attached; now past due and unpaid; and whereas said deed of trust provided that in case said John B Brugler was absent or unable to act as trustee, then the then acting sheriff of Bates county, Missouri, should act in his stead. And whereas the said trustee, John B Brugler refuses to act as said trustee. Now therefore, at the request of the legal holder of said note and pursuant to the conditions of said deed of trust, I, D A Colyer, sheriff of Bates county, Missouri, acting as trustee aforesaid, will proceed to sell the above described premises at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash at the east front door of the court house in the city of Butler, county of Bates and state of Missouri, on

Friday, September 7, 1894,

between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, for the purposes of satisfying said debt, interest and costs. D. A. COLYER, Sheriff of Bates County, Acting Trustee.

**Trustee's Sale.**

Whereas J. B Mekeal and Emma E. Mekeal his wife, by their deed of trust dated August 7th, 1890, and recorded in the recorder's office within and for Bates county, Missouri, in book No. 26 page 592 conveyed to the undersigned trustee the following described real estate lying and being situate in the county of Bates and state of Missouri, to-wit:

The south half of the north half of the southwest quarter of section eighteen (18) in township forty-two (42), of range thirty (30) containing forty (40) acres more or less which conveyance was made in trust to secure the payment of one certain note fully described in said deed of trust; and whereas default has been made in the payment of said note, now past due and unpaid. Now, therefore, at the request of the legal holder of said note and pursuant to the conditions of said deed of trust, I will proceed to sell the above described premises at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash at the east front door of the court house, in the city of Butler, county of Bates and state of Missouri, on

Saturday September 15, 1894,

between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, for the purposes of satisfying said debt, interest and costs.

40 4t J. D. ALLEN, Trustee.

**Administrator's Notice**

Notice is hereby given, that letters of administration on the estate of G W Cowley, were granted to the undersigned on the 23d day of August 1894, by the probate court of Bates county, Missouri.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them for allowance to the administrator within one year after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of said estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within two years from the date of this publication, they shall be forever barred. This 23d day of August, 1894.

J. N. CHAMBERS, Administrator.