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BLUE-BLOODED CATS

TABBY FANCIERS WILL GIVE THEIR ANNUAL SHOW THIS MONTH

WITH THE POULTRY EXHIBIT

Many Aristocratic Felines Have Been Entered in Different Events and Valuable Prizes Will Be Awarded.

St. Paul's second annual cat show will be held in connection with the exhibition of the Minnesota State Poultry association Jan. 29 to Feb. 4. The arrangements for the cat department are in charge of Mrs. Knox Bacon, who will be assisted by Mrs. Edward W. Nettleton. This show is given under the auspices of the Beresford Cat Club of America, the national authority on cats, and the publisher of the only cat registry book in this country.

Mrs. Bacon is vice president for Minnesota of the Beresford Cat club, and during the show will organize for this state an auxiliary of the parent club.

There are now many valuable cats owned in and around St. Paul, and at this exhibition fanciers can compare their cats and have them rated with others of their kind in this and other cities.

The judge will be Mrs. Charles Hamptone Lane, of Chicago, first vice president of the Beresford Cat club, and a recognized authority on cats. She will judge the Cincinnati show this year, and next year assumes entire charge of the Cleveland show, the largest held in this country.

A large number of prize-winning cats will be shown, and many entries are assured from a distance. It is a show where owners of short-haired cats are to receive the same attention for their pets as do those who have long-haired felines. The premium list, about to be issued, will note that cash prizes are to be paid by the association to exhibitors who win in various classes. A long list of special prizes are offered for winners in both long and short-haired classes.

The Beresford Cat club offers a silver medal for the best cat, another medal for the best long haired cat in the show. Mrs. Clinton Locke, of Chicago, offers a beautiful silver feeding tray for best long-haired female in the show. Mrs. Colburn, of Chicago, offers a year's subscription to a cat paper. Mrs. Josiah Crotty and Mrs. C. H. Lane, both of Chicago, offer special prizes. Field and Fancy offers two annual subscriptions, one each for long and short-haired cats. Mrs. J. H. Smith, 772 Marshall avenue, contributes a beautiful Japanese cracker jar.

Several special cash prizes are offered for neuter cats in both short and long-haired classes. Many other special prizes are offered by local merchants and are printed in the association catalogue.

Clochette Will Be on View.

Mrs. Bacon will exhibit "Clochette," her famous pure white Angora, descended from a long line of prize-winning ancestors. "Clochette" is the mother of a number of well known Northwestern cats. "Col. Lovely," a beautiful silver tabby, will receive callers at the show. He is a grandson of "Paris," the famous cat who has won first in 100 shows. "Prince Ruffles," one year old, a son of "Clochette" and "Col. Lovely," will be on exhibition, as will also "Reynard," the rare red-coated cat. This feline is a unique specimen, and is shown for the first time in the Northwest. These are all cats of registered pedigree. Mrs. Edward Nettleton will show her $500 white Angora, "Lady Annis," descended from aristocratic stock, and to be shown for the first time in the West. "Lovely Bois," bred by Mrs. Crotty in Chicago, is a pure white Angora, with a superb coat and tail, a daughter of "Eiger," who has just won first prize in the Detroit cat show. "Billie," another white Angora, has blue eyes and is the only one of his kind in St. Paul. He was born in Eau Claire, Wis., and has Mrs. Crotty's "Eiger" for his grandsire.

Mrs. S. W. Fradenburg, of Marshall avenue, will exhibit Prince John, a royal white Angora, one year old, with beautiful coat, collar and tail. He is one of the most aristocratic felines in St. Paul, and is a son of Mrs. Bacon's "Col. Lovely" and "Clochette." Mr. J. Arlington Gilbert, of Tau Gallie, Fla., will show his "Don Fernando" and "Donna Isabella," both pure white Angora's. They are an imported pair. The male has rich blue eyes and perfect hearing, which seldom accompanies blue eyes. "Donna Isabella" will be at home with her family of kittens about eight weeks old at the time of the exhibition. "Whiskers" is to be shown by Miss Brown, and "Minnetti" by Miss Cummings. The entry list contains the names of many additional fanciers, who will show their pet cats. The association is having cages made which are furnished free to exhibitors. Cats will also be fed and cared for under the personal direction of the superintendent and her assistants. Dr. Richard Price will attend the cats free of charge to exhibitors if his services should be needed.

Entry blanks and other information concerning the show will be supplied by Mrs. Bacon.

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AROUND THE HOTELS.

At the Merchants—George Barclay, Miles City; J. A. Bacon, Grand Forks; John Symour, Cooperstown; James Cassedy, Fargo; J. H. Engle and wife, Spencer; George M. L. Erwin, Aberdeen; John F. Schick, Jackson; Donald Grant, Faribault; Paul W. Barney, Mankato; Hattie R. Gilmore, Mapleton; W. T. Street, Bemidji; W. T. Shea, Owatonna.

At the Ryan—R. Sykes, Sykeston; B. F. Staples and wife, W. Robbecke, Thief River Falls; George R. Laybourne, Duluth.

At the Windsor—J. K. Brady, Dodge Center; E. Marsh, Elbow Lake; Fred Harris, Duluth; N. K. Simmons and wife, Red Wing; G. W. Smith, Duluth; C. L. Brown, Morris; Fred Billings, Lee Billings, Sauk Center; Matt McCarthy, York.

At the Metropolitan—Mrs. G. W. Irwin, Ellendale, N. D.; Miss Mabel Irwin, Ellendale, N. D.; Miss French, Rochester, Minn.; D. L. Fairchild, Duluth; M. A. Walker, Superior; W. Chanery, Worthington, Minn.; A. G. Stanton, Ashton, Minn.

At the Clarendon—M. C. Babcock, Mankato, Minn.; E. A. English and wife, Stillwater, Minn.; H. H. Wilson and wife Staples, Minn.; O. H. Larson, Willmar, Minn.; E. E. Lyron, Eau Claire, Wis.; J. R. Talen, Duluth, Minn.; James McHale, G. P. Wilson, Shakopee, Minn.; J. W. Barnhart, Detroit, Minn.; P. P. Berg, Twin Valley, Wis.; O. Mens and wife Minto, N. D.; C. B. Wilson, Staples Minn.; D. Deneer, Glenwood, Minn.; E. H. Simmons, Brainerd, Minn.

At the Foley—J. E. King, Hallock; H. Pumplin, Hague; G. L. Ehlers, Belview; W. E. Galvin, Omaha; L. L. Anderson Malto, Mont.; John Slopperan, Staples.

The New Year's patronage and travel at Hotel Metropolitan continues the great success of last year, and guests from many cities and countries are there enjoying the superior accommodations—European or American plan and the choice cafe.

NEW SYSTEM NEEDED

INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION DISCUSSED BY COMMITTEE OF TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

QUESTION OF SELF-SUPPORT

Dr. Smith Offers Suggestion as to Method to Be Adopted—J. D. Bond and Others Speak.

A meeting to discuss the matter of industrial education was held by the members of the committee appointed by the State Teachers' association a week ago in the parlors of the Commercial club yesterday afternoon.

Dr. Smith, of the People's church, as chairman of the committee, presided, and J. C. Bryant, principal of the Madison school, and secretary of the Minnesota educational association, was appointed secretary.

The meeting was opened by Dr. Smith calling upon S. H. Comings, to explain the plan of industrial training suggested by him. Mr. Comings said that a more intelligent system of training was wanted among the workers. Mr. Comings thought that the industrial schools might be made self supporting by the work of the pupils. There would be no added burden of taxation if boys and girls were able to make their own living practically from the ages of fourteen to twenty-five.

Dr. Smith interrupted here to ask what Mr. Comings proposed in regard to establishing these schools, and whether he meant that the state should establish one or two such experimental schools and find out if they would be self-supporting.

Prof. Weitbrecht, of the Mechanics Arts High school, said the children at his school were mostly of the high school age, and that they could not support themselves and at the same time acquire an academic education. The pupils in the Mechanics Arts school were young and immature, both physically and mentally, and though taught to make tables and do blacksmithing, etc., sufficient speed was not attained to make them efficient wage earning mechanics. He added that they could, of course, turn out fine carpenters, etc., but that was not the aim of the school, which was to give an all round good mechanical training, and at the same time teach the child mathematics, English, etc. The child needed time to play, in order to make him self-supporting, and at the same time to continue his scholastic training he would necessarily have to work twelve or more hours to the detriment of his well being in every sense. But how this would be with older pupils he was not prepared to say.

J. W. Olsen, state superintendent of schools, said when manual training would be introduced it would probably be in the city schools first, in some of the smaller cities, perhaps, such as St. Cloud, Winona, Faribault, and Mankato, etc., and that the country schools would finally work it out in agricultural and other industrial training. He said that in the cities mentioned there was a strong sentiment among schoolmen in favor of manual training. But he thought it would be inexpedient to insist upon its introduction in the rural schools just yet. He thought more could be done for this cause by making it possible in some way that the boy who desired to obtain manual training might do so.

Mrs. La Penotiere Speaks.

The chairman then called upon Mrs. La Penotiere, president of the State Federation of Clubs, for a few words. She began by saying that naturally she was more interested in the subject of domestic science, that science which was so needed to train the girls of today, for the homekeepers and makers of the future. And that she hoped to see them receive this training in the public schools. She was interested in the boys, too, of course, but the girls more nearly concerned her. Miss Sarah Brooks, supervisor of the primary work in the public schools, was the next speaker. She explained that the little work of the sort done in the kindergartens was not so much to make things, as to train the hand and the mental faculties to co-ordinate. She said that so far as she was concerned, she knew how she would have welcomed the opportunity to obtain industrial training when she was a country girl, struggling to get an education, and that she thought some sort of state school where the country boy or girl would have such an opportunity would be gladly welcomed by many of these children.

J. D. Bond, assistant superintendent of the city schools, remarked that he had recently been discussing the matter with another superintendent, who had suggested that one of these industrial schools should be established in each county. One, for example, in each high school, where the farmers' boys, by paying a small sum, could attend, and that in addition to some state aid, there should be some profit made from the sale of the products of the industry of the children, so that the school would be supported partly by state aid, partly by the tuition fees and partly by the profits from the industries.

Dr. Smith's Views.

Dr. Smith said that there were two important questions to be dealt with: First, what can be done under the present conditions to bring manual training into the grades; and into the high schools manual training, domestic science and agriculture. Secondarily, what can be done in the way of a special school, something, perhaps, after the idea suggested by A. B. Stickney, who advocated what he called a new academy, giving a practical training. In brief, he said that the theory advanced by Mr. Stickney was some sort of agricultural school where in the winter theories would be discussed and each pupil might be given an acre of land, on which during the summer he could try those theories that seemed best to him, the scholar to be entirely responsible for the success or failure, and to profit or lose by the results. At the present time, when so many towns were endeavoring to secure the state training school for girls, he ventured to say that the towns would find it more profitable if they would expend the same amount of money and energy upon establishing some sort of industrial school than they would from securing the girls' school. He paid a tribute to the so-called "fresh water colleges," which permitted their pupils to select those studies they preferred, and which he asserted had done a grand work for the country in so doing.

He thought these new industrial schools should be neither school, college nor high school, but should fill a new place entirely. He considered that there were three ways in which this matter could be arranged, either by individual ownership or by a number of individuals in the same community joining together to establish such a school, or the plant might be established by the locality and be under the supervision of the regents of the state university, if they were willing to accept the charge.

Principal Bryant said that he thought the recent exhibits of school work showed that children in the grades can make things, and make them well enough to make profit, without impairing their academic work.

The discussion was more or less informal, and the whole meeting was merely preliminary and to find out how best the work could be carried out. Dr. Smith appointed a committee on programme, to arrange for regular discussion, etc., at the next meeting. The following compose it: Prof. Weitbrecht, Principal J. C. Bryant and J. D. Bond. The meeting adjourned until the last Saturday in January, when another, to which all interested are invited, will take place in the Commercial club parlors at 4 o'clock. Dr. Smith said that he hoped in the meantime suggestions would be received from all over the state.

Before leaving Mrs. La Penotiere suggested that the secretary be asked to find out something about the plan for industrial training for which Senator Nelson asked an appropriation.

There were present at the meeting yesterday, besides those mentioned, Messrs. R. A. Kirk, H. W. Slack, principal of the Rice school, and Agent Hoyt, of the Humane society.

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MASONS COME MONDAY

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Twenty-First Degree Will Be Given in This City in Full Form for the First Time.

The various lodges of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masons of the Valley of St. Paul will hold their annual reunion in this city, beginning tomorrow and lasting until Friday night. The sessions will begin at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, and will be held in the Masonic hall. Friday evening the reunion will close with a banquet.

The first work will be the degree of Carmel Lodge of Perfection, under the charge of W. H. S. Wright, V. M. Tuesday. St. Paul chapter, Rose Croix, will confer to the eighteenth degree, under the direction of Isaac Seddon, W. M. The degrees of De Moline Preceptory Knights Kadosh, E. W. McCord, commander, will be the work for Wednesday and Thursday. The sublime thirty-second degree will be conferred in full form Friday night by George R. Metcalf, master.

The exemplification of degrees will be most caborate, with full musical services. The vocal music will be given by the Metropolitan quartette, while Selling's orchestra will furnish the instrumental programme.

For the first time in this city the twenty-first degree "Noachite, or Prussian Knight" will be given in full form. It will be under the direction of Luis George Hoffman, and will be a notable event, as it is one of the most interesting degrees of Scottish Rite Masonry.

This reunion is the most important Masonic event of the year, and a large numbered out-of-town Masons are expected to be in attendance.

SAYS CIGARS WERE RANK

F. B. SAXTON BOUGHT SOME THAT SCARED HIS CUSTOMERS.

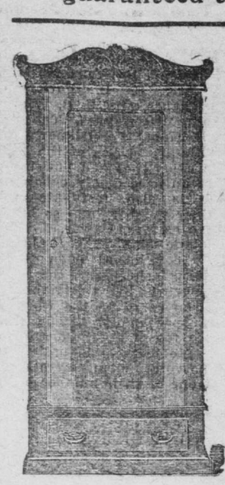
F. B. Saxton says that because cigars sold to him by Frank R. Lewin were not equal in quality to the sample shown and drove customers from his place of business, he is entitled to bring a cross claim for $2,500 damages against the claim of $275 brought by Mr. Lewin for balance of account. The case came up in the civil branch of the municipal court yesterday, but on account of the large sums involved, was certified to the district court.

The Peruna Almanac.

The druggists have already been supplied with Peruna almanacs. There is sure to be a great demand for these almanacs on account of the articles on astrology which they contain. The subject of astrology is a very attractive one to most people. The articles on astrology in the Peruna almanac have been furnished by a very competent astrologist, and the mental characteristics of each sign is given, constituting almost a complete horoscope. A list of lucky and unlucky days for each month is given. There will be a great rush for these books. Ask your druggist for one early before they are all gone.

RED HOT SPECIALS

This week we offer some special bargains that are intended to go below the prices of any January sale in the United States. Every week we will offer some new bargains that are guaranteed to curl hair—Watch for them. We give credit.



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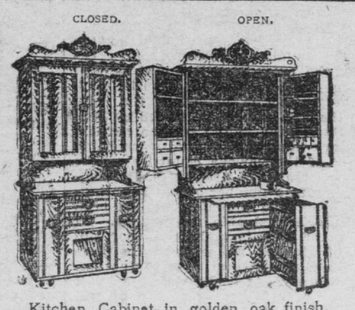

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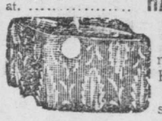

200 newly made Carpet Hassocks. This sale... 14c

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Three-leaf Palm, bright color, this week 19c

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Minnetonka Castile Soap, per dozen cakes ... 10c

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Kirk's Savon Rose, 10c cakes, 3 cakes in a box

Kirk's Savon Carnation, 10c cakes, 3 cakes in a box

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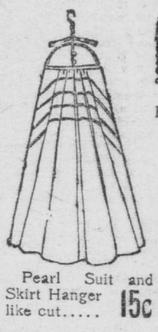

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HAS MANY DEFECTS

TRAIN DISPATCHERS NOT ENAMORED OF BLOCK SIGNAL SYSTEM

SIMPLER PLAN IS SUGGESTED

A. C. Miller Invents Device by Which Lights in Engine Cabs Tell of Danger or Obstructions Ahead.

The train dispatchers have been giving the question of block signals and written orders a great deal of thought in connection with the many wrecks that have occurred during the past thirty days, the majority of which are claimed by them to be the result of misunderstood signals and orders.

Everywhere in the country the dispatchers are discussing the matter, and some remedies that seem plausible have been offered. The plan of putting stationary electric lamps in engine cabs seems to be the most popular plan among men who issue the orders for running of trains.

It is claimed that it is a very easy matter to misread written orders, and the fact that passenger trains in these days at many points attain a speed of eighty miles an hour makes it practically impossible for the engineers to read the signal lights of the block system in use by so many roads.

A. C. Miller, of Aurora, chief dispatcher of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, is the originator of the engine light scheme, and believes that it is the only way to prevent collisions.

"Automatic blocks or lights in the engine cab," said Mr. Miller, "mean just two things—when they are clear or white the train should proceed; when they are red the train should stop. There should be no written orders."

The system of movable blocks or lights in engine cabs is being installed on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois railway, chiefly through the efforts of Mr. Miller, who took the initiative in bringing the system to perfection. The experiment will be watched with interest by railroad men throughout the country.

JOHN DREW'S CAREER.

New Comptroller of G. N. Began as a Messenger Boy.

ST. JOSEPH, Jan. 4.—John Drew, whose appointment as comptroller of the Great Northern railway has been announ, is a native of St. Joseph, where he was raised. He entered the service of the Burlington railway as a messenger boy. He went to the St. Joseph & Grand Island as clerk in the auditor's office, and in three years was made auditor of the road. His services were of such a pronounced character as to inspire the confidence of the Grand Island owners, and he became the personal representative of the stockholders. Less than two years ago he received a flattering offer from Mr. Hill, but the nature of his office was not made known until the announcement today. His duties will be extended when the present merger plans are consummated. Mr. Drew is thirty-eight years old.

FILLS A NUMBER OF OFFICES.

J. W. Blabon Is President of Northern Steamship and G. N. Companies.

J. W. Blabon, who succeeds Darius Miller as traffic manager of the Great Northern, also becomes president of the Northern Steamship company, and president of the Great Northern Express company, both of which offices were held by Mr. Miller. Mr. Blabon will take up his residence in St. Paul about Jan. 20. R. I. Farrington has been made vice president of the Northern Steamship company. Mr. Miller expects to close up his affairs here and leave for Chicago in a day or two.

N. P.'S IRRIGATION PROJECT.

Purchases Large Tracts of Land in Washington.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Jan. 4.—The purchase of 20,000 acres of land near Kennewic by the Northern Pacific railroad, including the holdings of three defunct ditch companies, is the first step in an immense irrigation scheme. The deal will be closed in a few days, and the canals will be reopened and extended. The land will be offered practically at the cost of putting water in it, and an effort will be made to put from 3,000 to 5,000 settlers upon the tract as soon as possible after the water is flowing. The property involved in the transaction is said to be worth $300,000, and as much more will be required to complete the irrigation works.

REDUCED RATES FOR EMPLOYES.

Officials of Western Roads Favor the Present Plan.

One of the Western lines has asked Chairman MacLeod to have all the roads in the Western passenger association vote on a proposition that no reduced rates shall be made to employes of other railroads unless on request made or approved by the president, vice president or general manager of the road. The present rule is that half rates may be granted to employes of other lines and to members of their families when requests are made by executive, traffic or operating officials. The plan to restrict such requests to presidents, vice-presidents and general managers cannot be carried out unless all lines vote for it. A number have already sent Chairman Charlton their votes against the plan.

VERY FEW RAILROADS FAIL.

Only Four Forced to Assign Last Year.

The current issue of the Railway Age says: "The past year has been remarkable for the almost entire cessation of railway bankruptcies. In no year since the courts began to take possession of insolvent roads for the benefit of their creditors has the number of receiverships been so insignificant. In fact it may be said that no railway of any importance in the United States became insolvent during 1901. Only four small roads of from ten to thirty miles were placed under receivers, their total length amounting to seventy-three miles, and their total bonds and capital stock to about $1,600,000, as will be seen from the following table:

Roads—	Miles.	Bonded Debt.	Capital Stock.
Little Kanawha (W. Va.)	30	$450,000	$426,000
Mount Airy & Eastern (N. C.)	18	*180,000	*180,000
Sylvania (Ga.)	15	*150,000	*150,000
Chestnut Ridge (Pa.)	10	40,000	51,000
Total four roads	73	$820,000	$807,000
Total bonds and stock			$1,627,000

*Estimated.

As a matter of record it may be added that a receiver was appointed for the Leavenworth & Lawrence branch of the Union Pacific, a purely formal act involved in winding up the bankruptcy proceedings of the Union Pacific, commenced many years before and not chargeable to the past year. A county court also decreeed the appointment of a receiver for the St. Louis, Vandalia & Terre Haute road, an entirely solvent property, operated by the Pennsylvania railroad, the suit growing out of a disputed claim for taxes. But no railroad, large or small, except the four named has taken refuge from its debts in the courts during the fortunate year just closed.

U. P. New Year's Greeting.

The Union Pacific road issued a neat New Year's greeting to its employes of the freight and traffic departments the first of the year. The greeting on the cover shows a freight train in one corner and a passenger train in another and on the back cover the trade mark of the road in red, white, blue and gold is shown. On the pages inside is a complete list of the employes of the two departments in old English type. The wording of the cover reads "A Happy New Year, 1902."

Work on Texas Southern Progresses.

The Texas Southern railroad, connecting with the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railway at Winsboro, Tex., is being rapidly pushed to completion, and it is now expected the line will be ready for operation by Feb. 1. The new line runs in a southeasterly direction from Winsboro to Marshall, Tex., and, in connection with the Missouri, Kansas & Texas via Winsboro, will form a new and direct route from this rich fruit country to Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago and Hannibal. About sixteen miles from Winsboro is located the new colony of El Berta, which is attracting the attention of a great number of Northern people interested in the fruit industry.

Increased Car Business.

In connection with the car shortage in the West, the Railway Age prints the following table which will afford an illustration of the extent to which the present large capacity of cars is being utilized:

	Av. rev. tons. per car. per loaded car.	Av. rev. tons per car. loaded and empty.
A., T. & S. F	12.69	9.01
B., C. R. & N.	11.86	9.17
Chi. & Alton	14.61	11.89
Chi., Mil. & St. P.	12.93	9.25
Chi. & Nor.-Western	13.54	10.67
Col. & Southern	15.27	9.85
Great Northern	16.06	12.47
M., St. P. & S. Ste. M.	15.24	11.13
Missouri Pacific	14.09	10.70
Northern Pacific	14.15	10.32
St. L. & San F	13.61	9.13
St. L. & So'western	14.08	9.55
Texas & Pacific	12.07	8.47
Wabash	15.29	10.76

Omaha Issues Neat Tablet.

The passenger department of the Omaha has issued a neat little memorandum tablet, especially for the use of women. The tablet consists of four pages of celluloid, which permits lead pencil writing to be easily erased. The tablet has a cover of the same material and is a handy little affair.

Milwaukee Makes Payment on Tax.

The Milwaukee road yesterday paid its first installment of $25,000 on the gross earnings tax for 1901 which falls due on March 1. The company has followed the practice of making advance payments for years and this helps out the state at a time when money is needed.

J. L. Frazier Resigns From S. P.

James L. Frazier, superintendent of the Western division of the Southern Pacific, with headquarters at Oakland, Cal., has resigned to accept the position of general superintendent of the Toledo, St. Louis & Western, known as the Clover Leaf route. His headquarters will be at Frankfort, Ind.

Will Try Acetylene Gas.

The Oregon Railway & Navigation Co. is experimenting with acetylene gas for an illumination for passenger trains. A passenger coach has been equipped with the new gas, and if the test is satisfactory the acetylene product will supersede Pintsch gas.

Burlington Filling Big Valley.

A valley 71 feet deep and 2,000 feet wide is being filled by the Burlington road. The big fill is over Sugar creek, near Ottumwa, Iowa.

Lysander's Trial Is Postponed.

Isaac Lysander, the man accused of assaulting Mrs. Nakash, of the Premier flats, was in police court yesterday ready to stand trial. He had a number of witnesses who were ready to testify to his good reputation, but was unable to get a trial, because Mrs. Nakash cannot speak English and no impartial person could be found who could speak Armenian. The case was continued until next Wednesday.

Purchased Stolen Diamonds.

A case came up in the civil branch of the municipal court yesterday in which four diamonds, valued at $410, are involved. The suit was brought by Mrs. Louise H. Cotton against Abe Cohen, Simon Masor, F. A. Defiel and D. H. Bradley, pawnbrokers who purchased the gems from William J. Hunt, who stole them last September. The present holders are unwilling to give them up.

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