

Time Card

McCook, Neb.

MAIN LINE EAST-DEPART	
No. 6	(Central Time) 11:35 p. m.
16	" " 11:35 a. m.
2	" " 5:50 a. m.
12	" " 6:15 p. m.
14	" " 9:42 p. m.
10	" " 9:42 p. m.
MAIN LINE WEST-DEPART	
No. 1	(Mountain Time) 12:20 p. m.
3	" " 11:42 p. m.
5	" " 9:50 a. m.
12	" " 9:45 a. m.
15	" " 12:30 a. m.
9	" " 7:50 a. m.
IMPERIAL LINE	
No. 176	arrives (Mountain Time) 4:20 p. m.
No. 175	departs " " 7:20 a. m.

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RAILROAD NEWS ITEMS.

Mrs. Isabella Johnson of Holdrege visited her daughter Mrs. T. J. Cain, part of last week.

Engineer J. D. Hill and family spent the closing days of last week with his parents in Arapahoe.

The "bunny" way cars captained by Harbaugh and Moore, were taken out of service, this week.

Conductor and Mrs. W. A. Cassell returned, close of last week, from a visit to friends at Eaton, Colorado.

Conductor Herman Hegenberger had the pay-car over the division, first of the week, and Harbaugh had his car.

Superintendent Weidenhamer of the Sheridan Division was renewing acquaintances at headquarters, Monday.

Engine 2003 came in from the Havelock shop, Wednesday, on one side, having knocked out a cylinder-head en route.

The mail car on train 13 now runs to McCook. It formerly stopped at Oxford. This brings another postal car crew to this city.

Mr. Bullock is second trick at Brush, C. F. McCleary relieving him at Akron. Mr. Gunsberger relieves G. O. Gill as clerk at the Akron depot.

The fourth fruit train for the season passed over the division, Tuesday. This is several weeks earlier than the shipment is usually routed so far north.

Dispatcher J. T. McCoy, who has been in Washington, D. C., for some time, has returned to the Burlington service, and is relieving the agent at Bartley at present.

The B. & M. is surveying for an extension of 600 feet on the house switch at this place. They are also planning on a new steel water tank.—Cambridge Clarion.

Conductor C. B. Dalton returned to work on the R-d Cloud-Oxford run, Wednesday, after ten days' furlough, and Conductor Sautance, who was relieving him, returned to McCook.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Montanye and Mrs. Bishop arrived from California, Monday morning, for a visit with the latter's daughter Mrs. E. S. Dutcher, and in hopes of benefitting their health.—Indianola Reporter.

J. D. Pennington, organizer for the "American Railroad Employees' and Investors' Association," was in the city, close of last week, in the interest of that organization. He is a well-known conductor on the Wymore division.

No. 61 out of Oxford seems to have been a fated train, last Thursday; the same morning at Orleans that Lawrence Smith met death, another brakeman fell and throwing his hand over the rail, lost several fingers under the wheels of the freight car passing.

The water tank at Akron is to be moved to a convenient place near the roundhouse. Some of the yard trackage is to be rearranged and some additional trackage laid. An effort will be made probably to secure more water at that point—the big ravine south of the roundhouse may be dammed.

James Smith, a brother of L. P. Smith, who was killed at Orleans, last week, was severely injured at Akron, the morning before his brother was killed. James fell off a scaffold at the water tank. He was taken home on a stretcher the same morning his brother Lawrence was taken home dead. To add grief upon grief, the mother of the boys was not long since bereaved of her husband.

Death by Accident.

Simon Huffler and Vernon Munsell, two young boys, while out hunting on Saturday, along the R-pubi an river, saw some mysterious object in the ice near where they had some traps set, and upon approaching it found that it was the body of a man in the ice. They saw a trail to the east about a half mile distant, and gave the alarm. On getting the body out of the water, it was found to be that of S. M. Milligan, an old settler and a familiar figure on our streets, but how he came to meet his death will probably never be known, but when found his body was under the ice and nothing but his head and arms were visible; so that he evidently came to his death by exposure. The place where he met his death was nearly half a mile below the big bridge, and on the north side of the stream. His shoes were found on the south side of the river, it was an old man and in feeble health, and had lived alone for a number of years. He was one of the charter members of the A. O. U. W. lodge of this city, which was established about 1884 or 1885, and was in good standing at his death. He leaves one son, Charles Milligan, of McCook.

Coroner Amack impelled a coroner's jury and held an inquest. After several witnesses were examined, the jury took the case, and their verdict was that he came to his death by exposure.—Red Cloud Commercial Advertiser.

Train Made a Good Run.

The Burlington traffic department is now doing a little bragging about a train that carried full tonnage from Denver to Lincoln, in which was twenty-five cars of California oranges, and which made the run in twenty hours flat. This is a little better than twenty-four miles an hour including all stops and is equal to time schedules for fast stock and fruit trains on which tonnage is generally reduced much below the engine ratings. This train carried the full engine rating every mile of the way from Denver east. Of the shipment of oranges seven cars were for Lincoln consumption and the remainder of the shipment for points east of the Missouri river.—Lincoln Journal.

Conductor Brooks had the train over the McCook division.

Says Bignell is Appointed.

The Omaha Bee last night contained the following:

"Four appointments have been made in the operating department of the Burlington that are of interest in Omaha. E. Bignell, formerly superintendent of the Lincoln division, has been made general superintendent of the Nebraska district; F. R. Mullen, trainmaster at Lincoln, comes to Omaha as superintendent of the Omaha division; E. Flynn goes to McCook as superintendent of that division, and E. F. Koller, superintendent of the McCook division, is transferred to the superintendency of the Lincoln division."

ADDITIONAL RAILROAD.

Mrs. Ina Wickwire has been visiting her son Clyde at McCook.—Red Cloud Argus.

Mrs. Schrigley and the baby visited Fireman Schrigley at Akron, part of last week.

Mrs. Joe Kummer visited Hayes county friends, last week. The children accompanied her.

The Burlington is negotiating for the purchase of more land at Superior, near their present depot.

Night Operator Joe Brennan of Indianola has resigned and the place is being supplied by M. McCoy.

Supt. Weidenhamer of the Alliance division and Mrs. Weidenhamer were in the city, Monday, on business.

Mrs. C. M. Dodge came over from Marion, close of last week, to join her husband, who is a Burlington fireman.

Conductor Cassell and crew with Engineer Snoko have been down on the Red Cloud line, this week, helping clean up some accumulated business.

The running time of the Hastings-Oberlin train has been reduced one hour and five minutes between Red Cloud and Hastings, a distance of forty miles. With three more such reductions, we believe we could be satisfied.—Red Cloud Argus.

Fair Exchange, Yet a Rostery.

While Gustave Dore was an artist and wandering about the mountains he became much interested in a country wedding and sketched it on the spot. He put the sketch into a book in the pocket of his jacket and went back to the hotel to dinner. After dinner he looked for the sketch and was gone. Angry at the theft, the artist called the landlord and made a complaint, but no trace of the book was found. From Ischl Dore went to Vienna, and there he found a letter and a parcel awaiting him. The letter, which was anonymous, read thus:

"Sir, I stole your book at Ischl. The sketch was so charming that I could not resist the temptation of having it in my possession, and I knew very well you would never consent to sell it to me. But there is neither my trade nor my habit, and I beg you to accept as a souvenir of my crime and my enthusiasm for your talent the walking stick which will reach you at the same time as this letter."

The cane was one with a massive gold head in which was set a gem of value.

The Clock's Annoying Habit.

Mrs. Benham had just seated herself to work at a bit of embroidery that required particular care and attention when there came a ring at the telephone. "I just know that's Mrs. Gummy," she said as she laid down her work and went to answer the call. "Whenever I am unusually busy I haven't any time to spare she rings me up and talks to me by the hour."

She was right. It was Mrs. Gummy, who was fully as talkative as ever. She began with a long story, and when fairly in the middle of it the clock on the wall of the room began to strike.

"Wait a moment," interposed Mrs. Benham. "I can't hear you until this noise stops."

"What made that noise?" asked Mrs. Gummy after it had ceased.

"It was only the clock," answered the patient Mrs. Benham. "You know it always strikes once or twice when we get to talking."

The conversation did not last long after that.—Youth's Companion.

A Curious Trap.

A curious labyrinth in which elephants are captured alive is to be seen near Ayuthia, formerly the capital of Siam. The labyrinth is formed of a double row of immense tree trunks set firmly in the ground, the space between them gradually narrowing. Where it begins, at the edge of the forest, the opening of the labyrinth is more than a mile wide, but as it approaches Ayuthia it becomes so narrow that the elephants cannot turn around. Suspecting no danger, the wild elephant enters the broad opening at the forest end, lured on by a tame elephant. The gradual narrowing of the boundaries is not observed until the elephant finds himself in close quarters. Having reached the end of the labyrinth, the tame elephant is allowed to pass through a gate, while men lying in wait slip shackles over the feet of the captives. The sport is a dangerous one, for the enraged elephants sometimes crush the hunters under their feet.

Bull Baiting.

Although bull baiting was a cruel pastime, it was also a fulfilling of the law, for formerly no butcher was allowed to offer for sale the flesh of any bull that had not been baited. The goading of the animal in a fury was supposed to have some influence on the flesh. In a similar belief the flesh of a hunted hare was thought to be superior in flavor to that of one that had been shot, and a present of "a hunted hare" was considered to be a special compliment. In the records of the corporation of Leicester, England, the following order appears: "At a common hall, held on Thursday before St. Simon and St. Jude, 1467, 'no butcher to kill a bull till baited.'" At Winchester it was ordered (reign of Henry VIII.) "that from henceforth there shall be no but-stake set before any mayor's dore to bayte any bull, but onlie at the bull-ring within the saide citye."

Gender of the Sword.

Among the many curious notions obtaining among the different races using the sword may be noted the gender of the weapon. In the north of Europe it was either masculine, as in Britain, or neuter, as in Germany, while in the south it was uniformly feminine. Its force and cruelty appealed to the northern mind. Its grace and elegance attracted the warriors of the sunny south. It typified to the one strength, to the other dignity.

What He Saved.

"Good!" shouted the friend of the bibliophile as the latter emerged from the burning house carrying a bundle of books. "Did you save your Shakespeare?"

"No," replied the bibliophile, combing a spark out of his whiskers; "I saved my Bacon"—Houston Post.

Timely Warning.

Proprietor—I am satisfied with your work, Fisher, and I will raise your salary from \$10 to \$12 a week; but mind, that does not mean that you must go and get married on the strength of it.—New York Times.

A Dozen Eggs.

The Teacher—How many eggs are there in a dozen? The Pupil—Five fresh ones, five doubtful ones and two bad ones.—Cleveland Leader.

Scandalous.

"What do you think?" Mrs. Zizee, who never goes to church, has won the first prize in the church lottery!—Megendorfer Blatter.

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This is now the best season for the starting of your sewing of Spring and Summer garments. Waists, house dresses, etc., while the weather is still a little sharp, can now be made, while you are obliged to stay at home more or less, so that when warm weather is here permanently you can start out attired to your heart's desire.

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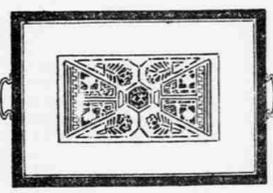
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A Smart Breakfast Tray.

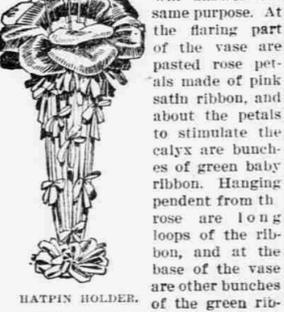
If you are handy with your embroidery needle make one of the smart trays that are the most up to date Christmas presents the shops are showing. The



tray is of mahogany or any wood you care to purchase and is a convenient size to send up an invalid's breakfast upon or for the serving of afternoon tea. The unique part of the gift is to be found in the piece of old world embroidery—modern, if you prefer—which is made on crash or satin the exact size of the tray and covered with a piece of glass. The home carpenter could easily make the tray, which is of oblong shape, with a rather low rail all about it, and decorative brass handles may be bought to make the tray very handsome and professional looking as well.

The Hatpin Vase.

"Auntie" will doubtless be charmed if some of her relations give her a hatpin vase. For this receptacle a pressed glass flower holder is used. A plain surface is best, but a cut vase will answer the same purpose. At the flaring part of the vase are pasted rose petals made of pink sath ribbon, and about the petals to stimulate the calyx are bunches of green baby ribbon. Hanging pendent from the rose are long loops of the ribbon, and at the base of the vase are other bunches of the green ribbon. It is a pretty little hatpin holder and something quite novel.



An Easy Numismatist.

Mrs. Goodart—You seem to have some education. Perhaps you were once a professional man. Howard Hasber—Lady, I'm a numismatist by profession. Mrs. Goodart—A numismatist? Howard Hasber—Yes, lady; a collector of rare coins. Any old coin is rare to me.—Philadelphia Press.

Wray Rattler Quintette.

Mrs. Ed Cottingham and children stopped in Wray a few days on their return from Denver to visit Mr. Cottingham's parents. They returned to McCook, Nebraska, Sunday.

Mrs. Leonita Drew came up to Wray Wednesday and went down to Laird the following day to dispose of some real estate at that place. Mrs. Drew lives in McCook.

Miss Edna Russell returned to McCook, Tuesday afternoon. She came up the latter part of last week to attend her father J. F. Russell's wedding. Miss Russell is attending school at that place.

L. E. Barger, a real estate man from McCook came up to Wray, Tuesday with a party of land seekers consisting of A. V. Morgan, H. Nicewander of Geneva and Harry Schrader of Mico, Neb.

The high schools of McCook and

Wray will debate at the Presbyterian church in Wray Saturday evening, February 19th. The subject for debate is: resolved, That labor unions are, as a whole, beneficial. Wray will support the affirmative in the following order: Walter Ainsie, Amy Smith, George Culbertson. Judges from abroad have been secured. This will be a good debate and is worthy of your patronage. An admission fee will be charged.

COURT HOUSE NEWS.

COUNTY COURT.

Following licenses to marry have been issued since our last report:

Lloyd W. Ough, 22 Wauneta, Neb., Agnes J. Hicks, 20, Appleton, Ark. Married at McCook, Feb. 13, by Rev. Lewis S. Terry of Wauneta.

Willard A. Merritt, 36, Palisade, Neb., Clara May Fross, 16, Palisade. Parents of bride present and consenting. Married, Feb. 16, by County Judge.

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