Railway Time Table.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

The following are the times of the arrival and departure of trains by central standard time, at the local depots. Trains leave transfer depot ten minutes earlier and arrive ten minutes later.

CHICAGO, BURLINGTON AND QUINCY.

LEAVE.		ARRIVE.
5:40 p m	Chicago Express	9:40 a m
9:45 a m	Fast Mail.	7:00 p m
KANSAS CITY, ST. JOS AND COUNCIL BLUFFS.		
10:10 a m	Mail and Express,	6:45 p m
8:25 p m	Pacific Express,	5:35 p m
CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE AND ST. PAUL.		
5:25 p m	Express,	9:40 a m
9:45 a m	Express,	6:55 p m
CHICAGO, ROCK ISLAND AND PACIFIC.		
5:30 p m	Atlantic Express,	9:40 a m
9:50 a m	Day Express,	6:50 p m
7:15 a m	*Des Moines Accommodation,	4:40 p m
*At local depot only.		
*WABASH, ST. LOUIS AND PACIFIC.		
9:55 a m	Mail,	4:45 p m
4:50 p m	Cannon Ball,	11:15 a m
*At Transfer only.		
CHICAGO AND NORTHWESTERN.		
5:30 m	Express,	6:50 p m
9:45 a m	Pacific Express,	9:45 a m
SIOUX CITY AND PACIFIC.		
m	St. Paul Express,	9:00 a m
m	Accommodation,	6:50 p m
*UNION PACIFIC.		
17:50 p m	Western Express,	8:30 a m
1:44 a m	Pacific Express,	4:34 p m
7:40 a m	Local Express,	6:54 a m
12:14 a m	Lincoln Express,	— — —
*At Transfer only.		

DUMMY TRAINS TO OMAHA.

Leave—8:24-9:24-10-24-11:24 a. m. 1:24-2:24-3:24-4:24-5:24-6:24-7:24 and 11:04 p. m Sunday, 8:24-10:24 a. m. 1:24-3:24-5:24-7:04 and 11:04 p. m. Arrive 30 minutes before leaving time.

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APRIL 18, 1884,

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40 pounds h miny	1 00
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COUNCIL BLUFFS.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.

SHENANDOAH SOCIETY.

It Seems Exercised About Lawbreakings and Woman's Rights—Other News Gleanings There.

SHENANDOAH, April 9.—We have had our excitements over the shortcomings and lawbreakings of humanity. Mr. Nation left us mysteriously, and we have read a mysterious letter purporting to have come from him in some mysterious way. Nearly five years ago Finis Allen was found guilty by our courts of the murder of an elderly man, John Long. The whole story is unsavory. When it was discovered that plans were on foot to set Finis Allen free, a large meeting was held to protest against it, and the matter is not yet settled. The senate voted for his liberation; the representatives voted against his liberation. The case now stands with the governor, to act upon as advised by these votes. A man was heard the other day to say that our present system of trying and punishing criminals is so complicated and so uncertain in its results as to be entirely unsatisfactory. Others say that if Finis Allen should get out of the penitentiary he would not be safe around the scenes of the murder. The Cincinnati riots are on people's minds and something must be done to secure better satisfaction with the trial and conviction of criminals.

The Shenandoah colony still lives and has elected another company of explorers to go and spy out the promised land in Dakota for (the colony) themselves. The spies of last year are suspected of spying selfishly in part.

The Normal college is thriving under its new management. A Y. M. C. A. was organized last week amongst the students. Prof. Wormwood's class gave an elocutionary entertainment to provide funds for furnishing a reading room for the association. A good audience greeted the class, and the class returned the compliment with a good entertainment.

Fred Miller, late of Burnett & Miller, has gone to start a drug store in Dakota. But then prohibition will pursue him there to plague him. However, when all has been tried, the seltzer saloon may help us out. Prohibition has come to stay.

Mrs. Mariana F. Folsom, state secretary of the Woman Suffrage association, delivered a woman suffrage address in the M. E. church on the evening of the 7th. The speech was amiable in tone, witty in coloring, able in presentation and hard to answer; and yet it may be a long time before women vote. The fallacy of the speech lay in failing to distinguish between single or unmarried people and double or married people. Is married life a unit or is it not? Are these two one in the eyes of the law, in the conduct of human life, or are they two? Shall we do anything more to disintegrate the family? The comparative failure of all such addresses lies in this: They must, to a greater or less degree, run counter to a fundamental arrangement of the unity of one man with one woman in one home and one household having one interest. Nevertheless a limited form of woman suffrage might be a good thing. The widow might vote to have the family represented.

Rev. J. W. Thompson, an evangelist, has been holding forth in the Baptist church with some degree of evangelistic success.

Rev. J. H. Butler, of Abingden, Ill., has been called to the pulpit of the Christian church and entered upon his labors last Sunday.

Sullivan & Son bought out Jacob Weaver and moved his grocery eastward to that stand. Young & Son move into Sullivan's old stand.

The postoffice will move into Young's stand and we will once more have some room for our P. O.

Public schools have started in on the spring term full and crowded as usual.

W. B. West, recently of Council Bluffs, fills his old place in the "Q." depot. Warrell has been moved to Glenwood. I.

Is Your Blood Pure?

Now this is an important question, for without pure and wholesome blood there can be no perfect health, and without good health life is a mere burden and a waste. For impure blood the best medicine known is SCOVILL'S SARSAPARILLA OR BLOOD AND LIVER SYRUP may be be implicitly relied on when every thing else fails. Take it in the Spring time especially, for the impure secretions of the blood incident to that season of the year; and take it at all times for Cancer, Scrofula, Liver complaints, Weakness, Boils, Tumors Swellings, Skin Diseases, Malaria and the thousand ills that come from impure blood.

Talking about the Liver, we presume ill temper is more often caused by a disordered liver than anything else. To insure a cheerful disposition take SCOVILL'S BLOOD AND LIVER SYRUP which will remove the prime cause, and restore the mind to its natural equilibrium.

NEOLA NEWS.

A Divided Sentiment on the Arrest of the Express Employe for Larceny—A Citizen Skips the Country.

Correspondence of the BEE.

NEOLA, Ia., April 9.—The arrest of Charles F. Jones, for stealing money packages of the express company, is looked upon as a farce by the citizens generally. Mr. Jones has been here for years and his honesty has never by any one been questioned. He, like many another one, probably, has contracted some little indebtedness that is still unpaid, but that is the case with many others. Robinson, the man that caused his arrest, came among us a stranger some months ago to fill the position of agent for the C., M. & St. P. R. R. Co. at this place. He has been at times since his stay among us obnoxious to some of our citizens, and the sentiment of some is that he is trying to sacrifice some one in order to save himself.

H. L. McWilliams and family, with several other families, leave to-day for Ogallalla, their future home.

A wedding in high life is on the tapis and will occur on the 15th inst. The high contracting parties are C. S. Robbins, the pioneer druggist of this place, and Miss Hattie Irons.

Dave Fisk absconded some days ago, leaving behind him a wife and family unprovided for. He deserves to be sold at auction as they used to do long ago, under one of the blue laws.

C. M. Witt has added quite an addition to his hardware building.

The town council has enacted an ordinance regulating the running at large of chickens. The next move will be to buy Barnum's white elephant.

Zenos Brown has been appointed by the trustees, to fill the unexpired term of justice of the peace, E. B. Higgins, resigning. M. Higgins expects to make Nebraska his home. Some time ago he took up land in Brown county, where he now is looking after his interests.

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Evidence of the Best Kind.

Richard T. Robinson is a druggist living in Racine, Wis. Here is what he says: "Afflicted with laryngitis I was unable to articulate a word distinctly for fully two months. A liberal application of *Thomas' Eclectric Oil* completely cured me. Am pleased to recommend it."

FANCY DRESS CARNIVAL.

The Benefit Tendered W. W. Chapman at the Rink Last Evening a Great Success.

There was a large attendance at the rink last evening at the benefit tendered W. W. Chapman, who now retires from the management. All who were on the floor were costumed in fancy dress. The variety was large and pleasing. A number of Omaha skaters were present and all sides of the room were lined with spectators. Among those who appeared in costume were Miss Ida Tostevin, Miss Whitney, Mr. Witherell, George Brown, George Sicker, Charles Reilly, Miss DeHaven, Miss Bullard, Miss Cooley, Mr. M. Porterfield, Miss Lou Tostevin, Geo. Kellogg, Miss Barn, Miss Grace Morgan, Mr. Helphrey of Omaha, J. C. Elliot, the manager of the Omaha rink; John Hitchcock of Omaha, Harris Ward, Geo. Holcomb, W. Nason, Miss Eva Nason, Joseph Smith, Miss Lizzie Canfield of Omaha, Mr. VanCott of Omaha, Harry McCloon of Omaha; A. Hoffinger, Walter Vaughn, Miss Auwerder, Miss Jennie Howe, Miss Lou Smith, Mrs. and Miss Jefferis, Mrs. Williams, the Misses Oliver, Adolph Michaels, Miss Putnam and Miss Tilloway of Cedar Rapids, Ia.; Miss Conover, Mr. and Mrs. Terwilliger, Miss Annie Bowman, Miss Lane, Miss Mabel Matthews, Miss Mary Marshall, Miss Lou Patton, Will Beebe, James Beebe, James Bowman, Charles Haas, O. Williams, E. L. Squire, Miss Nannie Harding, Miss Nellie Chatman, Miss Loomis, Miss S. Hutchins, Fred. Loomis, Dick Francis, S. A. Sackett, L. Montgomery, Eugene Shaw, E. L. Stone, James McMahon, Charles Boyd.

Thousands Upon Thousands

of dollars have been spent in advertising the celebrated *Burdock Blood Bitters*, but this fact accounts only in part for their enormous sale. Their merit has made them what they are—the best blood medicine ever devised by man.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following deeds were filed for record in the recorder's office, April 9, reported for THE BEE by P. J. McMahon, real estate agent:

David McCanaughy to James P. Michelson, se¼ nw¼ 3, 77, 43—$360.

Daniel Platt to Albert B. Platt, part lots 3 and 4, block 8, and lot 7, block 13, Hall's add—$1,000.

C., R. I. & P. R. R. Co. to P. A. Killion, ne¼ ne¼, 3, 76, 41—$303.48.

Nancy J. Barnes to B. H. Kohlwey, lot 20, block 10, Williams' first add—$300.

W. H. Monteith to Peregoy & Moore, lot 18, block 23, Howard's add—$70.

Wm. J. Mann to Amos Longwell, e½ nw¼, 36, 77, 38—$1,660.

A. L. Staggers to Henry Dye, part out lot 5, Macedonia—$130.

P. I. H. Mitchell to George W. Smith, lot 7, block 9, Macedonia—$500.

Brigham Graybill to S. Rief, lots 1 and 2, block 8 and cut lot 18, Underwood—$145.

Samuel J. Whitmore to C. F. Nelson, lots 14, 15 and 16, block 16, Neola—$625.

C., R. I. & P. R. R. Co. to George F. Killion, ne¼ nw¼, 3, 76, 41—$306.27.

C., R. I. & P. R. R. Co. to William Casson, e½ sw¼, 32, 76, 41—$800.

Total sales, $6,199.75.

Weak people should use *Samaritan Nervine*, the great nerve conqueror.

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COMMERCIAL.

COUNCIL BLUFFS MARKET.

Wheat—No. 2 spring, 65c; No. 3, 55c; rejected, 50c; good demand.

Corn—Dealers are paying 30c for old corn and 25c for new.

Oats—In good demand at 25c.

Hay—4 00@6 00 per ton; 50c per bale.

Rye—40@45c.

Corn Meal—1 25 per 100 pounds.

Wood—Good supply; prices at yards, 6 00@ 00.

Coal—Delivered, hard, 11 50 per ton; soft, 5 00 per ton

Lard—Fairbank's, wholesaling at 9½c.

Flour—City flour, 1 60@3 30.

Brooms—2 95@3 00 per doz.

LIVE STOCK.

Cattle—3 50@4 00; calves, 5 50@7 50.

Hogs—Local packers are buying now and there is a good demand for all grades; choice packing, 6 25; mixed, 5 25.

PRODUCE AND FRUITS.

Quotations by J. M. St. John & Co., commission merchants, 538 Broadway.

Butter—Creamery, 35c; choice country rolls, in good demand, 20c.

Eggs—12½c per dozen.

Poultry—Ready sale; chickens, dressed, 12½c; live, 9c; turkeys, dressed, 15c; live, 12c; ducks, dressed, 12½c; live, 8c.

Oranges—4 00@4 25 per box.

Lemons—3 50@4 00 per box.

Bananas—2 50@3 50 per bunch

Vegetables—Potatoes, 40@50; onions, 75c; cabbage, none in the market; apples, ready sale at 3 25@4 00 for prime stock.

ARE YOU GOING TO EUROPE?

In another column will be found the announcement of Messrs. THOS. COOK & SON, Tourist Agents, 261 Broadway, New York, relative to the very complete arrangements they have made for tours in Europe the coming Spring and Summer. "Cook's Excursionist," containing maps and full particulars, will be mailed to any address on receipt of 10 cents

Mrs. Emma Fletcher, wife of United States Consul Fletcher, formerly of Waverly, in this state, died at Genoa, Italy, on the 10th of last month, aged 41 years.

Horsford's Acid Phosphate
In Debility From Overwork.

Dr. G. W. COLLINS, Tipton, Ind., says: "I used it in nervous debility brought on by overwork in warm weather, with good results."

Arbor Day.

Cleveland Leader.

Nebraska has the honor of originating Arbor day. About ten years ago the governor appointed the second Wednesday in April as the day to be devoted to tree planting, and it is claimed that 12,000,000 trees were planted on that day. Minnesota, Kansas, Michigan, Indiana, West Virginia, Ohio, and perhaps other states now have their Arbor days.

Last year many schools in Ohio, especially those in Cincinnati and Columbus, appropriately observed the day. Talks on trees, their value and beauty, occupied the morning hours, and the afternoon was given to practical work. Superintendent Peasley, of Cincinnati, is reported as saying that these talks were the most interesting and profitable lessons the pupils of Cincinnati ever had in a single day.

Let Arbor day be more generally observed this year than ever before. We want trees about our homes, our churches, our school houses, along the roadside, and much waste land might be made valuable by being planted with them.

There is a beauty and attractiveness about the small town and country homes, and even cities of the western reserve, seldom found elsewhere, but this depends more on its neat lawns and the abundance of trees and shrubbery about their homes, than anything else. The lady who cut down a beautiful rose vine because it obscured from view a ten cent paper window shade with gay pictures on it, doesn't live on the western reserve.

The rich man may adorn his home with carved pillars and expensive ornaments, but no architectural skill can give to a residence that comfortable, homelike appearance which a few fine trees will. Time, which makes such havoc among men, deals more gently with the trees. The child will grow to maturity, pass on to the feebleness of old age, while the trees beneath which he played in childhood still stand in their perfection of beauty to shelter his children's children.

We love the trees which have grown beside us from our youth. They have been associated with our past life, have been silent witnesses of our joys and sorrows until they seem like old friends. When, perhaps, after years of absence we return again to the old homestead, we visit the trees and delight again to sit in their shadow and think of the past. If parents would hold the hearts of their children to their homes they should encourage them to plant and cherish trees.

We may not be able to decorate our homes with expensive paintings or works of art, but we can do without these, if we have nature, the great artist, modeling tree and shrub, and painting leaf, and flower, and draping vine, with highest skill about our dwellings. Happiness may be made of cheap materials, as well as of expensive, and many a poor person has found more enjoyment in the few vines, and flowers, and trees they have planted and tended themselves, than the wealthy do from their expensive conservatories. Let us cultivate the simpler pleasure, and if the plot of ground is ever so small, improve it. Nature does wonderful things in the way of ornamentation, to those who help themselves. Wonderful possibilities are locked up in little seeds and plants. Help to develop them.

Victor Hugo says: "The world would regard that man an improvident waster of time who should spend half a day in the forest enjoying its serene beauty, but he might spend days there studying it with reference to its lumber value, and it would be very praise-worthy." But "man shall not live by bread alone."

The Lord might have made lumber in the shape of telegraph poles, and indeed it would seem more economical of ground, but he wisely preferred trees with their crown of beauty. Trees, however, are not to be despised even with reference to their lumber. We need lumber to build houses and to furnish them, to make railroads and run them, for ships, wagons, telegraphs, fences, fuel, "wooden nutmegs," and "Quaker guns."

Indeed, we can scarcely have anything that lumber is not directly or indirectly employed in its manufacture. Man has found out many inventions, but so far the only way known to make lumber is by the slow process of growing trees.

There was once a company formed in London to make boards out of sawdust, but the enterprise failed, probably for want of a live Yankee to run it.

In some countries forests are protected by government from destruction, and in some places where one tree is cut down two are required to be planted. Even in our own plentiful land a man should hesitate long before he cuts down a tree or grove. With a good ax he may destroy in a day what nothing but God and ages of time can replace. The whole neighborhood may be made the poorer by his work, but perhaps they will never know it. Green grass, trees, and beautiful sunsets are not specially valued in the country, they are too common.

Trees also exert an important influence on the climate. The government of Egypt years since planted thousands of trees, and as a result they have several days' more rain each year than formerly. Our ancestors were famous in proportion as they felled the great trees, but the prevalence of floods, droughts, and cyclones admonish us that planting trees is very appropriate work for the present generation.

Not only is the probable scarcity of timber beginning to excite uneasiness, but great changes have been affected in the climate of our own country by the wholesale slaughter of the forests. It has been suggested that the government in giving homesteads should stipulate that a certain number of trees be planted before the little is given. The immense plains of the great west which were the great American desert in the old geographies, are rapidly being made habitable by tree planting and cultivation.

The money value of trees to property is largely overlooked. A shrewd business man looking at some real estate recently, with reference to investing, valued each tree fairly started worth $5 to the place. I know a little house, in a little town, that rents readier and for more money than most others, and the only reason is because the owner was sharp enough to spend about $10 for trees with which to ornament the yard.

It is to be hoped village improvement societies will be formed, and Arbor day will unite men, women and children in an effort to plant trees wherever there is room for them, remembering not to crowd the house so as to exclude too much air and sunshine.

The advice of the Scotchman to his son might be followed by many people with great profit. "Jack," said he, "when ye hae naething to do be sticking in a tree. It will graw up while ye're sleeping."

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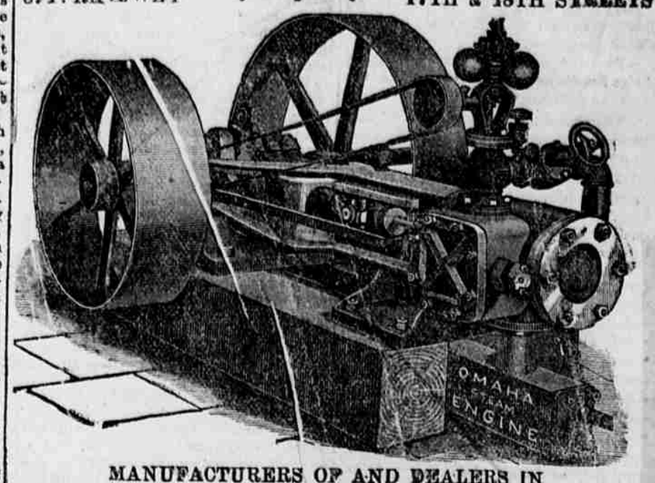

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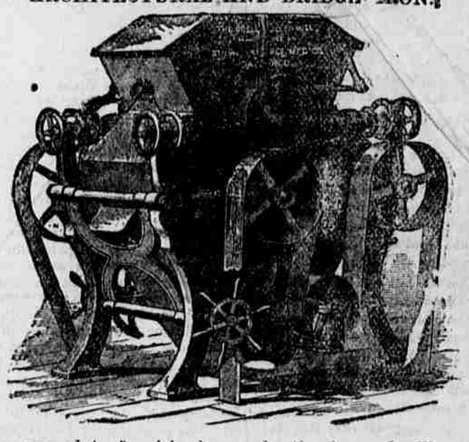

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