

RAILROAD NEWS.

The Rock Island Offers \$100 For a Name.

California Limited Train Must Be Christened.

ORIGINALITY WILL WIN Rock Island Will Get Ideas From Thousands of Brains.

Details of the Elegant Service Offered.

During the coming week newspapers in all parts of the United States will contain notices of a cash prize of \$100 in gold that is offered by the Rock Island railroad for a suitable name for the new Chicago-California limited daily train that is to be inaugurated November 1.

This week from the office of E. W. Thompson, assistant general passenger agent, in charge of the lines of the Rock Island west of the Missouri river, the following notice is being sent for publication in the western papers:

A name is wanted for the new daily limited train to California to be placed in service November 1, 1902, by the Rock Island system and Southern Pacific company, via the El Paso Short Line. The competition is open to the public, and conditions involve no fees of any kind. For circular of instructions address at once Jno. Sebastian, passenger traffic manager Rock Island system, Chicago.

The notice will appear in no less than four thousand newspapers in all parts of the United States. In this manner the offer will reach thousands of people. The correspondence that will follow will be tremendous. Each applicant must first write to Chicago for a circular of instructions. The circular which is sent to each person who wishes to submit a name will be accompanied by a postal card on which will be printed blank space for the suggestion of a name which the contestant desires to offer. Only answers on the cards furnished by the railroad will be considered.

In conjunction with and through traffic arrangements made with the Southern Pacific railway company, the Rock Island system announces the inauguration of a limited passenger service between Chicago and California, beginning November 1. The train which the Rock Island system will put into service it is claimed will excel any other train of its kind in service in the west.

A number of new features in railway service have been added to make this train attractive to the traveler. Among the new features is the establishment of the Book Lovers' library on each of the ten or eleven trains that will be required to make the daily service between Chicago and California. The Book Lovers' library is too well known to need anything in the way of explanation. Each patron of the train, whether he be a member of the library or not, will be entitled to use the books while on the train. The Book Lovers' library

will be in the composite library, smoking and buffet car. Another library of late and popular books will be in the parlor of the observation car, thus having two libraries on each train. A feature that will prove of value to the business man will be the preparation of the market and stock reports which will be made and daily furnished for those on each train at various hours of the day.

Another thing which will prove attractive and which has heretofore been unknown on any of the trains running west of Chicago is the bath room facilities. A barber shop, will also be a feature of each train.

The equipment of each train will consist of a special mail car, a composite car, a dining car which will be carried the entire distance of the trip, standard 12-section double drawing room sleepers, one compartment sleeper and one 10-section observation sleeper, which will have in addition to the observation parlor, an enclosed wide observation platform in the rear.

The regular fares will be charged. However the train will not be allowed to the use of those carrying passes. The time which the train will make, it is hoped will be considerably less than that of any present schedule.

The only thing lacking for this new service now is an appropriate name for the train. Consequently the cash prize of \$100 is offered for the best suggestion. In suggesting a name originality should take all precedence. It must not be patterned after the name of any other train. It should at the same time be peculiarly significant of the route, the destination, the service and equipment.

ELECTRIC RAILWAY TRAINS.

New York Central to Run Them Into New York.

The decision of the New York Central to use electricity instead of steam on all trains in and out of New York city a distance of thirty miles from the station has caused considerable discussion regarding the probability of the supplying of steam by electricity on railroads generally. W. C. Brown, third vice president, was asked what he thought about this question, and replied: "No man can tell about that for it is nature to ask. Why not use it over the entire system? At present the economy which such a change would bring would not warrant the expenditure. We have not decided what kind of a system we shall use, whether third rail or otherwise. The first installation will be 100,000 horsepower, and will cost about \$10,000,000."

FIRST PASSENGER TRAIN.

Orient Will Inaugurate Its United States Service Sunday.

The first passenger train to be run over the tracks of the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient railway in the United States will carry an excursion party from Harper and Anthony, Kas., to Waldron, O. T., and return next Sunday. Two passenger coaches for the Orient have arrived at Anthony, and this will be their initial service. Regular passenger traffic will not be established for a time.

The freight business of the road

since operation began on the Kansas and Oklahoma division a few days ago has been highly satisfactory to the management, and large quantities of freight are still awaiting shipment. Track laying has been temporarily suspended, pending the completion of the bridge over the Big Sandy, which work is delayed by the non-arrival of long piling for the 150 feet in the center. These have been shipped and are due to arrive any day, after which the work will be pushed, material being now on the ground for the completion of the road to Carmen.

The line of the Orient east out of Chihuahua, Mexico, has been in operation for some time, and track laying is now in progress from Fort Silwell east, where the line will soon be put in operation. Track laying will continue in four places, east of Fort Silwell, east of Chihuahua, north of Harper, Kas., and south of Waldron, O. T. Grading is under way at numerous other points, but rails will not be laid there until next year.

THE OLD, OLD STORY.

Western Roads Talking of Stopping the Exchange of Passes.

If present plans are carried out there will be no interchange of passes among western roads during 1902. The meeting of the pass committee representing all western lines has been set for early October, and the matter is already receiving considerable discussion. Until last year the pass agreements have been largely farcical, but it is expected this year that the agreement, which has been kept only by trunk lines, will be generally in force. J. V. Mahoney, chairman of the western trunk line committee, has been made chairman of the pass committee in place of George W. Distine. Last year roads in the various associations agreed not to interchange passes, and the agreement fell through before it was put into effect. Finally the Central Passenger association lines and the trunk line entered into the agreement, which the former were unable to keep. It was stated that this was largely due to the fact that the Wabash extends in eastern as well as western territory, and that it could not have one rule over a portion of its lines and another over other portions.

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first aid to the wounded and injured in wrecks.

Ballou surgeons have estimated that at least 50 or 75 per cent of the deaths which now occur from injuries received in railway wrecks would not occur provided the injured received skillful and intelligent aid at once. The value of the theory has appealed to the officials of the North-western.

BUILD OVER ABO PASS.

Santa Fe Selects Route For the New Mexican Cut-Off.

Albuquerque, N. M., Aug. 8.—F. M. Jones, engineer of the Santa Fe cut-off, stopped off between trains in Albuquerque while en route from Belen to Las Vegas. Mr. Jones was returning from a two weeks' trip by buggy from Las Vegas to Pinos Wells, and from the wells along the line of the survey over Abo Pass to Belen. His mission was to investigate the timber and water resources of the country over which the new road will run. He reports having found a good supply of water at different places along the route, and that the country is generally good timber land. He found in the Manzano mountains. He says the Santa Fe short cut will be built over Abo Pass.

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Table listing various clothing items and prices: MEN'S SUITS, BOYS' SUITS, YOUNG MEN'S SUITS, MEN'S PANTS, BOYS' LONG PANTS, BOYS' KNEE PANTS, MEN'S SHIRTS, MEN'S AND BOYS' UNDERWEAR.

The Star Clothing and Shoe Co. 2 Doors North of P. O. Topeka, Kansas. 420 Kansas Ave. We have a fine line of Men's Working Shoes which we are selling for \$1.25 and warrant them to be all leather. Fine Dress Shoes, we have them for \$1.25 to \$3.00 a pair; also a large assortment of Ladies' and Children's Shoes which we are selling cheaper than any other house in the city. Come and see them.

Advertisement for 'THE FORCE' FOOD CO. featuring an illustration of a man in a suit and a large mechanical device. Text includes: 'THE FORCE' FOOD CO., Buffalo, N. Y., 'I have used a number of packages of "Force" since it was first introduced here. I use so much of it I would like to buy it in large quantities, if possible. My husband and I use a package every two days. Every spoonful is an aggravation for me, since it gives us both more strength and fat. My husband is a stationary engineer, and he takes a whole bowlful to his engine-room and cuts it with one quart of milk. He says it makes him feel like a "young one." I have a nursing baby—my first child—and I find it gives abundance in abundance for both myself and baby. We use it by the tablespoon, and I would like to buy by the wholesale.' 'THE FORCE' FOOD CO., Buffalo, N. Y.

Advertisement for 'NO Danger of contracting Sickness if you use Pure Water'. Features an illustration of a dog and text: 'That's the kind furnished by the Topeka Water Co. Telephone 122. 625 QUINCY STREET. SMOKE KLAUER'S GOLD BUG. 5 CENT CIGAR. RED AND BLACK. Numbers indicate those who have the Five Cents a Day Telephone. Call them up and convince yourself of the merits of the service. Missouri & Kansas Tele. Co. Phone 999. Best and Health to Mother and Child. MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has been used for FIFTY YEARS BY MILLIONS OF MOTHERS for their CHILDREN WHILE TEething, with PERFECT SUCCESS. IT SOOTHES the CHILD, SOFTENS the GUMS, ALLAYS all PAIN, CURES WIND COLIC and is the best remedy for DIARRHOEA. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Be sure to ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" and take no other kind. Two-cent and five-cent bottles. Excursion to Wathons, Sunday, August 10, account of the Chautauqua. Rate of \$1.25 for the round trip. Leave Topeka 7:45 a. m., returning at 8:00 p. m. Special attractions. Beautiful grove. See Rock Island agents. Excursion to Wathons, Sunday, August 10, account of the Chautauqua. Rate of \$1.25 for the round trip. Leave Topeka 7:45 a. m., returning at 8:00 p. m. Special attractions. Beautiful grove. See Rock Island agents. Wonderful Mechanical tricks. Levitation of Zadra, magical game of billiards. Garfield park tonight. Admission 10 cents. Burdock Hood Bitters gives a man a clear head, an active brain, a strong, vigorous body—makes him fit for the battle of life.