

## Railroad Notes

### SAFETY FIRST SPEECH

F. B. Thomas of the Burlington safety first department came to Alliance from Chicago Friday. At 11: a. m. he spoke to employees of the mechanical department in the "back shop." More than two hundred from the shops, round house and repair tracks were present to hear him. His address was on the subject of "Safety First," combined with a strong patriotic appeal to stand by Uncle Sam in these troublous times, by sticking faithfully at the task of keeping the condition of railroad equipment up to the highest point of efficiency. The large audience showed its approval of his remarks by giving him generous applause at the conclusion of the speech.

(From Last Week)

Foreman Stearns of the bridge and building department now has a force of men working on the coal shed adding new bins, this is something that has long been needed as Alliance trains going out burn three grades of coal according to the type of engine. A new sand house will be built south of the coal shed with tracks leading up to it, this will avoid the outgoing trains being delayed by cars dried at Alliance and shipped to outside division points.

The new lockers have all been installed in the engine mens rooms and lockers are now being assigned by the engine dispatcher. The lockers add a great deal of convenience to the storing of the mens clothes and tools while out on their runs.

Fireman Joe Hooper returned Tuesday from a trip to St. Louis.

Ezngineer G. W. Johnson laid off one trip. Pat Laechi took his turn.

Fireman A. A. Huntley has resigned at the Burlington. He left for Grand Island to enlist in the navy.

Fireman shoafstell who has been on the switch engine at Edgemont bid in a pool tur with Ed Lawrence and is now back in Alliance.

Chas. Rennau is now day call-boy at the round house.

Geo. Dietlein, head clerk in the master mechanics office is out on his ranch at present. His place is being filled by Wm. La Mon.

The sleeping quarters at the Fire Department have all been repainted and put into tip top condition.

We stated last week that the Had-dorf Music House sold the "Columbia," this was a mistake as they handle the Aeolian Vocalion. T. M. Hampe is arranging for another high grade machine to offer his customers.

The fire department lost a good member last week when Charley Weaver, employed at the "Q" as a pipe fitter, enlisted in the aviation corps; but to the contrary Uncle Sam gained a good soldier.

Q" enlisted in the aviation corps, the army.

Maurice Nelson, who has been employed at the soda fountain at Brennan's, enlisted last week in the aviation corps.

Joe Williams, printer employed at the times, has enlisted in the aviation corps.

Marvin Dickinson, has enlisted as a welder in the aviation corps.

A complete list of the boys who have answered the country's call by enlisting at Alliance, is given in this weeks issue of the Herald.

### Lens for Portraits.

Anyone who intends to do much portraiture will find it a great help to get some simple form of stand camera for the purpose, and fit it with one of the old-fashioned portrait lenses, which can usually be picked up second-hand very cheaply. A half-plate lens should be got for quarter-plate or smaller work, as this allows one to be further from the sitter, and so avoids all risk of wide-angle effects, besides covering the plate better. In such a case, one ought to get definition over the small plate as good as with a first-rate anastigmat, extreme rapidity, and at a very moderate cost.—Exchange.

### See if Your Diamond is Genuine.

Here is a test that can be made when a diamond is quite clean and dry. Place on the surface of a diamond a tiny drop of water. Now take a needle or pin and try to move the drop about. If the diamond is genuine, experts say, the drop can be rolled intact. On the other hand when the gem is an imitation the water spreads directly it is touched with the needle point.

### His Dearest Wish.

The neighbor children were all invited to Roy's birthday party. As each child lit a candle on the cake he was to wish for something. Charley said: "I wish my mother would forget to tell me I didn't have two pieces of cake when I come to your party again."

Q "It's difference of opinion," said Mark Twain, "that makes a horse race."

Q It's difference of opinion—and taste—and condition—that makes the classified page a most effective solution of most human perplexities.

Q Try a want ad for your trouble.

## LIVESTOCK PRICES AT SOUTH OMAHA

### Fat Cattle Steady to Stronger Than Last Week

### HOGS SELL 20-25c HIGHER

Sheep and Lambs in Rather Liberal Supply and Only Fair Demand—Market Slow to 15@25c Lower—Feeders Also in Slack Request and Unevenly Lower.

Union Stock Yards, Omaha, Neb., Feb. 19.—A fair Monday's run of cattle showed up, 8,400 head, and quality was pretty good as a rule. Demand from both packers and shippers was fairly broad, and both beef steers and cow stuf sold freely at full last week's stronger prices. Demand for stockers and feeders was also active and somewhat higher all around.

Quotations on cattle: Good to choice beefs, \$12.00@13.00; fair to good beefs, \$10.75@11.75; common to fair beefs, \$8.50@10.50; good to choice yearlings, \$10.50@11.75; fair to good yearlings, \$9.00@10.00; common to fair yearlings, \$7.00@9.00; good to choice grass beefs, \$10.00@11.50; fair to good grass steers, \$8.50@9.50; common to fair grass steers, \$7.50@8.50; good to choice heifers, \$9.00@10.00; good to choice cows, \$8.75@9.75; fair to good cows, \$7.75@8.75; canners and cutters, \$6.50@7.50; veal calves, \$9.00@13.00; beef bulls, \$8.50@10.00; bologna bulls, \$7.00@8.50; prime feeders, \$10.00@11.40; good to choice feeders, \$9.75@10.25; fair to good feeders, \$8.75@9.50; good to choice stockers, \$9.50@10.50; fair to good stockers, \$8.00@9.00; common to fair grades, \$6.50@7.50; stock heifers, \$7.50@9.00; stock cows, \$6.50@8.50; stock calves, \$7.00@9.50.

### A 20@25c Advance in Hogs.

Hog receipts were rather liberal, 13,000 head, but demand was keen and both shippers and packers took hold freely at prices 20@30c higher than last Saturday. Tops brought \$16.55, and the bulk of the trading was at \$16.30@16.45, about 70c higher than a week ago.

### Lambs Show More Decline.

There was a liberal run of sheep and lambs, 17,000 head, and demand was rather indifferent. Trade ruled slow and bids and sales ranged from weak to 25c lower than last week. Best lambs brought \$16.00.

Quotations on sheep and lambs: Lambs, handy weight, \$16.25@16.00; lambs, heavy weight, \$15.50@16.00; lambs, feeders, \$15.00@16.50; lambs, shorn, \$11.50@13.50; lambs, culls, \$10.00@14.00; yearlings, fair to choice, \$11.50@14.50; yearlings, feeders, \$12.00@14.25; wethers, fair to choice \$11.00@13.00; ewes, fair to choice \$11.00@12.00; ewes, breeders, all ages, \$10.50@16.50; ewes, feeders, \$7.50@10.50; ewes, culls and canners, \$5.00@7.25.

### Sir Oliver Lodge's Faith.

"I will not believe that it is given to man to have thoughts higher and nobler than the real truth of things."

### MISS LUCILLE PATTERSON



Anxious to do her bit and make it the most valuable deed she is capable of rendering the nation, Miss Lucille Patterson, a twenty-three-year-old artist of prominence, is devoting her artistic talent to war work. She is shown at work on a gigantic service poster for the National League for Women's Service.

### MIXTURE FOR HOG PASTURES

Four Pecks of Oats and Four Pounds of Rape to Acre Will Furnish Ample Supply of Grass.

For hog pasture sow on each acre a mixture of four pecks of oats and four pounds of rape. Broadcast or drill. The mixture is ordinarily ready for pasture about eight weeks after seeding.

### SIMPLE TOOL DOES WORK WITHOUT CAUSING DAMAGE.

Would Seem Destined to Have Place in the Equipment of All Automobile Drivers.

An automobile-tire tool which is so designed as not to damage the inner tube when removing a tire, consists of two iron parts: a straight, removable handle, and an irregularly-shaped bar having a double curve in its center. From one side of this curve extends a large irregular hook; from the opposite side a small hook. To remove a tire, the wheel is jacked up about two inches and with the aid of the handle as a pry, the large hook is worked under the tire until it engages the rim. The handle is then inserted in its socket at the end of the tool and pressed over against the hub. By turning the wheel back and forth the lower end of the tool is made to strike the earth repeatedly, gradually forcing the tire off. To replace the tire it is deflated and partly put on by hand. Then the small hook on the tool is inserted to engage the wheel rim. By turning the wheel back and forth as before, the tire is gradually forced into position.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

### SPEEDWAY RACING A BORE

Writer Thinks Crowds Are Drawn to Them in the Hope of Seeing a Smashup.

How far wrong was the autoist who once remarked that most folk are drawn to automobile speedway races by the hope of seeing someone killed? It is the thrills it generates; the science it calls into play or the pleasure it affords that usually draw crowds to athletic contests. But long-distance speedway racing is the one so-called sport that is almost devoid of sensations; it is a contest where the spirit of contest seems almost totally absent; a spectacle that provokes no real excitement after the first few minutes. It becomes a monotonous thing to watch long before the end has been reached.

And yet year after year thousands of persons attend these speedway races. True the major portion of each crowd witnesses such races for the first and last time. It comes to see what can be seen—and it never comes back. Its place is taken the next year by another "once-but-no-more" crowd. But there are "repeaters;" some persons do go back year after year to see the speed demons in their races against time—and against death.

Automobile road racing has its thrills. Dash races on a speedway create some real shivery feelings along the spinal column. Both are real contests where the man element actually enters; where a race is a race. But those 100 or 200 or 300 mile races around a speedway are nothing but processions; little more than tests of motors and tires; a tiresome exhibition to an extreme.

And yet there are some people who attend all the big speedway events. What draws them there? Was the man right? Is it that the morbid hope of seeing a frightful smashup urges them through the gates and into the stands?—Exchange.

### MAKES EXHAUST GASES WORK

By a Whirling Motion Carbon Particles Are at Once Removed From the Electrodes.

Differing from all other spark plugs, this new device relies on the whirling motion of the exhaust gases to remove carbon particles from the electrodes as soon as formed. One of the electrodes is shaped like a propeller, lying horizontal. The other electrode is a round rod in the center of the propeller-disk electrode. The gases are exhausted from the spark-plug recess with such force as to whirl them around and between the two electrodes, carrying all carbon particles with them.—Popular Science Monthly.

Flushing Does Not Remove Scale. Flushing a radiator and cooling system does not remove the scale and slime left there by the water. Take two pounds of washing soda, dissolve with hot water and pour into radiator through strainer as it dissolves. When this is done run the car three or four hours and then drain cooling system. Do not allow it to cool in radiator. Then fill with fresh water. If the engine has just been overhauled the pump is probably in good condition. This will be shown by heat descending in radiator. If bottom is cool while top is hot the pump has failed.

Hissing Valves. Of course when you hear hissing that comes from escaping compression you naturally think of valve grinding. But it does not always follow. A small piece of grit may become fastened to a valve head surface and prevent the valve from seating tightly, or a variation stem adjustment by vibration may cause the valve to seat imperfectly, and in either case there will be a hissing sound.



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