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The newest fad is a sock-darning contest, according to Kansas City newspapers. And the president of the editors' Uplift club says: "Fine. Now let them hold a steak-broiling tournament and a baby spanking match, and much else will be overlooked and forgotten."

Samuel Gompers, a far seeing labor leader who knows the idea

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bread is buttered on, has come out strongly in opposition to the proposal that the labor unionists start a third party. Mr. Gompers realizes that as the head of the American Federation of Labor for a number of years he would be the logical leader of a labor party were one to be organized, and the thought evidently strikes him that it is better to be the undefeated representative of labor than the defeated candidate for the presidency when he is fighting for labor's cause in congress, where votes are worth more than any place else, save possibly Michigan. According to Mr. Gompers, the effect of a labor party would be to defeat labor's friends and elect its enemies.

**RAILROAD NOTES**

Operator J. J. Davis is coming to Alliance from Hecla, Neb., to have a minor operation performed.

Conductor Henry Merck had the fourth finger of the right hand cut off and the third finger badly crushed when he was switching out of Crawford last night. Conductor Mackey was sent to bring in his train.

Assistant Trainmaster Glen Wilt is expected to return tomorrow from Chicago, where he and his wife have been enjoying their delayed honeymoon. Mr. Wilt was married some few weeks ago but was unable to go on his honeymoon before.

George ove was transferred otday from Antioch to Hecla, Neb., to relieve the operator, J. J. Davis.

Conductor Evans Evans is going to Danforth, Neb., in a few days to make a visit with his friends there and attend to some personal business.

Brakeman C. E. Lawson was called to Denver yesterday on account of the serious illness of his mother.

Conductor McKenzie has reported back to work after being off for a

few days with the gripe.

Conductor Mark leaves today for a trip to the west coast. He expects to visit many interesting points and be gone from six weeks to two months.

Conductor Ward is back on duty after being confined to his home on account of influenza the past week.

Machinist Quinette is about the same, although his fever was reported to be slightly higher yesterday.

The doctor now has every hope of pulling the case through.

Conductor Muhirter has returned to work, after being ill for three or four days.

Fireman Rogers was nowhere to be found when he was supposed to have been called to work. They finally decided that he wanted a vacation for the trip and accordingly gave it to him.

**ROUGH HOUSE AT SMITH POOL HALL**

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if he had not raised his arm and caught the billiard ball aimed for his head.

Both Smith and Landis say that Hudkins appeared to have been drinking, and that he was first a trouble-maker and then an aggressor.

Hudkins tells a widely different story, to the effect that he had been attempting to collect a bill that Smith had owed him for years. He says that the pool hall proprietor became abusive and threatened to throw him out if he did not leave. Thereupon, he announced that he was willing to fight, but that he would not start anything in the other man's place of business. He says that he invited Smith to step outside, but the latter refused. Then ensued more argument, and when Smith got too abusive, Hudkins says that he took hold of him and started to take him outside. At that juncture the billiard cue descended, and he spent the next few moments counting the stars. When he came up, he came up with blood in his eye and billiard balls in his hands. Hudkins declared that he, too, had had a fortunate escape, for if the counter wires had not been in the way, the blow from the billiard cue would have been sufficient to put him out of the running.

Chief of Police Reed gives still another side of the story. His tale is that the first word of the scrap reached him when he was engaged in searching H. B. Berry, arrested on a petit larceny charge. A man came in, wildly excited, with tears as big as teacups streaming down his cheeks, and declared that the Smith pool hall was being wrecked. On being asked who was on the wrecking crew, he answered the single word: "Sheep-herders." A half-minute later Joe Smith came in, and declared that his place was being ruined. He said, according to the chief, that "John is killed," and that he had been badly hurt. On going over to the pool hall, the chief found the place deserted. He located Hudkins at the Red Diamond pool hall a short time afterward and placed him under arrest and took him over to the station. After hearing Hudkins' of the case, he released him. The chief said Hudkins assured him that he had no intention of leaving town and that he would be ready any minute the authorities called on him. The chief declares that he did not smell liquor on Hudkins' breath, and that, so far as he could discern, "Red" had not been indulging in anything stronger than water.

These are, in substance, the stories which Judge Tash will listen to next Tuesday. Other witnesses will likely be called, and the decision will be up to the judge. The case has been the cause of considerable discussion over the city, and an interesting session is predicted.

**CITY COUNCIL MEETS WEDNESDAY EVENING**

The city council will meet in special session next Wednesday evening to open bids for paving. This will be the main business of the meeting, but other matters may be taken up. Mayor Rodgers says, however, that the telephone franchise will not be one of them.

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It is reported that preparations are being made to continue the well within the city limits of Ardmore which was abandoned months ago at

a depth of 1,200 feet. The casing is still in the hole and the steel standard riser, which stood over the well, was blown down by a cyclone last summer.

Dispatches from Washington state that President Wilson is expected to act on the oil-leasing bill before it would automatically become a law at midnight on February 25 without his signature.

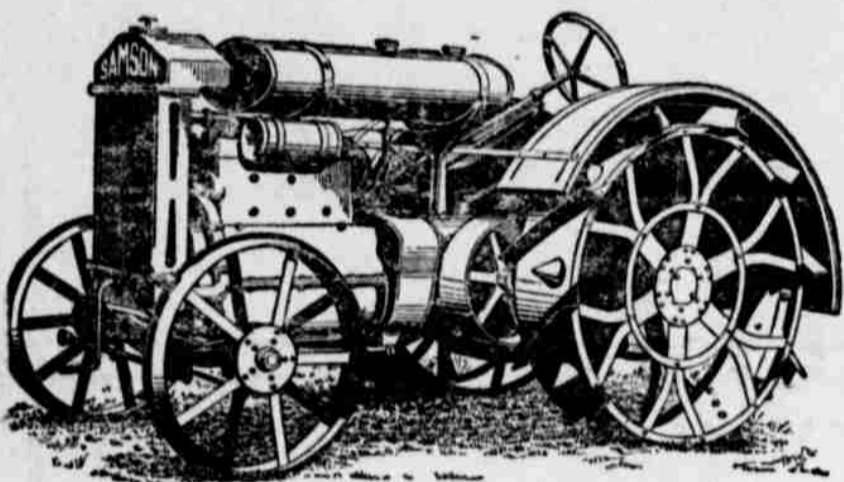
**Sale of Registered Hereford Cattle**

Cattle breeders in the vicinity of Crawford, Nebraska, will hold a big sale of Hereford cattle in Crawford, Monday, March 15, 1920. The offering will include 80 head, 35 bulls and 45 females. The bulls are mostly coming two years old with a few coming three. They are a rugged lot containing the most popular blood lines and possessing the bone and scale demanded by western stockmen. One herd bull by Repeater 7th and one by Domino sells. The females are all young cows and heifers bred to sons of Beau Mischief, Domino and Bright Standway. This is the best string of cattle ever put through a north-west Nebraska sale ring. Write for catalog and plan to be with us sale day. Address Clyde Buffington, Sale Manager. 26p

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