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### TIME TABLE

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LINCOLN, OMAHA, CHICAGO, ST. JOSEPH, KANSAS CITY, ST. LOUIS AND ALL POINTS EAST AND SOUTH.

DENVER, HELENA, BUTTE, PORTLAND, SALT LAKE CITY, SAN FRANCISCO, AND ALL POINTS WEST.

TRAINS LEAVE AS FOLLOWS:

CENTRAL TIME.

No. 2. Vestibuled Express, daily, Lincoln, Omaha, St. Joe, Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago, and all points south and east. 6:15 A. M.

No. 4. Local Express, daily, Hastings, 11:00 P. M.

No. 6. Chicago Flyer, 5:22 P. M.

No. 148. Freight, daily, ex. Sunday, Hastings and intermediate stations. 5:00 A. M.

No. 76. Freight, daily, Oxford, Holdrege, Hastings, 6:30 A. M.

No. 80. Freight, daily, Hastings and intermediate stations. 7:27 A. M.

No. 64. Freight, daily, Oxford, Red Cloud, St. Joe, Kansas City 4:00 A. M.

No. 5. Local Express, daily, arrives at... 8:05 P. M.

MOUNTAIN TIME.

No. 1. Denver Flyer, 6:20 A. M.

No. 3. Vestibuled Express, daily, Denver and all points in Colorado and California, 11:40 P. M.

No. 149. Freight, daily, ex. Sunday, Akron and intermediate stations. 6:45 A. M.

No. 77. Freight, daily, Stratton, Benkelman, Haigler, Wray and Akron. 1:50 P. M.

No. 63. Freight, daily, Stratton, Benkelman, Haigler, Wray and Akron. 4:30 P. M.

No. 175. Accommodation, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Imperial and intermediate stations. 6:38 A. M.

Sleeping, dining and reclining chair cars (seats free) on through trains. Tickets sold and baggage checked to any point in the United States or Canada.

For information, time tables, maps and tickets, call on or write A. P. Thomson, Agent, McCook, Nebraska, or J. Francis, General Passenger Agent, Omaha, Nebraska.

### RAILROAD NEWS ITEMS.

William Shinsel has returned to work.

L. A. Hurlburt is calling temporarily.

Mrs. O. D. Keith is among the ailing ones.

Supt. A. Campbell went up to Denver on No. 1, Wednesday.

Brakeman Ed. Beyrer is laying off with a badly sprained ankle.

Mrs. E. F. Caffrey is visiting in Lincoln and Fairmont, this week.

Brakeman A. G. Bump was at Arapahoe, early in the week, on business.

Switchman W. J. Crawford of Akron took unto himself a wife, this week.

Mrs. Ed. Beyrer attended the funeral of Mrs. F. E. Kidder at Oxford, Tuesday.

Trainmaster Web Josselyn was up from Orleans, Wednesday, on business of his branch.

Trainmaster J. F. Kenyon went up to Denver, yesterday morning, on business of his office.

T. A. Jamison, brother-in-law of Tom Stokes of Akron, is the new switchman in the yards here.

Asst. Supt. E. F. Highland was down from Denver, Tuesday, between trains, on business of his office.

Mrs. George Beck visited her husband at Hastings over Sunday, and part of the week his parents at Riverton.

Conductor F. M. Washburn and family returned, Monday night, from their visit to relatives at Bromfield.

Dan Bowen, formerly brakeman on this division, is here on a visit to relatives. He may re-enter the service.

Mrs. T. H. Ellis and Charles Maier came down from Billings, Montana, close of last week, and are visiting relatives.

F. E. Kidder and family returned, Tuesday night on No. 5, from Oxford, where the remains of Mrs. Kidder were interred.

Engineer C. K. Coleman and family are now comfortably located in their lately acquired home, the Holiday house on North Main.

The infant child of Conrad Broomgard, section man at Bartley, has been seriously ill, this week, at this place, and he was summoned home by telegraph.

Mr. and Mrs. Mose Carmony, E. M. and Walter Cox visited the parents near Red Cloud, close of last week, it being an anniversary occasion of Mr. and Mrs. Cox.

Mrs. J. J. Curran went down to Hastings, Saturday morning, visiting with her husband there over Sunday, returning on No. 3. The children stayed at Oxford meanwhile.

Brakeman C. H. McCarl has purchased the H. G. Dixon dwelling on Marshall street, lately vacated by L. W. Cox. He is fixing it up nicely, and will have a very cosy little home.

F. A. Thompson is in Denver running the store house during the illness of the storekeeper and Rufus Carlton is taking Thompson's duties here. G. R. Snyder has Carlton's position in the freight office. Meanwhile a man from Hastings is calling for Snyder, temporarily.

McCook Markets.

Corrected Friday morning.

Corn ..... \$ .17  
Wheat ..... .09  
Oats ..... .16  
Rye ..... .34  
Barley ..... .20  
Hogs ..... 3.20  
Eggs ..... .07  
Butter ..... .12  
Potatoes ..... 65 @ .75

One of the passengers from the wrecked steamer Kameruka who was saved by pigs swimming ashore with a life line ate bacon for breakfast as soon as he arrived at Sydney.—Exchange.

### HE IS THE PEARL KING

HOW SAMUEL HARRIS OF CALIFORNIA WON THIS TITLE.

He Now Controls the Pearl and Pearl Shell Market of America and Europe. An Interesting Trade With Natives of Pacific Islands.

It is not generally known that one single merchant, a young Californian, 32 years of age, controls the pearl and pearl shell market of America and Europe. This monarch of the pearl trade is Samuel Harris. He operates in the Pacific ocean, and he has built up an astounding commercial reputation in the course of eight years. There are plenty of cattle kings in the west and wheat kings in the east and money kings everywhere, but there is only one pearl king, and that is Harris. Thousands of rare, translucent gems are brought to this country and shipped to Europe by his agents. He deals in mother of pearl shells by the ton, and the magnitude of his transactions has made the private mark of Harris—namely, a diamond inclosing a large H—a seal of international importance and a guarantee of genuine kingship.

Harris gathers his gems exclusively in the Society islands. For eight years he has made these Pacific land spots the field of his interesting business. It was on the shores of Tahiti that first he earned his title of king. After repeated transactions with the natives whom he employed in pearl fishing he stimulated them from passivity to great activity, gaining their confidence and trust by honest and reliable barter. He never made promises to them that he did not keep. He paid them in full the price which they demanded. Himself a finished critic, a connoisseur, he never permitted them to overvalue a pile of shells, and they grew to admire him. He controlled the situation at Tahiti. He was easily king.

It is said that Harris has been a lover of these delicate gems since his boyhood. Pearls have always been to him the most mysterious, the most wonderful, the most beautiful handiwork of nature. To him, gifted with an artistic, idealistic temperament, they appealed in a romantic, poetic way. To him each translucent globule seemed like a tear from the weird eyes of an earth bewitched mermaid. They were silent to him of the water maid's grief, she who perhaps pined for a terrestrial love.

Finally young Harris took a pleasure voyage to the distant Society isles and saw what made his enthusiastic eyes bulge in their sockets. He saw native children playing along the sands with the richest pearls he had ever seen; he saw the native belles passing by with ropes of pearly gems about their throats, such treasures as would have made a society queen turn pale with envy. Then Harris made his first business trip to Tahiti, and he took with him \$3,000 worth of merchandise. His burden consisted mainly of tobacco, knives, rope, fishhooks and articles of clothing. These were luxuries to the native Tahiti, and the pearl trader brought back that year in exchange for his merchandise fully \$40,000 worth of pearls and pearl shells. He did not consider it a bad bargain, and he has been back very year since.

Formerly only the lowest grade pearls were brought to the American market. The finer ones were retained abroad and rarely ever found their way this side of the water. Harris has turned the tables and now brings to the San Francisco market the most perfect pearls found anywhere. The perfect stones are orient and of translucent whiteness or glimmering iridescence. They are finely symmetrical in form, and the best are generally pear shaped, like a falling star. The hunt for these beauties of the deep goes on incessantly. The same excitement and uncertainty attend the fishing as surround the tireless chase for gold or the determined digging in a diamond mine.

There is the same labor and the oft repeated disappointment. Now and then a great surprise is brought up by the fearless pearl diver. That compensates for all the rest. Lately it was an immense black pearl, the handsomest of its kind ever stretched from the fathomless ocean. Harris brought it on his last recent voyage to San Francisco. After careful examination it was found to be absolutely perfect, having a weight of six carats. It is valued in the London market at \$150.

Since 1894 Harris has revolutionized the trade in pearl shells. Only one grade ever found its way to the manufacturers of pearl shell ornaments and gewgaws. It was generally shell that was thin, flaky and colorless and sold for \$800 a ton. This energetic young pearl king now exports four different grades or varieties, ranging in value from \$600 to \$1,200 a ton.

All shells are purchased in bulk from the native fishers. They bring down their hauls of shell to the young king's schooner as it lies in port, fretting restlessly against the side of the rude piers. They bring down their find here for the king's inspection. He sits in state and passes judgment. Harris can tell at a glance what a pile of shells is worth. He is an expert at determining value, and he is a shrewd buyer as well and has never permitted the native experts to outdistance him in judgment. When a pile of shells is dropped before him, he picks up one or two and runs his arm carelessly through the heap and in a moment can determine the grade, for the natives are clever at assortment. No uncommon shells are ever found among the poor ones. They have not learned yet the trick of deception by mingling the good and the bad.—Chicago Times-Herald.

INGRATITUDE.

One of the passengers from the wrecked steamer Kameruka who was saved by pigs swimming ashore with a life line ate bacon for breakfast as soon as he arrived at Sydney.—Exchange.

## NEW GOODS RECEIVED

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For tickets and full information call at nearest Burlington Route ticket office or write to J. Francis, G. P. A., Omaha, Neb.

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