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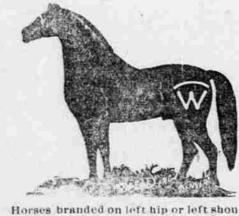
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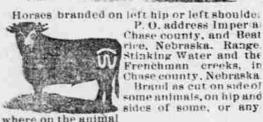
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RAILROAD NEWS ITEMS.

William Shinsel has returned to work.

L. A. Hurlburt is calling temporarily.

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, Tues

Orleans, Wednesday, on business of his Harris made his first business trip to

ters, leave Kansas City every Thursday Denver, yesterday morning, on business fishbooks and articles of clothing. of his office.

T. A. Jamison, brother-in-law of Tom Ogden, Oregon Short Line and O. R. & Stokes of Akron, is the new switchman dise fully \$40,000 worth of pearls and

Asst. Supt. E. F. Highland was down at Commercial hotel or at office quainted with one of the most beautiful from Denver, Tuesday, between trains, on business of his office.

Mrs. George Beck visited her husband

tives. He may re-enter the service.

came down from Billings, Montana, close fishing as surround the tireless chase Salve is the best thing to keep on hand, of last week, and are visiting relatives. F. E. Kidder and family returned,

Engineer C. K. Coleman and family

lately acquired home, the Holliday house less ocean. Harris brought it on his last The infant child of Conrad Broomgard,

ously ill, this week, at this place, and he market at £150. was summoned home by telegraph. Mr. and Mrs. Mose Carmony, E. M.

Red Cloud, close of last week, it being gewgaws. It was generally shell that an anniversary occasion of Mr. and Mrs. was thin, flaky and colorless and sold impressions are half the victory. Who has a better chance, even in looking for a situation, than the young man whose

Mrs. J. J. Curran went down to Hastings, Saturday morning, visiting with from \$600 to \$1,200 a ton. her husband there over Sunday, returning on No. 3. The children stayed at the native fishers. They bring down Oxford meanwhile.

the H. G. Dixon dwelling on Marshall They bring down their find here for the street, lately vacated by L. W. Cox. He king's inspection. He sits in state and is fixing it up nicely, and will have a very passes judgment. Harris can tell at a cosy little home.

the store house during the illness of the has never permitted the native experts storekeeper and Rufus Carlton is taking to outdistance him in judgment. When Thompson's duties here. G. R. Snyder a pile of shells is dropped before him, has Carlton's position in the freight office. Meanwhile a man from Hastings is calling for Snyder, temporarily.

McCook Markets. Corrected Friday morning.

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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 Harrisnamely, 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 boy-Mrs O. D. Keith is among the ailing hood. 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 kens of the water maid's grief, she who perhaps pined for a terrestrial lover.

Finally young Harris took a pleasure voyage to the distant Society isles and saw what made his enthusiastic eyes halos 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 Trainmaster Web Josselyn was up from | society queen turn pale with envy. Then Tahiti, and he took with him \$3,000 worth of merchandise. His burden con-Trainmaster J. F. Kenyon went up to sisted mainly of tobacco, knives, rope, These were luxuries to the native Tahitite, and the pearl trader brought back that year in exchange for his merchanpearl shells. He did not consider it a bad bargain, and he has been back very

Formerly only the lowest grade pearls were brought to the American market. The finer ones were retained abroad and at Hastings over Sunday, and part of the rarely ever found their way this side of the water. Harris has turned the tables and now brings to the San Francisco Conductor F. M. Washburn and fam- market the most perfect pearls found lacking only their elaborate finish. Sec- ily returned, Monday night, from their anywhere. The perfect stones are orient and of translucent whiteness or glimmering iridescence. They are finely Dan Bowen, formerly brakeman on symmetrical in form, and the best are nearest Burlington Route ticket office or write to J. Francis, G. P. A., Omaha, Neb. tives. He may re-enter the service. deep goes on incessantly. The same ex-Mrs. T. H. Ellis and Charles Malen citement and uncertainty attend the for gold or the determined digging in a diamond mine.

There is the same labor and the oft Tuesday night on No. 5, from Oxford, repeated disappointment. Now and then where the remains of Mrs. Kidder were 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 are now comfortably located in their its kind ever snatched from the fathemrecent voyage to San Francisco. After careful examination it was found to be absolutely perfect, having a weight of section man at Bartley, has been seri- six carnes. It is valued in the London

Since 1894 Harris has revolutionized the trade in pearl shells. Only one grade ever found its way to the manuand Walter Cox visited the parents near | facturers of pearl shell ornaments and for \$800 a ton. This energetic young pearl king now exports four different grades or varieties, ranging in value

All shells are purchased in bulk from their hauls of shell to the young king's schooner as it lies in port, fretting rest-Brakeman C. H. McCarl has purchased lessly against the side of the rude piers. glance what a pile of shells is worth He is an expert at determining value, F. A. Thompson is in Denver running and he is a sbrewd buyer as well and 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 | Corn \$.17 the good and the bad. -Chicago Times-Herald.

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