

Bargains in Shoes

In order to make room for our line of Spring Goods which will begin to arrive in a short time, we are making some exceedingly low prices on all lace boots, warm lined shoes, slippers and heavy winter shoes. We can't afford to carry over our winter goods.

Ladies' warm-lined Shoes in all latest styles and lasts, at . . . \$1.50	Men's Lace Boots, good quality, . . . \$3.50	A large variety of Boys' Shoes, both for work and dress, at \$1.50 to \$1.75
A large lot of Ladies' fine Shoes, both patent and kid, all up-to-date lasts, in all sizes and widths, at from \$1.50 to \$2.50	Men's warm-lined Shoes, many different styles, ranging in prices all the way from \$1.50 to \$2.50	Boys' High Cuts, best grade at . . . \$2.50
We have a large line of Ladies' seven and ten button Gaiters, in various colors. Also Misses' and Children's Jersey Leggings.	One lot of Men's \$4.50 and \$5.00 dress Shoes, patent and kid, will all go at . . . \$3.00	Misses' and Children's School Shoes. -- These are all of most excellent quality and are built for wear. During the sale, at from \$1.25 to \$2.00
	Men's heavy work Shoes, best quality box calf and kangaroo, \$1.50 to \$2.50	

These are genuine bargains--a look will convince you of this. The sale lasts through the month of January. Don't fail to get some of these good things.
Yours for Bargains,

201 Main Avenue **The Model Shoe Store**

Your Personality

will be less attractive and charming when there is a noticeable taint of the teeth. The direct cause of it is frequently due to decayed teeth. This is a trifle that should be given immediate attention for many reasons, besides making provisions for good teeth, and to enjoy the use of real teeth.

Particular and critical people are increasing the popularity of my operations and work. It will please to have a talk with you about your teeth.

Dr. H. J. Pratt, Dentist office over McConnell's drug store

Time Card

McCook, Neb.

MAIN LINE EAST-DEPART:	
No. 6..... (Central Time)	10:27 P. M.
12.....	5:30 A. M.
14.....	7:15 A. M.
16.....	9:42 P. M.
18.....	4:30 A. M.
MAIN LINE WEST-DEPART:	
No. 1..... (Mountain Time)	9:50 A. M.
3.....	11:42 P. M.
5.....	8:35 P. M.
13.....	10:25 A. M.
15.....	12:17 A. M.
IMPERIAL LINE	
No. 176 arrives.. (Mountain Time)	5:35 P. M.
No. 176 departs..	7:10 A. M.

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

RAILROAD NEWS ITEMS.

Con Brening and family have moved to Denver.

General Foreman Wiehe is at present discharging the duties of roundhouse foreman as well.

Engineer and Mrs. Will Archibald returned home, last Friday night, from their visit east.

W. J. Kelley of Balgonia, Saskatchewan, Canada, has been a guest of his sister Mrs. J. G. Inglis, since the first of last week.

Luther Flint has so far recovered from the operation performed upon him for appendicitis, as to be able to return to his duties as night operator at Arapahoe, Tuesday evening.—Bartley Inter-Ocean.

Mrs. Arthur Draper and two children of Stamford were guests, end of last week, of her cousins Messrs. Shirley and Loshbaugh of our city. Mr. Draper is operator at Stamford for the Burlington.

The B. & M. agent at Orleans was invited, at the point of a gun, Monday morning about 6:30, to turn over the cash contained in the house. About \$25 was received from this pressing invitation, but as to who received the money is still a mystery.—Orleans Journal.

THIRD ANNUAL BALL

Red Willow Lodge No. 587

L. A. of M.

MENARD HALL

Wednesday, Jan. 20

Frey's Orchestra

Tickets \$1.00 Come!

Agent G. B. Hire of Dickins has been transferred to the agency at Madrid.

Engineer J. G. Inglis was on passenger during the absence of Engineer Archibald.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bass have moved into the suite of rooms upstairs in the Morlan block.

Conductor Wilbur Fisk has been assigned to the Orleans-St. Francis branch, and will move down there soon.

William Conyers, who has been night agent at Franklin for some time, has been transferred to Traer, Kansas, as agent, and has moved there with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Archibald and son Fred, who had spent the holiday season with friends in Chicago, stopped off in Havelock enroute to their home in McCook and were pleasantly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Ackerman.—Havelock Times.

Makes Grateful Acknowledgement.

The boys of the McCook division proved again about Christmas time that they carry their hearts in the right place and the recipient of their good will makes acknowledgement of the same in the following heartfelt expression:

Akron, Colo., January 9, 1909.

McCook Tribune,
McCook, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

As I received a very handsome Christmas gift (\$100 in gold) from the McCook division railroad boys and much of the effort was made at McCook, I wish to express my thanks to them through the columns of your paper and especially wish to thank Dispatchers Kleven and Forbes for the hand they had in it. I certainly appreciated this and will always remember their kindness.

If you will give this a space in your columns I will be very thankful.

Yours Truly,

C. E. SANDBERG.

Engine 1339 went out of the backshop on Thursday of this week.

Engines 1032, 1023 and 1537 are in for a general overhauling—number 3.

The officials accompanied the vice-president on his tour of inspection over this division, Tuesday.

Conductor E. M. Cox was doing extra passenger work, first of the week, and Ryan had his car.

No. 70's engine, Sunday morning, died at Rupert, and another engine was sent out to bring the train in.

John Trout of the boiler gang received an injury above the right eye, this week, from an engine flue striking him.

System coal cars are being temporarily stored in the big yards on the west end, owing to the crowded condition of the Denver yards.

Conductor A. G. King has taken a 60-day furlough and will visit a brother in Cuba. Carmoney has his run on passenger and Humphrey has Carmoney's car.

The 2003 which had her frame broken in the Fort Morgan wreck of few weeks ago is ready to go into service soon after her repaired frame arrives from Havelock.

Vice-president Willard's special passed over this division, Tuesday, in charge of Conductor McKenna. The party went from here to the Wymore division via Red Cloud.

Sup't Weidenhamer of the Sterling division visited briefly at headquarters, Sunday evening, on his way home from Galesburg, where he was called to attend the funeral of his mother.

THE SANCY DIAMOND

Legend of Louis de Berquem and the Celebrated Gem.

A NIGHT LAMP FOR A KING.

Checked Career of the Brilliant Stone After the Death of Charles the Timid. Some Facts About the Invention of Diamond Cutting.

Louis de Berquem, says tradition, was a poor jeweler's workman, but he fell in love with the daughter of a wealthy jeweler. This avaricious father would not give his daughter in marriage to any man not possessed of gold. Louis, having neither "expectations" from relatives nor favor at court, sought to make his fortune. He had often heard the father of his beloved remark that the man who discovered a method of cutting diamonds would become very wealthy, for up to that time they knew nothing more than to scrape off the gravel, and the diamond was left in its native state. Neither lime, fire nor the mill could affect the diamond.

After many investigations and deep thought Louis bethought himself that iron is fashioned with steel, which is only hardened iron, and it occurred to him that perhaps the diamond would yield to the diamond. He made an experiment, which was at once crowned with success.

A few days later he presented himself before the rich jeweler with two diamonds cut into facets. He obtained the hand he sought and amassed a great fortune by his secret, which he divulged only after he had become wealthy.

King Charles the Timid was the principal customer of Louis de Berquem. The fastidious enemy of Louis XI, then possessed a large diamond, since become celebrated, accounted among the finest of precious stones. But this diamond was ill shapen, and the fires which it held burned in vain.

Louis de Berquem cut and polished this stone, and nothing could equal the joy of Charles the Timid when the jeweler brought him the great diamond, so glittering with light that it lit up the darkness, and this to such an extent that the prince said, "It will serve me as a night lamp." Berquem received 3,000 ducats for his work.

As for the diamond, this is the one which was found in January, 1477, on the body of Charles the Timid after the battle of Nancy. A soldier picked it up, sold it for one gold piece to a priest, who in turn sold it for three pieces of gold to a merchant, who took it to the Duke of Florence.

From the hands of this prince it passed into the possession of the king of Portugal. He sold it for 70,000 francs to one of the companions of Henri III, Nicholas de Harlay, baron of Sancy. Since this time the first large diamond to be cut is known as "the Sancy."

This legend leads to other considerations of the cutting of diamonds ascribed to Louis de Berquem at Brussels in 1465.

Hardly any one will assert boldly that no diamonds were cut before that date, but it is reasonable to suppose that Louis de Berquem regulated cutting by arranging the facets.

Long before the birth of Louis de Berquem cutting was known in India. Even in Europe we find among the treasures of the churches thick diamonds cut into table and culet, the upper sides beaten into sections. In 1360, according to the inventory of the jewels of Louis, duke of Anjou, is found an entire series of cut diamonds. There is mention of a flat diamond with six sides, of a heart shaped diamond, of a diamond with eight sides, of a lozenge shaped diamond, of a diamond pointed on four sides and of a reliquary in which was set a diamond cut in the shape of a shield.

History informs us that 150 years before the first work of Louis de Berquem there were at Paris, at the corner of the Carroyerie, several diamond cutters.

The Duke of Burgundy, after a fastidious repast given at the Louvre to the king and the French court in 1463, offered to his noble guests eleven diamonds estimated to be worth 733 pieces of gold, the money of the period.

It is hardly possible to suppose that these were uncut diamonds; all of which goes to prove, notwithstanding some opinions, that Louis de Berquem did not invent the process of diamond cutting.

It is no less interesting to follow the fortunes of the Sancy diamond. It remained in the family some time, and then passed to a French nobleman, who was the friend of the Duke of Burgundy. It was the last to serve as a pledge for the raising of a body of Swiss mercenaries, the amount entrusted with him being a diamond to the king was attached, not to death, and the diamond was thought to be lost. Finally it was discovered that the servant had been assassinated in the forest of Dole and through the care of the priest had been buried in the village cemetery. Then the Baron de Sancy resolved that the diamond must not be lost. In fact, they found it in the stomach of the hapless, faithful servant, who swallowed it at the moment that he fell. According to the inventory of 1791 the Sancy weighed 337 1/2 carats.

It disappeared in 1792 to reappear in Russia. Its value is estimated at a million francs. Before the revolution it was among the French crown jewels.—New York World.

Silence is sometimes the severest criticism.—Baxter.

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Clearing Sale of Cloaks, Overcoats, Furs and other Winter Goods Now On.

C. L. DeGROFF & CO.

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We have a few of the genuine

Schaeffer Pianos

which we are going to offer at extremely low prices during the next two weeks, and if you have been contemplating the purchase of an instrument for your home in the next year, we will make it an object for you to buy now. Come in and let us show you the instruments and hear the price and terms we will make to you.

D. W. COLSON

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