



MILLIONS OF IMPROVEMENTS

Milwaukee Rebuilds Line Across State of Iowa. CUTS OUT GRADES AND CURVES Two-Thirds of New Track in Operation at End of Present Year and Work on the Balance to Be Pushed.

It is estimated that the Milwaukee road has spent \$41,200,000 for improvements completed and under course of construction. The largest single piece of work is the double tracking of 200 miles of main line track across Iowa, extending from the Mississippi river to Council Bluffs.

The most notable project on which the road is working is the construction of the Snoqualmie tunnel through the Cascade mountains. The tunnel is over two miles in length and it is estimated will cost \$2,000,000.

California Now the Mecca for the Western Tourists

Having acquired the Western Pacific, and long since secured a controlling interest in the Denver & Rio Grande, the Missouri Pacific is this fall pushing its California business, having a direct line from the Missouri river to the Pacific coast, and without change of cars.

Working with its western lines, the Missouri Pacific is preparing to send a large number of settlers into central California, and relative to the country it has this to say:

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Many Are Going to Cuba for the Winter

Travel to Cuba has started and already many of the people are laying their plans to spend the winter there, where the climate is more like spring and early summer than in any other spot on the face of the globe.

This year, as last, the Illinois Central is featuring the trip to Cuba and is sending its passengers to New Orleans by rail, from whence they go by boat to the island.

Relative to Cuba, the Illinois people have this to say: "The island of Cuba has an extreme length of 900 miles, and a width of 120 miles, at its broadest point. Mountainous in a degree, it is the absence of fertility possessing lovely valleys and fields growing with all the glory of a tropical abundance.

HOT SPRINGS DRAWING LARGER CROWDS THAN EVER

Hot Springs is drawing more than its usual crowd of health seekers, and those in need of recreation. The Missouri Pacific road reports that the influx of people to the famous resort is keeping step with the times, and more people are visiting there every year.

Union Pacific is Ready for Winter Tourists' Travel

It is now time for the winter vacationist to form his plans for making a trip to California and the Pacific northwest. So much has been said about the uniformly pleasant climate and the beautiful flowers that grow on the Pacific coast all winter long, that a description of these two features scarcely requires a repetition.

It is not so much the question as to when to visit the Pacific coast, but how to get there under the most pleasant travel conditions. The Union Pacific has for almost half a century been the standard road over which the easterners have traveled west, and visitors from the west have traveled eastward.

The extra comforts and luxuries afforded on this train are well worth the slight additional fare charged, and passengers who have traveled on this train speak of it as the standard of excellence in railway travel.

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Officials Make an Effort to Prevent Any Serious Fires

City Electrician M. J. Curran and Fire Warden Ed Morris are co-operating in a campaign to prevent the usual Christmas confagration caused by the careless use of inflammable decorating material.

"There must be no dangerous decorations. Cotton batting and the usual decorations so inflammable have been prohibited and we will keep close watch on show windows to see that the rule is not violated.

Fire Warden Morris, after a trip through the Christmas displays in the several stores, ordered numerous decorations in windows and in the stores removed.

Taxi Driver Brings Runaways to Police

Blanche Nelson, aged 21 years, and Amelia Myers, aged 17 years, who have been missing from their homes in South Omaha for the last week, were brought to police headquarters Monday night by Joe Wolf, a taxi driver, who struck up an acquaintance with the pair and, on learning they were runaways, persuaded them to take a ride with him.

DAVIES DECLARES THAT INSPECTOR DISCRIMINATES

J. A. Davies, who operates a labor agency at 219 South Sixteenth street, in a letter to the city commission declares David Berkowitz, license inspector, is discriminating and that to his knowledge five labor agencies have not been required to pay the \$40 annual license.

HOLLY AND MISTLETOE CHEAP

Fail to Follow Eggs and Butter to a Higher Mark. BIG STORES USE ARTIFICIAL Dealers Declare that Omaha Does Not Decorate as Freely as Do Many Other Cities of This Country.

Although eggs, butter, clothing and groceries have taken spasmodic but rapid shoots toward the blue sky over head, the prices of those two Christmas necessities, holly and mistletoe, have very accommodatingly remained at about the same reasonable prices they asked last year.

Mistletoe is selling in Omaha at prices varying from 6 cents to 7 cents a pound, while 25 cents worth of holly will go a long way in decorating a house. These prices are neither higher nor lower than the prices of last year.

RED CROSS SEALS SHOULD BE ON BACK OF LETTERS

Postoffice authorities do not object to the use of Red Cross Christmas seals, according to Postmaster John C. Wharton. The stickers must be placed on the back of the letter or parcel, however, so they will not be confused with the postage stamp.

GETS HEAVY FINE FOR RECKLESS AUTO DRIVING

H. A. Miller, 1335 Phelps street, driver of an auto truck for the Fairmont Creamery company, who ran into Trengoe Mauro at Thirteenth and Jackson streets Friday night, finally bringing him, was fined \$50 and costs in police court for reckless driving. The fine was paid.

Steamship Tickets

Representing Thos. Cook & Son, University Travel Society, Temple's, Pilgrim's and Raymond & Whitcomb European Tour Companies. Cruises round the world, to the Mediterranean, Orient, India, West Indies, Panama Canal and Northern South America.

City Dads to Discuss Suggestions Offered

The suggestion from a committee of the Real Estate exchange that the city commission refuse to accept plats of additions until the streets had been put to established grade was referred to the committee of the whole Monday for discussion.

WINTER EXCURSIONS To the Ever-Sunny Southland

WABASH RAILROAD ROUND TRIP TICKETS ON SALE DAILY TO Florida, Cuba, Mobile, New Orleans

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