

THE MISSOURI PACIFIC RAILWAY START ON THEIR IMPROVEMENTS

Steam Shovel, Pile Driver and Two Extra Crews Here to Begin Work on the Roadbed and New Platte River Bridge.

There seems to be some foundation for the reports that the Missouri Pacific intends to rebuild their system and get it in shape for any kind of traffic which may come up. According to all reports the company intends to do some work which will be worth while. There is a steam shovel gang being organized in this city right now, the shovel being here and ready for work. It is a brand new shovel and ought to move some earth. The fact that it is new in addition to evidence that the railroad is spending some money for much needed equipment.

The new shovel will be used in widening the cuts north of the city, these cuts being quite narrow at the present time and the company having determined on widening them out. This work will take some little time and will involve the expenditure of a big sum of money for the work. The steam shovel foreman was in the city last evening looking for men to work with the shovel and is now able to use several laborers. The standard pay for steam shovel laborers who are rated in the same class with extra gang men is \$1.75 per day of ten hours.

In addition to steam shovel men the company will doubtless want a few extra gang workmen as they are placing on two extra gangs who will work from Union and Gilmore Junction to this city, ballasting. This work is going to take some time and when completed it is expected to place the Missouri Pacific in good shape so far as track is concerned. The ballast which the men will put in will consist of cinders, the management of the road either not having money enough for stone ballast or preferring cinders for some occult reason.

These two gangs will comprise some hundred men who will buy more or less of Plattsmouth's products and who will help out business that much. They will meet in this city in a comparatively short time and will likely

work-around here for several months. The work which has been hanging fire for some time past on the new bridge over the Platte river at Oreadopolis, seems now in a fair way to start. A pile driver is here ready for the work of driving the piles for the false work of the bridge. This work will start at once, the company having the latealton hand for it and also being now in a financial position to start the work. The pile driver will be used for some time in getting the structure established on a temporary foundation when work on the permanent structure will be inaugurated.

Propos the Missouri Pacific and the Gould system generally, there is a report afloat that the Goulds are about to dispose of their lines in Texas. It is asserted and with a show of reason, that the Goulds are letting loose of the Texas & Pacific. The El Paso Southeastern is said to be the buyers of the line, James Douglas of New York being the principal owner of the latter. It is the general understanding that the Rock Island is the principal owner of the El Paso Southeastern. This means that the Gould's loose one of their best paying roads. The Texas & Pacific extends from New Orleans, La., to El Paso, a distance of 1,885 miles. For the year 1909, the system had total earnings of \$14,537,923, and net earnings of \$3,980,370. It is the strong competitor of the Southern Pacific for business from New Orleans to California points and a road of unusual strategic importance.

The Goulds' are said to be letting loose of it in order to get money to rebuild the Western Pacific in which they have sunk millions of dollars. The money which the Texas lines have earned in the past has been poured into the Western Pacific and this has resulted in the International & Great Northern railway now in the hands of receivers.

Wreck on Missouri Pacific.

A special from Omaha under date of March 4, says:

Fog was responsible for the wreck of the Kansas City and St. Louis express on the Missouri Pacific railroad early Friday morning near the Martha street crossing, where the passenger train was struck by a double-header freight train of the Union Pacific lines.

C. P. Truelson of Kansas City, fireman on the Missouri Pacific locomotive, was the only person injured. He was badly scalded about the back, neck and arms by escaping steam. After being attended by Dr. W. H. Ramsey the man was able to go to his room.

None of the passengers were injured. One woman was believed to have been seriously hurt, but she was seen to leave the train, walking away uninjured, and did not report the case.

The Missouri Pacific locomotive and the baggage car were badly damaged and windows in the day coach were broken by the force of the collision. There was considerable excitement for a time aboard the train. After the locomotive and baggage car had been detached the train was hauled into the union station by a switch engine.

The smashup is termed by railroad men as a "side-swipe." Union Pacific and Missouri Pacific tracks cross near Martha street. Both trains were running at a slow rate of speed. The passenger train from Kansas City was east-bound and the freight train was north-bound from South Omaha.

Better Investigate This Proposition.

Have secured part interest in some mineral land. I want to get the other interest and begin development work this spring. I need help quick and will give control to party or parties taking interest—Believe this offers opportunity to make good money. Have had 12 years practical field experience. East references. You better investigate this proposition.

C. J. Haven,
Elkhorn, Colo.

Married.

Last Thursday P. Judkins and Miss Julia Ossenkop were married in Lincoln. This is no surprise to their many friends as the groom has been making preparations for some time that rather predicted such an event. The young couple will make their home on the farm one-half mile south of town. The Beacon extends congratulations.—Eagle Beacon.

TRADE REVIEW FOR THE WEEK

Volume of Business is Heavy
Despite Flaws in Situation.

HIGH PRICES' EFFECT FEARED.

Conservative Undercurrent is Apparent and Ultimate Consumers' Attitude Will Affect Future Conditions. Outlook for Spring Season is Promising—Tendency to Reduction in Building Operations is Noted.

New York, March 5.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Trade Review says: With the severe winter drawing to a close and with subsidence of excitement in financial markets, the industrial and trade situation shows improvements, and the outlook for the spring season is promising.

It is easy to pick flaws in the situation, certain aspects of which are unfavorable. Among these may be mentioned the decreasing excess of exports over imports, the balance of trade in favor of this country during the current fiscal year being the smallest since 1896, and, but for foreign purchases of American securities during the recent decline, there would probably be heavy exports of gold. Then the gold market is unfavorable for large flotations and this retards extensive works of construction.

Heavy liabilities of defaulting concerns during February, due, however, chiefly to four large failures, is not a pleasant incident.

A tendency to reduction in building operations is noted. There is also considerable disposition to wait for congressional legislation and court decisions before entering upon large business commitments.

But in spite of all those things, the fact remains that a big volume of business, at least closely approximating normal, is carried on.

As Viewed by Bradstreet's.

Bradstreet's says: Trade is still irregular, and spring trade is backward in developing at many points. Weather conditions, flooded streams and bad country roads are variously assigned as a reason for hesitation shown in various lines, but back of all these there is an undeniable feeling of conservatism, bred of uncertainty regarding the reception to be given higher priced products by the ultimate consumer. Order trade in spring goods by jobbers is not especially large, and business at first hands is held back, pending clearer views of price matters and crop prospects. Collections are widely quoted as slow, and few are better than fair. Failures for the week numbered 124. Wheat exports for the week aggregated 2,045,865 bushels. Corn exports for the week were 122,408 bushels.

TAKEN FROM SINKING SHIP

Russian Steamer Korea Goes Down

While Liner is Removing Crew. New York, March 5.—The Russian steamer Korea, buffeted by storms on the north Atlantic and pounded into helplessness by heavy seas, was abandoned by its crew and left to its fate. It was sinking fast when its men abandoned it. The Korea's crew of forty-eight men were taken off by the Anclor line steamer Caledonia and are on their way here.

FAIR RALLY IN WHEAT

Corn is Eerie Down by Renewed Realizing Sales.

Chicago, March 4.—Buying by shorts started a fair rally today in wheat, which finished with moderate strength and with prices $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ higher. Corn was borne down by renewed realizing sales and closed at net declines of $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Oats were heavy with other grains, final figures being unchanged to $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ lower. Provisions closed $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ higher. Close:

Wheat—May, \$1.13 $\frac{1}{2}$; July, \$1.05.
Corn—May, 63 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢@63 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; July, 65 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.
Oats—May, 45 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; July, 43 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.
Pork—May, \$24.85; July, \$24.87 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Lard—May, \$13.40; July, \$13.30.
Ribs—May, \$12.82 $\frac{1}{2}$; July, \$12.77 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Chicago Cash Prices—No. 2 hard wheat, \$1.12 $\frac{1}{2}$ @1.13 $\frac{1}{2}$; No. 2 corn, 58¢@59¢; No. 2 oats, 45¢@46¢.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, March 4.—Cattle—Receipts, 3,500; steady; beefs, \$5.00@8.10; Texas steers, \$4.70@5.80; western steers, \$4.70@6.50; stockers and feeders, \$3.60@6.20; cows and heifers, \$2.60@6.40; calves, \$7.50@9.90. Hogs—Receipts, 11,000; 5@10¢ higher; light, \$9.50@9.90; mixed, \$9.55@9.77 $\frac{1}{2}$; heavy, \$9.60@10.00; rough, \$9.60@9.75; good to choice heavy, \$9.75@10.00; pigs, \$8.65@9.50; bulk of sales, \$9.75@9.90. Sheep—Receipts, 5,000; strong to 10¢ higher; natives, \$5.60@8.10; westerns, \$5.50@8.10; yearlings, \$7.85@9.80; lambs, \$8.00@9.40.

South Omaha Live Stock.

South Omaha, March 4.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,200; steady; native steers, \$4.75@8.50; cows and heifers, \$4.00@6.00; canners, \$2.75@3.75; stockers and feeders, \$3.25@6.50; calves, \$4.00@8.25; bulls and stags, \$3.30@5.75. Hogs—Receipts, 7,000; 5@1¢ higher; heavy, \$9.00@9.75; mixed, \$9.45@9.60; light, \$9.35@9.55; pigs, \$8.25@9.25; bulk of sales, \$9.50@9.65. Sheep—Receipts, 1,500; steady; yearlings, \$7.25@8.50; wethers, \$7.25@7.75; ewes, \$7.00@7.50; lambs, \$1.50@9.35.

SUNDAY, MARCH 27th, IS

EASTER!



Silk Initials for your Easter suit free.

Perrin's French kid gloves for your Easter outfit!

Are you ready for it? We are. We

have ready for your choosing the latest Spring models from such leaders as Hirsch-Wickwire, Stein Bloch, Society Brand, Kuppenheimer and R & W and without doubt they are the most perfect exponents of tailor craft we have ever seen—not fussy but distinctive and exclusive. As heretofore we have provided a great many single suits—only one suit of a pattern—for the man who cares for individuality in his attire. These suits are in our Quality line running in price from \$20 to \$35. Such suits as these cost \$35 to \$50 at any first-class tailors. The fabrics and the fit are perfect. We have

other suits not so good, but good as others show from \$5 to \$18. A full line of new Easter furnishings, including all the latest styles in Arrow collars, Cluett and Manhattan shirts, Onyx and Holeproof hosiery and silk and knitted neckwear.

C. E. Wescott's Sons

The Home of Satisfaction.

The Hired Girl.

"Doc" Tanner of the South Omaha Democrat, does not admire that woman, who is living on the insurance left by her husband and running about the country in a private car telling the hired girls that they are worth \$10 a week and not a cent less. He argues thus: "In the first place if all the people who are forced to keep a hired girl were to pay ten dollars a week for the service, the balance of the family would have to fast. Imagine a man with five or six children and earning only nine dollars a week, paying ten dollars a week to his hired girl. There may be a few domestics worth a ten spot a week, but they are rare. Five dollars a week, board, room, laundry and tips is pretty good pay for the average female who works out. It is equal to ten dollars a week and board at home. Besides the average domestic enjoys all the comforts and eats the same grub other members of the family get. Even better some times for if she is competent she can fix all the dainties of the season to suit her own taste. There are hired girls that the matron should be paid a salary for keeping. Most women hate to make a change for fear the next one will be worse than the last, and in order to have some one around she puts up with enough to drive the average man to red hick. If you ever happen to catch on to a good domestic, hang on to her. They are scarcer than the proverbial hen teeth."

Dr. Wall 88 Years Old.

One of the liveliest, best preserved men in Mills county, for his age is Dr. W. R. Wall of Henton Station. He was 88 years old last Monday, and while in Glenwood on Wednesday called at the Tribune office. As is well known, he is a veteran of two wars, the civil war and the Mexican war. Not many are now living who took part in the war with Mexico, which closed more than 60 years ago.

Dr. Wall was made the victim of a surprise last Monday by Mr. and Mrs. Otis Allis at their home in West Oak. About noon that day the Wall family were called to the Allis home, where a bountiful dinner was awaiting for them. The doctor received some beautiful presents, and all had a very pleasant time. About 20 were present. The doctor also received some beautiful birthday cards from friends. —Glenwood Tribune.

Mrs. George Winescot and Mrs. Byour of Walton, Neb., who has been visiting with her for several days, were passengers this morning for Omaha, where they will spend the day with their sister.

A Great Chestnut.

There is probably no man engaged in the newspaper business in this state, who is not acquainted with a man whose excuse for discontinuing his subscription is that he already "has more papers than he can read." It is only an excuse offered to ameliorate the presumed lacerated condition of the editor's feelings. It has no such effect, for in the first place an editor never worries over the loss of a subscriber except when he leaves the country without paying up arrearages. But why not be truthful and say to the honest newspaper man just what you feel in your heart. Go into his den, ask him how much you owe, pay the delinquency and tell him frankly that you don't want his disagreeable, blackguard sheet any longer. Say to him in a sorrowful tone of voice that you deeply regret his inability to publish a newspaper worthy the name and advise him to sell his plant to some man with a thimble full of brains and seek some occupation which does not require much wear and tear of mind. Do this and then you can go away with comforting assurance that the editor respects you for your candor and will cherish no hard feelings because you choose to borrow his paper instead of buying it.—Louisville Courier.

Local News Notes

J. A. Collins of Ashland, is attending to business today in the city, coming down last evening from his home.

Miss Georgia Matous is a visitor today in Omaha, having gone to that city this morning on the early train.

John Rutherford is making a visit in Havelock with relatives and friends having gone to that city on the early train.

J. A. Floyd of Murray was among those spending the day in the city, having come in from his home last evening.

Miss Marie Douglas is among those spending the day in Omaha, having gone to that city on the morning Burlington train.

Mrs. Charles Troop is spending today in Omaha, having gone to that city on the morning train. She was accompanied by Mrs. Young.

Wm. Haffke is spending today in Omaha, having accompanied his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Haffke to that city this morning.

Jesse McVey, one of the best known men in Cass county, came in last evening for a visit of a few days with friends, being registered at the Perkins hotel last evening.

James Loughridge, one of the live men of Murray, was a business visitor

last evening in the city, coming up from his home on the M. P. train and remaining over night.

I. V. White of Murray, was a caller in the city last evening, being a guest of the Hotel Perkins for the night.

John Wunderlich of Nehawka spent last night in the city looking after business, coming in on the evening M. P. train and departing this morning for Omaha where he will spend the day.

F. H. McCarthy of Union was a visitor in the city last evening, having come in from his home on the M. P. train.

Miss Rebekah Haines came up from Union last night to attend the play at the Parmele and to visit friends over night, returning this morning.

Jas. and Pet Campbell were two good Murray citizens spending last evening in the city, having come up from their home on the evening train.

John A. Hennings, one of Eight Mile Grove's prominent citizens, is looking after business matters in the city today, having driven in this morning.

D. C. West of Nehawka, cashier of the bank in that city, was a visitor in the city last evening for a few hours, coming in to attend the meeting of the Cass Land company.

Miss Esther Larson came up from Union last evening for a short visit with her parents. She was accompanied by Miss Adie Austin, who will visit a day or so in the city.

John Hinz, one of the best citizens of the precinct, and one of the best farmers of the county, braved the mud and came into the city today to attend to business. While here Mr. Hinz visited the Journal office and renewed his subscription to the Journal.

Fred Hinz of York, Neb., will receive the Journal one more year, John Hinz of this city coming in and renewing his subscription to the paper today. He wants to keep thoroughly posted on the events in and around Plattsmouth and with this idea in view he wants a newspaper, and he knows the Journal is a newspaper.

George P. Meisinger, one of Cass county's best citizens came down this morning from his home near Cedar Creek to attend to business matters in the city and while here called at the Journal office and had the Journal sent to his son-in-law, W. E. Meisinger at Springfield, Neb., where Mr. Meisinger's daughter will make her residence in the future. Mr. Meisinger reports that the roads are in such condition that he preferred to come to the city by rail, coming down on the Schuyler train this morning and returning this afternoon on the same train.

WHEN YOU LEAVE OLD NEBRASKA

Go Where You Will There is No Country So Fair and Beautiful as Our Own State.

Occasionally a good man grows dissatisfied with Nebraska, says the Seneca Tribune. The milk is too yellow or the honey too sweet, and he doesn't like to have them flow over his land anyway. So he parts with his farm, sells his live stock and "other things too numerous to mention," and moves to Oklahoma. There he takes his good Nebraska money and buys a farm which today is and tomorrow is not because the wind has blown it away. Or he tries Colorado and slushes around in mud irrigating a strip of bottom so narrow that a cow could jump over it. Then he hears of Texas and goes down to hunt the bag at the end of the rainbow. In the daytime he scratches the sandbars out of his flesh and at night centipedes crawl over his face. When his money is all gone he begins to feel like he did the night he stayed away from home. He yearns for good old Nebraska and the yearn sticks in his throat and chokes him till the tears come to his eyes.

He would give a month's work to see the cows standing at the bars of his old Nebraska farm and hear the horn for supper. Memory is a marvelous painter and paints things we love best. It pictures to travellers the corn silking in the field he once owned, the wheat yellow for the harvest, the clover stretching away in the carpet of red and green, richer than the rugs of Persia. It shows to him the elms as they whispered to his children at play beneath them, points to the roses in the corner of the old rail fence and in the infinite detail paints a thousand things that touch the heart and prove the whimsical power. Happy is the man who wakes from sleep to find that he has wandered from Nebraska only in his own dreams.

The Missouri Pacific intends to do some real grading the coming month, it entering into a contract with John Clugey, living just north of the city to do some ditching and draining work for it. Mr. Clugey undertakes to grade out some ditches for the company and will be employed several months in the work.