

## MISSOURI PACIFIC TO REMODEL TRACKS AND ROADBED AT ONCE

Engineering Party Come Down from Omaha to Begin Work on the Proposed Improvements.

The start of active work by the Missouri Pacific in this vicinity is in sight at last. This morning a large party of engineers and their assistants arrived here, coming down from Omaha to take up the work of relocating the line of the road through this city and its immediate vicinity. The plans of the company include the realignment of the road, the elimination of as many grades as possible and the general reconstruction of the line all the way from Omaha to Kansas City. If it is possible the company intends to reduce the heavy grades by which they come into and leave the city. At present the company has a very steep grade from the Platte river bridge to within a short distance of the yard limits here and also has a very steep grade leading out of this city to Mynard. In addition there are a great many curves in both directions, these being necessary to gain the distance for the grade.

The plans of the company are said to be to cut down both these and if such a thing is possible, to cut out curves wherever practicable. To accomplish this last may mean the complete relocation of the line in many places especially between Orleans and the wagon bridge just at the entrance of the Platte valley and also from the south end of the Platts-mouth yards to the overhead crossing out of the city near the Capt. Wiles farm. Modern railroad methods require the construction of roads with the shortest line between given points and it is believed this is one object of the engineering work which the Missouri Pacific is doing over its Omaha division.

The force which came in this morning is composed of engineers, transitmen, levelmen, rodmen and stakedrivers, a full corps. The work which they will do will keep them in this locality for about one month and possibly longer. The party is composed of Messrs H. C. Searls, R. A. Gull, W. R. Rhodes, E. J. Sherman, E. A. Wunder, F. G. Wright, J. B. Gill, N.

H. Pinkerton and Harry Rogers. In addition to the work which these gentlemen will do the company contemplates a great deal of work as outlined in the Journal for the past several days. The work of relocation, aligning and cutting down grades entirely separate and distinct from that which has been marked out for the bridge gangs and the steam shovel men as well as the extra gangs although the latter may be transferred to work later which the engineers will mark out.

The work of these gangs contemplates the erection of a new steel span bridge with concrete piers over the Platte river, the structure to be built to stand the heaviest of traffic and also to resist the ravages of spring ice gorges and water. This work will involve the expenditure of a large sum of money and it will take some eight to ten months to complete. During that time several bridge gangs will work in this vicinity and also extra gangs and work trains.

The work which the steam shovel and extra gangs will look after will be the widening of the cuts to permit the free passage of snow through them in the winter season and the widening of banks to do away with washouts during the flood time of the spring and summer. The shovel will remove the dirt from the cuts, work trains moving it to the fills which are to be widened and the extra gangs looking after the pick and shovel work at that point. This work will take a number of months to complete and will cost a large sum of money. During the time the work is in progress there will be two extra gangs working in this city and its vicinity all the time as well as at least one work train.

The result of all these activities will mean that the coming spring and summer will witness the expenditure of much money in this city and its immediate vicinity which cannot fail to help local business. There will be all told no less than 250 men engaged in all the work now mapped out.

## RELATIVE GREATLY AFFECTED

D. D. Brann, Uncle of Arthur Brann Unable to Understand Nephew's Action.

D. D. Brann, a prominent merchant of Manley, came in this morning to have an interview with his nephew Arthur Brann, accused of the theft of the teams of Fred Creamer and Fred Lake from near Elmwood, details of which were printed yesterday in the Journal. Mr. Brann in an interview with a reporter for the Journal expressed himself as much surprised and shocked at his nephew's actions and utterly unable to understand them. He states that the young man has always been allowed to have anything he wanted in the line of money and that the fullest possible confidence had been reposed in him, not alone by his own family but by all the people of the neighborhood of Wabash where he lived so long. For a long time he had been in the postoffice at that point as deputy postmaster, his father who was postmaster, permitting him to have full charge of the business and there had never been the slightest suspicion of anything wrong with him. He does not know anything which would have caused the boy to take such actions as he did.

Mr. Brann conferred this morning with County Attorney Ramsey regarding the case and later in the day called upon his nephew at the jail. There was quite an affecting meeting between the uncle and the nephew, the latter seeming to realize the seriousness and the gravity of the charge to which he has confessed. There is a possibility that the uncle may make the necessary arrangements for furnishing the bail required for the young man which was fixed at \$1000 by Judge Beeson in county court.

Mr. Brann stated that he was called up Monday night by Sheriff Quinton after the latter had been informed of the arrest of Arthur and had brought him to this city, the sheriff informing him of the startling facts in the case. He states that he could hardly believe his ears when the news was told him and he immediately decided to come down and investigate the case.

County Attorney Ramsey up to 10 o'clock this morning had not received word from the boy's father at Lincoln and expressed the belief that he was not yet informed of the predicament in which the young man had placed himself.

The Journal was in receipt of a telephone call this morning from a prominent citizen of Wabash asking for all additional information concerning the young man and the case. This gentleman expressed the greatest surprise at what had taken place and, like the relatives of the young man, could not account for his curious actions. He stated that every one in the vicinity of his old home at Wabash had expressed the utmost surprise at Brann's actions and no one had a theory to account for them. He stated that during the years he had lived at Wabash he was a most exemplary young man and so far as known, had no bad habits which would have led to his downfall. He regretted greatly to hear of the arrest and plea of guilty which the boy had made.

An interesting development and one which may afford ground for a theory as to why young Brann committed the crime with which he is charged is that he was to have been married some time this month to a young woman from near Elmwood, it is understood. His uncle who had the interview with him this morning is of the opinion that possibly the young man had had trouble with the girl which had led to his peculiar actions and this morning when he talked to him, he asked him if that was the case. The young man studied a moment and then burst into tears declaring that it was not the case. It is the theory of the officers that he wanted the money to get married on and that he stole the horses with the idea in view of raising enough money by their sale to enable him to enter upon married life.

After the interview with his uncle had with him this morning, the former telephoned Sheriff Quinton who is in Lincoln today asking him to call upon Charles Brann, the father of the young man and see him in regard to coming down here. It is expected that the father will come down this evening when further steps may be taken toward securing bail for the young man and his subsequent release until the next convening of court here on the 21st. It is more than probable efforts will be made by his folks to secure the lightest possible punishment for the young man and the probabilities are that he will get over with small punishment. The peculiar circumstances surrounding

the case are expected to have an important bearing on the length of sentence which may be imposed upon him. The previous exemplary life which he has led will also have an important effect as will his evident desire to avoid making the costs of the case upon the county very heavy.

### To Install Phones.

The Missouri Pacific railroad which has been fighting the proposition to install telephones in their small stations in this state it is announced have agreed to install telephones in their stations at Murray, Elmwood, Eagle, Weeping Water, Nehawka and Louisville in this county, but have refused to put them in at other points. This will be a great convenience for the people living in and near the several cities benefited by the act and something which will be appreciated. The new phones it is understood will be installed at once.

From Attorney William DelesDernier of Elmwood who arrived in the city last evening additional details are learned of the agreement to put in telephones at Murray, Nehawka, Weeping Water, Elmwood, Eagle and Louisville as outlined above. Attorney DelesDernier represented the people of Elmwood who were fighting for a telephone, before the state railroad commission who held the hearing on the matter yesterday, while James W. Orr of Atchison represented the railroad company. Mr. DelesDernier contended that there was nothing for the railroad commission to do but order the phones installed as the law was mandatory on that point and left no discretion to either the commission or the railroad company in the matter. Attorney Orr sought to attack the constitutionality of the act ordering the installation of the phones but it was decided that Attorney DelesDernier was correct in his contention and that the commission could not pass on the question. It would have to be passed upon by the courts. The hearing resulted in a victory throughout for the people as the commission indicated clearly its intention of ordering the phones in. At this stage of the game Attorney Orr decided to allow all the phones asked for in this county and also at several other points down the road to go in while he would content himself with fighting the installation of the phone at the town of Burr. This will be made a test on the validity of the Barton act if the railroad commission insists on the installation of the phone at that depot. The railroad company claims technical defects in the passage of the bill through the legislature. The termination of the case is a distinct victory for Attorney DelesDernier who has never swerved from his original contention of the railroad's liability in the matter.

### To Engage Engineer.

Mayor Sattler departed this afternoon for Omaha where he, in company with several of the city fathers, will interview some of the engineers of that city, relative to employing one of them as an engineer to furnish the city with estimates on the cost of paving district No. 3, recently organized by the council. There are a number of men in sight who could do this work but the council is very particular to get some one who has had experience with paving matters and will require this as a feature of their experience. Mayor Sattler states the city has a man in sight at South Omaha whom he believes to be thoroughly capable and whom the council will likely employ.

This work is all preliminary to the paving and it is being hurried with the view of getting actual paving started at the earliest possible moment. There can be no steps taken toward the paving until after it has been found at an approximate cost and it can be ascertained just how much each property owner will have to pay and the amount the city will have to put up for the paving of the intersections and the space about the new postoffice building. This latter will have to be paid by the city as the national government will not pave about its building and will not build until the city has furnished the paving. The cost of this has been estimated roughly at some \$3,000 to \$4,000 some estimates running even higher. It is believed that bonds will be issued to cover this part of the cost as there is no provision for charging the property owners in the district with the cost.

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Gus Mallen who has been making a visit with his brother in this city for several days, departed this morning for Boone, Ia., where he is now employed. At one time Mr. Mallen was a citizen of this city and is quite well acquainted with many of the people here.

## TALKS ON WIRELESS WONDERS

Dr. H. T. Millener of Omaha Lectures at Methodist Church

There was quite a large attendance last evening at the Methodist church to hear the public lecture given by Dr. H. T. Millener of Omaha, the electrical expert of the Union Pacific railroad, who addressed the young men's bible class of that church on the wonders of wireless telegraphy, telephony, and other phenomena of like nature. Those who attended received a rare treat as Dr. Millener demonstrated that he has the knowledge of this wonder at his finger's ends. His lecture went into the details of the science and while in a sense technical, it was made so plain that the layman could easily understand and appreciate it.

Dr. Millener had prepared for the lecture by arranging a large number of various experiments which he went through to demonstrate thoroughly the meaning of his lecture. These experiments consisted of various exhibits such as wireless telegraphy, wireless telephony, the use of electrical waves to move bodies and other experiments which were actually wonderful.

The knowledge of the subject which the speaker had was something little short of amazing and the members of the class and the public saw and heard things which they did not believe possible. According to Dr. Millener the vast possibilities of the wireless field has not yet been touched and the science is in its infancy. The wonderful progress which has been made for the past few years, however, has taught a great deal concerning the strange power with the field constantly widening and the science advancing with remarkable strides.

The speaker is a man who is recognized the world over as an expert in this particular line and he has demonstrated to the Plattsmouth people who heard him last night, that the high prices accorded him for his research in this line is not misplaced.

The lecture of Dr. Millener was obtained through the courtesy of the Union Pacific railroad company under whose direction his researches into the field of wireless wonders has been conducted. The members of the

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### Had Narrow Escape.

The Journal learns of a narrow escape from serious injury or possible death which took place several days ago at the power house of the lighting company. George Brooks and H. B. Ames were engaged in unloading a car of coal on the spur track which runs past the plant of the company when some cars were kicked in on the track by the bridge men then working above the men on the same track. No warning seems to have been given Brooks or Ames and they came near being caught when the cars came together. Ames had a large block of coal in his arms and had just stepped out of the way when the car was struck narrowly escaping being caught and cut up. The men were justly indignant over the careless piece of work but thankful to escape from serious injury or maybe death.

### Death Near Elmwood.

Last Friday near Elmwood Mrs. Rebecca Coatman Cogswell departed this life at the ripe age of seventy-seven years. Deceased was a resident of the vicinity of Elmwood and Weeping Water for many years and was highly respected and most estimable lady.

The funeral of the deceased was held yesterday at Weeping Water, where interment was had. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Chapman of Elmwood and the services held at the Methodist church.

Deceased is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Barden of Woodstock, Ill., and two sons William and Asa Coatman, both residing in or near Weeping Water.

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