

EMPLOYEES MEET OFFICIALS.

Station Agents of the Northwestern Line Are Organized and Meet Their Officers Every Month.

"The North-Western Bulletin, Devoted to the Interests of the Chicago & North-Western Railway and Its Employees" is the title of a publication, the initial number of which has recently come from the press. It is published by The North-Western Line for distribution to station agents and other employees interested in the handling of traffic.

On the various divisions of the road the agents have organized local Agent's Associations, one for each division, and at their monthly meetings various problems that confront the local agent in the performance of his daily duties are discussed, experiences recited and new methods suggested for the betterment of the service. These discussions result in much practical good to all concerned. The interest manifested by the management of The North-Western Line in these Agent's meetings and the value placed on their expressions, is indicated by the opening paragraph of the Bulletin:

"The papers which have been read from time to time at the meetings of the Station Agents' Associations on the various divisions of the Chicago & North-Western Railway have indicated careful thought and a keen appreciation of conditions."

"They have been of such interest and inspiration to the officials of the road that it is deemed advisable to secure a wider distribution for as many of them as possible."

When the management of a corporation freely declares that the views of their local subordinates "have been of such interest and inspiration" as to call for the trouble and expense of giving them wider distribution among officers and fellow employees it is obvious to all that existing industrial problems are in a fair way to meet a solution along the most satisfactory lines to all concerned.

The employees of the Chicago & North-Western Ry., it seems to the editor, are to be congratulated upon this movement which serves to bring them into closer touch with their superiors, many of whom have grown up with the growth of the road and advanced to places of responsibility from the lowest ranks.

Much of the strength of our railways to-day is due to this training, selection and promotion, by which the most humble member of the working staff is encouraged to climb the steps of the official ladder by right of individual merit and hard work, and the modest sheet referred to will go a long way toward establishing an increased confidence and good feeling that means much for employees.

Command large fields, but cultivate small ones.—Virgil.

Didn't Know Her Husband.

The late Patrick A. Collins, mayor of Boston, studied law at Harvard. A Harvard man said of him:

"Collins was above all things a friend of progress. The progress of woman delighted him."

"He liked to see a wife treated liberally and reasonably. Nothing angered him more than to see a coarse, low-witted brute of a man domineering over a woman twice his superior in quickness and intelligence."

"On the subject of household expenses, I heard him tell a committee of women once about a certain home missionary movement."

"In this movement every participant was to contribute a dollar that she had earned herself by hard work."

"The night of the dollar's collection came and various and droll were the stories of the money's earning. One woman had shampooed her hair, another had got newspaper subscriptions and so on."

"The chairman turned to a handsome woman in the front row."

"Now, madam, it is your turn," he said. "How did you earn your dollar?"

"I got it from my husband," she answered.

"Oho," said he. "From your husband? There was no hard work about that?"

"The woman smiled faintly. "You don't know my husband," she said."

Little Hints on Letter Writing.

A letter is written conversation, and should be simple, cordial and with a flavor of personality, like a chat with a friend.

When discouraged, sick, or sad, do not write. Wait until you are feeling gay, and then your brightness will be reflected in what you put on paper. Never write anything of which you might be ashamed later. Write kindly of everyone and don't make jokes at anybody's expense, for the written word you know may live forever.

Letters are like debts—harder to pay when overdue. Read over your friend's letter just before beginning your reply, and then answer it. Out of the heart letters are the most welcome. Never forget to write your address on the letter, this is an omission which many people fall into, and it is an unpardonable one, for much as they desire a reply to their letter, and much as their friend may wish to reply, it cannot be done if an address is not given to which a letter may be sent.

As to stationery, use plain, unruled paper, folding once to fit the envelope—white, cream, gray or gray blue of good quality are all in good taste.

Avoid eccentric shapes and colors, monograms or seals of unusual size, in fact anything conspicuously odd.

Many a so-called truthful man is merely a diplomatic liar.

DON'T DESPAIR.

Read the Experience of a Minnesota Woman and Take Heart.

If your backache aches, and you feel sick, irritable, weak and miserable day after day—don't worry. Doan's Kidney Pills have cured thousands of women in the same condition. Mrs. A. Helman of Stillwater, Minn., says: "But for Doan's Kidney Pills I would not be living now. They cured me in 1899 and I've been well since."

I used to have such pain in my back that once I fainted. The kidney secretions were much disordered, and I was so far gone that I was thought to be at death's door. Since Doan's Kidney Pills cured me I feel as if I had been pulled back from the tomb."

Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

A Serbian litigant was allowed \$180 compensation for the loss of one side of his mustache, which had reached to the middle of his chest, and which was cut off by a jealous rival.

Every housekeeper should know that if they will buy Defiance Cold Water Starch for laundry use they will save not only time, because it never sticks to the iron, but because each package contains 16 oz.—one full pound—while all other Cold Water Starches are put up in 3/4-pound packages, and the price is the same, 10 cents. Then again because Defiance Starch is free from all injurious chemicals. If your grocer tries to sell you a 12-oz. package it is because he has a stock on hand which he wishes to dispose of before he puts in Defiance. He knows that Defiance Starch has printed on every package in large letters and figures "16 oz." Demand Defiance and save much time and money and the annoyance of the iron sticking. Defiance never sticks.

About 6,000 drunkards are admitted to Pentonville prison, London, every year, says the medical officer.

FITS permanently cured. No fits or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. Send for FREE \$2.00 trial bottle and treatise. DR. R. H. KLINE, Ltd., 231 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

We never know a greater character unless there is in ourselves something congenial to it.—Channing.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething; softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

In Austria field labor is still largely done by the women, who also thrash the grain with flails.

Do Your Clothes Look Yellow? Then use Defiance Starch. It will keep them white—16 oz. for 10 cents.

About two-thirds of the average human heart is occupied by self-love.

POSSIBLE TO READ THE MIND.

Performance with Seeming Impossibility of Collusion.

"I have never taken much stock in the mind-reading business one occasionally sees upon the stage, but recently I was brought up against the fact that there is such a thing as mind reading, second sight, or something of that kind," said Charles Bradford, at the Blatz hotel, according to the Milwaukee Sentinel. "I have always believed that demonstrations of mind reading ordinarily seen were mere matters of code arrangement, certain questions indicating the answer and all depending upon the form of the question."

"The other day, however, I was given an exhibition of mind reading that was something out of the usual run and could be explained by no set of questions and answers. The test was too severe to permit of anything of this kind, for entire sentences were read from books indiscriminately selected by people in the audience, and transmitted to the blindfolded operator upon the stage. There was no possible collusion in the matter, for I myself fixed my mind upon a passage in an open book before me while the mind reader assistant's only contact with me was to press his hands upon my head. I know that no signal or code could have been arranged, for the assistant did not see the sentence and I took pains to select one indiscriminately from a small volume I carried in my pocket and which I had that evening purchased at a book stall."

"There was nothing mechanical about this and no possibility of a code or signals. There is no doubt much of the fake about some of these demonstrations, but in this case there was an actual test of thought transmission. At the same performance there were many other features fully as puzzling."

WHERE BEECHER GOT SERMONS.

Nothing So Small That He Did Not See It.

Wherever he went, Beecher continued his study of life through observation, says Orison Sweet Marden in Success Magazine. Nothing else was half so interesting. To him man was the greatest study in the world. To read human nature, to place the right values upon men, to emphasize the right thing in them, to be able to discriminate between the genuine and the false, to be able to pierce their masks and read the real man or woman behind them, was an accomplishment which he regarded as one of a clergyman's greatest weapons.

Like Prof. Agassiz, who could see wonders in the scale of a fish or a grain of sand, Beecher also had an eye like the glass of a microscope, which reveals marvels of beauty in the gross and common things. It had a magnifying power which sees the miraculous and beautiful in the commonplace. He could see beauty and harmony where others only saw ugliness and discord, because he read the hidden meaning in things. Like Ruskin, he could see the marvelous philosophy, the divine plan, in the lowliest object. He could feel the divine presence in all created things.

Pertinent Inquiry.

Walter J. Travis was about to tee off. The green velvet links were beautiful in the limpid air of a brilliant and cold morning. Mr. Travis, smiling, said:

"A conceited stranger came here to play the other day. In a stunning suit he swaggered out, teed up his ball and was off."

"When he had holed out at No. 1 he said to his caddy:

"Where is the next hole, boy?"

"The caddy pointed to a red flag some 200 yards away."

"There, sir," he said.

"Ah," said the player, preparing for an enormous stroke, "that will just take a drive and a put."

And swish went his club through the air and a brown swirl of turf and dust arose and the little white ball rolled slowly about eight feet.

The caddy smiled and said:

"Are ye takin' the put first, sir?"

Just a Girl.

Many a throne has had to fall
For a girl,
Just a girl;
Many a king has had to crawl!
For a girl,
Just a girl.

When a hero goes to war
He may battle for the right
But 'tis likelier by far
That he sallies forth to fight
For a girl,
Just a girl.

Papa murmurs with-dismay
"What! a girl,
Just a girl!
Ah, but why the sadness there?
Why the bitterness displayed?
Some day some strong man will swear
That the great round world was made
For that girl,
Just that girl.

Why did Adam take the bite?
For a girl,
Just a girl.
O would heaven still be bright
And would any good man care
To achieve it if he might
Never claim forever there
Just a girl,
Glorious girl,
—Book of the Royal Blue.

Strictly Feminine.

"I just met that charming Mrs. Flasher."

"You don't say, Belle? And how did she look?"

"As pretty as ever. I kissed her twice and inquired about her baby."

"My! And how was she dressed?"

"Well, er—rather plain. Come to think of it, her set of furs had a very antique appearance."

"Indeed?"

"Yes, and her hat must have been done over for two or three winters. And her shoes! Gracious, you never saw such ridiculous heels in your life! I declare, it is a wonder her husband is not ashamed to walk along the street with her."

"vaudeville."

The name "vaudeville" is understood to be a corruption of Vaux de Vire, the name of two picturesque valleys in the Bocage of Normandy, and was originally applied to a song with words relating to some story of the day. These songs were first composed of one Oliver Basselin, a puller in Vire; they were very popular and spread all over France, and were called by the name of their native place (Les Vaux de Vire).

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box.

A Perpetual Nightmare.

Quito, the capital of Ecuador, is built immediately beneath the terrible volcano of Pinchincha, and within five miles of the actual crater; while all around tower similar smoking giants. Some day a cycle of seismic globe will recur in this region of the city, and the tragedy of St. Pierre and Mont Pelee will be repeated, but on a far vaster scale.

Lewis' Single Binder cigar—richest, most satisfying smoke on the market. Your dealer or Lewis' Factory, Peoria, Ill.

Notice to Church Thieves.

In a church in the east end of London the following notice is posted up: "As all the alms-boxes in this church are regularly emptied, it is not worth while to break them open."

Defiance Starch is put up 16 ounces in a package, 10 cents. One-third more starch for the same money.

The New York police force is after a record. It caught a burglar Friday.

Convictions that remain silent are neither sincere nor profound.—Balzac.

A Trite Saying.

It is a trite saying that no man is stronger than his stomach. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery strengthens the stomach—puts it in shape to make pure, rich blood—helps the liver and kidneys to expel the poisons from the body and thus cures both liver and kidney troubles. If you take this natural blood purifier and tonic, you will assist your system in manufacturing each day a pint of rich, red blood, that is invigorating to the brain and nerves. The weak, nervous, run-down, debilitated condition which so many people suffer from, is usually the effect of poisons in the blood; it is often indicated by pimples or boils appearing on the skin, the face becomes thin and the feelings "blue." Dr. Pierce's "Discovery" cures all blood humors as well as being a tonic that makes one vigorous, strong and forceful. It is the only medicine put up for sale through druggists for like purposes that contains neither alcohol nor harmful habit-forming drugs, and the only one, every ingredient of which has the professional endorsement of the leading medical writers of this country. Some of these endorsements are published in a little book of extracts from standard medical works and will be sent to any address free, on receipt of request therefor by letter or postal card, addressed to Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y. It tells just what Dr. Pierce's medicines are made of. The "Words of Praise" for the several ingredients of which Dr. Pierce's medicines are composed, by leaders in all the several schools of medical practice, and recommending them for the cure of the diseases for which the "Golden Medical Discovery" is advised, should have far more weight with the sick and afflicted than any amount of the so-called "testimonials" so conspicuously flaunted before the public by those who are afraid to let the ingredients of which their medicines are composed be known. Bear in mind that the "Golden Medical Discovery" has the badge of honesty on every bottle wrapper, in a full list of its ingredients.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation, invigorate the liver and regulate stomach and bowels.

Dr. Pierce's great thousand-page Illustrated Common Sense Medical Adviser will be sent free, paper-bound, for 21 one-cent stamps, or cloth-bound for 21 stamps. Address Dr. Pierce as above.

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never sticks to the iron.