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**THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**  
The public schools were dismissed, Wednesday night, for a brief spring recess. Work will be resumed next Monday morning.

At the time the beginners' class was received in the school, last month, over sixty five-and six-year-old children entered. The largest spring class heretofore admitted numbered but thirty-five. This is but one more indication of growth of the city.

The junior normal school appropriation of \$15,000 has been approved by Gov. Mickey, and State Superintendent McBrien has already indicated McCook as the location for one of these schools again this year. Inasmuch as the legislature increased the amount of money available for the support of these free junior normals from \$12,000 to \$15,000 for the biennium, it may be reasonably expected that better schools will be the result. It is planned that there shall be a strong lecture course, to include, among other attractions, The Slayton Jubilee Singers and Frank R. Roberson, who have already entertained McCook audiences. Col. Robert McIntyre and J. Edmund Vance Cook are also included in the list of good things. The term will be ten weeks, beginning probably on June 5.

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**RAILROAD NEWS ITEMS.**

Engine 135 left, Wednesday morning, for Havelock.

George E. Grunden has gone to Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Henry Vogel of the night force is nursing an injured leg.

Switch engine 1637 arrived from Havelock, first of the week.

J. A. Clark is off duty on account of sickness in the family.

Trainmaster Kenyon has been in Lyons and Denver most of the week.

Conductor Turley and family have moved into the Snell dwelling.

Felix Kennedy, the boiler inspector, is here on business of his office.

Fireman and Mrs. R. C. Cole are rejoicing in the birth of a daughter.

Foreman D. A. Lucas of the boiler department was up from Havelock, Sunday.

Wilber Fisk is flagging and W. S. Ackerman has gone into the freight service.

R. A. Prigga drew ten days for a car getting out of Holbrook yard not long since.

Conductor Willetts and family went up to Denver on 13, yesterday, to visit briefly.

P. E. Potter is breaking for Conductor Curran vice Mose Jennings, called to Wisconsin.

F. C. Roberson is with Conductor Kendlen instead of J. R. VanHorn, away on short visit.

Engineer H. E. Culbertson and H. A. Frey were in Lincoln, Saturday last, on matters of business.

Conductor T. F. Enright has a short leave of absence and R. M. Douglass is in charge of the 14252.

Brakeman G. F. Kinghorn has resigned from the train service. We hear he contemplates going west.

Conductor J. F. Utter is in charge of the pile driver over in the St. Francis neighborhood, this week.

This week's resignations are: William Spencer of the blacksmith force; G. R. Gale, night truck packer.

Jacob Schlect, who has been on the relief for some time with sore eyes, returned to work on Monday.

Ass't Sup't of Motive Power Fitt and Chief Car Inspector Barstow were at headquarters yesterday and today.

James Toohy and family moved to Sterling, Colorado, this week, where he will be located in the company's employ.

The sick-list, this week contained the names of: Engineer M. R. Gates, Engineer R. C. Cole, Fireman Jacob Matz.

Conductor F. M. Washburn and Brakeman J. R. VanHorn went up to a Chase county ranch, Wednesday, on a short visit.

Conductor Eph Benjamin was absent early in the week on grievance committee business, returning to his run, yesterday morning.

Engineer Leonard Meserve is down from Sheridan, Wyo., on a short visit to relatives and friends here and other Nebraska points.

Rex Stanton, on his way home to Trinidad, Colo., from visiting in Hastings, this state, spent part of the week in McCook with friends.

M. S. Jennings left on 6, Wednesday, for Sheboygan, Wisconsin, to the bedside of J. S. McBrayer, who is in a hospital there suffering with typhoid fever.

A car on 149, Wednesday morning, jumped the track at a frog at Perry, and the blocking car had to be sent up to get it back onto the track again.

Acting Sup't English and Trainmaster Wilburn have been going over the valley lines, this week, winding up at Red Cloud, this morning, and going in to Lincoln on 6 on company business.

New employes, this week, in different departments: L. L. Crawford, new fireman; J. P. Murphy, boilermaker; C. W. Snider, helper, in Egan's gang; Fred Perkins, boilermaker; B. R. Ambrose, wiper.

The Burlington has handed nineteen orange specials within the last ten days. These with a number of sheep specials have made business over this division quite lively. And more, second sections of No. 3 are becoming quite regular.

A. P. Ely has retired from the train service and entered the office of the division sup't at McCook. He and his wife came up from Red Cloud, close of last week. He succeeds to the position of assistant timekeeper vacated by John Rice. Mrs. Ely returned to Red Cloud, Wednesday morning, to arrange for moving their household effects to McCook.

Lawn season begins, April 15th.

**THE BLUE RACER.**

It is About the Fleetest Thing in the Reptile Family.

"The swiftest snake I have ever known is the blue racer, as we used to call the reptile in the Arkansas foothills, and I want to tell you this particular snake can travel like a blue streak," said a man from Arkansas. "The fact is, the name 'blue racer' was given to the snake because of the reptile's fleetness. I have seen blue racers dart across the road at such a rapid pace that you could only see a mere suggestion of blue, and if you did not happen to know the snake and its habits you would not know what it was. You could not possibly get the idea that it was a snake you had seen flash through the dust of the country road unless you knew something of the blue racer. Just what speed the snake makes I do not know, but it is a rapid pace. The rattlesnake is supposed to have good speed, and, as a matter of fact, the rattler can whiz along at a pretty swift gait, but the rattlesnake is not in it with the blue racer. It would be interesting to know just how fast different snakes travel, and if we knew I dare say we would find that the blue racer is about the fleetest thing in the reptile family."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

**ANTIQUITY OF SILK.**

The Product Was Worth Its Weight In Gold For Centuries.

The Chinese empress Si-ling-Chi, 2650 B. C., was supposed to be the first woman to dress herself in silken raiment, though silk was used in the arts nearly 1,000 years before her reign. She was placed among the Chinese divinities under the title of "Sien-Tsan," which means "first promoter of the silk industry."

Silk was worth its weight in gold in many parts of the world for centuries. Its immense cost may be estimated by the fact that a silken garment is mentioned as one of the wanton prodigalities of the Emperor Hellogabalus, while a gown of the same material was refused by Aurelius to his empress on the ground that he couldn't afford the price. Such was the importance of the silk industry in China that the people in the principal growing and manufacturing district took the name of "Seres" and their country "Serica," from the word "Se," which in the ancient writings means "silk." A curious thing about silk is this: The raw material is produced by the cheapest labor in the world, while the finished product is among the most costly of merchandise.

**VENETIAN WOMEN.**

They Have No Need to Bother Their Heads About Fashions.

The women of Venice are absolutely free from the rule which Dame Fashion exercises over their sisters elsewhere. They care nothing for modes. With them the length of the skirt remains always the same, neither short nor long, and they always wear plainly made dark dresses, black stockings and the heeless slippers of the east. Hats are unknown.

The universal outdoor wrap for all ages and all sizes is the black shawl, with a deep silken fringe. It is folded with a short point above and a long one below, and sometimes it envelops the figure from head to foot. It is never fastened at the throat, and when it slips off it is gathered up with one outstretched arm, which makes the spectator think of a big bird stretching its wing.

In their attire the women of Venice are independent, only wearing local clothing, but, with feminine inconsistency, they are thoroughly up to date in the matter of hairdressing, the style of their coiffures changing from time to time, according to the vogue of the moment in London and Paris.

**Only a Beginning.**

The rich widower was paying assiduous court to the handsome young woman lawyer.

"I don't know, Mr. Weloph," she demurred. "There are—there are settlements to be considered, you know."

"If that is all, Miss Maggie," he said, "we'll have no trouble."

Here he slipped a diamond ring on her finger.

"How does that strike you?" he asked.

"It'm" she rejoined, holding it up to the light and inspecting it critically. "I think it will do quite well—as a retainer."—Chicago Tribune.

**A Bishop's Fall.**

Bishop Peck of the Methodist church was a large man, weighing over 350 pounds. While on a tour and stopping at the residence of a presiding elder the bishop turned over in his bed and the entire furniture collapsed, dropping him to the floor with a tremendous thud. The presiding elder rushed upstairs, calling: "What is the matter, bishop? Is there anything I can do for you?" "Nothing is the matter," answered the bishop, "but if I don't answer the call to breakfast tell your wife to look for me in the cellar."

**Excitements of Begging.**

There must be an excitement about begging, which is almost like the pleasure of stalking—taking the measure of the person you see in front of you and knowing the kind of appeal that is likely to weigh with him.—Bishop of Manchester.

**Hoping He Won't Find It.**

"That man's always looking for work."

"Yes, that's what he says, but he's one of those people who go round with a snow shovel in July and a pitchfork in January."

Let no man talk of freedom until he is sure he can govern himself.—Goethe.

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