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#### RAILROAD NEWS ITEMS.

Express office will be open, New Year, until 11 o'clock in the morning.

Ray Shriner spent Friday and Saturday in Norton, Kansas, visiting.

in the city during the holidays.

Omaha railroad talk is to the effect that President Harris of the Burlington is to be president of the Colorado & Burlington station at Beaver City, Sun-Southern as well.

build from that point to connect with thus giving them another outlet for their coal. The proposed line will be 180 miles, some of it through difficult in the station. country.

one of the finest four-year-old winter ton & Quincy, gives to the Hill system a apple orchards at Greenacres, has total of 24,144 miles. The net amount picked and sold a large crop from his of stock in round numbers is 617 million plucking the golden apples of success in tract this year. His Jonathans, Wag- dollars, with bonds of 515 million doleners and Rome Beauties are considered lars. The gross earnings in 1907-8 as fine as any in the state and are sell- amounted to 215 million dollars, with ing at from \$1 to \$2 per box. He has gross income approximately 225 million sold some of his Winter Banana ap- dollars. The net income of the system ples at the rate of \$8 per box on account last year was 74 million dollars, with of their attractiveness in coloring. Mr. charges of 22 million dollars, the fixed Sawyer is building a fine home on his charges thus amounting to less than 30 tract.-Greenacres cor. Spokane, (Wash.) percent of the total net income.-Lin-Evening Chronicle.

SOMETHING

DOING

IN

THIS

SPACE,

NEXT

WEEK.

Clint Hamilton Lumber Co.

J. R. STANSBERRY, Manager and Owner

I will be at Steve Wilson's upper

barn, McCook, Neb., on Saturday,

Conductor V. H. Solliday went down to Lincoln, Monday morning on No. 2, to undergo treatment for rheumatism.

Frank Arnold, a former McCook boy, now employed on a railroad out of Kansas City, is visiting his former

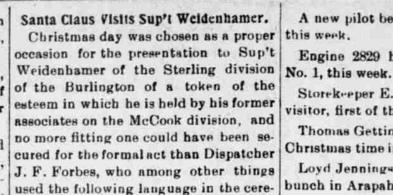
Engines 2003, McFarland driving, and engine 1755, Boetteger on right side, were in collision at Fort Morgan, Monday night, both engines being badly

O. R. Amick of this county and Miss Ganson of Buffalo county, Nebraska, were quietly married by Judge Loomis on Saturday, the nineteenth instant. ets, call on or write D. F. Hostetter, Agent. We unite with their many friends in McCook, Nebraska, or L. W. Wakeley, General wishing them a prosperous and happy union.-Hayes Center Times Republi-

er, was in the city, Tuesday, to secure to find him. some household goods of A. J. Fritter, who recently left here, upon whose Mrs. S. W. McCleary of Galesburg is goods Mr. Brown held a chattel mortvisiting her husband and other relatives gage. Fritter formerly was in the Burlington employ, but lost out for some cause or other.

Robbers attempted to break into the day night. Agent Irwin was aroused Sheridan expects the Burlington to by the disturbance and phoned the sheriff. The would-be robbers made the Colorado & Southern on the south, their escape at the approach of the sheriff's posse, without being identified. There was a considerable sum of money

The absorption of the Colorado & C. B. Sawyer, who is the owner of Southern road by the Chicago, Burlingcoln Star.



Mr. Weidenhamer: A short time day morning, after a short illness, since, on the completion of a piece of railway in the Northwest, a gentleman said that he considered that "the Northwest owes more to Mr. J. J. Hill than to any other man, and to him justly was due the title of 'Empire Builder'."

As to that I know not, but this I do know, that when the Hill management Mr. Brown, an Orleans furniture deal- wants a man they generally know where man here, now with the Moffat road,

With this in view, I may say:

I've written some prose, I've written some I've delved in historical lore;

I've dabbled in ink, too muddled to think, And now I am at it some more. But, trusting I may, in my feeble way, Express a few thoughts that are true. With Christmas chimes ringing, and good

I'm handing this small gift to you. Tis something to know, as years come and

How you to all men must appeal, For the man who is right, will win in the fight,

When he aims to give all "A Square Deal." Years ago it was said, by one much wiser than I, that "Words fitly spoken are like apples of gold in a picture of sil ver." Now, your many friends of the Mc Cook division only emphasize this sentiment, when they add, that when you are a railroad career, you will remember the appreciation of your many admirers Doherty, Sam through this silver setting.

I herewith present you an order on Mr. H.P. Sutton for a chest of silver; and though it bears the brand of "The McCook Division," may you find it like the appreciation of your friends, and our present place of effort-Sterling

#### Cleared Track with Fire.

Beaver City, Neb., Dec. 27. - On the St. Francis branch of the Burlington. extending from Orleans, Neb., to St. Francis, Kas., a distance of 110 miles, there are many deep cuts after the road crosses into Kansas. These have occasioned much annoyance and delay of trains in winter by filling up with snow. But this fall a new difficulty arose. The Russian thistle has grown to great proportions in that region this year, and the rolling weeds, as large as a bushel basket, bave been whirled across the prairies by the wind. When one of the deed cuts was in their path it was quickly filled. Trains have been stopped frequently and as effectually as though the blockade was made by tightly drifted snow. When this occurred the section hands and trainmen have cleared the track with forks and shovels, a long and tedious task. One of these blockades occurred on Christmas day. Conductor Enright, was impatient to get to the end of the run where dinner was awaiting him. Instead of waiting for the section men, he stepped ahead of the train and touched a match to the rosinous weeds, which burned like tinder. In three minutes the track was clear and the train sped on its way. Railroad men are wondering why they livery barn. did not think of it before.

# More Railroad Rumors.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—It was announced here yesterday that James J. Hill, in connection with his purchase of the Colorado & Southern railroad, has de termined to construct a new grade route from Denver to Billings and also FOR SALE, FOR RENT, ETC. a low grade road from Kearney, Neb., to the some place. The latter route will be built probably northwest to a connection with the Denver-Billings line at Orin Junction, Wyo., or north of that point.

# Had a Pretty Close Call.

Monday night, Switchman C. W. Lutes, working in the local yard, had a close call for his life. While engaged in making a coupling, he was struck by some cars backing up. Fortunately a scalp wound not of a serious nature and slight injuries to his back total his injuries. He will be about as usual in a

W. M. Gardner, clerk for Emerson, returned to work, first of the week. Scoops on engines now bear the num-

ber of the engine, an old custom re-

The 1965 is over drop-pit No. 2, this week. She has been given new tires,

part of the railroad mileage blocked out for him by the newspaper for 1909 he will be a pretty busy man. Engineer and Mrs. Barney Lewis re

If Jim Hill builds any considerable

turned home on 3, Tuesday night, from spending part of the holidays with rel atives and friends in Eastern Nebraska.

An enjoyable family reunion and Christmas tree was held last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gar rard at their home on J street. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Dobson and son Leonard of Winslow, Arizona; Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Scott and ESTRAYED-Came to my place Christson Warren of McCook, Nebraska; Miss mas day, two steers, one 3 and one 2 Margaret Garrard, Mrs. Catherine Gar- years old; both have white faces. Owner rard and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Garrard .- can have same by paying advertising Fresno Morning Republican, Dec. 25th. and other charges. Otto Pate, ash 981.

A new pilot beam was given the 1091,

Engine 2829 has been over drop-pit

Storekeeper E. C. Hill was a Denver visitor, first of the week. Thomas Gettings spent some of the

Christmas time in Denver. Loyd Jennings was with the football

bunch in Arapahoe, Christmas. J. W. Chase returned to work, Mon-

John Brening returned, Tuesday, from visiting in Hastings, part of the

Apprentice Arthur Scott has returned from his visit to Goodland and is at work again.

James Holland, once backshop forevisited between trains here, Wednesday.

Engines Nos. 1339 and 318 are in the backshop for an overhauling, and Nos. 148 (from Denver) and 322 will go in for a few days.

Engines Nos. 1904 and 1932 were both damaged somewhat in a slight wreck in the yard at Akron, Monday night. They will be repaired in the Denver

Engines 2003 and 1755 which were involved in the wreck at Fort Morgan, Monday night, were brought to Mc-Cook, Wednesday night, for repairs, which will be of an extensive nature.

#### ADVERTISED LIST.

The following letters, cards and pack ages remain uncalled for at the McCook postoffice. December 18, 1908 LETTERS.

Baker, Katherine Baker, Mrs. Minnie Dickson, Mr. H. A. Dorsey, Jas. W. Frey, Mrs. Geo. R. Hathett, Mr. G. L. Grant, C. T. Haley, Mr. J. B. Harkey, Mr. W. R. Mardock, Mr. B. A. Rouse, C. O. Sheldon, Mr. Burton Shepherd, Mr. Robert Stout, Frank H. Sovern, Mr. E. W. (2) Thompson, Mrs. G. Q.

Bruce, Mr. C. O. Beaver, Mr. W. H. Baily, Mrs. Edith Dada, Mr. Heinrick Rodgers, George Roberts, E. W. When calling for these, please say

they were advertised. S. B. McLEAN, Postmaster.

Santa Claus at District 83. District 83, more commonly known as on our counters. the Anderson school, was visited by jolly St. Nicholas in approved style, Christmas eve, He there presided over a tree bearing all sorts of gifts for each of the 19 pupils, besides useful articles for the fond parents. The program was unjoy able. The teacher Miss Sadie Everist was presented with a beautiful toilet case by the pupils. Here's hoping that Santa will make many more merry visits

#### COLEMAN.

Oliver Strawder was down east, part of this week, on a visit.

Mrs. W. M. Rozell, Ethel, Gladys and Clarence were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Clark, Saturday and Sunday, Miss remaining this week.

John Clark and family were Christmas guests of Chas. Nelson and family

# BOX ELDER.

Rev. Rubottom and wife are spending the holidays at Trenton.

Evert Rutledge has moved to Maywood, where he will take charge of a

Mrs. Tom Chamberlain came down from Maywood and assisted her sister Mrs. Rutlecge in packing for the moving to Maywood.

T. S. Draper shelled corn for J. K. Gordon, Monday.

FOR SALE-160 acres of improved land seven miles south of McCook, Neb. Price, \$2,200.

MRS. M. E. BATTERSHALL, OWDER, 12 22 4ts\*. Okarche, Okla.

FOR SALE-A few fresh milch cows M. C. Cratty, 5 miles southwest of Mc Cook.-12-15 3t.

FOR SALE-Dwelling near high school, corner 2nd west and G street. Phone black 312.-12-25-4\*

FOR SALE-A \$325 piano-cheap. Inquire at this office.

FOR RENT-A 7-room dwelling with large barn. Inquire of Diamond at the Stein clothing store.

FOR RENT-Four room cottage. Mrs.

J. I. Lee. Phone 43. FOR RENT - Furnished room, light and bath. Phone red 255, or call at 309

2nd street W.

For Rest-Three furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Inquire of Mrs James I. Lee, phone 43.

FOR RENT-Suite of four steam-heated room with private stairs and hall. Inquire of McCook Hardware Co.

FOUND-In H. C. Clapp's dry goods store, a lady's hand-bag. Owner can have same by calling at above store, proving property and paying for notice. FOR RENT-5 room house at 910 West

2nd st. Phone red 329. 12-25-2\*. Estrayed—Bay pony mare, about

three weeks ago. Notify this office. -2t



A Happy New Year is what we wish to everyone. We thank our patrons for having come to us during the past year, and we thank them now in advoce for coming to us this year to follow.

We know that our customers will come back to us, and we know that the number of our customers will grow, because those who have dealt with us will tell their friends the Way in Which We Deal.

We believe in making prices good all the year round, and of putting only good goods

We are happy because we feel that we have treated our customers right.

Cordially.

# C. L. DeGROFF & CO.

# Piano Bargains!

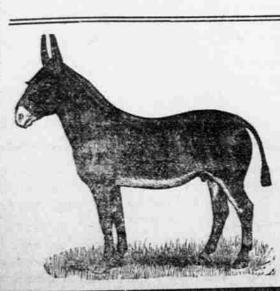
We have a few of the genuine

# Schaeffer Pianos

which we are going to offer at extremely low prices during the next two weeks, and if you have been contemplating the purchase of an instrument for your home in the next year, we will make it an object for you to buy now. Come in and let us show you the instruments and hear the price and terms we will make to you.

D. W. COLSON

223 Main Avenue, McCook, Nebraska



January 9th, 1909.

Horses, Mares

...and Mules...

Must be broke and fat; from four to ten years old. Parties desiring to take the the market price bring in your animals and get it. No thin or skittish horses wanted

R. F. REYNOLDS.