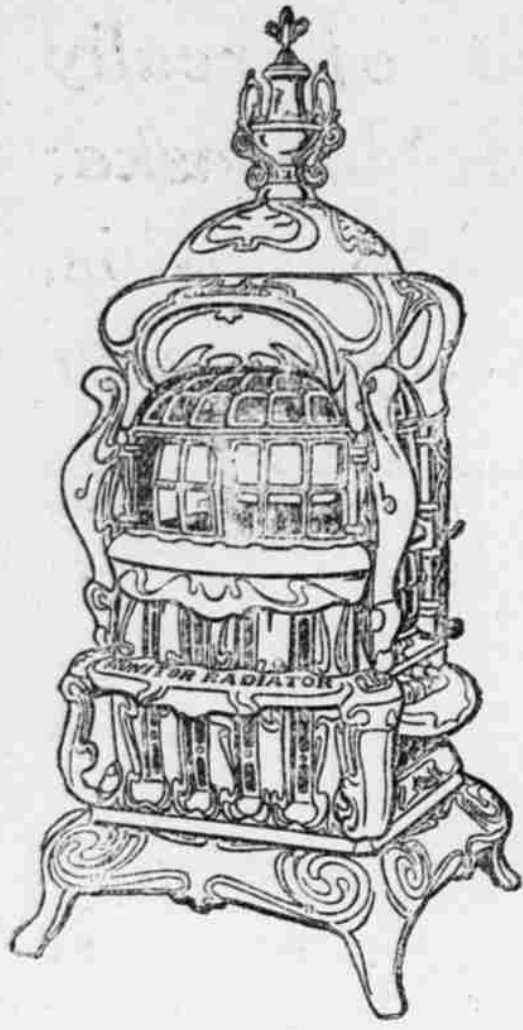


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"It is interesting to know the practical uses to which the webs of a large Madagascar spider might be applied to replace silk for woven fabrics," said Fisher S. Williams of London, who is interested in the manufacture of silk.

"I know from visits to the interior of Madagascar that the webs spun many feet across the walks or shady avenues of gardens are sufficiently strong to hang thereon a light bamboo walking cane. At the Paris exposition of 1900 a whole piece of fabric eighteen yards long and eighteen inches wide was exhibited which was woven out of this web, for which it was necessary to provide 100,000 yards of spun thread of twenty-four strands.

"For its manufacture 25,000 spiders had to be brought into requisition, and these were procured by offering the natives so much a hundred; but, not knowing or ignoring the purpose for which the insects were required and having a get-rich-quick desire, they brought them in by basketfuls, mostly dead. It was found necessary for the winding off machines to go to the spiders instead of calling in the spiders to the filatures. However, the piece of cloth was completed and was of a shimmering golden yellow color.

"The idea of obtaining silk from the spider is an old one, as distinguished men in France discoursed on the subject as long ago as 1710, but the first study of this Madagascar spider came up some ten years ago, and the spinning of its web was then undertaken. It is only the female that spins. The first difficulty in obtaining the thread direct from the insect consisted in contriving how to secure the living spider so as to wind it off by some mechanical process from the insect. This was originally performed by confining spiders in empty matchboxes, with the abdomen protruding. The extraction of the web does not apparently inconvenience the insect, although care has to be taken not to injure it."—Washington Herald.

Some College Spelling.

No one can blame the colleges of this country if they demand as one of the requirements of admission the ability on the part of the student correctly to spell words with which he would express his thoughts. Essays submitted by 250 students contained an average of five mistakes to each pupil. Nearly fifty men made the mistake of placing an unnecessary "e" at the end of a syllable, as "departement," "development." A very common error was to transpose the vowels "el" and "ie." "Relieve" and "receive" were the words most sinned against. "Preceding" and "succeeding" offered difficulties to many, while "offered" and "preferred" proved troublesome. Why "principal" and "principle" should so often be incorrectly used by college students is a mystery. There are a few simple rules for spelling which should have prevented at least half of the mistakes. Before the age of fourteen these rules should be part of the educational outfit of the student in the grammar schools. —Professor W. B. Bailey of Yale in New York Independent.

A Crooked Parallel.

It was decreed by the convention of 1818 and the treaty of Washington of 1846 that the boundary between the United States and Canada from the Lake of the Woods to the Pacific, a distance of 1,270 miles, should follow the forty-ninth parallel. The surveyors who have lately completed the location of the boundary have found that the astronomical parallel varies from a direct circle around the earth, and Professor Otto Klotz explains the curious fact that the line, instead of being straight, is at one point 800 feet south of the direct circle and at another place 600 feet north. It was decided that the astronomical parallel, or line through places where the pole is 41 degrees from the zenith, should be the accepted boundary. This decision was followed, but local attraction in some places deflects the plumb line, and therefore the zenith and the astronomical forty-ninth parallel proves to be a quite irregular line.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The London Police.

The London policeman, aside from the matter of pay, has every advantage over his New York contemporary. He is looked up to with respect. His slightest command is obeyed in the public streets. He takes himself very seriously and is grave and solemn under the weight of his responsibility. I never saw a London policeman laugh or even smile, except in one instance, and he was an Irishman and possibly might be considered too human for his office. His relation to the people is entirely different from that of the New York policeman. The greatest power over him is that of parliament, and all political parties are friendly to him. He is occasionally investigated by royal commissions, which investigation is impartial and, if anything, friendly to him. It is their hope to find everything as it should be.—William McAdoo in Century.

Snails as Delicacies.

One thing which the English visitor to Paris detests, according to a French newspaper, is the edible snail, which is becoming a greater favorite among the Paris gourmets. Returns show that, in 1907, 500,000 kilograms of snails passed through the markets in the French capital. A similar quantity was consumed last year, and the returns up to the present indicate that the quantity eaten will be still greater. There seem to be fashions in gastronomy as well as in millinery, so we learn that the frog is becoming less popular—in fact, few are eaten today.—London Globe.

MOVEMENTS OF THE PEOPLE.

MAURICE O'ROURKE is very ill. R. E. DEVOR was over from Lebanon, last Friday, on business.

E. P. HUBER returned home, Monday evening, from a business visit to Denver.

MRS. BRISTOL and CAROL PETERSON with London visitors, first of the week.

HAZEL YOUNG formerly of Haigler, is one of the new beau girls at central here.

FRANK HODGKIN of Bartley was a guest of Mayor Stephens, end of a week.

MRS. VINA WOOD returned, first of the week, from her trip to eastern Nebraska.

WORTHY SNIDER sold his dray at Haigler, last week, and has returned to McCook.

C. D. RITCHIE had the pleasure of a visit from his father, closing days of last week.

W. C. COOPER returned, first of the week, from his trip down into Missouri, after apples.

MR. AND MRS. FRANK COLEMAN of East McCook are visiting friends in the neighborhood of Haigler.

U. G. ETHEBERT of the Bartley Inter Ocean was a business pilgrim to the county seat, last Saturday.

MR. J. W. BARCOCK, Mrs. Walter Babcock and daughter Miss Anna are up from Cambridge for today.

W. E. BOWER came down from Denver, close of last week, on a visit to the old home and on affairs of business.

MR. AND MRS. L. W. STAYNER went down to Edgar, Friday night on No. 10 to visit over Sunday with homefolks.

MRS. JOHN SCHMIDT visited the two daughters here, first of the week. Helping the girls get settled for the winter.

MRS. SHULTZ returned to the city, last week, and is the guest of her daughter Mrs. Alvin R. Scott. She has been visiting a son in Colorado.

JOHN TRAMMELL, uncle of Mart, and known to a multitude of admirers as the head for years of the Oxford eating house, was a city visitor, Monday.

MRS. A. F. DIEBERT, who has been absent for the past two weeks visiting in St. Paul, Minnesota and other points, returned home, Wednesday morning.

MRS. J. W. THOMPSON and daughter Miss Ethel of Minot, S. D., are visiting in the city and vicinity. Mrs. Thompson is a sister of Mrs. J. H. Stephens and Mrs. James A. Doyle.

MR. AND MRS. C. R. WOODWORTH spent the last of the week past in Omaha making fall and winter purchases of stock from traveling men whom they met there from eastern markets.

A. McMILLEN returned home, Saturday night, from Omaha, where he has been conferring with traveling men from the east and making his usual fall and winter purchases of stock.

MISS DAUGHERTY of McCook, who has been visiting Mrs. Carl Crane for several days past, returned to her home Tuesday, Mrs. Crane accompanying her for a week's visit with McCook friends.—Arapahoe Pioneer.

HARRISON BURROWS, of Fond du Lac, Wis., arrived in the city, Sunday evening on No. 10, from the west, and is the guest of his aunt Mrs. Herman Pade. He has been spending several weeks in the west and northwest.

J. H. BENNETT of Omaha, one of the fire commissioners of the state, was in this part of the state early in the week, spending a few days here and at Culbertson on business of his office, and visiting old time friends here.

H. C. BLANCHARD of Blair, this state, is the new manager for the McCook Gas Co. Mr. Blanchard is already in charge, and his wife and little son are here with him, getting settled at housekeeping. Mr. Jennings remains with the company in his former position.

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No. 6..... (Central Time)	11:40 P. M.
18.....	5:30 A. M.
2.....	5:25 A. M.
12 arr. 6:15 p.m.	6:40 A. M.
14.....	9:42 P. M.
10.....	6:30 P. M.
MAIN LINE WEST—DEPART:	
No. 1..... (Mountain Time)	1:20 P. M.
3.....	11:42 P. M.
5 arr. 8:50 p.m.	9:30 A. M.
12.....	9:05 A. M.
15.....	12:30 A. M.
9 arr. 9:10 a.m.	8:20 A. M.
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C. M. Bailey Is Promoted.

The many friends of C. M. Bailey will be pleased to learn of his appointment as master mechanic at Wymore, vice Johnson, who is also to be promoted to an advanced position in the company's service.

The only regret is that it will necessitate his removal from this city, where he has considerable interests, and where he has resided for so many years.

Mr. Bailey has been an engineer on the road for years, but for a number of years past has filled the position of traveling engineer with satisfaction. He is well qualified to fill the increased responsibilities of his new position, has experience and judgment.

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Repairs were made on No. 1092's steam chest, this week.

Willie Wiehe and Herman Budig are new apprentices, this week.

Ward Humphrey became a switch man, this week, in the local yard.

Fireman M. E. Moody was, this week, transferred from fireman to train service.

H. C. Shriner in charge of the Curtis round house visited at headquarters, yesterday.

Engineer Walter Stokes is off a few days for repairs on one of his feet, a nail being its undoing.

Engine 1050 is making steam for the shops, while repairs are progressing, this week, on the boilers.

James Varvie of the repair track force was made a member of the local switch yard force, this week.

W. J. McCowan and W. M. Brett, from Boston, via Denver, are new machinists, this week.

Engine 1312, a Lincoln division mill, will go out of the backshop, this week, and go into service at Hastings.

John Brening returned to the machine shop service, this week, making three machinists added to the force, this week.

Master Mechanic Johnson of Wymore is said to be slated for the position of general master mechanic, or at least some promotion.

Mrs. John Hunt, Frank Hunt and Miss Anna Dulaney have gone up to Brownlee, Cherry county, to look up some land matters.

Mr. C. Lamb, General Chairman of the Order of Railway Telegraphers of the C. B. & Q. system, of Red Oak, Iowa, was here Wednesday calling on C. M. Osborne, the local chairman of the Order of the McCook division. Mr. Osborne is endeavoring to arrange a meeting of the operators of his division to be held in Wray in the near future. There are probably eighty operators on the McCook division and, should Chairman Osborne be successful in his plans, Wray should give these men a right royal welcome.—Wray (Colo.) Gazette.

RAILROAD NEWS ITEMS.

John (Dusty) Rhodes has returned from Oregon.

New cylinder packing was placed in the 1765, this week.

Allen Slusser of Minden is a member of the carpenter gang here.

Olaf Otteson of Minden is a member of the carpenter force here.

Engine 143, after an overhauling, will be out of the backshop, next week.

James Gillespie, car inspector at Oxford, has asked to be relieved from duty.

Dispatcher T. B. Campbell was taken quite painfully ill, Wednesday morning.

Switchman Andrew Christianson has resigned from the service after a week's experience.

J. M. Smith returned home, close of last week, from his trip up into Cherry county.

G. L. Burkett, E. H. Walters and W. H. Shrigley are new firemen taken on, this week.

T. Roope, sup t of motive power, spent Tuesday in the city looking over conditions at McCook headquarters.

Engineer and Mrs. I. L. Rodstrom returned, last Friday night, from their visit in eastern part of the state.

John Seth of the boiler gang, after several week's absence on account of an attack of rheumatism, returned to work, first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Smith, parents of Mrs. J. E. Moss, will arrive here, in a few days, to make their home here, with their daughter.

The company is enjoying on this division an almost unprecedented run of traffic, just now, and everybody is on the jump in all departments.

A. L. Paulson, D. A. Lewellyn, Ben Crawley, H. W. Perkins, A. P. Walters were promoted from fireman to engineers, this week. Congratulations, boys.

Engineer L. S. Viersen will depart for Pilger, Nebraska, to participate in the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the wedding of his parents Mr. and Mrs. O. Viersen, October 18th. All of the eight children are expected to be present and a big family reunion is expected to be part of the schedule, the children coming from Oklahoma, New Mexico, South Dakota and other states to the great family event. There are 27 grandchildren.

RED WILLOW.

Marie Meyers stayed all night with Blossom Longnecker, Thursday.

A. R. Clark was visiting friends, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sargent and children took dinner at Owens Longnecker's one day.

Mrs. Helm had company from McCook, on Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Rinck and daughter Ethel, called to see the new baby at Mrs. Meyer's on Sunday afternoon.

Owens and Lewis Longnecker and families visited at the old home on Monday.

Lucy Miller is a regular sister of charity, going where she is called where there is sickness. She is now staying with Mrs. Will Meyers.

Mrs. Boze visited with her sister Mrs. Hubert Junker, last week.

Lewis Elmer and family visited his sister Nellie, first of the week.

Noah Sawyer is helping Louis Longnecker put in wheat.

Ben King's brother and wife from Washington are visiting here.

Mr. Critchfield went to McCook to see his brother, between trains, who was on his way to Pittsburg, to attend the centennial of the Christian church.

Our Longmont, Colorado, canned vegetables are now in. This year's crop of peas, beans and tomatoes at Huber's.

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