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MAIN LINE EAST-DEPART:		
No. 8 (Central Time)	11:35 P. M.	
10	5:00 A. M.	
12	5:50 A. M.	
12 arr. 6:15 p.m.	7:30 A. M.	
14	9:45 P. M.	
10	6:00 P. M.	
MAIN LINE WEST-DEPART:		
No. 1	12:20 P. M.	
2	11:42 P. M.	
3 arr. 8:50 p.m.	9:30 A. M.	
13	9:05 A. M.	
15	12:30 A. M.	
9 arr. 7:50 a.m.	7:50 A. M.	
IMPERIAL LINE		
No. 176 arrives (Mountain Time)	4:20 P. M.	
No. 175 departs	7:20 A. M.	

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Light repairs were given the 1020 this week.

Steam plant No. 2 is out of commission.

The 1046 had her cylinders bored out, this week.

Mrs. John Ferree is down from the homestead in the northwestern part of the state.

Engine 132 will probably go out of the shop this evening. The 133 came in this week for overhauling.

They had the first broken frame in the blacksmith shop, yesterday, in five years. The boys fixed her up in a hurry.

Engineer F. J. Pierce has resigned his position with the Burlington and entered the employ of the Denver, Laramie & Northwestern. The family will follow him to Denver, which will be their home, in a short time.

Traveling Wire Chief W. M. Woods is at McCook division headquarters, this week, superintending the installing of the new switch board and a lot of new instruments, including two new "quad" sets, in the telegraph office.

New tires were placed on the 1976 this week, together with other minor repairs.

The company is unloading a trainload of firewood at this point, to be used in firing up engines.

Passenger train No. 13 was six hours late, yesterday, arriving here shortly after four in the afternoon.

Benj. Riggs has been transferred from the repair track to the blacksmith shop, where he is a new helper.

Six men were let out of the repair gang, this week: Henry Knosp, John Ferree, Benj. Riggs, Zailer, and two others.

The track men are asking for their picks, bars, etc., to be in readiness for the spring work, which will be begun a month earlier than last year.

The company had a lively business on its hands, yesterday. Between twelve o'clock night and five in the afternoon there were 12 passenger and 16 freight crews on the board.

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DROPS OF WATER.

Thrown Upon a Redhot Stove. They Will Never Touch It.

It is impossible to throw a few drops of water on a redhot stove. The water can never touch the stove at all. What is seen is a few drops rolling rapidly over the surface, gradually getting smaller until they disappear. If the drops are on a perfectly level place one can see under them to the other side of the room, thus proving that they are not in contact with the stove itself.

What actually happens is that the bottom of the drop changes at once to steam or vapor on coming close to the hot surface, and this vapor is supplied by the drop as it gradually goes away. So the drop rests on a cushion of vapor until it is entirely dissipated. This state of water is known as the spheroidal state and is of interest simply on account of its peculiarity and seemingly paradoxical behavior.

The reason why the drop is not immediately evaporated or changed to steam is also very interesting. The water vapor that intervenes between its under surface and the redhot stove is a very bad conductor of heat, and consequently the full intensity of the heat cannot get to the water itself, only the amount transmitted through the vapor being available for this purpose.—St. Louis Republic.

ENGLISH COUNTRY BANKS.

It Takes Strong Iron Bars to Win the Depositors' Confidence.

Rural customers attach great importance to the bank's outward appearance. A thrifty tradesman having opened a deposit account with a bank distant some thirty miles from his home, the cashier had the curiosity to ask why he traveled so far when there was a branch of the same bank almost at his door. The depositor smiled knowingly and replied, "I lodged opposite here all the time while this bank was being built, so I know it's safe." Balance sheets to the rustic are a meaningless and arbitrary arrangement of figures. Iron bars he understands.

In a city in the north of England there is a bank widely known for the artistic merit of its doors. Designed by an eminent sculptor, they are executed in relief in copper or bronze and appear to represent tableaux from "Aesop's Fables" and Greek history. About a week after they were unveiled an old man who had been a depositor for many years withdrew his balance and took it to a rival bank almost opposite. Questioned as to his reason for changing, he replied: "I don't hold 'em them doors of theirs. Punched 'em ain't businesslike, and it ain't safe."—London Saturday Review.

A Perfect Disguise.

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Not Up on Slang.

"I'd like to get a room for the night," drawled the old man with the chin whiskers and yellow satchel.

"By jinks, Buttons," whispered the clerk to the bellhop, "all of the rooms are filled, but we don't want to discourage the country patronage, so we'll have to give him some kind of a 'stall'."

But the old man overheard the remark and fired up instantly. "No, yeon don't!" he burst defiantly. "By crickets, no! If I wanted to sleep in a stall I'd stopped at the livery stable on the other corner."—Chicago News.

An Insulting Style.

"O! did not mind the threats av him as much as the insulting style av his remarks," said one Irishman to another.

"And what did he say?"

"Well, he says to me, 'Hogan,' says he, 'tis a great notion O! have to jump on you and knock your face into shape!'"

Here's Luck, Ethel!

"Ethel is not very handsome. Why do you call her a belle?"

"She's waiting for some man to ring her."—Boston Transcript.

Hasty climbers have sudden falls.—French Proverb.

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Many Changes On Burlington.

ALLIANCE, Neb., Jan. 29.—(Special Telegram)—E. P. Bracken, general superintendent of the Wyoming district of the Burlington, with headquarters at Alliance, has been transferred to the lines east as general manager, with headquarters at Chicago. He will be succeeded here by E. E. Young, at present superintendent of the Sheridan division, with headquarters at Sheridan, Wyo.

F. G. Robbins, superintendent of the Sterling division, will take charge at Sheridan and C. D. Peckenpaugh, at present trainmaster on the Sheridan division, will succeed Mr. Robbins at Sterling, Colo.

This will make a complete change in the head operating officials of the Wyoming district in the last two months, for on December 1 W. M. Weidenhamer, the present superintendent of the Alliance division, succeeded J. C. Birdsell, who resigned to enter private business.—Omaha Bee.

Steam dome repairs were made on the 1911, this week.

Wire Chief Dave Knowles of Sterling, Colorado, was here, Tuesday evening, long enough to ride the Masonic goat, returning to his work, the same evening.

LaGrippe pains that pervade the entire system, LaGrippe coughs that rack and strain, are quickly cured by Foley's Honey and Tar. Is mild, laxative, safe and certain in results. A. McMillen.

Another Greatest Engine.

One has to read morning and evening papers now to keep step with the advent of the greatest engines. Scarcely had the Southern Pacific announced its 325 ton passenger engine, before the Santa Fe was before the public with its 350 ton freight engine—at present the greatest locomotive yet produced.

It is an articulated Mallet of the more or less familiar type now, but includes some new features. It has a tractive force of 54 tons. Steam pressure of 220 pounds. Embodies superheating, reheating, feed-water heating, and compounding. Has both high and low pressure cylinders. Its chief advantage over other big engines is its claimed economy of fuel. Fifty percent is the economy claimed for the monster.

To Trade For Land.

Stock hardware.
A city property,
A store building.
A 100 acre farm east of here, well improved. 60 acres in alfalfa.
A hotel building and lots and a fine list of relinquishments.
80 acres to trade for McCook property.
I have some dandy homesteads I would be glad to show you.
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Room 3, over McConnell's.

Legal Blanks Here.

This office carries all kinds of legal blank forms and makes special blanks to order promptly and accurately.

McCook Markets.

Merchants and dealers in McCook today (Thursday) are paying the following prices:
Corn..... 8 1/2
Wheat..... 12
Oats..... 15
Rye..... 17
Barley..... 18
Hogs..... 7 1/2
Butter (good)..... 24
Eggs..... 22

FOR SALE, FOR RENT, ETC.

FOR SALE—No 6 Remington typewriter in good condition, at a bargain. W. W. Morrissy, phone black 292.

For Sale—Good all-around work man. Perfectly gentle, excellent for farm work or heavy hauling. W. W. Morrissy, phone black 292.

FOR SALE—A wheel invalid's chair. Phone black 117.

FOR RENT—5 room dwelling, close in. Also two rooms furnished for light housekeeping. Phone 63.
MRS. J. I. LEE.

WANTED—Two girls to strip tobacco after school hours. Call at B. A. Grigg cigar factory, 2nd door west of the city hall.

Two furnished rooms to rent, and board, if desired. Phone black 154.

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