

Time Card	
McCook, Neb.	
SOUTH LINE EAST DEPART:	
No. 5 (General Time)	11:35 P. M.
No. 16	5:30 A. M.
12:00 P. M.	5:30 A. M.
4:45 P. M.	7:45 A. M.
10:00 P. M.	9:32 P. M.
10:00 P. M.	9:30 P. M.
MAIN LINE WEST DEPART:	
No. 1 (Mountain Time)	12:20 P. M.
No. 2	11:12 P. M.
No. 3	9:20 A. M.
No. 4	9:35 A. M.
No. 5	12:20 A. M.
No. 6	7:50 A. M.
SPECIAL TIME:	
No. 176 arrives (Mountain Time)	4:25 P. M.
No. 175 departs	7:25 A. M.

Sleeping, dining and reclining chair cars (seats free) on through trains. Tickets sold and baggage checked to any point in the United States or Canada.

For information, timetables, maps and tickets, call on or write D. E. Hostetter, Agent, McCook, Nebraska, or L. W. Watkins, General Passenger Agent, Omaha, Nebraska.

RAILROAD NEWS ITEMS.
COLLEGE SINGING GIRLS,
Wednesday Night, March 2.

Floyd Stoyner, first day trick man at Akron, visited his folks here, Saturday-Sunday.

Dispatcher John Murray and sister Elizabeth spent Sunday with the family in Indianola.

Mrs. Elmer Hawkins on his return home, Sunday evening, from visiting Holdrege relatives.

Master Mechanic H. E. Cubertson was in Wray, Colorado, on company business, last Saturday.

Conductor W. A. Cassel, who is running out of Republican City for a while, spent Sunday at home here.

E. R. Henderson of Trenton is now employed in the express office here. His family accompanied him.

A new time card on the 27th will make the time of Nos. 9 and 10 between Chicago and Denver almost as fast as Nos. 1 and 6.

Paul Perrenoud is arranging to visit that dear old Switzerland, coming June. He has not seen the parents and family for 8 or 9 years.

Gary Dole, general foreman at Denver spent Tuesday and Wednesday in the city, on his way west from visiting the parents at Tamora, Nebraska.

The shop force, as far as possible, was given a holiday, Washington's birthday. The clerical force connected with the shops were given a holiday in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Briggs had the pleasure, last week, of entertaining his mother Mrs. H. F. Briggs of Orion, Kansas; and this week of entertaining a bride and groom Mr. and Mrs. George Wilkins of Bruning, this state, the bride being a sister of Mrs. Briggs.

The policy of the Burlington management to tag along in the rear of the column of improvement is strongly resented in some of the more progressive towns and cities in Western Nebraska. By improvements we mean especially depots and freight houses. Cambridge is not satisfied; Holdrege is complaining; and McCook is not happy. There are others.

The Western Demurrage bureau has adopted the uniform demurrage rules recommended by the meeting of railroad commissioners in Washington in November last, and subsequently endorsed by the interstate commerce commission.

The rules give shippers the privilege of unloading cars within forty-eight hours without penalty and also give them, in a general way, the right to average their demurrage, the railroads thus putting a premium on rapid unloading. If a jobber unloads some cars in twelve hours, thus releasing the cars, and fails to unload others in less than forty-eight hours he is given credit, in some measure, for the rapid release of a part of the cars used in handling his freight.

Tightening up the Time.
By the new time schedule of the Burlington and Chicago effect, February 27, the 14:00, on which the time between Lincoln and Denver on trains Nos. 9 and 10. No. 9 will leave Chicago at 9:00 a. m., be in Lincoln at 1:05 a. m., and arrive in Denver at 1 p. m. five or six hours from thirteen hours, making the routing time for the entire distance between Lincoln and Denver under than thirty-seven miles an hour including time. This is 105 minutes.

If the new routing time between Lincoln and Denver. Eastbound No. 11 will leave Denver half an hour earlier, at 9:30 a. m., arrive in Lincoln at 12:05 a. m., and arrive at Chicago at 2:25 a. m., 14 1/2 hours from Lincoln. Connections may be made there that will not mean in New York city the speed mounting out of Lincoln, at 35 hours.

Trains Nos. 5 and 12 will be known as 7 and 8 west of Oxford.

The Big Horn by passenger service, to Cody and Kirby via Toluca, is extended from Toluca to Billings. No. 122 will leave Lincoln at 2:45 p. m.

No. 9 and 10 will make no stops between McCook and Oxford.

Entertain B. of L. F. & E.
The Ladies' Society of the B. of L. F. & E. gave a social at the Morris hall, Saturday evening, to the members of 599 B. of L. F. & E. and friends. A very good time was enjoyed by all present; and the boys of 599 want everyone to know that the ladies of 282 certainly know how to entertain when it comes to stocking everybody a good time.

Cards and other games were on tap, and best of all were the refreshments, which were served about 11 o'clock. In the "animal" contest, Mrs. Charles Jacobs received the first prize, and Mrs. I. J. Hill the "boo-y." Among those present from out of town were: Asa Dillon, 4th Vice Pres. B. of L. F. & E., Downs, Kansas; J. B. Wade, Gen'l. Chairman, Galesburg, Illinois; Chas. Pfeleger, Sterling, Colorado, and W. C. McNown, of Wynmore, Nebraska.

Splendid Success.
The Machinists' ball, Washington's Birthday evening, was very largely attended and voted a great success, socially and financially. The ball was held in Manned hall, which was crowded. Those participating name it among the great social affairs of the winner.

ADVERTISED LIST.
The following letters, cards and packages remain un-called for at the McCook postoffice, Feb. 22, 1910:

LETTERS
Dillon, Mrs. O. C. Johnson, Miss Louise Kennedy, Mrs. Lila

CARDS.
Branch, Mr. Chas. W. (2) Buffington, Mr. George Burney, Mr. Earl Gunber, Mr. J. E. Johnson, Mr. Elmer (2) Lowe, W. G. Lowman, R. F. Mikins, Miss Pearl Williams, Tuttle, Mr. Will

Proctor, Mr. George
When calling for these, please say they were advertised.
LON CONK, P. M.

Kaffee Klatsch Affair.
The ladies of the Kaffee Klatsch entertained their husbands and invited guests, Monday evening, at a colonial affair of much interest and pleasure. The Monte Cristo hall was decorated with bunting, flags, pictures of George Washington etc. The ladies were coiffured and gowned a la colonial style. There was a grand march, dancing and cards. Light refreshments were served. The favors were hand-decorated hatchets. About 60 participated.

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

E. C. Hill has been out on store-house business, part of the week.

THE MICROBES.
But For Them All Green Plants Would Vanish From the Earth.

Few persons can realize at first what an immense number and variety of microbes there are not only around us in the air and dust and water, but also in us and on us and in and on every living thing. The work, the huge system of chemical change and the circulation of the elements—carbon, oxygen, hydrogen, nitrogen and sulphur—which they carry on is incessant, varied and complex. Those five elements are the main and essential constituents of all living things. Supposing there were no microbes, there would be no putrefaction, no breaking down of the dead bodies of animals and plants which were once alive into gas and substances soluble in water.

They by a series of steps in which different kinds of bacteria or microbes are successively concerned convert the proteins and the fats and sugars of dead plants and animals into less elaborate bodies, organic acids, aromatic bodies and other compounds (some highly poisonous to man, and at last, when what were highly complex combinations of hundreds of atoms in each molecule have been reduced by the action of first one and then of another kind of microbe into comparatively simple substances of twenty or thirty atoms to the molecule, the coup de grace is given by certain special microbes, which convert these later compounds into still simpler combinations—namely, ammonia and nitrates, which are fairly stable, so that the whole elaborate chemical fabric of living matter in a few hours or days after death is broken down until it reaches the stable "mineral" condition, practically carbonate and nitrate of ammonia—smelling salts.

If there were no microbes this would never occur. The earth would be cumbered with the dead bodies of past generations of animals and plants—undecomposed. And very soon all the organic elements, all the carbon and nitrogen, if not all the hydrogen and oxygen, on the face of the earth would be fixed in these corpses, and the green plants would perish from the whole world for want of sustenance, for it is the green plants which feed on and absolutely must have as their food the carbonic acid, ammonia and nitrates into which the microbes resolve all living things when dead. It is the green plants which from those simple compounds build up again the more complex molecules, the sugars, fats, albumens and proteins and provide for the nourishment and increase of the most complex of all—the living matter hidden in protoplasm.—Sir Ray Lankester in London Telegraph.

The Perverse Comma.
That curious and now stereotyped blunder of punctuation which gives us "God rest you, merry gentlemen," as an inferior substitute for the quaint old greeting, "God rest you merry, gentlemen," turns up regularly every Christmas. It is a pity for the ancient formula to be thus perverted since "God rest you merry" or "Rest you merry" was a recognized form of salutation in Elizabethan days and may be found in the works of Shakespeare and of many contemporary writers, while for the modernized form, which obscures the original sense of the phrase, there is, of course, no authority whatever. If any one will have the curiosity to look up the old Christmas carol which begins with the words in question he will find them correctly punctuated.—London World.

Alaskan Glaciers.
An interesting fact about Alaskan glaciers is that some are "dead" and others are "alive." Davidson glacier, which is really a tongue of the Muir glacier, has been ascended by travelers for a number of years. It is a dead glacier, having a moraine of several miles between it and the sea. Looking at it from the boat, it represents a kaleidoscopic appearance as the sun shines upon it, and the surface seems scratched with tiny pin lines. These are in reality deep crevices, which must be approached cautiously, for they are lurking pitfalls for the unwary.—Vancouver Providence.

A Man of Straw.
Many years ago in England men could easily be found to give any evidence upon oath that might be required, and some of these persons walked openly in Westminster hall with a straw in one of their shoes to signify they wanted employment as witnesses. This was the origin of the saying, "He is a man of straw." But the custom has high antiquity. A writer in the Quarterly Review says that such was common in Greece.

One on Him.
"Pardon me," said a gentleman at the entrance to a downtown restaurant, "I have something on you."
"And may I ask what it is?"
"My hat"—Birmingham Post-Herald.

His Point of View.
"What part of the railway train do you regard as the most dangerous?" inquired the nervous man.
"The dining car," answered the dyspeptic.—Washington Star.

Desolate.
Lawyer—Am I to understand that your wife left your bed and board?
Uncle Ephraim—Not exactly, boss. She dun tuk mah bed an' bo'd along wif her.—Puck.

"Fight today's temptation as it comes" is good advice. And if it seems to be only trifling fight it the harder.

C. L. DeGroff & Co.

This week reveals fashion's most authentic modes in

New Spring Suits

for misses and women.

The strictly tailored model is our idea of what will be the most popular. While it is accepted by all authorities that coats are to be shorter, the form which they are to take varies, affording a wider scope than during the previous season.

Our Style-Craft women's and misses' Spring suits and coats are now displayed for your approval.

Effective models—original clever creations and harmonious color and weave effects throughout. One beautiful, continuous line from collar to waist, also from shoulder to bosom.

These garments are full of chic and charm, and the good tailoring and finishing produce the unexcelled fitting and wearing qualities.

Easy buying prices have been placed on all our Ladies' Suits, that preach an eloquent sermon on money saving opportunities for you.

SUITS \$15.00 to \$25.00
CHILDREN'S CAPES, beautiful designs \$5.00 and \$6.00

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INDIANOLA.
Wm. Colling died at Hastings, Sunday, and was brought here for burial on Tuesday.
Mrs. T. M. Fry, of Lincoln, arrived Saturday night, called by the illness of her niece, Mrs. Henry Crampton.
Preston Rollins was a Bartley social visitor, Tuesday evening.
Dr. Hart was a Bartley visitor, Tuesday.
George Colling, of Hastings, arrived Monday, to attend the funeral of his brother.
Margaret Dow, of Colorado, is visiting her uncle, C. W. Dow and family, this week.

Misses Nora Silvernail and Myrtle Suiter were McCook visitors, Saturday. C. S. Quick is transacting business in St. Joe, this week.
Mrs. Harry LeBaron left, Tuesday evening, for her home in Kansas, Kansas.
W. A. Reynolds was a McCook visitor, Friday evening.
Andy Locke, of Pawnee, was a business visitor, Monday.
The Christian church held a bazaar at the Masonic Temple, Tuesday evening. Supper was served, and the ladies sold the "Indianola Cook Books." A good time was enjoyed by all present.
Dr. S. A. Aiken of Cambridge was an Indianola visitor, Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Lew Cles and Mrs. Colling, of McCook, spent Sunday evening at the home of Mrs. Chas. Colling.
Alice Trumbull and Lucile Trant, of Cambridge, spent Tuesday in our city. Neal Quick was a McCook pleasure siter, Tuesday.
Claudia Hatcher was a passenger on local freight to McCook, Monday.
Arch. Carmichael and James Ryan were county seat visitors, Monday.

COLLEGE SINGING GIRLS.
Wednesday Night, March 2.
Our Longmont, Colorado, canned vegetables are now in. This year's crop of peas, beans and tomatoes at Huber's.

MONEY SAVED FOR CASH ONLY

Bring this advertisement with you and we will give you the following REDUCTION ON ALL SHOES to make room for our Spring Oxfords, which have already arrived—the nicest that ever came to the city:

50c on all shoes priced at \$4.00 and up.
35c on all \$2.00 to \$4.00 shoes.
25c on all others.

This is good on shoes only until March 20. Everyone needing a pair of shoes for spring wear, come now and save a bushel of corn.

VIERSEN & OSBORN

Bring Your Repair Work

The College Singing Girls and Walter Eccles

Last Number Citizens' Entertainment Course.

Opera House, March 2nd

Program replete with bright and amusing novelties. Special costumes have been provided for each feature. All members of company are stars.

LOVERS OF GOOD MUSIC, THIS IS YOUR CHANCE