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Whittaker Road Foreman.

Engineer F. R. Whittaker, who been named to succeed J. E. ents. Johnson as road foreman of nary 1, was announced yesterday by Superintendent of Mctive Power, T. Roope. Mr. Whittaker has recently been employed in the local freight service on trains No. 29 and 30, running to Plattsmouth. J. E. Johnson was recent ly made trainmaster of the Me- C. Bowers were Hastings passen Cook division.—State Journal.

Havelock Shors Closed.

The Havelock shops were clused yesterday, will remain closed coming on No. 13, and returnin today and Monday, and start the home on No. 14, same night. new year's work on Tuesday. While it is customary to not work on Saturday and to observ New Year as a holiday, slack work made it possible at this time to add Friday to the list of closed days at the shops.-State Journal.

RAILROAD NEWS NOTES.

-John Crawford, the coal expert, spent Sunday in the city. -The big B. of R. T. annual ball is tonight in the Armory

-Mrs. W. H. Dungan of Denver, was a guest of friends

—George Frederickson visited with the Matt Lawritson family, end of last week.

C. J. Krieger went down to Sutton, Saturday morning, on a visit to his mother.

-Boilerman Peter Kern went down to Sutton, Saturday, to vis-

it with his brother. —Mrs. Roy Kleven and son

on No. 13, Saturday. -Conductor and Mrs. T. E. Mc-

—The Pennsylvania railroad company has built for its own use a new type of freight engine of which the following facts are interesting: Length from the point of pilot to face of coupler see, my creditors are very anxious that Nebraska. on tender is 98 feet 334 inches. I should get married.-Simplicissimus. Weight in working order with tender coaled is 668,900 pounds, or 644,275 pounds heavier that "John Bull," the oldest Pennsylvania locomotive. There are four dignant dyspeptic. "My meals are cylinders, each 27 inches is diam- merely guideposts to take medicine beeter with a 28-inch stroke. The drivers are 56 inches in diamet-

er and number 16 in all, the

front drivers being pivoted for

by 8 feet 1/4 inch. Tender capa-

is past.

perous 1912.

30,000 pounds of coal.

Freshest fruits at Magner's.

-Mrs. S. D. Turner of Orleans has been in the Burlington came up to the city, on Friday freight service for years, has morning, on a visit to the par-

equipment on the Omaha division Tramblie and son went up to clear profit per acre annually. These The appointment, effective Jan- Denver, Friday on No. 13, on a figures, however, do not represent

Operators F. W. Andreset and Will Lyon went up to Tren ten on 13, Saturday, for a little rabbit sheeting.

-Mrs. F. Woody and Mrs. A gers Friday night, and will visi there several days.

-Mrs. H. M. Tyler was a M-Cook visitor, on business, Frida,

-Brakeman and Mrs. Darv Burnett went up to Trenten, o. Sunday morning to spend the diwith her mother Mrs. Hall.

-Fleyd Proper, who has been spending Christmas week with McCook relatives, departed fo his work again, Saturday night on 14.

 The local machine shops clos ed on last Thursday night to re open on Tuesday morning. This has been the rule of the Burling

fornia for her health.

-Mr. and Mrs. John Flynn and E. Flynn of McCook, Neb. Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Read and of Mrs. Ada Cooke.—State Jour

ten inches thick and cutting will soon be in progress. With the new ice house just about finished John were Culbertson passengers here, the company will store here durable post than the other. about 8,000 tons. The McCook division, however, will require and here is where the faker is strong-Carl entertained her parents and many more thousands of tons, the est, if a plantation at fifteen years of Willow county, Nebraska, will sit brother Mr. and Mrs. Thomas An most of it to come from the Curage will average 4 inches in diameter on the first day of July, 1912, at drews and Thomas Andrews, Jr., this lake. The new house here at 41/2 feet above the ground and con- the hour of nine o'clock a. m. one of them. of Cambridge, and friends from will store about 5,000 tons, being tain about 1,500 trees per acre, that to examine all claims against said Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. Hardin, on one of the largest on the system plantation has been growing exceedwest of the river.

Bait.

She-Why. Charlie, you seem to have become quite a man of fashion-such clothes, such jewelry! He-Yes; you

Their Use.

"Do you enjoy your meals, old man?" "Enjoy my meals?" snorted the infore or after."--Washington Herald.

The Way of the World.

"Isn't it awful? According to the papers there just seems to be one revcurves. Fire box, 12 feet 1/8 inch olution after another." "Yes. That's the way the world goes

city if 9,000 gallons of water and round."-Judge.

Effort to Revive Old Craze Meets With Some Success.

FARMER SHOULD CANCEL ORDER

By O. L. Sponsler, Professor of Forest ry, University of Nebraska,

During the past season an effort was made, and quite successfully, too. to revive the old Catalpa craze. About ence in every two or three years a smooth salesman interviews all the farmers of a district, tells them that he has Catalpa plants that will grow to railread tie size in eight or ten years, and shows them, to clinch his assertions, a disc about a foot in diam eter which was cut from a ten-year-old

There is no question but that Catalpa is a very useful tree for the farmers of a small part of Nebraska; a strip of country limited roughly by the Loup river on the north and extending westward to Kearney or a little farther. In this part of the state the tree is a profitable investment; -Operator and Mrs. F. II. plantations have given from \$8 to \$15 the average for the territory in which Catalpa can be grown. The average would be under \$8. North of the Louriver and west of Kearney the tree is quite liable to freeze back during the winter and so, although individual trees survive and apparently thrive the results for a whole plantation is extremely doubtful. The freezing reduces the vigor and growth noticeably.

The faker say that you must have the hardy Catalpas, for the common Catalpa will not stand severe winters. also that it will not grow straight trunks, that it will not grow as fast, that it will not last as long for a post. and so on. The faker is perhaps partially right. There are probably two species of Catalpa, namely, Catalpa speciosa or hardy Catalpa, and Catalpa bignonioides, or common Catalpa. It is supposed that these two species hybridize very readily, at least that is pecially intended. Try them, get well medium, light, per ream. the way the confusion in identifying and stay well. Sold by all druggists. the species is explained. For examoie, the common Catalpa has a seed with the ends pointed, tapering grad- Osear M. Matthews, deceased, are Rubber bands, No. 18, No. 16, No. nally to a decided point, while the hardy Catalpa seed is quite square ended. But on the same tree one often gradations between the -Thomas Cushing went up to pointed and the square end. The bark Denver on Saturday morning, to of the hardy species is rough and that estate with a view to their advisit with his wife, who has just of the common is smooth, yet one may justment and allowance. returned from a sojourn in Cali find the seed of one growing on a tree with the bark of the other. And tree will stand severe winters, will grow straight trunks, will be fairly Miss Johnson of Lincoln spent durable in the ground as posts de-Christmas in Omaha, the guests pends, perhaps, on how near its characteristics will correspond to those of the hardy variety. For instance, it is Ice on Curtis lake is now about safer to get seed with as square ends as possible, then the chances are greater for straight trees and good growth. ed. lutely that the one makes a more

Concerning the growth of the tree, The faker shows a disk about twelve inches in diameter with ten growth rings visible. The disk was undoubtedly cut from a tree about ten years cld, but that tree was not the average C. E. ELDRED, Attorney. of a plantation and it did not grow in

The faker sells his trees at \$25 per thousand, and he delivers them in the autumn. Several questions immediately come to the surface. If his plants are really from the seed of that wonderful clump down on the Mississippi, where the moist air, warm climate, wet, rich soil and gentle breezes are all so conducive to rapid plant growth, will they be worth \$22 more than our | 1913. own home grown catalpas, here in Nebraska, where the air is dry, killing 1913. frosts are in order from October to: May, the soil is rich, but not wet and the breezes far from gentle? Our nurseryman gets seed from hardy licates, per thousand. trees, raises the seedlings here in Nebraska, sells them from \$2 to \$4 per med stubs, numbered, each. thousand, and he, himself, stays right here in Nebraska where you can get It him if the trees do not turn out to register of voters, all combined in

The faker delivers his plants in the fall. The farmer has been busy and has not had time to think, so he heels them in and plants them in the spring, or perhaps he plants them as soon as they are received. However, that makes only a little difference, for the loss by this treatment is comparatively small, more perhaps than is usually realized. It would be better to have the plants dug up at the nurserv just a short time before planting

them in the field in the spring. A little summary will show that the farmer pays \$25 per thousand for trees that are not adapted to Nebraska conditions and receives them at an unfavorable time of the year, if the trees really come from the rapid growing specimen shown him. In all probabil-Ity the trees are not from that source and the farmer is paying \$25 for the same stock, or perhaps inferior, that he would have to pay \$3 or \$4 from the reliable nursery. Better cancel

Alca. d from . Wet the sof it d Mr. W doctor Christm 8. Heavy arifes a snow interferwith a wal de iv ty of mail.

SUHOOL CPEEK.

Plenty of snow for sleighing id good ice for skating. hepter Frye and wife were the

ants of S. E. Vandervorts, on

J. T. Ports, S. E. Vandervort, I. E. Kimmerling and families te Christmas dinner with Mrs. J 3. Kilgore.

The young folks are having a good time skating. rave sick horses supposedly free

Miss Jennie Rozell is home from Hartings college to spen | first 100, and each additional 100. her vacation.

ating corn stalks when the sleet

Foley's Honey and Tar Compound

"Curos inn Every Case." Mr. Jas. McCaffery, Mgr. of the Schlitz Hotel, Omaha, Neb., recommends Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, because it cures in every case. "I have used it myself and I have recommended it to many others who have since tald me of its great curative power in diseases of the throat and lungs." For all coughs and colds it is speedily effective. A. McMillen.

Mrs. A. R. Tabor, of Crider, Mo., had been troublde with sick headache for about five years, when she dozen. began taking Chamberlain's Tablets. She has taken two bottles of them and they have cured her. Sick headache is caused by a disordered stomach for which these tablets are es-

All creditors of the estate of ver Series ,per gross. notified that the County Judge 30, per gross. of Red Willow County, Nebraska, pound. will on July 19th, 1912, sit to examine all claims against said time limited for presentation of claims against said estate is flat paper, per 1000. July 18th, 1912.

J. C. MOORE. (Seal.) County Judge. RITCHIE & WOLFF, Attorneys.

First publication Dec. 11.—8ts. Notice.

To the creditors of the estate tating, per 100. of Carrie M. Farnsworth, deceas-

You are hereby notified that the time for filing claims against said estate expires June 29, 1912, and that the county judge of Red estate, with a view to their adjustment and allowance.

Dated December 23rd, 1911. J. C. MOORE, County Judge.

December 25, 1911—8ts. ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS.

Notice is hereby given nthat the county commissioners of Red Willow county, Nebraska, will receive sealed bids for the furnishing of the following supplies to said county during the year 1912, to-wit:

Class No. 1, Books. One Personal Tax list, 1913. One Real Estate Tax list, town lots

One real estate tax list, farm lands

One loose leaf mortgage record. One 6-qr. medium treasurer's cash 7000 tax receipts, original and dup

2 dozen chattel mortgage files, gun sets primary election poll books (Tally sheets for all parties and

one book) per books, 23 sets general election poll books, per book. 92 poll book envelopes, per dozen.

46 ballot sacks, per dozen. 225 primary election "Instructions to Voters," per 100. 225 general election "Instructions

to Voters," per 100. 5000 assessors' schedules, punched and folded, per 1000. 27 assessment schedule

complete. 25 assessors' personal assessment Patent backs for records,

24 primary election laws. 24 general election laws. Loose leaf record blanks, printed

orm, per 100. 1911 statutes, per book. All records to be full bound, extra ends, bands and fronts and to be made of Byron Weston 36 lb. medium linen ledger paper.

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> cluding cards. Class 3, Stationery. 1. Senate pads, 81/2x14, per package Senate pads, 4x7, per package of

> Stafford's, Arnold's, Bankers', per

Lead pencils, E. Faber, No. 2, per Lead pencils, Memphisto, No. 77. copying, per dozen.

Election pencils, per gross. Velvet pencils, rubber tips, 557. per gross. Venus copying pencils, No. 165, per

Typewriter carbon paper, best grade, 81/2x14, per dozen. Typewritter ribbon, best grade. Typewriter paper, best grade, heav!

Mucilage, best grade, per quart. Pen holders, cork tip, bank, each, Pens, Easterbrook, Glucinum, Sil-

Blotting paper, best grade, per Class 4, Stationery, II.

Letter heads, size 81/2x11, 12-pound Envelopes, printed, No. 61/2, No.

rag paper, per 1000. Envelopes printed, No. 10, No. 1 rag paper, per 1000 Bar dockets, 41/2x71/2, per page. Notices of election, per 100.

Sample and official ballots for pri mary and general election for 1912, including precinct changes and ro Claim blanks, per 100.

Class 5, Legal Notices, Commission- Office First Door South of DeGroff's, er Proceedings and Delinquent Tax

Publishing legal notices, per square Publishing commissioner proceedings, per square.

Publishing delinquent tax lists. Separate bids must be furnished on each one of the 5 sections, or any

All supplies must be furnished as ordered. Bids are to include all freight, ex-

press, postage, or drayage charges and must be for articles delivered free of charge at court house.

Bids must be addressed to "County Clerk," and marked proposal for books, blanks, stationery and legal printing," or any one or more of these items.

All successful bidders must file good and sufficient bond for the faith ful performance of their contract. Bids will be opened according to law, at the regular meeting of the

county board, January 9th, 1912. Sealed bids will be received at the county clerk's office up to noon, January 9th, 1912.

The county commissioners reserve the right to reject any and all bids and to enter into separate contract for each one of the five sections ad-Dated at McCook, Nebraska, De-

ember 7th, 1911. CHAS. SKALLA,

THE BEST PROOF.

Size 81/2x14, printed one side, per McCook Citizens Cannot Doubt It.

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The proof convincing. It can be investigated by McCook

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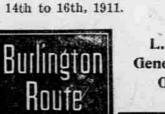
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December Travel Bulletin

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WINTER TOURIST TICKETS. The attractive south-land is claiming its own in Winter tourist patronage. From the Missouri Valley the Winter excursion fares to southern resorts area extremely favorable and involve but a modest outlay for a tour of the south.

Homeseekers' Excursion Tickets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month to the Big Horn Basin, the Northwest, West and the South. American Live Stock Meeting, Denver, December 12th and 13th, 1911. National Sheep Show and Wool Growers' Convention, Omaha, December



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Season's Greetings

At the beginning of the new year

we wish to extend to all the compli-

ments of the season and to express

our appreciation of confidence and

good will shown us in the year that

Best wishes for a happy and pros-