

CARS THROUGH BRIDGE

NINE COACHES OF IOWA TRAIN CRASH DOWN TODAY.

MANY KILLED IN THE WRECK
TRAIN FELL DISTANCE OF EIGHTEEN FEET TO DITCH.

THE BRIDGE IS DEMOLISHED

Several Unidentified Dead Have Been Removed—Two Engines Were Pulling the Big Train Out of Chicago Over the C., M. & St. P.

Des Moines, Feb. 9.—Eight coaches on the Chicago & St. Paul passenger train, through a bridge near Melbourne, Mo., were wrecked. Several persons were killed and injured.

With later investigation it has been definitely determined that two persons were killed and twenty-four injured.

The dead are:
Robert Marsh of Marion, Iowa, a conductor who was riding on a pass.
Brakeman C. A. Morris.

The injured:
J. A. Wagner, Des Moines, superintendent of the Des Moines Union Railroad company.

J. J. Huston, Omaha, hand cut.
Edith Winters, Omaha, head, face and hand injured.

George P. Dwill, Omaha, cut about face.
The wrecked train was the overland limited No. 1 which left Chicago on Wednesday night. There were nine coaches and two engines. All of the coaches were filled. The head engine and the observation car are in the ditch.

The bridge was eighteen feet high and 200 feet long and it was totally destroyed.

The injured are being cared for at Melbourne and Rhodes.

Recovering the Dead.
Rumor says that Engineer Nichols of the first engine, which passed over safely, estimated the number of dead at between forty and sixty but later reports obtained by the Associated Press proved this to be untrue.

One of the first bodies taken from the wreck was that of Conductor Coleman. Several unidentified bodies were also removed.

The second engine jumped the track just as the bridge was reached and this weakened the timbers of the trestle. The coaches, with the exception of the observation car, pitched down through the bridge carrying the timbers with them and completely demolishing the structure.

Physicians and wreckers were rushed to the scene from Perry and Marshalltown. The injured were placed on the observation car and taken to Rhodes.

The injuries were generally slight, consisting of cuts and bruises and it is believed that all will recover.

STRIKERS RETURN TO WORK.

Convention in Russia Sends all Miners Back to Toil.
Warsaw, Feb. 9.—The convention of delegates representing the strikers of the entire territory in the West Phalanx coal region, decided today to return to work.

TOMMY SULLIVAN SHOT TO DEATH

Former Northern Nebraska Pug Gets Bullet in St. Louis.

Word has been received in Norfolk of the shooting at St. Louis of Tommy Sullivan, a pugilist. It is presumed that this is the self-same Tommy Sullivan who made headquarters in Norfolk a year ago and who fought Kid English at Atkinson, later being failed at Stanton for beating a board bill. Tommy had offered to fight any one of his weight, but could never come to terms with the "Big Swede" who wrote from Wisner. Tommy claimed to have backers at O'Neill and a letter from Frank Gotch, now champion wrestler of the United States, stated that Tommy could have a thousand of the wrestler's dollars to place against any one of his size.

The shooting occurred in a saloon at St. Louis a few days ago. Edward A. Kellaher did the shooting and is now under arrest.

WEST HAS MORE SNOW TODAY

Bassett Reports That it is Still Cold and More Snow.
Bassett, Neb., Feb. 9.—Special to The News: The weather still continues cold here. Snow fell all through the night last night.

Assistant Treasurer.
Washington, Feb. 9.—James B. Reynolds of Massachusetts was today nominated for assistant secretary of the treasury.

Nineteen and no Result.
Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 9.—The nineteenth ballot for senator left the situation unchanged from Wednesday's vote. Niedringhaus received 64, Kerens 12, Pettijohn 2, Felkelberg 0.

WILL SURVEY THE PONCA

FUNDS WILL BE ALLOWED FOR COMPLETION OF WORK.

RE-ESTABLISH FEDERAL LINES

Senator Millard Has Received Word From the Commissioner on Indian Affairs That the Money is Ready and the Survey Can Proceed.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Special to The News: Senator Millard is in receipt of a letter from the commissioner of Indian affairs on the subject of the completion of the survey already begun for the purpose of re-establishing the lines of government survey of the Ponca Indian reservation. The commissioner says that the necessary funds will be allowed for the completion of the survey, and that he sees no reason why the work may not proceed to a satisfactory conclusion.

REDUCE GRAIN RATES.

Northwestern and Burlington Meet the Rock Island Schedule.
Chicago, Feb. 9.—A reduction in the grain rates from Iowa points by the Northwestern railroad and the Burlington, was the principal move up to date in the rate war. These two roads duplicate the schedule of the Rock Island road into Chicago.

Fierce in Omaha.
Omaha, Neb., Feb. 9.—Omaha is again in the grasp of a fierce blizzard. Snow is falling, accompanied by a strong wind.

Auto Meet in Cuba.

Havana, Feb. 9.—Many American automobilists, including a number of the prominent participants in the recent Florida tournament, are here for the Havana race meet which opened today under the auspices of the International Automobile Racing association of Cuba. The feature of the meet will be a 100-mile race on the San Cristobal road, which connects Havana and San Cristobal. The course is fifty miles long and sixty feet wide, perfectly smooth and makes possible a speed of seventy-five miles an hour.

Son of Senator Crane to Wed.

Pittsfield, Mass., Feb. 9.—A number of guests from out of town are here for the wedding of Winthrop Murray Crane, jr., son of United States Senator Crane, and Miss Ethel Eaton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Eaton of this city. The ceremony will be performed this evening in the First Congregational church. The bridegroom, who was graduated from Yale last June, is a member of the great paper manufacturing firm of which his father is the head.

Lumbermen Meet in Spokane.

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 9.—The retail lumbermen of Washington, Oregon, Utah, Idaho and Montana, rounded up in this city today for the annual convention of their association, the convention headquarters being at the Hotel Spokane. The annual reports presented at the initial business session show that the association has made a gratifying increase in its membership during the last year. The officers in charge of the convention, which lasts three days, are: President, A. M. Cation, Walla Walla, Wash.; vice president, G. W. Proebstel, Weston, Ore.; treasurer, Z. E. Hayden, Spokane, secretary, A. L. Porter, Spokane. Tomorrow the members of the association will take a jaunt to Couer d'Alene, Idaho, as guests of the B. R. Lewis Lumber company.

Vessel Adrift in Ice.

New York, Feb. 8.—Huge ice floes fill the harbor and extend down into the lower bay, making navigation difficult and dangerous for steamers and almost impossible for other craft. The continued cold has greatly extended the ice fields and numerous vessels are fast in their grip. A vessel was sighted from Sandy Hook drifting out to sea in the ice. Apparently she was a fishing schooner. Another schooner was standing by and continued to make flare lights as the two drifted along. The life-savers could do nothing to aid the ice-bound craft.

WIND WHIPS UP THE SNOW

SEVERE BLIZZARD WAS THREATENED EARLY TODAY.

THE TRAIN TRAFFIC IS HARD HIT

Freight Trains Were Abandoned Today on Account of the Difficulties in Traversing the Drift-Filled Cuts, and Passengers Were Delayed.

A strong and increasing northwest wind early today threatened, by blowing and drifting the heaps of powdery snow that had fallen over northern Nebraska and southern South Dakota, to spring a blizzard of extreme severity throughout this section of the country. As a result of the drifts that had been formed during the night, passenger trains arriving in Norfolk this morning from Bonesteel and from Long Pine were an hour and a half behind time, snow plows had to be sent out to meet them in order to bring them in that nearly on schedule time, several freight trains were abandoned altogether and there were fears that, if the storm continued to rage and to increase, live stock might suffer to a considerable extent and that humanity, itself, might come out of the day a good deal the worse for wear.

With the snow that had crusted and remained from almost thirty inches of fall during the past month, and the light stuff that fell all day yesterday and throughout last night, the wind from the northwest had an easy time in scraping up enough this morning to block railway tracks in the cuts and to render travel anywhere more or less difficult.

Cold prevailed to a sufficient degree to create suffering for those who had to be out. As a matter of fact, the thermometer registered on the higher side of zero at all times but the drying wind pierced through and through with what cold there was, until the suffering was quite as complete as upon some of the days when the mercury dropped down to thirty below.

Freight trains north to Bonesteel were eliminated. A snow plow was sent out on that line during the night to meet the Bonesteel passenger train and slice a path for it to Norfolk. This train arrived a little more than an hour and a half late and the train from the west was about two hours delayed.

During the day the tracks have been kept clear so that, with no worse drifting, little trouble is anticipated by Superintendent Reynolds for this division of the road.

Main Line Train Late.

The Deadwood-Chicago eastbound passenger train due in Norfolk at 12:15, was reported two hours late at 9 o'clock this morning, and losing more time constantly. With the snow that had fallen in the western end of the state and in the Black Hills, it was impossible for the big train, even with the best of locomotives, to hold its own in the drifts and wind.

Shortly before 11 o'clock the train had not left Long Pine and was not expected in Norfolk before late in the afternoon.

The two local freights westbound out of Norfolk were annulled.

Cold Wave Coming.

The weather prediction this morning was for fair weather tonight and a cold wave in the east portion. Residents of the northwest believe that they have had about all of the cold wave they're entitled to, but the weather man and the spot on the sun disagree, evidently.

The Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha freight train due in Norfolk early this morning from Sioux City, had to give up the race and was turned around at Wayne, to return from its starting point.

The passenger train on the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha railroad due in Norfolk at 10:50, was badly delayed. It was blocked by a huge drift between Winside and Hoskins and a snow plow had to go to its assistance before the train could get through the cut.

Union Pacific Blocked.

There was no train either in or out on the Union Pacific road today. The freight is blocked at Oconee and the passenger made an ineffectual attempt this morning to get out of town. It was stuck in a drift and returned to the city. The passenger can not leave until a snow plow arrives from Columbus to dig out the drifts, which will not be before night.

Editors Arranging for Convention.

Indianapolis, Feb. 8.—Members of the executive committee of the National Editorial association, to the number of about fifty, met in this city and made partial arrangements for the annual national convention, to be held at Guthrie, Okla., June 6, 7 and 8, and for the extensive trip through the west at the close of the convention. Delegates and members of the national association with their families will meet in St. Louis on June 4 and leave for Guthrie on the evening of the same day in special trains. On June 9 the convention party will go to San Francisco and then to Portland to visit the Lewis and Clark expo

NEW POSTMASTER AT BASSETT

Dr. H. J. White Has Resigned and C. F. Stockwell Succeeds.
Bassett, Neb., Feb. 9.—Special to The News: C. F. Stockwell has been appointed postmaster in place of H. J. White, resigned. Miss Mary D. Bailey, a former student of Wayne college, serves as his deputy. They entered upon their duties February 7.

WHERE DID HE GET IT?

Albion Booze Fighter Has Trouble and is Still in Jail.
Albion, Neb., Feb. 9.—Special to The News: Jack Stieckley and one of his friends had some trouble in the bowling alley of Henry Porter, who ousted them. Stieckley was arrested and is still in jail. There seems to be some question here now as to where he secured that sweet oblivion drink with which he sought to drown remembrance.

SEVERAL MINERS KILLED

DYNAMITE EXPLOSION WRECKS THE OSCEOLA.

10,000 POUNDS GO UP AT ONCE

In a Terrific Dynamite Explosion in the Osceola, Near Calumet, Several Miners are Dead and Several Others Frightfully Maimed.

Calumet, Feb. 9.—Ten thousand pounds of dynamite exploded in the Osceola mine, and several miners are dead as a result today. A large number of others were frightfully injured in the explosion, many having lost legs, arms, and portions of their faces. The mine was badly wrecked.

DESERT SHEEP HERDERS.

Their Lonely, Dreary Life Tends to Drive Them Crazy.

Do you realize what it means to watch 5,000 sheep alone in the desert? You have read weird, gruesome stories of the horror of the solitary lighthouse keeper's life, but compared to the days of the Mexican shepherd those of the average keeper of the light are filled with gaiety and noise. Even with their one or two dogs the shepherds often go insane, and were it not for the company of their slungy collies the lunacy among them would rise to an almost incredible percentage. If we are to believe those who have followed the sheep in the desert and therefore may be supposed to know.

Once in old Santa Fe, N. M., I met a man who for twelve years had followed the sheep. His work was done. All day long he sat in a chair in the rear of a little dobe store, crouched over, gibbering to himself, bleating—an idiot. He still saw his sheep swaying like a great white wave among the sagebrush, and ever in his ears sounded the killing monotone of their bleats. One boy, though fifteen years of age, is mentally no further advanced than the average child of five. His father is a shepherd, his mother died when he was four years old, and his father took him out upon the range. All his life has been spent among the sheep. He is one with them today.

How is it possible, then, you ask, that men are to be found willing to watch them? It is very easy. Sheep herding is a lazy job at best, and the "greaser" is the laziest creature on earth. For \$20 a month he is willing to sit in the sand and listen to the never ending bleating until the little mind he has given way and they fetch him in from the range insane. He is glad to take the chance for \$20 a month.

The greaser is not the only shepherd in the west. On the vast ranges of Nevada and Wyoming you may run across an occasional college man tending the sheep. Once, indeed, a college professor, ill of consumption, undertook to follow 5,000 bleaters for the summer. In autumn they found him insane, on his hands and knees among the sheep, bleating with them. Day after day his eyes beheld only a brilliant turquoise sky, in which hangs a sun of brass; an ocean sweep of sage flocked sand and a slowly moving, compact mass of sheep. His ears hear no sound save the steady "Baa, baa!" day and night, affecting him as the Chinese criminal of ancient days was affected by the regular tap, tap of a hidden drum.

JAIL FOR EX-OFFICIAL

IOWA SUPREME COURT AFFIRMS SENTENCE OF RICHARDS.

WAS FORMERLY A U. S. MARSHAL

Sentenced to the Penitentiary for Complicity in the Hold-Up of Peter Sullivan and Wife Two Years Ago. Must Serve His Term.

Des Moines, Feb. 9.—The supreme court today affirmed the decision of the lower court which sent ex-Deputy United States Marshal Richards to the penitentiary for complicity in the hold up of Peter Sullivan and wife two years ago.

LINCOLN TRACTION CASE

RECEIVERSHIP HAS BEEN SET ASIDE BY SUPREME COURT.

UNTIL DECIDED ON ITS MERITS

The Lincoln Traction Company Today Carried its Receivership Case to the Supreme Court and the Receiver Was Set Aside by the Court.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 9.—The receivership of the Lincoln Traction company was carried to the supreme court today and the court ruled that the receivership should be set aside until the case shall have been decided upon its merits.

Footpad at Broken Bow.

Broken Bow, Neb., Feb. 9.—Felix Longeman was held up while on his way home and relieved of a small amount of change and a pen knife.

INDICT MITCHELL'S PARTNER

Perjury Charged Against Law Partner of United States Senator.
Portland, Feb. 9.—T. H. Toumer, law partner of Senator Mitchell, has been indicted for perjury by the grand jury investigating the land frauds.

MEAT PRODUCERS CONVENE

Corn Belt Association of Iowa is Holding Meeting at Des Moines.

Des Moines, Feb. 8.—The second annual meeting of the Corn Belt Meat Producers of Iowa convened here, with 100 delegates present. Committees were appointed and the balance of the day devoted to discussion of various subjects.

Ex-Senator Harris of Chicago, prime mover in the reorganization of the National Live Stock association at Denver, who was turned down by the executive committee upon his invitation to the Iowa body for affiliation with the National association, stated that he was not here to interfere with the Iowa body, but that he merely "dropped in" in passing through the city. Secretary A. E. de Riquelme of the American Cattle Growers' association, an off-spring of the national association, has been invited to address the Iowa body.

Former Governor Van Sant of Minnesota and Governor Cummins of Iowa spoke on the railroad rate issue. They urged farmers and shippers of Iowa to assert themselves for freight rate regulation and held out hope that by so doing they would get what they wanted. The association declared itself in favor of the Townsend-Esch bill in congress, denounced railroad passes and asked their prohibition and endorsed President Roosevelt and the United States supreme court. The convention also declared that the Iowa delegation in congress does not hear the voice of the people as it should. The attendance at the convention was large and representative.

INDUSTRIOUS VIRGINIA HENS

One County of State Alone Shipped 10,800,000 Eggs Last Year.

The western part of Virginia has been known for years as a great section for raising poultry, and the industry is increasing at a rapid rate, says a Richmond special dispatch to the Chicago Inter Ocean. The shipment of Thanksgiving turkeys and chickens for all seasons brings in a considerable revenue. The Harrisonburg News recently compiled the figures of the egg production of Rockingham county for the past year. It finds that 30,000 crates were shipped to market, a total of 10,800,000 eggs sold from one county in a single year. This does not include many thousands consumed on the farms where they are laid.

The lowest price of the year was 14 to 15 cents a dozen, and in December \$2 cents was paid. The average for the past year was 22 cents. The profit from eggs alone to Rockingham county farmers was nearly \$200,000. Virginia is able to put aside a very creditable "nest egg" from the profit of a year's work of her industrious hens.

Oregon Senate Endorses Mitchell.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 8.—The state senate, with one dissenting vote, adopted a concurrent resolution expressing confidence in United States Senator John H. Mitchell and at the same time proposing to adjourn sine die not later than Feb. 17. It has been reported that a certain faction in the legislature had proposed to adjourn to a fixed day, with the object of electing a successor to Senator Mitchell should he relinquish or be deprived of his seat as a result of the indictment returned against him in connection with the alleged land frauds. Senator Mitchell's supporters, however, insist on adjournment without date intended.

Bills—You made a funny break in congratulating the bride's father instead of the groom. Willis—No, I didn't. I've a daughter, too, and I know what they cost.—Chicago Journal.

Just as you are pleased at finding faults you are displeased at finding perfection.—Lavater.

THE CONDITION

Temperature for Today
Forecast for
Condition of the weather
ed for the 24 hours
today:

Maximum
Minimum
Average
Snowfall, inches
Total snowfall for month
Precipitation
Total precipitation for month
Barometer

Chicago, Feb. 9.—The forecast issued by the Chicago station of the United States weather bureau this morning, gives the forecast for Nebraska as follows:
Fair tonight and Friday. Colder tonight, with cold wave east portion.

D. J. BENSON FOUND DEAD

OMAHA DRY GOODS MERCHANT OF LONG RESIDENCE.

WAS FOUND DEAD IN BED TODAY

A Well Known Commercial Leader of Omaha, Prominent in the City's Progress and in the State, Died Suddenly at His Home.

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 9.—D. J. Benson, for many years proprietor of one of the leading dry goods stores of Omaha and known all over the state, was found dead in bed this morning.

OCEAN HIS LIFE SAVER.

Wealthy Englishman Has Crossed the Atlantic Seventy-nine Times.

A new method of keeping alive when doctors have given up hope was learned the other day when the Arabie reached New York. Continuous travel across the Atlantic is the plan, and John Sharron of Halifax, Yorkshire, England, is the man who is practicing it, says the New York Tribune.

Mr. Sharron, when he arrived at New York, had finished his seventy-ninth transatlantic trip and called the next day on the Umbria for Liverpool. He is wealthy and believes that the long sea voyages are the only means of prolonging his life.

Mr. Sharron has a record for making close connections and was worried when the Arabie was delayed, fearing that he would have to remain in the city through missing connections. At one time he arrived in New York and missed ten minutes of his return trip of the Majestic.

Monkeys as Prune Crop Pickers.

A proposition to train monkeys to pick the prune crop has been advanced by Martin V. Seelye, an orchardist of San Jose, Cal., says the Chicago Record-Herald. He conceived the idea of training the animals to do such work while a resident of Central America. Seelye says he has made arrangements with A. B. James of Anapulo, Panama, for 500 native tame monkeys, and this shipment is now on its way. Getting help to pick the prunes off the ground has been a perplexing problem because of a scarcity of labor. Seelye says he will have no trouble in training the animals to pick up the fruit and will muzzle them to prevent them from eating it.

Railroad's Plan to Test Tracks.

A "daredevil train," consisting of the heaviest engine and coaches on the road, is being sent over the Burlington system to test the tracks and bridges, says an Omaha dispatch. The crew is instructed to turn the wheels as fast as steam power will admit in order to find any weak spots where strain of heavy fast trains might cause wreck. Employees of the road, while admitting the effectiveness of the method, declare it appears to them unnecessary recklessness. It is the declared intention of the Burlington management to send the test train over all divisions of the system.

Death of Colonel R. A. Moore.

Ottumwa, Ia., Feb. 8.—Colonel R. A. Moore, for three terms a member of the house of representatives, died at his home in Bloomfield at the age of eighty-four years. He was sergeant-at-arms of the house for several years and was considered one of the most brilliant orators ever in the Iowa legislature. He was a veteran of the civil war and was at one time a prisoner in Andersonville.

Situation at Lodz.

Lodz, Feb. 8.—It is estimated that the number of men at work is slightly less than yesterday. The workmen appear to be effectually terrorized by the strikers. The manufacturers are holding conferences daily, but thus far have been unable to agree upon a definite policy. The governor maintains a firm position between the parties and declares that if the manufacturers close their shops he will regard them and treat them exactly as strikers.

Business is Business.

Aunt Jane—Did Mr. Sweeter propose last evening? Carrie—How did you happen to guess it? Yes, and I'm going to take out a policy for \$1,000. Aunt Jane—For mercy's sake, what do you mean? Carrie—Well, you see, he began to make love to me, but the chance to get a new applicant was so strong he couldn't resist. He's a life insurance solicitor, you know.—Boston Transcript.