

### UNION PACIFIC TIME TABLE

**West-bound Trains.**

No. 1	Overland Limited	11:46 a. m.
No. 3	China & Japan Mail	6:58 p. m.
No. 5	Oregon Express	2:09 p. m.
No. 7	Los Angeles Limited	2:25 p. m.
No. 9	Fast Mail	11:20 a. m.
No. 11	Denver Special	1:28 a. m.
No. 13	Colorado Special	1:28 a. m.
No. 15	Colorado Express	6:23 p. m.
No. 17	Ore. & Wash. Lim.	2:05 p. m.
No. 19	Mail Express	11:05 p. m.
No. 21	North Platte Local	12:15 p. m.
No. 23	Grand Island Local	8:59 p. m.
No. 25	Local Freight	7:09 a. m.

Leaves from Coal Chute.

**East-bound Trains.**

No. 2	Overland Limited	5:56 p. m.
No. 4	Atlantic Express	4:12 a. m.
No. 6	Oregon Express	2:46 p. m.
No. 8	Los Angeles Limited	6:16 p. m.
No. 10	China & Japan Mail	3:12 p. m.
No. 12	Denver Special	1:28 a. m.
No. 14	Colorado Special	1:28 a. m.
No. 16	Colorado Express	2:15 p. m.
No. 18	Ore. & Wash. Limited	5:53 p. m.
No. 20	Mail Express	11:05 p. m.
No. 22	North Platte Local	1:09 p. m.
No. 24	Grand Island Local	7:12 a. m.

Leaves 12:10 p. m.

**BRANCH TRAINS**

**Norfolk**

No. 77	Freight	7:20 a. m.
No. 78	Passenger	7:25 p. m.
No. 79	Passenger	7:25 p. m.
No. 80	Freight	8:10 p. m.

**Spaulding**

No. 79	Freight	6:09 a. m.
No. 81	Passenger	11:19 p. m.
No. 82	Passenger	11:55 a. m.
No. 83	Freight	6:40 p. m.

**Ticket Agent**  
A. H. KEENE  
Assistant Ticket Agent

### BURLINGTON TIME TABLE

**Norfolk**

No. 22	Pass. (daily ex. Sun)	7:55 a. m.
No. 23	Fre. & Av. (daily ex. Sun)	9:00 p. m.
No. 24	Pass. (daily ex. Sun)	9:45 a. m.
No. 25	Fre. & Av. (daily ex. Sun)	9:45 a. m.

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## A MISSOURI WOMAN CAN TALK TO CATS

Mrs. Hattie M. Freeman Says Feline Pets Can Understand Her Just Like a Man.

### SHE ONCE WAS A TABBY

Declares She Formerly Lived in an Alley and Roamed Over Back Fences—Her Existence Then Has Made Her Solicitous for Cats Now.

Kansas City, Mo.—If the family cat purrs gently at your side, if it meows appealingly, if it sits upon the chair and casts a sympathetic eye in your direction while you argue with the woman or if it gets upon the piano keys, don't pass the incidents indifferently from your mind as unimportant and merely the antics of a cat.

There is meaning, real significance, in every action and look of the cat; at least to one woman in the world, Mrs. Hattie Mellus Freeman, of this city.

This woman is thoroughly conversant with cats. She can understand their every whim, she can talk to them; they can talk to her. In court, they are her companions, and she would much rather be in the company of cats than be forced to participate in some idle and garrulous chatter. For Mrs. Freeman is a firm believer in the transmigration of the soul.

In her previous mystic condition before she took human form, she



Talks to Cats.

says that she was an alley cat. Just a typical alley cat. Not the kind that is fortunate enough to be taken into a home and sheltered behind a warm stove in the winter, fondled by a kind mistress, and the subject for friendly comment by well-meaning visitors. Never that.

For hers was that wild and nomadic alley cat's life which is spent in the out-of-way places, gathering food to sustain life wherever it may be found.

"Oh, the horror of that life! Shall I ever forget it?" Mrs. Freeman was speaking to a reporter, and as she half asked the question a shiver rent her. Then, without waiting for an answer, she related that the existence she had to endure in her former life has made her especially solicitous of cats in this life.

There you have the explanation of the twenty-seven cats which make their home with Mrs. Freeman. All her life she has been a cat lover.

If any one will take the trouble to go to the rear of this woman's home he will not only find food there for the stray cats, but he will see also a shelter made especially for the purpose.

"It is terrible, terrible to lead the life of an alley cat," continued the woman. "No soul can have a braver or a more sordid trial. The wild retreats which must be made in the face of pursuing dogs, clubs, the kicks and the abuse from human hands. I might have thought myself the most ill-treated soul in the world had I not met other cats worse off than I."

"Well, do I remember one dusk in my cat world when I had put in a most miserable day. It seemed as though I could not endure the torture, until finally I came onto another alley cat, whose leg had been broken that day by some heartless boys. Then it was that she and I pledged that if ever we got to be human beings we would treat all the cats kindly."

"Would you believe me?" Mrs. Freeman spoke with a manifestation of much interest. "One day I went to a rheumatist meeting in Detroit and there I met the woman who had been the alley cat with the broken leg. The recognition was mutual. She was keeping her promise and goodness knows I am not being kind to the cats solely because of that promise, but for the reason that I enjoy caring for them."

### PROBATE NOTICE

In the County Court of Platte county, Nebraska, in the matter of the estate of Nicolaus Basch, deceased, Notice of final settlement and account.

To the creditors, heirs, legatees and others interested in the estate of Nicolaus Basch, deceased: Take notice that Henry Cass, Jr., has filed in the County Court a report of his duties as administrator of the estate of Nicolaus Basch, deceased, and it is ordered that the same stand for hearing on the 15th day of November, 1911, before the court at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., at which time any person interested may appear and except to and contest the same.

This notice is ordered given in the County Court at Columbus this 3rd day of October, 1911.

Witness my hand and the seal of the County Court at Columbus this 3rd day of October, 1911.

JOHN RATTERMAN,  
County Judge.

## FLOODS FLOAT COFFINS FROM OLD CEMETERIES

### Fishermen Reap Reward for Catching Boxes as They Drift Down the River.

Little Rock, Ark.—The recent rise of the Arkansas river brought a new kind of drift down the stream and the river "rats," instead of pulling in stray sawlogs, have been catching coffins. Reports from Conway and other points state that fishermen along the Arkansas river have caught and tied up several coffins which contained the bodies of persons evidently dead for some time.

Robert L. Gregg of Conway first noticed a coffin floating down the river.



Catching Floating Coffins.

It lodged on a sandbar, but later was floated away. W. W. Matthews and James Helton were with Gregg at the time, but the sight was too gruesome for them and they did not make an effort to catch it.

Word of the floating coffins was conveyed to those who have relatives buried in cemeteries along the banks of the Arkansas within the limits of Conway. Relatives visited other graveyards to find their fears realized. Rewards were offered for the recovery of bodies. Several fishermen abandoned their usual diversion to watch for the floating coffins, but not so with the negro fishermen.

### COWS IN A JEWELRY STORE

Break into Shop in a Massachusetts Town and Cause Girl Clerk to Hike.

Cambridge, Mass.—Miss May Richardson, stenographer in a jewelry store was busily engaged in transcribing notes when she heard a "moo" behind her. The girl glanced up and beheld a cow in the main aisle of the store, leaning carelessly against a show case filled with diamonds, with another just ready to come into the door. Grasping her puffs in one hand and her hobble skirt in the other, Miss Richardson left the shop by the back door in leaps, and sprinted toward Memorial hall.

The cow made her entrance to the store attracted by the damp sidewalk-walks which had just been flushed.



Cows in a Jewelry Shop.

Two cows make a crowd in a jewelry store. Two young men ejected the intruders.

### DOGS AID IN MAKING ARREST

Animals Win Place on City Payroll by Helping Police Officers Catch a Fugitive.

Kansas City, Mo.—Queen and Moch, two dogs made homeless when the big North Side market was built, and which have since made their home at police headquarters, have become fixtures by making an arrest.

Queen and Moch were walking a beat with Patrolmen Maib and Hensley Patrick O'Neill, a truck gardener, got into a fight with another man on the street and ran with the officers approached. The dogs ran after O'Neill and one caught his coat tail and the other the seat of his trousers.

This was too much of a load for O'Neill to carry and the officers had to trouble getting him. Now the dogs have been placed regularly on the police rolls and allowance is made for their food.

### Bass Catches Itself.

Allentown, Pa.—While members of a club were fishing, a 12-inch bass jumped into the boat. It is supposed the bass broke water in play.

### Coughing At Night

Means loss of sleep which is bad for everyone. Foley's Honey and Tar Compound stops the cough at once, relieves the tickling and dryness in the throat and heals the inflamed membranes. Prevents a cold developing into bronchitis or pneumonia. Keep always in the house. Refuse substitutes. For sale by all druggists.

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## PET BULL SNAKES ARE CROP SAVERS

### Kansas College Tells Alfalfa Growers Reptiles Will Keep Fields Free of Pests.

### NEED TWO TO AN ACRE

Are Said to Be Affectionate Little Creatures and Far Superior to Poison for Killing Gophers—Crawlers Declared to Be Certain Destruction.

Manhattan, Kan.—If the advice of the Kansas Agricultural college is followed every Kansas farmer will keep a herd of trained snakes on his farm and when Bill Jones meets IH Jenkins at the crossroads on a Sunday morning on the way to church they will tell of the progress of their respective snakes and talk trade.

Snakes are valuable to the farmer who raises alfalfa, and they are advised to breed and raise them because the snakes drive out the pocket gophers and moles, the worst foes of alfalfa. Farmers who have been experimenting with snakes in the alfalfa fields say that two active bull snakes will keep three acres of alfalfa clear service is worth at least \$5 per snake in a saving of alfalfa.

The agricultural college has issued a bulletin on snakes on the farm. The bulletin advises that legislation be enacted protecting certain kinds of snakes from the ravages of the man with the club, as game birds are protected. Maybe a snake warden, with a pocket of deputy snake wardens, will be provided for and then there will be a lot of new jobs for the politicians. The gophers and moles have done such damage in Kansas alfalfa fields



Having a Snake Fight.

that legislation has been attempted to require farmers to kill the gophers and to use poisons.

But the bull snake is held to be far superior to poisons for killing gophers and moles. Most farmers keep dogs and cats, but the snake experts assert that a herd of bull snakes would be much more valuable. The farmer is advised to give the wriggling protectors of alfalfa as much care and consideration as he does the faithful hen and the rat terrier that keeps the rodents from undermining the corn crib and wheat bins.

Bright and early every morning the farmer should gather his bull snakes about him and hasten to the alfalfa field, where the gophers and the moles are wont to cavort in the dew and alfalfa.

"Whoopla. There he goes! After him, Jimmy Bull! Right down that hole, Bill Bull! Wriggle along there, now, you old sinner! After 'em, ole snake!" "Sic 'em, Bull. Swaller 'em whole!"

Those and similar cries the farmer boy would give as his trained bull snakes go wriggling through the alfalfa and into the gophers' holes. It ought to be lots of fun.

Then the bad boys of the farm will

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### sneak away on a Saturday night with dad's favorite bull snake and they will meet under the railroad bridge and have a snake fight.

Cool nights drive bull snakes into winter quarters, where they remain until late spring, while the gophers and moles work a much longer season. To guard against this the farmer could gather his snakes every evening just as he does the cows, only place them in lined baskets and keep them behind the kitchen stove.

Sometimes the snakes might escape from the basket and decide that on the farmer's bed was a much warmer place and they would crawl over and cuddle down on the farmer's manly bosom. But one wouldn't mind that when he got used to it.

The bull snake is a light yellow, spotted with brown. They often grow to be six to eight feet long and are very powerful. They are not poisonous, but in fighting they bite very hard and cause ugly wounds.

### Lighted Cigar Stump Fatal.

Raleigh, N. C.—Miss Maggie Suggs, daughter of a prominent farmer, was burned to death while returning home in a buggy from church. It is believed that some one carelessly threw a lighted cigar stump into the vehicle just before she started for home.

### J. E. Parker, 2021 No. 10th St., Ft. Smith, Arkansas, says that he had taken many kinds of kidney medicine, but did not get better until he took Foley Kidney Pills. No matter how long you have had kidney trouble, you will find quick and permanent benefit by the use of Foley Kidney Pills. Start taking them now. For sale by all druggists.

### ART OF CONVERSATION LOST

Once Brilliant Speech Was Plentiful, But It Is Forgotten in Modern Life.

With all our learning in our race in the great battle of life, have we not lost, just for lack of time—but oh, the pity of it—the art of conversation? Does anyone really converse now? To talk shop, to use slang, to be always and ever on the endless rush—are not these the modern fashion? How graceful was the measured speech of our grandparents. In those days, too, as in ours, were to be found the genial, the bright, the clever. How did wit shine, and repartee polish its self against repartee.

The bishop of Cork was a celebrated orator. Shortly after he was made bishop he was invited to dine with the bishop of Ossory.

"My lord," said the bishop of Ossory, "even though you are John Cork you must not stop the bottle." "I see, my lord," replied the new bishop, "that you want to draw me out."

This may be a chestnut, but it belongs to a time when brilliant speech was a matter of every day. Let us, with all our tremendous advantages, not quite forget the little courtesies and the gay wit of the old times.

Find time, therefore, happy modern girl, for charm. So bright and captivating are her fairy wings that she is worth pursuing.

### THEY KNOW HE SELLS PEPPER

Undesirable Acquaintances and Train Porters Do Not Annoy Peddler of That Spice.

"After a man has learned to control his own organs of sneezing, selling pepper for a living has its advantages," said the blond young man. "For one thing, it keeps undesirable acquaintances at a distance. Whenever I feel a desire to commune with my own soul all I have to do to secure the necessary privacy is to mention my occupation and people flee from me as if I had the plague."

"And I have got it, in one sense. It is impossible to handle ground pepper all day long without carrying home an ounce or two on my clothes, and a vigorous whack on my coat sleeve sends enough pepper flying to set a dozen people sneezing. For that reason a pepper salesman is immune from many of the annoyances that unprotected peddlers have to endure. No man who knows my occupation greets me with that familiar slap on the back that makes the most amiable man alive feel like fighting, and there isn't a porter on a train running into New York who pesters me with whistling broom attentions. They all know that I sell pepper."

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