## Railway Time Table.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

The following are the times of the arrival and departure of trains by central standard time, at the local depots. Trains leave transfer depot ten minutes earlier and arrive ten minutes later.

CHICAGO, BURLINGTON AND QUINCY.

| LEAVE. | | ARRIVE. |
|---|---|---|
| 5:40 p m | Chicago Express | 9:40 a m |
| 9:45 a m | Fast Mail. | 7:00 p m |
| KANSAS CITY, ST. JOE AND COUNCIL BLUFFS. | | |
| 10:10 a m | Mail and Express, | 6:45 p m |
| 8:25 p m | Pacific Express, | 5:35 p m |
| CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE AND ST. PAUL. | | |
| 5:25 p m | Express, | 9:40 a m |
| 9:45 a m | Express, | 6:25 p m |
| CHICAGO, ROCK ISLAND AND PACIFIC. | | |
| 5:30 p m | Atlantic Express, | 9:40 a m |
| 9:50 a m | Day Express, | 6:50 p m |
| 7:15 a m | *Des Moines Accommodation, | 4:40 p m |
| | *At local depot only. | |
| *WABASH, ST. LOUIS AND PACIFIC. | | |
| 9:55 a m | Mail, | 4:45 p m |
| 4:50 p m | Cannon Ball, | 11:15 a m |
| | *At Transfer only. | |
| CHICAGO and NORTHWESTERN. | | |
| 5:30 m | Express, | 6:50 p m |
| 9:45 a m | Pacific Express, | 9:45 a m |
| SIOUX CITY AND PACIFIC. | | |
| m | St. Paul Express, | 9:00 a m |
| m | Accommodation, | 6:50 p m |
| *UNION PACIFIC. | | |
| 17:59 p m | Western Express, | 8:39 a m |
| 1:44 a m | Pacific Express, | 4:34 p m |
| 7:49 a m | Local Express, | 6:54 a m |
| 12:14 a m | Lincoln Express, | — — — |
| | *At Transfer only. | |
| DUMMY TRAINS TO OMAHA. | | |

Leave—8:24-9:24-10-24-11:24 a. m. 1:24-2:24-3:24-4:24-5:24-6:24-7:24 and 11:04 p. m Sunday, 8:24-10:24 a m. 1:24-3:24-5:24-7:04 and 11:04 p. m. Arrive 30 minutes before leaving time.


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## COUNCIL BLUFFS.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.

### A COON HUNT.

**Interesting Items for the Readers of The Bee.**

COON RAPIDS, Ia., March 26.—On last Saturday Perry Wright post, G. A. R., of this place, with their friends, gathered around the camp fire and ate baked beans and hard-tack. In the evening a full programme was given, comprising addresses, music, tableaux and camp scenes. The entertainment was a success in every particular, and will enable the post to uniform, that being the object of the entertainment.

Mr. M. D. Daily has gone out of the implement business in this place, having disposed of his stock to Kridler & Taylor. A man of Mr. Daily's energy will not long remain out of business.

T. J. Chittenden has returned from Wisconsin. We have not learned whether or no he will again go into business this place.

A public library association has been formed and subscriptions are coming in rapidly, so we may hope to have a library soon.

On Tuesday evening there was given in Cook's hall, a musical cantata by our home talent and as usual every body went, expecting to be bored, but came home in ecstacy and over what was universaly termed a fine performance. It was a difficult cantata, but the music and acting was such as won repeated applause. We do not wish to encourage amateur theatricals, but if we sell a good thing, we like to say so.

And now the young man who cannot hit the side of a summer hotel, thinks that all he lacks is a double-barrelled shotgun and a pair of waders to be a modern Nimrod. We have some such men in our town and six of them went together to hunt ducks the other day; they were gone all day, caught out in a heavy rain, walked home after night, and the only one who got a shot was Ed Dale, and he missed the duck, and accidently killed a fragrant animal well known in these part. They came home and said they had lost all the game in Willow Creek.
MORE ANON.


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**To Parents.**

The rector of St. Paul's church will deliver a special lecture to parents tomorrow morning at 10:45 o'clock on "The Degeneracy of Our Youth and its Cause." All interested in this subject are invited to attend. The evening lecture will be on John Wesley.


**"Over the Hills to the Poor House,"**

A person with impaired or impoverished blood is on the road to physical bankruptcy. *Burdock Blood Bitters* strengthen and enrich the circulation, repair the tissue, and build up the entire system.


### IOWA NEWS.

Lemars has 3,592 population.

The damage from high water at Rockford is placed at $25,000.

There were several indictments against saloon men in Delaware county.

Street graders in Sioux City find frozen ground four feet in thickness in places.

The city marshal's salary in Dexter has been reduced from $20 to $15 a month.

There are twenty-seven bald-headed men out of a total of fifty in the state senate.

Hon. Wm. Hale, governor of Wyoming territory, has been at home in Glenwood. His health continues very poor.

The bogus bond scheme was used to confidence "a gentleman from Freeport" out of $800 at Dubuque the other evening.

One of the indictments returned this week by the Woodbury county, grand jury is against John Chambers for stealing his son's team.

The Davenport Trotting aassociation will have $4,000 in purses this year. The date of the first trot of the season has been fixed for July 15, 16, 17 and 18.

Dubuque, on the first of April, at the city election, will vote on a proposition to issue $75,000 in bonds to pay off the present floating indebtedness of the city.

Bishop Hennessy, of Dubuque, who has been reported very ill and likely to die, was well enough to preach a vigorous sermon in the Catholic cathedral in that city last Sunday afternoon in opposition to the Bills bill.

H. C. Kellogg has his valedictory in the last issue of the Cherokee Free Press. He took the editorship temporarily, pending the finding of a man, and is now succeeded by S. L. Wilson, late of the Manning Monitor. Kellogg proved himself equal to the situation.

S. P. Adams, Esq., of Dubuque, is in receipt of a letter announcing the death of his client, Mr. Justus Stocking, who recently obtained a judgment against that city. Mr. Stocking was about 89 years of age, and leaves no family to inherit his large fortune.

A. W. Dunwater, a young Englishman, died of pneumonia on Saturday last at Captain Moreton's place near LeMars. He recently returned from England. He belonged to a very wealthy family, and had a large income on his own account, though not yet of age.

Detective J. G. Shattuck, alleged to be now of Chicago, who has been engaged in deep detective work in Delaware county, has sued the Western Union Telegraph company for $2,000 for "exposing to the public view a telegram addressed to J. G. Shattuck."

The Burlington Hawkeye puts a touch of irony to the following item: "About $265 has been raised by the soliciting committe in aid of the new railway from Burlington to Muscatine. It has been incorrectly stated that the full amount asked, $300, had been nearly secured."


**Throat Diseases** commence with a Cough, Cold, or Sore Throat. *"Brown's Bronchial Troches"* give immediate relief. *Sold only in boxes.* Price 25 cents.


**What They Do in the Spring.**

In the spring the good wife's fancy turns to
thoughts of cleaning house,
In the spring the dainty maiden diggeth
greens and eateth souse;
In the spring the young man thinketh—would
I had a little wife!
But he scenteth not the troubles that must
wait on married life.
—Chicago Sun.

### IN A BALLOON.

Translated from the French of Joseph Montest.

Loud acclamations leaped from a thousand throats. The balloon had just started.

Like a falcon, the eyes of which the hunter has suddenly uncovered, it fled straight up into the azure space, borne away with lightning speed. Now the heads of the two aeronauts could barely be distinguished at the edge of the car.

Leaning over the slight osier side, they watched diminish and fade from second to second away below them the forms and dimensions of terrestrial objects. What was that vague white and gray heap, streaked in every direction by black lines? Was it Naples? Yes, Naples that they had just quitted—a city reduced to the proportions of a bee-hive! But to the right, to the left, before, behind, what a marvelous horizon! Vesuvius was there sleeping its alarming sleep; then, further away, the jagged line of the Apennines, and on the other side, as far as eye could reach, the sea, the vast blue sea, sparkling in the broad sunlight.

Suddenly, amid the profound silence of the azure space, a woman's voice resounded, clear as the tinkling of crystal.

"Oliver," said she, "your hand!"

"Here it is, Lea!" answered a man's voice.

"Thank you," said the woman, who straigtened herself up, closing her eye with a shiver.

The man raised his head and glanced at his companion, who, very pale, had seated herself upon a light bamboo stool.

"What is the matter with you?" he asked.

"I was afraid!" said she. "I felt dizziness seizing upon me. But it is over, added she, passing her delicate gloved hand across her eyes.

"Do you regret your whim?"

"No; certainly not. But a first experiment may unstring the nerves. Oh, I will inure myself to it; rest easy on that score!"

The man, standing erect, contemplated her. She was charming thus in her close-fitting tourist costume, with the jaunty masculine hat coquettishly placed upon her golden hair, fastened at the nape of her neck, and the dull pallor that increased the brightness of her black eyes.

The young woman also contemplated her companion, whose visage that had a musing expression and a manly tout ensemble was enframed by a thick and closely-cut blonde beard. As she saw he was frowning she said to him in her turn in her musical voice:

"And you, Oliver? Why have you that gloomy air?"

He did not answer the question, but, leaning a trifle over the edge of the car, said:

"We are ascending too rapidly." And seizing a rope that hung within reach of his hand, he gave it a pull. Almost instantaneously the young woman felt the balloon slacken its speed, then stop, and finally move in the opposite direction.

"Are we descending for good?" she asked.

"No," replied Oliver. "Presently we shall ascend again."

"When?"

"When I wish. I have only to close the valve that controls the gas. Do you see this rope I hold in my hand? It regulates our course."

"And if it should break?"

"It will not break; it is strong. But if, by a sort of miracle, it should happen so disappear, we would be lost!"

"How?"

"The balloon is sufficiently charged with hydrogen to carry us to the regions where the air cannot be breathed. We would be asphyxiated."

"Hapily it would take two miracles, it seems to me, for the rope is double, is it not?"

"It appears to be double now, but in reality there is only a single rope. Lean over the edge of the car a little. Do you see that ring up there? The rope passes through it, and its two ends I hold in my hand. They are tied together, but a cut from a knife will suffice to separate them. See! Now the two ends are free. I have but to pull one of them when the rope will slip through the ring and fall at my feet, and we are off for the grand voyage!"

He had suited the action to the word. The rope had fallen at his feet. He coiled it about his arm and hurled it into space.

The young woman had arisen, trembling, with a frightened look.

"Oliver," cried she, "what have you done? Are you out of your senses?"

The young man looked her full in the face, and said, in a very calm tone:

"I am not out of my senses."

"Then, what do you want?"

"I want what is going to happen. I desire that we shall die together, here, in the broad heavens, far from that earth I have cursed since you there appeared to me such as you are, since the mud of which it is formed bespattered the idol my superstition adored in you!"

The young woman stared at him in amazement and terror.

"Oh do not protest!" exclaimed Oliver. "Every feint is useless. In a word I will convince you of what I say. For two days past I have known you were deceiving me; that you were listening to another suitor. Yes, a fool, a fop, that Count Moreno, who followed us from Venice; whom we found in Milan, in Florence, in Rome; whom you caused me to receive as a traveling companion; to whom I have daily extended my hand, imbecile that I am, and who must have had many a hearty laugh with you at my innocent confidence. Yes, I know all this! How did I discover it? You care very little, no doubt. Know that I had followed you, that I have acted the spy upon you. The confession does not humillate me in the least. It was imperative for me to know, and I do know with such certainty that I cannot doubt; with such certainty that I feel my eyes burned by the fiery points of the evidence!"

"And it is you who have done this, you, nobility, purity, the ideal even—for you were all that to me and you know it—and more, if possible; a sort of divinity before whom knelt my respectful and submissive love!—for I loved you thus, to the point of sacrificing everything to the absolute worship I had vowed to you, everything! But what need have I to repeat all this to you? Do you not know it as well as I? Since we left New York, six months ago, have I not been devoted to you, have I not been constantly the submissive slave of your will, of your caprices?" You wished to wait, you said, until the period of mourning for your dead husband had expired before bestowing upon me your hand in marriage. And what has been the result? You have determined to break our engagement, to cast me off and become the wife of an Italian nobleman!

"Your role has been difficult to play, but you have filled it like a consummate actress!—you, for whom love was but poetic aspirations, ethereal dreams, soarings into the azure space; you, whose siren voice, with its vibrating melodies, sang to me the delights of an infinite ecstasy, of an ideal flight into the blue heavens like the flight of the swallows and the eagles! Well, your dream is realized, and you are going to live it out until it kills you! You are caught in the trap of your own whim, for it was you who yesterday took the notion of buying this balloon from the aeronaut who was going to ascend in it and of departing in it with me. Seasonable caprice, was it not, to worthily finish the Neapolitan carnival? It was my vengeance you offered me! I seized it. And now it is to another vengeance I deliver you, to that of the azure space jeered at by your poetic falsehoods, to that of the heavens mocked by your sacrilegious irony!

"Ah! they avenge themselves cruelly, those impassible judges! Do you know what punishment they will inflict upon you? One day a couple of adventurers of the air, too rash, made the experiment. They were found in their car, rigid and cold, their visages swollen, the blood having flowed from their ears, their eyes and their mouths! Such is the end that awaits you. Soon a red foam will heighten the carmine of your lips and red drops will hang like coral pendants from your delicate ears, while your beautiful eyes will weep tears of blood!"

The young woman had straightened herself up, seized upon by a convulsive trembling.

"You will not do that, Oliver!" she cried. "It is too horrible! I do not want to die that frightful death!"

Oliver had crossed his arms upon his breast.

"If I wished to prevent it I could not do so now," said he.

She sprang upon him and tore from him the knife that he yet held in his hand.

"But with this," cried she, "I can cut open the balloon!"

She raised her eyes to the round bulk of the aerostat

"Try," said Oliver coldly.

She grasped the ropes, put one foot on the edge of the car, and strove to raise herself by the strength of her wrists. But dizziness overcame her and she fell backwards, breathless. The knife, escaping from her hand, went whirling through the air.

She remained a moment as if annihilated.

"See," said Oliver in a mocking voice, "the scorching southern sun is heating the balloon and dilating the gas. We are making very rapid headway."

He looked upward, contemplating the azure heavens with an ecstatic air.

Suddenly, while he was speaking, the young woman uttered an exclamation of joy, and a flash of hope illuminated her visage. Slowly, quietly, she put her hand in the pocket of her dress, drew from it an object that she concealed, then abruptly raised her arm and two explosions resounded.

"You have reckoned without your host!" cried she, with a laugh of triumph. "A true American woman never travels without her revolver, and she is right!"

Cut through and through by the two balls the aerostat was already beginning to descend.

Oliver leaned over the edge of the car.

"So be it!" said he. "We are over the open sea. Blue for blue; we shall still die in the azure!"

The balloon was visibly collapsing. Its speed became terrible. Oliver himself, choking, closed his eyes, and amid the silence of the empty heavens the aerostat pursued its dizzy descent.

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NAPLES, February 28, 1884.

MY DEAR OLIVER:—I sent to inquire about you this morning. They informed me that you were better. I am delighted to hear it. I also am better. You certainly will learn this with pleasure. I have given a few bank-notes to the fisherman who picked us up and took us ashore in his boat—both in a swoon, as it appears. Here is a poor fellow who can say, without speaking metaphorically, that fortune fell down to him from the heavens! Traveling in your company, my friend, is decidedly too dangerous. I begin to believe that one day or another you would bring me bad luck. Excuse this superstition, hatched in my brain in this classic land of the Jettatura, and permit me for the future to pursue alone my journey in the country of romance. My dear assassin, I am, without too much animosity, yours, LEA.


**The People Astonished.**

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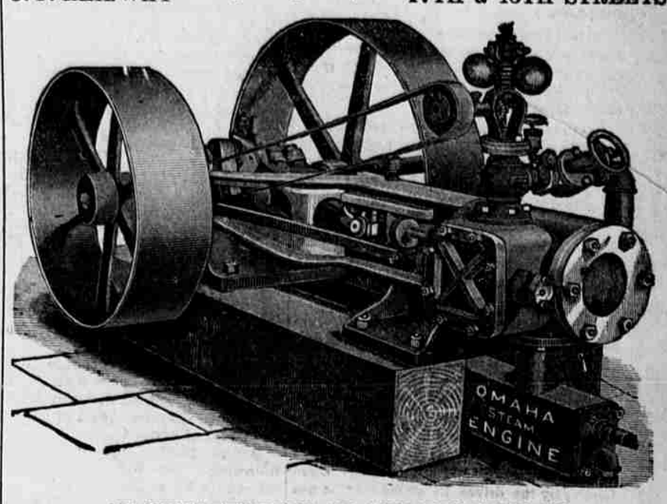

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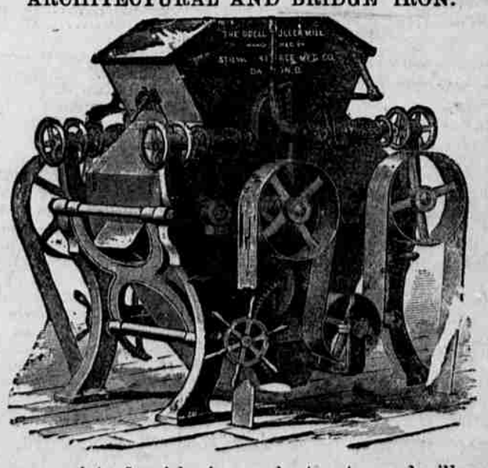
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