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,	6:35 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 20 minutes before leaving time.

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COUNCIL BLUFFS.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL NEWS.

THE SKATING RINK.

A Large Crowd in Attendance and a Fine Exhibition Given by the Misses Jones.

The largest crowd ever gathered in the rink was present at the masquerade last night. One of the pleasing features of the evening's entertainment was the exhibition of fancy skating by the Misses Jones, of Sioux City. They were very suitably dressed in pink satin, trimmed with white lace. There was a large number present in masks. Among them were the following: F. C. Montgomery representing a young lady; C. Fray, a princess; George Kellog, a clown knight; Charles Lockwood, clown; G. W. Brown, high stepper; Miss A. Evans, Dolly Varden; Kate Stephenson, Samuel J. Tilden; F. Pratt, princess; Charles Ward, hussar; H. O'Brien, "The great what is it;" Arthur Hossmyer, base ballist; Mr. Anderson, champion female skater; Charles Riley, Maud Muller; Joe Smith, Sarah Bernhardt, and C. Palmer, clown; J. A. Nelson, C. Terwilliger, H. Hutchins, Chas. Simpson, Miss S. Amy, Mr. Hollingsworth, Miss Whitney and many others were present in costumes.

A Postal Card

From Mrs. Dennis Smith, Louisville, Ky., says: "For blood impurities *Burdock Blood Bitters* seem particularly adapted. Never before had complexion so clear. Use all the time."

Leave to marry was yesterday granted August Peterson and Matilda Jones, both of Georgetown, Col.; also to Peter Nelson and Mary Jensen, both of this city.

It is reported that Glenwood was thrown into a state of great excitement yesterday over some mad dogs. They rushed through the street in the most frantic manner attacking any other dogs they came across and several bloody encounters ensued, in which two or three cows were unwilling participants. Some stock was also bitten by the infuriated canines. Finally a crowd of citizens started in pursuit and shot with fatal effect twenty-five dogs and a couple of cows. This little affair created considerable commotion in the usually orderly city of Glenwood.

Letter From a Female Physician.

194 SECOND AVENUE,
NEW YORK, May 1, 1883.

My specialty is diseases of women and children. I like ALLCOCK'S POROUS PLASTERS because they are so quick and efficient, and never irritate or mark the tenderest skin. I have found them most useful in my practice, and they are certainly the best plasters now made. To illustrate: My son of ten years of age took a bad Cold and coughed incessantly; no medicine would relieve him; after some twelve hours I applied an ALLCOCK'S POROUS PLASTER to his throat and upper chest. The cough ceased entirely in an hour, and the next day the boy was well.

I told the case to a gentleman who suffered in the same style; he, too, was cured in twenty-four hours of his cough by ALLCOCK'S POROUS PLATERS. Another patient suffered from pain in the small of the back—ALLCOCK'S POROUS PLASTER was applied at night, and next morning the pain had ceased. Again, a young lady suffering from Neuralgic Pains around the heart, by my advice used ALLCOCK'S POROUS PLASTERS, and was entirely cured in three days. Finally, a lady came to me with Cold Feet, which constantly recurred night and day—this sometimes is a symptom of Uterine Congestion—I applied an ALLCOCK'S POROUS PLASTER to the sole of each foot, and her feet got and continued warm. She wore the Plasters over a week.

Thus I have recently tried ALLCOCK'S POROUS PLASTERS, and take great pleasure in bearing witness to their remarkable curative power.
JANE M. BAKER, M. D.

"Allcock's" is the *only genuine* Porous Plaster; buy no other and you will not be cheated.

Mechanics' Lien Law.

Hon. J. C. Cowin writes to The Burtonian, of Tekamah, as follows:

"In your issue of the 13th inst. I find a reference to the fact that I had questioned in the court here the constitutionality of the mechanics' lien law. You state that I claim "a lumber dealer is not a mechanic, a laborer is not a mechanic." As to the former you are correct, as to the latter incorrect. What I claim is that the mechanics' lien law, under the title by which it was passed was intended for and is a protection for all persons performing *manual labor* in and about the construction or reparation of a building under the general designation of "mechanic," but that under the constitutional provision, that "No bill shall contain more than one subject and the same shall be clearly expressed in title," the legislature had no authority to enact, under a title "Mechanics Liens," a law providing liens for *material men*, who, as such, are in no sense mechanics. Yet under the guise of "Mechanics Liens" is enacted a law providing a lien for all material men, whether the material is furnished to the owner of the building, or to a contractor or any sub-contractor. Is such legislation "clearly expressed in the title?" Certainly lot. Is not this act masking in the cloak of a "mechanic," for the benefit of capitalists?" Under all the authorities to this point the act is too broad for the title.

"The fact is that mechanics, while the act by its title purports to be for their benefit, get little or no benefit from it, as wherever there is occasion to assert a lien, the material man first assert it, and very generally exhausts all the contract price, leaving the laborers remediless. Under the present law a builder is at a loss to know how to make payments so as to protect himself After he has paid the full contract price to contractor and laborers, a material man, any where from Maine to California may file his lien, claiming that he furnished some material to the contractor or some sub-contractor which has not been paid, and demand the enforcement of his lien against the property.

"I claim the act unconstitutional on other grounds, also, but my object in addressing you was to correct you with regard to my position in respect to laborers. Very truly yours,
J. C. COWIN.

Coughs and Colds. Those who are suffering from Coughs, Colds, Sore Throat, etc., should try BROWN'S BRONCHIAL TROCHES. *Sold only in boxes.*

THE GATLING GUN.

How Dr. Gatling Came to Invent It, and How Ben. Butler Adopted It.

Twelve Hundred Shots a Minute—An Interesting Interview With the Inventor.

Special Correspondence of the Cleveland Leader.

WASHINGON, March 30. — Wonderful improvements have recently been made in the Gatling gun, and Dr. Gattling, the inventor, has been here for some days, illustrating them to the leading men of the war department. He has shown that the gun can now fire on an average 1,200 shot per minute continuously, and the latest inventions enable it to be fired at any angle. Before this the force of gravity prevented the firing upward or downward beyound a certain degree, but this has been entirely overcome, and a shot can now be sent perpendicularly into the air, and the guns can be so aimed as to throw bullets inside of a fort or any besieged fortification

DR. RICHARD JORDAN GATLING

is now sixty-six years old. He is a tall, broad-shouldered, white whiskered man with a friendly face, bright blue eyes, and a pleasant tongue. I talked with him in the Ebbitt House last evening about his gun and he told me how he came to invent it. Said he: "I had made several inventions before this, one of which was the wheat drill which is now in use all over the country, and I think it was my study on it that prepared me for the Gatling gun. In 1861 I was living at Indianapolis. The war had broken out and the country was all excitement. My house was within a few blocks of the depot and I was often present here when volunteers were departing for the field, and also when their dead bodies were at times shipped back home in boxes for burial. One surprise to me was that the number of men killed by sickness and disease was more than those killed by ball or actual battle. One day I remember nineteen corpses were landed at the depot; three had been killed in battle. The thought then struck me if a gun could be invented that would do the work of a hundred men, and would require but a few men to operate it, that the horrors of war would be greatly diminished, and an end would come much sooner of every struggle. More men could stay at home, and lives would be saved. The thought took such hold of me that I commenced to work on it at once. The result was the Gatling gun.

"My first guns were.

MADE IN CINCINNATI,

and they would fire from 150 to 250 shots per minute. I had six of them manufactured in 1862, when the foundry was burned by incendiaries—I suppose rebel sympathizers—and the guns were destroyed. Next I had thirteen guns made at what is now the type foundry in Cincinnati, and these I sent on by my partner, a wealthy merchant of Cincinnati, to Washington to persuade the government to introduce them. He took them to Baltimore, where he left twelve, and went with the other to Washington. The chief of the ordnance department at the time was an old fogy. He received him coldly, told him he had no faith in his gun, and that he believed flint-lock muskets were, on the whole, the best weapons for warfare. In short, he would have nothing to do with him.

My partner then left Washington, and returned to Baltimore. Ben Butler was there with his troops. He had heard of the guns, and he asked to see them work. As soon as he had done so he said he would buy them on his own responsibility and did so, giving his voucher for twelve thousand dollars for them. My partner had his cashed, but at this time there was a great fall in pork, and fifty thousand hogs which he had packed in Chicago with the expectation of a rise, had to be sold. In a word, the break in the market ruined him, and my money went with him. So, for the first twenty guns I had made a great cost to myself, I received nothing. Ben Butler took the guns he had brought with him to the battle of Petersburg and fired them himself upon the rebels. They created great consternation and slaughter, and the news of them went all over the world. Now they are used by all of the leading governments of Europe and also in Asia and Africa. They enabled the Prussians to conquer Austria in 1860, though the Austrians had the larger forces, and they shortened the war by Germany and France so that it practically lasted but a few days.

"The Gatling guns are now made in Hartford in this country and in Europe at New-Castle-on-the-Tyne. I sell only to governments, and the United States uses many of my guns. They now take part in all wars and you have seen the reports of the work they have done in Egypt."

"How far will the Gatling gun send a ball?"

"From two to three miles. The new improvements which enable it to be fired into the air are such that the ball, when it falls to the earth, acquires from the force of gravity such a velocity that when it reaches the ground it will pass through a plank two inches thick. This is at a distance of three thousand yards from the place of firing."

"Will it shoot accurately?"

"Yes. We can aim the gun at a plank nailed to a support several thousand yards away, and by moving the gun rapidly along while firing we can cut a line through the board as though it were sawed. Bullets of different sizes are used in different guns. No two bullets leave the gun at the same time, but when you consider that 1,200 shots can be fired in a minute you will see how rapidly and regularly it works."

"Will there ever come a time, doctor,

WHEN WARS WILL END FOR GOOD?"

"I do not think so. Human nature is the same in all ages, and the strong will continue to oppress and rule over the weak as long as time shall last. It is so in nations and individuals. The mother, when the child is born, rules it until it becomes a man. Then it, growing stronger, rules the mother. In this world the weakest must always go to the wall. The strong survive. Improved warfare and better arms may give the war a greater power. But I doubt whether any invention will make war so terrible that men will refuse to engage in it. And just here I would say that congress should do something for our navy. Our sea coast is entirely unprotected and we have not a ship afloat that is good for anything. An ironclad of the foreign make would tear them to pieces in the first engagement while their balls would rattle from its sides. Our whole sea coast with all of its fine cities is defenseless and in case of war they would be destroyed or captured before anything could be done."

A Stranded Whale.

Baltimore Sun, March 28.

A whale measuring 50 feet 9 inches long and 12 feet 4 inches through the body from back to breast, and with a tail 9 feet across, got ashore on Saturday last on the south inside shore of Pengoteague creek, Accomac county, Va. Five fishermen attacked the monster by shooting and chopping it. They secured it with two anchors, which were fastened to the leviathan by ropes passed through holes cut in its flesh. The captors were at work about the whale for several hours, during which time the whale remained motionless, and it was thought to be dead. When the tide came in at sundown on Saturday, it floated and displayed renewed vitality. A desperate struggle freed the animal from its captivity, and it moved away, carrying the cables and anchors with it. No more was seen of it until the following Monday, when it was discovered in the channel of the creek, dead. The fishermen towed it to the beach north of Pengoteague creek, where they commenced their operations of stripping it of the blubber. The proprietors of the fish factory on the creek offered to boil the blubber for one half the oil, but the lucky captors refused to accept on those terms. It will probably render 75 barrels of oil. This is the second whale to get ashore in the same vicinity within one year and afford a new source of revenue to the hardy fishermen of the neighborhood. When its jaws are fully open a man can stand erect in its mouth.

HUMAN BLOOD.—On the purity and vitality of the blood depend the vigor and health of the whole system. Disease of various kinds is often only the sign that nature is trying to remove the disturbing cause. A remedy that gives life and vigor to the blood, eradicates scrofula and other impurities from it, as Hood's Sarsaparilla undoubtedly does, must be the means of preventing many diseases that would occur without its use. Sold by dealers

Twisting the Mule's Tail.

New York Times.

When the bright sunshine, streaming down through mazes of rigging and clouds of unfurled canvas, gave an air of early summer to the Pierrepont Docks, in Brooklyn, yesterday morning, six idle men gathered on the warm side of a warehouse and discussed the enervating influences of spring. To them the distant ships seemed asleep upon the horizon; the water lapped against the pierheads with a drowsy murmur, and the fiendish shriek of a passing tug-boat died away like a lullaby. One man felt sure that nature expected people to rest in springtime, and the others agreed that it was a sin to work any creature except a mule. This unfortunate animal received mention because a long-legged, file-backed specimen of the species chewed a piece of an old carpet on the pier and at uncertain and spasmodic intervals tried to kick a hogshead and two barrels into the river.

Gradually the talk turned upon the viciousness, the vindictiveness, and the untamable nature of mules. The mule on the dock was thought to be an unusually vicious animal. Wickedness and a miscellaneous desire to smash things could be seen in his eyes, and his feet seemed just the kind for effective kicking.

"Bet no one dares't foot around that mule," said a man with a beard like an unnatural growth of oakum.

"Wouldn't fool 'round him long!" said a cross-eyed man. "He'd kick the daylights out of man's grandfather."

"If that mule struck you once your whole family 'ud die," exclaimed a third man in confidence. "I'll bet a good cigar at no man in this crowd dares't go up and tickle 'im."

"I'll make it $5 if any man 'll twist his tail," challenged a ship chandler's agent, as the mule beat a tattoo against a post on the pier. "Yes, I'll make it ten."

"Stuff!" sneered a lazy-looking vagrant a little apart from the crowd.

"Who says 'stuff!'" demanded the agent, in a voice like a prize-fighter's. "Maybe you'd like to twist that mule's tail?"

"I think I could do it."

"Here's $10 that says you can't."

"I'll go ye."

The money was put into the hands of a ship's supply contractor, and the details were properly arranged. The lazy man was to twist the mule's tail—if he could get near enough—with a his strength, and was to escape unhurt. The crowd was to stand at a respectful distance and see fair play. The lazy man swung his coat over his arm, borrowed a chew of navy plug, and walked down the pier. The crowd followed slowly. The mule showed a strong desire to eat not only the approaching men, but the pier itself. But his viciousness was restrained by a strong rope halter. The lazy man tossed his coat upon a barrel and grasped the mule's tail with both hands. The crowd held its breath. The twister wound the tail into a hard knot and pulled the mule from side to side as far as the halter would permit. The mule made no effort to resent the indignity. The lazy man again threw his coat over his arm, and taking the money from the contractor, sauntered up Montague street. The crowd was speechless.

"Did you see that?" at length asked one of the men of a stevedore who leaned over a barrel.

"Yes, I saw it."

"Mule hadn't any spunk, had he?"

"Hadn't he. Why, man, that's the crossest mule in Brooklyn 'n the biggest kicker!"

"Then why in thunder didn't he lift that man across Governor's Island?"

"Well, it's like this: "If you owned that mule 'n had him trained to do that same trick once a week, he wouldn't kick, would he? Not much! That mule knows his owner, now; make no mistake."

Pain for the Share.

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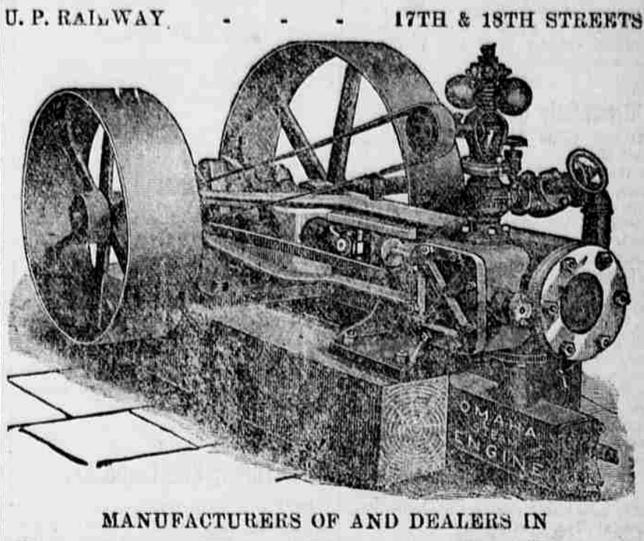

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