

OMAHA RAILROAD CLERKS.

...giving About the Occupants of the Two Headquarters Buildings.

FEW FACTS AND FIGURES.

aries Received by the Different Clerks—The Remodeled B. & M. Building—General Manager Holdredge's Writing.

A stranger passing down Farnam street about 5 o'clock any evening would be sure to meet a procession of young ladies and gentlemen journeying westward. The procession would stretch in all probability, as far east as Ninth street, and as far west as Fifteenth, where its continuity would be broken in the hurrying, scurrying mass of humanity which is constantly pouring itself to the four points of the compass from that place as a centre. He would see all classes represented in the crowd: from the light-footed, brightly-eyed maiden of "sweet sixteen," to the sand-eyed, careworn woman, whose face betokens the fact that she has seen a great deal of this life's toil and sorrows; from the dapper, stylishly arrayed dude, to the shabbily dressed man of middle age who is struggling along trying to support a large crop of children on a salary of \$70 a month. The stranger would probably never guess, unless he were given a "pointer" beforehand that the outpouring was from the two railway headquarters buildings in the Union Pacific and the B. & M. Then, perhaps, he would begin to realize what a vast amount of daily labor the keeping of accounts of two great railroads like these named above involves. Some few facts and statistics on this interesting subject may not come amiss at this point.

THE UNION PACIFIC. The clerks in the Union Pacific headquarters work in a building which at present is rather crowded and almost entirely devoid of modern facilities. Extensive improvements, notice of which has duly appeared in the BEE, are under way. The management of the office is in the hands of the handsomest and most thoroughly appointed buildings of the kind in America. The management of the office will be entirely new and elevators, running from basement to roof, will do away with the wearisome climbing of stairs, which is now the disagreeable feature of the headquarters clerks' daily toil.

There are 250 clerks employed in the building about fifty of whom are clerks. The clerks, of course, vary from time to time, as discharges and additions are constantly being made. The range of salaries paid is wide and beginning with the messenger boys, who are paid \$15 a month, the scale is an ascending one to the point of \$200 a month, which is the highest salary paid to the clerks in the different departments, who occupy highly responsible positions. Sixty-five dollars a month may be taken as a fair average of the salaries paid by the Union Pacific for its clerical work. Copyists are paid from \$25 to \$15 a month, typewriters from \$25 to \$125, according to their speed and ability to do outside clerical work more important than mere copying. One of the highest paid clerks of this class is a lady in the general superintendent's office, who receives \$125 per month. The clerk of ordinary ability receives from \$20 to \$25 per month, according to his proficiency and the length of his service in the company's employ. There are several clerks who are paid as much as \$40 per month, because their work is not worth more than that. They are "plugged away" for that amount for years, and in all probability will continue to do so for the rest of their natural lives.

The correspondence of the company is done on exactly fifty typewriters, some of which are operated by gentlemen and others by ladies. According to the figures passed by the company, operators are required to pay for their own machines, on condition that they will be sold to them at cost price, (\$50) when new, or if second hand at a carefully appraised figure. There was some grumbling at this order at first; but gradually the operators, with few exceptions, have settled down to a cheerful acceptance of the inevitable.

Quite recently the company established a new order, the good effects of which are already beginning to be noticed. It is to the effect that the operators are to be paid for their own machines, on condition that they will be sold to them at cost price, (\$50) when new, or if second hand at a carefully appraised figure. There was some grumbling at this order at first; but gradually the operators, with few exceptions, have settled down to a cheerful acceptance of the inevitable.

On the northwest corner of Tenth and Farnam streets stands the elegant, spacious and newly renovated headquarters building of the B. & M. The former building has been enlarged by a 25-foot addition on the west side, extending back to the alley. The building is now four stories in height, the ground dimensions being 120x100. The first story is given up to wholesale jobbing firms. On the second floor, east side of the building, are the four rooms occupied by General Manager Holdredge and his assistants. On the west side are the offices of the general freight department, while on the north are the telegraph and assistant treasurer's offices.

On the third floor are the general ticket office, and the auditor's and assistant auditor's offices, while on the fourth floor are to be found the freight agent and telegraph auditor and his assistants.

The building is finished throughout in hard yellow wood, which gives it a pleasant and cheerful appearance to the interior of the structure. In the center of the building there is a large "well hole," extending from the roof down to the basement. The floors are finished with a material which is fireproof and non-combustible. The dome of this is skylighted, so that the interior of the structure is brightly illuminated. The office upon the south, west and north sides open out upon the "well hole."

There are about 125 clerks employed in the B. & M. building. Some of these are ladies. Why it is that the female element is wanting to the clerical force of the road no one seems to know, though many theories have been made thereat. The scale of salaries is not as high as in the Union Pacific headquarters. The lowest paid clerk receives a salary of \$15 a month, the highest salary is \$150 a month, received by the chief clerk. The average is about \$25 a month. The typewriters in use in the building, and the stenographers who use them receive salaries ranging all the way from \$40 to \$125 a month.

Altogether, the force of clerks in this building is a well selected, well equipped and capable of doing their work with thoroughness and despatch. The ruling genius, General Manager Holdredge, is thoroughly popular with all the men under him, and those who are most closely associated with him in the matters of routine business and respect him the most. There is only one weak point about him and that is his handwriting. "The boys" tell a good story on him, apropos of this point, which is given herewith. Mr. Holdredge one day desiring to send off a telegram, seized a blank and wrote off the message in his most hurried style. It was handed to the telegraph operator who puzzled and swore over it for ten or fifteen minutes, and finally gave up in despair. The message was returned to Mr. Holdredge with the comment that the operator could not read it. The general manager took it and scrutinized it carefully. He did his level best to decipher the hieroglyphics, but he, too, was stumped. He could not read his own writing. "Hank it," he muttered, "I don't believe I can make that out myself, now that I has grown cold. But I know what I want to say, and I'll just write it over again." And setting another blank he suited the action to the word.

A Letter. To the Editor of the BEE: The BEE is agitating the question of parks and trying to impress upon the citizens of Omaha the necessity of there being more parks laid out. We will donate to the city of Omaha ten acres of the West park, already set out with forest trees, the park to be known as Shepard's park. The title will stand the Kirkman land committee test. Now, will the Croightons, Poppletons, Parkers, Redlocks or Kuntz set aside a small park so that future generations may look back to them as public benefactors and as great men.

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The Wedding of Patti and Nicolini. An invitation to attend the wedding of Adeline Patti and Mon. Ernest Nicolini, has been received by the editor of the BEE, who regrets his inability to be present. The invitation is printed upon a folio of heavy card board with a silver edge. The first page is as follows:

Craig-y-nos Castle Swanswa Valley, S. Wales. P. T. O.

The second and fourth pages are blank. The third page is as follows:

Mme. Adeline Patti requests the honor of Mr. Ernest Nicolini, which is to take place at Swanswa, On Thursday, June 10th, 1886.

When you come to Lincoln, stop at the Commercial Hotel, if you want home comforts. C. W. KITCHEN, Proprietor.

A Bee-From Idaho. Court Carrier returned this morning from a month's trip through Idaho, whither he went in the hope of recruiting his health. He comes back "dressed up" and much sunburned, but happy and full of marvellous experiences. "I went as far west as Halley," said Mr. Carrier to a reporter Saturday "and I had a splendid opportunity to judge of the country. Idaho is going to be a great state, and don't you forget it. It is settling up very rapidly. The tide of immigration is pressing in from all quarters. In the vicinity of Halley there are many gold and silver mines which are being worked to good advantage, though none of them have been fully developed as yet. Judging from what I saw, Idaho is going to be a great cattle state, too, for there is fine grazing country in every section. There are some fine farming lands being taken up, though at present irrigation has to be resorted to."

How Our Water is Cleaned. City Engineer Rosewater says that the city water for some time back has been such as to make St. Louis so mad with envy. The latter city has been crazy over its muddy drinkage which it gets from the Mississippi. So has Omaha. But it now looks as if Omaha would be troubled with no more. Mr. Reynolds, who has charge of the mechanical engineering of the waterworks company, would seem to have devised a method of cleaning the water without either expense or inconvenience. He has simply enabled the fluid to flow from the first reservoir to the second, and thence to the third, and finally into that from which it is pumped to the city, the place from which it flows into each new reservoir is so arranged to enable the flow to attain not more than a depth of an inch and a half. This depth carries with it but little sediment, and when the fluid leaves the last reservoir it is nearly as clear as perhaps can be expected. The method is inexpensive and practical and will probably be patented.

Opel's Hotel, Lincoln, Neb., opened March 15th, first class in every respect.

County News. The county commissioners have ordered and advertised for the grading of Thirteenth street to Valley, also of Nicholas street in Walnut Hill west of the church. The commissioners Saturday were in consideration of the plans submitted to them by the architect for a retaining wall on the Eighteenth Seventeenth and Harney streets, surrounding the court house. They had not arrived at a conclusion as to where to lay out the walks and drives and gates, and will leave that for later consideration.

Saturday the same body as previously indicated in the BEE, adopted a resolution authorizing a survey of the territory between this point and Elkhorn for the purpose of determining the feasibility of bringing water of the Elkhorn to this city for power purposes.

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Advertisers of Art. Attention is called to lovers of fine art and Remarque Proof Engravings by American artists, that the publisher, C. Klackner, of New York, and their agent, Mr. O. L. Woerner, of Omaha, and who will exhibit their large collection at A. Hooper's art store from Monday to Friday, May 31, to June 31, is probably the only opportunity the art connoisseurs of Omaha will get to examine the finest production of this country.

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Gen. Crook showed to a reporter Saturday a copy of the Tucson, (Arizona) Citizen, an article in which ought to be effectively squelch the story about Gen. Crook's old squats turning to the enemy. In this paper appears a communication from Maj. Beaumont, who emphatically denies that the old scouts have turned renegades. The writer says that the scouts at the expiration of their service were duly discharged and disbanded, and went peaceably back to their reservation in the White mountains. "This ought to dispose of that silly story which is going the rounds," said Gen. Crook, "and if you find the newspaper correspondents in Arizona were as ready to telegraph true statements of affairs, as they are to send out false and sensational reports. The trouble is they are always anxious to send out something 'interesting' even at the expense of the truth."

OMAHA AND HER SUBURBS

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A GOOD STROKE FOR BUSINESS.

The Union Pacific Improvement Notes—The Scouts Story—An Idaho Bee-ze—Britivites.

The New Trains. Speaking of the matter of his appointment as freight commissioner, Assistant General Freight Agent Griffiths said that he did not believe that his position would be filled, immediately at least. He is of the opinion that his work will be divided up and distributed among the other departments. "The report that Captain Samuel De Bow will probably be appointed as my successor, is all nonsense," said Mr. Griffiths. "He is too valuable a man in his present position as manager of the California fast freight line."

The Union Pacific yesterday opened a new branch on its Kansas division, called Manhattan and Blue Valley branch. It runs from Manhattan to Randolph, a distance of twenty-one miles. A railway official made the suggestion Saturday that the new suburban trains, which were put on by the Union Pacific beginning with last night, ought to be largely patronized by out of town folks on "Decoration Day." The exercises will be of a decidedly interesting character, and ought to be well attended by our country cousins.

Saturday the Union Pacific issued its new time card, to go into effect Sunday evening. This provides for the running of the local trains which are to be put on, connecting at Leaside, Grand Island, Norfolk and immediate points. In addition to this, Omaha and Lincoln will enjoy the first convenient connections ever made over the Union Pacific. The train now leaving Omaha for Lincoln, Beatrice and Marysville at 2:40 p. m., as well as the one arriving from these points at 1:40 p. m., will change times and be discontinued east of the junction with the main line at Valley when connection is made with the Denver trains leaving Omaha at 10:55 a. m. The train from Marysville will leave Valley at 4:30 a. m. and connect with the city and that for Marysville will connect at Valley at 12:35 p. m. with the train from Omaha. The new trains consolidated into one each will run into Omaha, arriving at 11 o'clock, and leaving here on the return at 5:05 p. m. Trains will start from Omaha as follows: From Grand Island, 6 a. m.; Norfolk, 6 a. m.; connecting Columbus at 7:30 a. m.; Beatrice at 8:15 a. m.; passing Lincoln at 7:38 a. m., arriving at Valley at 9:40 a. m. and at Omaha at 11 a. m. Leaving here at 5:05 p. m., the trains reach Valley at 6:20, Lincoln 8:25, Beatrice 9:50, the Republican Valley line; Columbus at 8:15, Norfolk at 10:05 and Grand Island at 10:10 p. m.

Catholic Knights of America. On Tuesday next, June 1, the second state council of the Catholic Knights of America of this state is to convene in this city at 10 o'clock a. m. Delegates from the several branches throughout the state are expected to arrive Monday afternoon. Immediately after the business of the council is done the reception committee intend to show the representatives the different points of interest in Omaha—its suburban mansions, parks, industrial and educational institutions, etc.

The Catholic ladies of the city have perfected arrangements for a banquet and literary entertainment in honor of the occasion, to be given at St. Philomena's hall, Ninth and Howard streets, on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. The latter feature is understood to be very choice, and all those who have been favored with an invitation from the banquet committee are expected to be present in attendance. It is hoped that the guests from abroad will leave Omaha favorably impressed with its surroundings, but especially with the sociability to be met with amongst our Catholic population. The officers of the Omaha branch, St. Leo branch, of this place, are much indebted to the ladies who have devoted so much time to the festive occasion forthcoming.

The state officers of the order are: Rt. Rev. James O'Connor, state spiritual director, Omaha. J. A. Whalen, state president, Omaha. J. B. Deleman, state vice president, Columbus. P. J. Schmitt, state treasurer, Columbus. F. F. Brennan, state secretary, Omaha.

Improvement Notes. A force of men was set to work Friday on the pier or garbage boats, and they will be completed in about forty days. A number of men are in the employ of Mount & Griffin laying the North Sixteenth street sewer at the rate of about 700 feet per day.

Contractor Daley is still at work on Saunders street with a strong force of men on the sewer on that thoroughfare. Stone is now being deposited on Farnam street with which to commence curbing there. J. E. Riley's men are working on another sewer on South Tenth street.

On Jones street the paving with Colorado sandstone commenced this morning. On Jackson the curbs are being laid. Capitol avenue is getting ready for curbing. Graders are at work on Harney. In fact, it makes little difference where you turn, the work of public improvement is sure to meet the eye.

Tried and true. Red Star Cough Cure. No poisons. No narcotics. No constipation. That Scout Story. Gen. Crook showed to a reporter Saturday a copy of the Tucson, (Arizona) Citizen, an article in which ought to be effectively squelch the story about Gen. Crook's old squats turning to the enemy. In this paper appears a communication from Maj. Beaumont, who emphatically denies that the old scouts have turned renegades. The writer says that the scouts at the expiration of their service were duly discharged and disbanded, and went peaceably back to their reservation in the White mountains. "This ought to dispose of that silly story which is going the rounds," said Gen. Crook, "and if you find the newspaper correspondents in Arizona were as ready to telegraph true statements of affairs, as they are to send out false and sensational reports. The trouble is they are always anxious to send out something 'interesting' even at the expense of the truth."

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