

BACK TO FIRS PRINCIPLES.

The Rock Island Road Retrenching With a Vengeance.

TRAINS REPLACED BY STAGES.

A Stroke of Enterprise That Will Hardly Meet With Popular Favor.

In the Hawkeye State. - Iowa Notes.

Deserted the Baby.

Des Moines, Ia., March 20. - [Special Telegram to The Bee.] - Last Saturday a woman left a baby in the hands of an old lady at the Rock Island waiting room, asking her to hold a minute while she purchased a ticket. She then slipped out a side door and disappeared. The old lady held the baby for half an hour or more and turned it over to the authorities. Search for the mother of the child has been kept up ever since, and has finally been successful. The mother has been found and brought to Des Moines. She was a resident of Grand Junction, and has been engaged a relative to bring the child to this city to be left in care of the children's home or some other charitable institution. The woman who brought the infant here, not gaining admission for it, took the matter in her own hands and left it with the old lady in the depot. The mother was young and formerly lived near Corydon. Her parents are in poor circumstances as well as herself. She has been taken in at the home, along with her child, and will be cared for there for the present.

They Can Do Nothing.

Des Moines, Ia., March 20. - [Special Telegram to The Bee.] - The general superintendent of the Burlington & Western railroad appeared before the railroad commissioners today to see if he could get some relief for his road. It seems that the Burlington & Western and the Iowa Central were parcelled from Winfield, in Henry county, to Okonkoma. Both are "C" class roads and are entitled to charge 30 cent more for rates than class "A" roads, but the central, in order to launch the road on a new basis, is disregarding the commission and charging the rates of class "A". The road, which he represents can stand the rate of a reduction and he wants relief from the commissioners. After giving his case a hearing they told him that they didn't see as they could do anything for him.

Dragged to Death.

SIERRASPORT, Ia., March 20. - [Special Telegram to The Bee.] - A horrible accident took place near this city this afternoon. Johnnie Suttzer, the seven-year-old son of Chris Suttzer, a farmer living four miles east, haltered a two-year-old colt and led it down to a small creek to water, tying one end of the rope around his person. The colt became scared at a high rate of speed, and passing through two gates. Directly in its path stood a reaper. This the colt leaped over, dragging the reaper with it. The child, after it, and finally running against a large tree, the colt wound round and round the tree. The mother here reached the scene but before she could release him he had breathed his last.

A Neat Confidence Game.

MAISON CITY, Ia., March 20. - [Special Telegram to The Bee.] - A gang of confidence men are now working Iowa towns. Their game is played in this manner: A gold chain and a \$30 bill are deposited in an envelope. The envelopes which have been thus sealed are scattered for each. These are readily purchased and as soon as they are sold the purchaser is asked to show the people what he has. The envelopes are unsealed and the \$30 bill and gold chain are found but when they are returned they are minus this amount and contain nothing but the brass chain. Many of the unsuspecting are roped in and the gang continue their work un molested.

A Napoleon of Finance.

DES MOINES, Ia., March 20. - [Special Telegram to The Bee.] - Scott L. Whitmore, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses, was bound over in a justice court today in the sum of \$500. He borrowed a sum of money from a Robert Johnson, who was upon sixteen head of cattle and four horses, which were said to be upon a farm belonging to J. H. Bates, southeast of this city. He claimed to have had no claim on the property whatever. He is said to have gotten in debt at Stuart, and borrowed the money to help himself out. He seems to have had a very indefinite idea of the offense he was committing.

Cutting Down Expenses.

DES MOINES, Ia., March 20. - [Special Telegram to The Bee.] - In pursuance of its policy of retrenchment, the Rock Island has been cutting down its train service on some of the branch roads. One of these was from Atlantic to Griswold. A part of the business to now being done by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy road, and arrangements have just been completed for the establishment of a double daily stage line between Atlantic and Griswold and back again, to be operated with passenger service. The Harlan and Avesca stage took \$18 in passenger fares yesterday.

An Extraordinary Proceeding.

SIERRASPORT, Ia., March 20. - [Special Telegram to The Bee.] - The extraordinary meeting of the city council of this city was held last night. It was the first meeting of the new council, of which seven aldermen are Democrats and one Republican. The council elected as superintendent of public works Fred Munch, Jr., who is now under sentence to four years in the penitentiary. He is out under bond, pending an appeal to the supreme court for his release. The council has voted for the convict and three democratic aldermen voted against him.

The Work of Incendiaries.

MAISON CITY, Ia., March 20. - [Special Telegram to The Bee.] - George Hoebuck, a resident of Rock Falls, recently sustained a very heavy loss by some person or persons setting fire to his premises. The total loss will reach \$2,000. He now offers a reward for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the guilty party. Several buildings have been recently burned and it is thought that all have been work of incendiaries. The insurance companies and citizens will swell the reward offered by Mr. Hoebuck.

A Brakeman Kill 4.

FAIRBANKS, Va., March 20. - [Special Telegram to The Bee.] - John Brullier, a Rock Island brakeman, was run over by the cars about 4:30 this morning and instantly killed. He was going over the top of some box cars, and it is supposed his slipper and fell between the rails. The sliding of the cars about two miles northeast of this city, and the remains were brought here after they were prepared for burial. Mr. Brullier was unmarried and lived near Richland.

Sent Up for the Fifth Time.

KAONAKA, Ia., March 20. - [Special Telegram to The Bee.] - Eddy Winter, alias Harry Clump, who has previously served four terms in prison, and who attempted to kill Jolly Ufford, was today sentenced to keep rooms in the county jail for burglary and attempt to kill.

Rounding Up Desperates.

PERFORMANCE, Pa., March 20. - [Special Telegram to The Bee.] - Six desperate men, among whom are known to be Lewis, Rosary, Sullivan and Tassler, of the party which committed the tortures of citizens at McClellandtown last week, are located near Markleysville, a mountain settlement in the southern borders of Fayette county. They are armed to the teeth and constantly on guard against surprise. The Markleysville people have raised a posse strong enough to make an attack on the men, and they have asked for assistance from Uniontown, the county seat. They also ask the county commissioners to increase their reward for their capture to \$1,000.

STEINBECK VS. STEINBECK.

Judge Wakely Has Somewhat to Say on Marriage and Divorce.

Judge Wakely gave a very characteristic and somewhat humorous opinion on the divorce case of Steinbeck vs. Steinbeck, showing that the suit had been a very much exaggerated and mixed affair. Mrs. Steinbeck based her claims for divorce on the grounds of extreme and inhuman cruelty, but the testimony of both herself and the husband appeared to either overshoot or underestimate the real truth. Said the court: "Here was a man sixty and odd years old, who had been married, raised a family and was divorced. Here, also, was a woman, twenty-five, who had had the same experience, lived in domestic misery, raised a son and got divorced. She meets this man, who has a nice home in Nance county, finds that he is lonely and wishes to take unto himself a wife. She is anxious to secure a good home for herself and boy. At their second meeting, marriage, a business transaction was proposed and agreed on. Two months after their wedding, an eruption occurred that separated them. Two weeks afterwards, however, both discovered that a great mistake had been made and they commenced to quarrel. He began beatings and abusing her, she sat up at her. She sulked and talked back in a saucy manner. Finally, one evening, while sitting in a corner of the dining-room, he entered, carrying some crocks, and angrily asked her to 'get out of that.' She failed to move, whereupon he flung her violently across the room and hurled an chair after her. It struck and bruised her ankle badly. Then she left his house, and in due time instituted the proceedings for divorce. The judge, of course, took the story very differently, but the judge could not believe that her version was the true one. Both the extravagant statements, that there were other witnesses whose testimony had weight, and they were sufficient to convince his honor that legal separation was a good thing for both parties. He therefore granted the divorce and gave the woman \$500, to be paid in three installments as her dowry in the real estate. She could not get both. On this part of the ruling, Steinbeck's attorney asked for time to file a bill of exceptions, and I would suggest," said he, "that your honor make an entry in the decree that 'marriage is a failure.'" "I think," replied the court, "these parties will agree to that without any difficulty."

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IMPORTED BICYCLISTS FOLLOW.

Last Evening at the Coliseum Marked By Vigorous Sparring, Tremendous Applause and Interesting Incidents.

The Bicycle Race.

The seven fair cyclists were promptly on the track at 7:30 last night, and another splendid attendance was on hand to send them off. The smoothness of the start was somewhat marred by a series of contempts that might have been avoided by a little foresight on the part of the respective esquires of the ladies. In the first place, Miss Williams topped from her machine just as the pistol was fired, and before she could remount, the others had gained half a lap on her. It was not as bad as it might have been, however, for had her competitors been aware of a ploy, they could have easily gained a full lap on her. But Miss Williams, while she has quite as much sense as most of them, was possibly the exception of Farcy Baldwin, who also had greater powers of endurance, and she was but a short time in recovering her lost ground.

Shortly after this misfortune Miss Lewis, who is among the leaders, discovered that she was in the rear, and she was compelled to halt and make a change. It eventuated that the handlers had made the blunder, mounting Miss Lewis on Baldwin's wheel and Baldwin upon the wheel of Lewis. Thus both lost a lap in making the change.

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