

RATES ARE SLASHED

Five Dollars Knocked Off Fares Between Chicago and Denver.

OMAHA GETS IN ON THE GROUND FLOOR

Three-Dollar Out Between Gate City and Denver and Spokane.

NEW FAST TRAINS CAUSE THE REDUCTION

Burlington and Union Pacific Meet Rock Island and Santa Fe.

DUPLICATE THE RATES MADE BY THEM

Two Roads Whose Fast Service Takes Effect Tomorrow Say They Will Meet All Figures of Their Competitors.

It has been many months since such a lively morning was seen in Omaha passenger circles. Rates between Omaha and Denver, between Omaha and Spokane and between Chicago and Denver were tumbling down like tenpins knocked good and hard.

The reductions have all been brought about by the announcement of two lines that they would establish fast train service between Chicago and Denver via Omaha on Sunday, February 6.

The new rates between Omaha and Denver, whether slow or fast. Whether the Rock Island and the Santa Fe will now attempt to maintain a differential rate for their slower trains by a further cut is a problem that is now confronting the passenger agents.

The new rates between Omaha and other cities on the Missouri river to Denver, to apply in both directions as of Sunday, February 6, is \$14, an open reduction of \$3.

These reductions were announced by all lines between the points named here this morning. The Burlington announced a cut of \$5 in the rates from Omaha and other Missouri river points to Spokane, making the first-class rate \$15, and the second-class rate \$10, the reduction to apply via Burlington and Portland.

CONFERENCES HELD.

These reductions and the excellent prospect for further cuts in passenger rates east and west here caused many hurried meetings of the passenger men.

General Passenger Agent Burley of the Oregon Short Line, Traveling Passenger Agent Howells of the Burlington and Portland, and Ticket Agent West of the Northwestern met at the Union Pacific headquarters and talked over the situation with the officials of the passenger department there.

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General Passenger Agent G. C. Orr, who was present, promised to lay this matter before his company for early consideration. The train stopped twenty-five minutes at Mea, a town which has grown from one house to 3,000 in six months, right in the midst of the dense forest.

PEASANTRY IS IN DISTRESS

Harvest Failure in Russian Provinces Results in Hardships.

NEWSPAPERS FORBIDDEN TO MENTION IT

In Some Sections It is Worse Than the Famine of 1891, and Typhus Aggravates the Condition.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Times says: A failure in the harvest has caused terrible distress among the peasantry of the interior provinces, especially in central and southern Russia.

On the other hand, the Atchison and the Rock Island reiterated their determination to cut the rate between Chicago and Denver by \$5, and immediately after the meeting concluded the announcement was made by a placard in the windows of the Atchison ticket office that tickets to Denver could be purchased for \$24.50.

The reduction of \$5 between Chicago and Denver will certainly pull down the rate between Chicago and Omaha by \$2 and between Omaha and Denver by \$3.

CENTRAL AND LAKE SHORE UNITE

Two Great Railroads Are Merged Into One Property.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—The Lake Shore today became the property of the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad company.

The final arrangements of the transfer of the Lake Shore system to the control of the Central were made this morning, when the directors of the Central met here to consider the proposition made some time ago for a union of the two roads into one system.

The operation which the announcement brings on involves the \$4,665,500 of Lake Shore stock outstanding. The Vanderbilt holdings constitute a considerable majority of the outstanding stock.

REDUCTION IN THE SHOP FORCES

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TREASURER HAS NO MONEY

One of Grable's Companies Announces Its Financial Weakness.

MANY PENNSYLVANIANS ARE CAUGHT

Attachments Are Issued Upon Stock Held in that State as Collateral for Money Advanced.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 4.—The Inquirer will say tomorrow that the Interstate Irrigation Canal and Land company, one of the enterprises of Francis C. Grable, has announced to its creditors that it has not a dollar in its treasury with which to pay notes.

Mr. Luper said he could not tell what would be done, that as treasurer he was not a director, that he had never been present at a meeting of the company, that he did not know whether an extension of time would be granted or not.

The capital stock of the corporation he knew was \$1,000,000, but only about \$300,000 of stock had been issued.

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Gets a Death Sentence.

MONTREAL, Feb. 4.—Thomas Nulty, who has been on trial for the last two weeks at Juliette, charged with the murder of his three sisters and brother last September, was this afternoon found guilty and sentenced to be hanged on May 20, next, at 9 o'clock in the morning.

Severe Fighting in Africa.

BONNY, West Coast of Africa, Feb. 4.—The Cross River expedition, which has been operating in the interior against the Ediba tribes, has had some severe fighting.

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