

GUARDING AGAINST A FIRE

Union Pacific Company Takes Care of Its Permanent Records.

Vaults to Hold the Valuable Papers

Changes in Car Service Department Bring Out Improvements Recently Made at Headquarters Building to Protect Documents.

The work of tearing out the old record vault at the Union Pacific headquarters has been completed and the large space formerly occupied by it has been added to the car service department.

The old vault was built in the headquarters shortly after the Union Pacific took possession of the old hotel structure for its general use in 1884.

A Bee reporter recently asked a Union Pacific official if he thought the records in there would be preserved if the building should burn.

It is generally admitted that the present headquarters of the Union Pacific are not what would be called fireproof or even "slow-burning" construction.

Other records in danger. The Burlington and the Elkhorn headquarters are not located in fireproof buildings.

LIMIT ON A TRAIN'S WEIGHT.

Union Pacific Fixes the Load to Be Carried by Each Freight Train.

A change in the amount of tonnage for each freight run by the Union Pacific has been made by the management.

weeks, which were very numerous among the long trains, are reduced to the minimum, as is also the destruction to property resulting therefrom.

"Broad men believe that the limit has not been reached in the car haul contest which was waged for several years by the officials of the various divisions and districts on the main line of the Union Pacific.

"At the present time the tonnage and number of cars in trains hauled in and out of Cheyenne cast, west and south are as follows:

"South—Two hundred and fifty tons, or fifteen cars, constitute a train in either direction, and 900 tons, or twenty-eight cars, constitute a slow or dead freight train both ways.

"East—One thousand one hundred tons, or thirty-one cars, make a fast train going east, while 500 tons constitute a westbound fast freight, 1,600 tons, or forty-eight cars, constitute a train of dead freight eastbound, but these trains will average about fifty cars; westbound, forty-five empties a single train and thirty-five empties a single train.

Retiroad Boom at Denison. DENISON, Ia., Dec. 15.—(Special Telegram)—President Duncombe of the Omaha & Fort Dodge railroad was in the city tonight.

Call Boys Score a Point. The Laramie call boys scored a victory against the Union Pacific in the Wyoming Tribune.

Bridge Moving Feat. MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 18.—A remarkable feat of bridge moving was accomplished today by the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad company.

Railroad Notes. A. N. Oliver has resigned as city passenger

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and ticket agent of the Colorado Southern at Denver, Colo.

E. V. Maze, formerly general agent of the Union Pacific at Butte, Mont., has accepted a position with the Butte, Anaconda & Pacific at Anaconda, Mont.

HEARD ABOUT TOWN.

"The day of wooden shoes for footwear has passed," said Ole Larson, a business man from Nestora, Wis.

"There are about 3,000 young men in Omaha who room and take their meals at chop houses, restaurants and hotels, and if some enterprising man will furnish them breakfasts at their rooms, he can make an independent fortune inside of three years," said Charles B. Russell last night.

Steer with a History. A Texas steer with a history was killed at one of the packing houses Saturday.

Personal Paragraphs.

Benton C. Hill of Chicago is at the Her Grand. F. W. Peters of St. Louis is at the Her Grand. Joseph T. Carter of Missouri, Mont., is at the Her Grand.

SOUTH OMAHA NEWS.

While little is said on the streets, the idea seems to prevail among thinking men that annexation to Omaha is the only salvation for South Omaha.

Need for More Fire Protection. Every one recognizes the necessity for better fire protection and the scheme of voting bonds for fire department purposes has been suggested.

Cuduhay's Fire Protection. The Cuduhay company has placed two more fire hydrants in service.

Magic City Gossip. E. H. Doud of Boone, Ia., was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Boy May Lose an Arm. W. B. Gibson, a 14-year-old boy, whose home is in Davis City, Ia., was brought to the hospital yesterday.

Carroll Stops a Fight. Chief Carroll took time by the forelock and broke up a prize fight which was billed to come off at Egner's brickyard at noon yesterday.

You Must Act Quick—If your going to be a Santa Claus-We'll help you to decide—Why not buy something substantial and useful—nothing will please your mother—sister or brother—as much as a pair of shoes—\$3.00 shoes—In these we give the best value ever attempted in a \$3.00 price—the same style as the higher-priced ones—While the quality is better for wear—it is heavier—There must be something besides talk in our ladies' \$3.00 shoes see Drexel L. Shooman wouldn't sell so many—We know his value.

Drexel Shoe Co., Omaha's Up-to-date Shoe House. 1419 FARNAM STREET.

Now it's Moderating—We shall expect to see you and the children in our store—there is many an article here that will make an acceptable and sensible Christmas gift for old or young—There are steds-skates—tool boxes—iron wagons—wheelbarrows—doll cribs—bell bugles—shooflys—velocipedes—scooters—single and in cases—razors in sets—safety razors—chaffing dishes—five o'clock tees—carvers—etc—etc—You can save money when you get our prices—We keep open evenings now till Christmas.

A. C. RAYMER, WE DELIVER YOUR PURCHASE 1514 Farnam St.

Auhlman to a finish, but the arrival of the police broke up the game, much to the disgust of the Third ward sports.

Hit with a Beer Glass. Victor Fursburg went into Hart's saloon on Q street yesterday after a glass of beer and managed to get into an argument with the bartender, who struck him over the head with a heavy beer glass.

Charged with Hobbbery. Mike Doyle, Pete Rooney and James Frawley are in jail accused of robbing Pat Kennedy and William Hayes of a watch and some clothing.

Water pressure in the Second ward is all that could be desired, but it is asserted that no money is needed to answer alarms from the packing houses and stock yards.

The scheme of J. P. Finley to build a hotel here is considered satisfactory. The people of South Omaha have had experience with Finley's buildings.

English expert prophesies a universal dearth in the wheat supply. He claims that the wheat producing soil is unequal to the strain that will be put upon it.

Constipation prevents the body from ridding itself of waste matter. De Witt's Little Early Risers will remove the trouble and cure sick headache, biliousness, inactive liver and clear the complexion.

Old E. and Alice Johnson, osteopaths, Suite 215, N. Y. Life Bldg.

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Pictures of the Exposition make splendid CHRISTMAS PRESENTS. The best pictures of the exposition are the reproductions in colors of the paintings of John R. Key. The color prints are by Prang. 13x19 inches, suitable for framing. With Mat, 35 Cents. Without Mats, 25 Cents. Full sets of 12 pictures in a portfolio, \$4.00. At The Bee Office, Bee Building.

AMUSEMENTS... "A Contented Woman," one of Hoyt's peculiar farces, opened two days' engagement at Boyd's theater with a matinee yesterday. Since it was last seen here with the late Caroline Mizner, Hoyt's name parts there have been not a few changes in the piece which have bettered it noticeably.

New York Volunteers Return. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—The United States transport steamer Scandia has arrived here thirty-three days from Manila and eight days from Honolulu. It remained here for the night and will depart on several days from the latter port and the now it brought from the Philippines was forwarded by the steamers Alameda and Gaelic, which arrived during the last week.

Henderson Tells His Story. CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—W. E. Henderson, the negro lawyer who, with his wife and five children, was driven out of Wilmington, N. C., by the recent riots there, told the story of the uprising tonight at the First Methodist church. At the close of the meeting Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones presented a set of resolutions, which were adopted unanimously, deprecating discrimination in trade, politics or religion on account of the color line in the north or south.

Hospes Art Department—Italian water colors—We have just received a collection of unusually fine water colors by Italian artists—Among those represented are Aurelli—Pavesi—Indoni—Bartolini—Larri—Tomba—Rosati and Olivetti—It is not often we are able to offer at one time as many samples of this school as now—and especially at the price we can make on them—Some new frames also just in—Remember—In ordering from us you will not be disappointed in delivery—and we make no charge for shipment. A. HOSPE, MUSIC AND ART 1513 Douglas There Are Some Things—That might be better for Christmas presents than deformity braces—but to one that needs such nothing could be more acceptable—We manufacture from measurements, thus insuring the very best result—if you can't get to our store write us for full particulars and blanks—if your case is too complicated we will have our representative call on you—We also carry a line of the best manufactured goods and as we handle large quantities are able to quote low prices. Kodaks, Cameras, Gold Spectacles and Eye Glasses for Christmas Gifts. The Aloe & Penfold Co. Defornity Brace Manufacturers. 108 Farnam Street, Opposite Market Hotel, OMAHA