

ICE TAKES OUT THE BRIDGE

Missouri Pacific Structure Over the Platte River Destroyed.

REBUILDING IS TO BEGIN AT ONCE

In the Meantime Trains Will Be Operated Over the Old Line Running by Way of Weeping Water.

Breaking up of the ice in the rivers has brought the first material damage to the Missouri Pacific road. The north section of the bridge across the Platte river between Plattsmouth and LaPlatte went out yesterday morning. It was due entirely to the heavy movement of the ice which has accumulated in the river during the winter. The bridge building crew was sent from Atchison, Kan., at once to rebuild the break, and it is expected by the officers of the road that the damage will be repaired to permit the regular running of trains in a few days.

A passenger who came in on the train from the south said he felt the bridge sag as the train crossed the structure. He thought the train was off the track at the time, but as it continued on its journey, he concluded there must have been some other cause for the sensation he experienced. When he heard that the bridge had gone out he at once concluded its weakened condition began to manifest itself when his train crossed.

The Missouri Pacific company has had more or less trouble with this bridge from the day it was built, every time there was high water or heavy ice. Only a few years ago a man was drowned there while engaged in protecting the structure from the enormous cakes of ice which threatened it. It is a pile bridge, and its stability is threatened by the unusual position of the current of the river and the unreliable bed of the stream.

The officials of the road are congratulating themselves that the break in the bridge was discovered in time to prevent any wreck to the trains of the line. No. 1, which is due here at 6 a. m., was due at the bridge about 5 o'clock, an hour which, with the character of the weather prevailing, the officials have prevented discovery of the dangerous condition. It was found in time, however, to warn all trains, and pending the rebuilding of the bridge trains will be operated through Union and Weeping Water along the old main line.

UNION PACIFIC FIXES AGE LIMIT.

Men Over Forty Years Are Barred as a Rule.

Any one thinking of applying at the Union Pacific headquarters for a position in any department of the road must first make sure of his age. Age limit is one of the strictest rules in force on the road under the present management. A few days ago a resident of Omaha applied at the auditor's office for a position. There were two vacancies there. He was qualified for either of them, and had recommendations from many of the leading wholesalers and shippers in the city. He seemed to satisfy every requirement made at the office, and felt he was to be given one of the places, when he was asked his age. He was a year or so past 40, and was informed this was an insurmountable bar to his employment.

Inquiries at headquarters developed the fact that this rule prevails everywhere on the system, but is more strictly applied in the auditor's office. In other departments it is generally applied, but occasional exceptions are made in extraordinary cases. One of the officers in defending the rule said it requires from eight to twelve years for a man to equip himself in the position of an auditor's work. After becoming proficient the company is entitled to some years more of his service in return for preparing him for the work. "When a man begins service at 40 years or past," said this official, "he is well up in the 50s before it can be said he is a capable railroad man, and another rule in force there, retiring a man when he reaches the age of 60, places the company in the position of educating the employee only to discharge him when he becomes of value to the road."

MANY MILLIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS

Union Pacific Sets Aside Money that is to be Expended.

For permanent improvements along the line of the Union Pacific road the directors of the company a few days ago set aside the sum of \$2,000,000. So far as can be learned here this money will all be expended in work which has already been authorized. It is simply a provision for taking care of contracts previously let to meet necessities which required prompt action. For instance a large part of the money will go to pay for the new depot which is being built at Omaha for the security of the additional terminal facilities needed to accommodate such new lines as may desire to use that depot.

Other portions of the money will go to pay for the large order for new equipment ordered a few weeks ago which is being built for the road. Still a much larger portion of it will be used in rebuilding the Julesburg branch in Colorado, which was recently purchased from the Colorado Southern. The rest of the money will be used in a similar way in carrying out plans already arranged for, and the appropriation of the \$2,000,000 does in no way indicate any quantity of new work which has not previously been announced to the public.

STOCKHOLDERS ELECT OFFICERS.

Year's Business of Missouri Pacific-Iron Mountain Road Transacted.

ST. LOUIS, March 14.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Missouri Pacific, Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad companies was held here at noon today. There were represented in person and by proxy, 356,143 shares of stock of the Missouri Pacific, being over 75 per cent of the total. Of the Iron Mountain 77,775 shares, practically the entire outstanding stock, was represented in person or by proxy. For the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern railway the following directors were elected: George J. Gould, Russell Sage, O. C. W. Lowrey, John T. Terry, Henry Whelan, L. Hopkins, Henry Marquand, R. M. Gallaway, Howard Gould, Frank Jay Gould, J. J. Lackland, C. G. Warner, W. H. Thompson. The following were elected directors of the Missouri Pacific company: George J. Gould, Russell Sage, Edwin Gould, Louis

Plattsmouth, John P. Munn, John G. Moore, Howard Gould, Samuel Sloan, D. D. Parney, Thomas T. Eckert, S. H. H. Clark, C. G. Warner, D. K. Ferguson. The annual report, covering operations during 1898, with comparisons with the year previous, was presented. Briefly it showed: Gross earnings \$2,744,322, increase \$1,933,731; operating expenses \$1,912,568, increase \$1,718,450; net earnings \$7,572,254; total income, \$8,467,605, against income, \$7,227,799; surplus, \$1,172,809.

STATEMENT OF THE OMAHA ROAD.

Increases Shown in Earnings and Operating Expenses.

NEW YORK, March 14.—The annual report of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railway company for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1898, shows:

	Amount.	Increase.
Gross earnings	\$2,744,322	\$1,933,731
Operating expenses	\$1,912,568	\$1,718,450
Net earnings	\$7,572,254	\$1,718,450
Interest and rental	\$1,912,568	\$1,718,450
Dividends	\$1,912,568	\$1,718,450
Depreciation	\$1,912,568	\$1,718,450

The increase in the balance is \$184,613. The decrease of surplus dividends is \$38,669. The amount of surplus is \$136,621.

The item in the income account for improvement fund of \$420,173 appropriated by the Board of Directors has not appeared heretofore, but has been included in the operating expenses.

The dividends on the common stock were increased 15 per cent, or \$78,291 over those of last year.

There were 26,238 acres of land disposed of from the several grants and 282,411 acres remain unsold. The net income from all the land was \$29,909. The general balance sheet of December 31 shows general assets and property, \$5,679,789; cash on hand, \$2,553,834.

Advertised in Other Lands.

As an indication of the extensive use of printer's ink by railroads to properly place their equipment and conveniences before the public, a case in point has been found at the Union Pacific headquarters. The passenger department of the road has received several copies of papers published in Australia in which the praises of the Overland system are sung in the most picturesque style of the English press. In Melbourne Age there was a reading notice calling attention to the extraordinary offer of a through ticket for a trip around the world by the agency of certain steamship lines, the Central Pacific, Union Pacific and Northwestern lines and their connections. Some of the language used in reference to these roads has become so familiar with the reading public in this country as to be a trade mark, and is quickly recognized in the advertisements published in Australia. The advertising was contracted for by the Union Pacific's agent at Hong Kong.

Service Considered Too Expensive.

There is no immediate prospect that the local service between Omaha and South Omaha over the Missouri Pacific will be established. Residents of this city who work in South Omaha petitioned the road a few weeks ago to put on a train which would accommodate them in going to and from their work. The petition was sent to the superintendent at Atchison, and the report has just been returned from there that the service desired would be too expensive for the company to inaugurate. It would be about the same as the road's \$600 a month to operate such trains, and the company could not see adequate returns in prospect. Some of those who advocated the service are now endeavoring to have the management of the road put no such expense would be incurred in utilizing the switch engines which are constantly plying between the two cities, but this effort is probably destined to fail.

Many Going to Port Arthur.

Local officers of the Port Arthur route have announced that there will be a generous turnout of Omaha people on the road's excursion to Port Arthur next week to attend the celebration of the opening of the Port Arthur canal. By the terms made all passengers from this city will be carried to Kansas City and return free of expense, provided they buy a ticket from Kansas City to Port Arthur and return at the rate of \$15 for the round trip. The local officers are putting the company in the position of educating the employee only to discharge him when he becomes of value to the road.

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Investigating Iowa Rates.

Commerce Commission today continued investigation of the charges against the railroad of discriminating against Chicago and Illinois rates on grain for export.

The Board of Trade men said the discrimination prevented them from shipping grain for export; that the elevators were filled with grain awaiting the opening of navigation before they could compete with the Iowa rates.

Meeting of Passenger Association.

ST. LOUIS, March 14.—An adjourned meeting of the Western Passenger association is in session at the Southern hotel with H. D. Caldwell in the chair. There are a number of subjects on the docket for consideration. The most important of these are the large gatherings which will take place this spring and summer, and for which important fares are asked. Perhaps the most important matter to engage the attention of the members is the \$25 rate to Portland recently made by the Northern Pacific, which is likely to cause disruption of California rates.

Bought in by the Company.

Sherman R. Day of St. Paul, special master of the United States circuit court, has returned to Omaha from a trip through the west, selling the land of the Union Pacific railroad under the sinking fund mortgage.

He reported better weather for the sales than he experienced in Omaha. The Union Pacific was the purchaser of all the property in each of the other states, and no property was sold in any of the states except that held in this city. Mr. Day has filed his reports with Judge Sanborn, and it will be decided within a day or two when the matter of confirmation will be brought up before the court. Lawrence Green, attorney for the Union Pacific company of New York, trustee for the sinking fund mortgage; G. M. Lamberton of Lincoln, attorney for the receivers of the Union Pacific road, and W. H. Kelly, general solicitor for the Union Pacific, held a consultation today upon the matter of confirmation.

Bridge's Road Abandoned.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., March 14.—It is stated here that the project of constructing the Cleveland & Newcastle railroad, which was planned by the late Senator Brice, has been given up and the line may not be built. The company has sold some of its city real estate here to a local lumber company.

Railway Notes and Personalities.

J. O. Philippi of the Missouri Pacific is visiting in Chicago.

F. H. Barnes, city passenger agent for the Rock Island at Lincoln, is an Omaha visitor.

J. J. McCarthy of Chicago, general western passenger agent for the Lake Shore, is in Omaha.

Howard S. Abbott, special master in Union Pacific cases, has returned from a trip to the west, having accompanied the court officials engaged in selling the land of the Kansas City & Denver railroad.

J. H. Butler and J. P. Hartzel, city of Kansas City, and traveling freight agents respectively of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis, and the Louisville & Nashville, are doing the city together.

J. W. Bruner of Kansas City, general immigration agent for the Port Arthur, is in Omaha assisting in the sale of the road in working up an interest in the Port Arthur excursion next week.

E. J. Babcock of Pittsburgh, Pa., accompanied by a party of friends, arrived in Omaha Tuesday in a private car and came from the west a few days ago. Monday they went to Sioux City, and will stay at the Burlington for St. Louis.

S. A. Hutchison, assistant general passenger agent for the Union Pacific, and J. H. Barnes, general passenger agent for the Burlington, have gone to St. Louis to attend the meeting of western passenger men, which will spend some time considering rates to the Pacific coast, both north and south.

A distinguished party of Milwaukee officials were visiting Omaha Tuesday. They embraced W. G. Collins, general manager; H. H. Williams, general superintendent; C. A. Goodnow, assistant general superintendent, all of Chicago, and J. F. Gibson, division superintendent, of Marion, Ia. The officers are on a tour of inspection of the line. They came from the south and left last night for the east.

KRAUSE LOSES HIS WEALTH

Pays Out More Money on a Check Than the Document Calls For.

Hans Krause, 623 North Sixteenth street, complained to the police Tuesday that he had been fleeced out of \$35 by Charles Coburn, a Frenchman, who had come to Omaha from Minneapolis & Omaha road, Coburn, according to the story related by Krause, entered his saloon and requested him to cash a check for \$37.50. After this was given him, he asked him to cash another check for \$37.50. Krause, who had no money, refused to cash the check, and he was told he was a fool. Krause then went to the bank and cashed the check for \$37.50. When he returned to his saloon, he found that the check was for \$37.50. He then went to the bank and cashed the check for \$37.50. He then went to the bank and cashed the check for \$37.50.

MAGNIFICENT TRAINS.

Omaha to Chicago.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway has just placed in service two magnificent electric lighted trains between Omaha and Chicago, leaving Omaha daily at 10:45 p. m., arriving Chicago at 8:25 a. m., and leaving Chicago 6:15 p. m., and arriving Omaha 8:20 a. m. Each train is lighted thoroughly by electricity, has buffet smoking room, drawing room, and a number of cars and reclining chair cars and runs over the shortest line and smoothest roadbed between the two cities. Ticket office 1504 Farnam street, and at Union depot.

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Card of Thanks.

I wish to thank many friends and especially the Switchmen, for the beautiful flowers and many kindnesses shown me upon the death of my husband.

MRS. SOPHIA BARTEL.

Covert Lodge No. 11, Attention!

Members of Covert Lodge, No. 11, A. P. M., are hereby requested to meet at Masonic hall Thursday morning, March 16, at 10 o'clock sharp, to attend the funeral of our late brother, George Armstrong. All Master Masons invited. Carriages provided. By order.

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You Can Save Time.

Business men can now have a full day in the city and use the new dining car en route to St. Paul and Minneapolis on the "Twin City Limited." Train leaves Webster street depot daily at 5:55 p. m. via C. & St. P., M. & O. R. Y. "The Northwestern Line."

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DIED.

LARSSEN—S., aged 56 years, died March 12. Funeral from home, 303 North 28th St., Wednesday, 2 p. m. Interment Forest Lawn. He leaves a wife and two daughters, Mrs. J. C. Larsen of Omaha and Mrs. J. E. Phelps of Rawlins, Wyo.

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THE BEE'S GREAT OFFER

Joins Hands with Century Co.—Result is That The Bee Makes Great Offer to its Readers.

The announcement of The Bee Century Club, which is made on page 9 of this issue, will be read with great interest, for the opportunity offered is indeed a great one. This club will be limited to 1,000 members, each of whom shall have the privilege of obtaining a set of The Century Dictionary and Cyclopaedia in the completed six-volume form, at a saving of about 40 per cent. Each member will also have the privilege, if he chooses, of paying for his set in small monthly payments.

The low prices and the easy terms are the result of co-operation. Each of the thousands of persons by combining with the other 999 is placed on an equality with the largest wholesaler. The importance of this splendid arrangement to the readers of The Bee is obvious, for The Century Dictionary and Cyclopaedia is the greatest work of the nineteenth century. It is the result of many years of literary labor on the part of the world's best experts, and its preparation alone cost over one million dollars.

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The Bee does not desire to conceal the true basis on which it undertakes this enormous undertaking, but it desires to have it known that it is undertaking the formation of this club, with its attendant responsibilities and expense, solely for the benefit of its readers, and that it hopes for no direct pecuniary gain. The Bee will receive a nominal amount of money, which will be sufficient to reimburse it for its expenses in forming the club, such as freight, delivery, etc. The Bee will also receive a nominal amount of money, which will be sufficient to reimburse it for its expenses in forming the club, such as freight, delivery, etc.

Announcements.

Harry Watson and Alice Hutchings, assisted by Ed Edwards, have made a decided hit this week in their comedy sketch, "The Dramatic Artist." Billy Van continues to create merriment by his peculiar double-barreled voice, as well as his wit and cleverness. The regular musical matinee will be given at 2:30 today. An extra matinee will be given Friday, St. Patrick's day, at which Misses Bora and Mabel Swenson and Lillian Kaul will again appear, as well as tomorrow night.

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Four-piece Colonial Candleabra—\$5 regular price—now \$3.75.

Crumb Tray and Scraper—\$5 regular price—now \$3.75.

Crumb Tray and Scraper—\$3 regular price—now \$2.25.

Silver Cake Baskets—\$8 regular price—now \$6.

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