

RAILWAY UNION RUMORED
Coalition of Great Western and Kansas City Southern Reported.
STICKNEY SAID TO HAVE GOT OUTLET
"Relief Among His Own Men is He Has Secured Harriman's Agreement to Some Sort of Terms."

An interesting report crops out of the year-end gossip in railroad circles, always prolific of timely stories, that a coalition of interests between the Chicago Great Western and Kansas City Southern has been or will be effected. Substance is lent to the report by the fact that Great Western officials at Kansas City and St. Joseph, in receiving their batch of annual passes for 1906, notice among them passes over the Kansas City Southern, as well as the Great Western. One of these officials who was in Omaha a day or two ago said:
"I never before had an annual over the Kansas City Southern and do not know what the receipt of one now means, unless it is proof of the rumor that Mr. Stickney, who controls the Great Western and Mr. Harriman, who controls the Southern, have got together on some terms whereby one road takes over the other or both are merged in a sort of joint management. I couldn't tell which would be left in the ascendancy."
Stickney, it has been said, has courted an outlet to the gulf such as might be obtained through the Kansas City Southern, and the balance of opinion is he has secured that road rather than that Harriman has got him, if indeed any exchange has been made.
Omaha officials of the Great Western prefer to be entirely ignorant of any such deal.

Railroad Traffic Largest.
Railroads report the largest volume of business for the Christmas holidays in their history. J. E. Buckingham, assistant general passenger agent of the Burlington, said:
"The Burlington did the largest holiday business in its history, the business being all incidental to the general vacation and Christmas time. On some of the roads the crush was so great conductors had to take matters in their own hands and throw open the Pullmans to the general public to accommodate the crowds which would pile into the trains at some of the stations. This season is hard on the passenger departments of the railroads, for not only is the passenger business large, but the express business also is so large it delays the trains, so it is almost impossible to make time with the passenger trains."
All Hopes Are Exceeded.
John Ferguson, assistant general passenger agent of the Northwestern arrived in Omaha Tuesday to meet the newspaper men on the Lost Angeles Limited, due at 11 p. m., and accompany the train to Chicago.
"That train is making a start on the California business far beyond our expectations for a new train. While the people of Omaha are all aware of the advantages of the new train, with its shorter route to southern California, it will take a little time to exploit it around the east, but when people learn of its advantages the size of the train will then surely have to be increased."
"This town of yours is a surprise to me. I have never visited a town where I could look around and see so many new and magnificent buildings, especially in the wholesale district. Reading in the papers had given me some idea of the growth of Omaha, but the actual seeing was far beyond my expectations."
Fifteen Thousand on Special.
The Burlington estimates that over 15,000 farmers attended the lectures on the seed corn special which made a tour of the state last week. After a lay-over for Christmas the special started out on its second week's tour Tuesday, and judging from the increased interest, larger crowds will be out than attended last week. Secretary Wilson has notified Prof. Lyons that he will spend one day on the special if it is possible for him to do so. The gospel of good seed and how to plant it is one of great interest to the farmers who are beginning to see that the professors at the university are practical men as well as theorists, and that the corn crop of Nebraska can be increased if attention is paid to the doctrines which are taught by these learned men.
Word has been received from Denver that the Colorado Midland has begun work at its shops at that place on three dining cars which are to be placed in service early in 1906.
These cars will be the first of the kind ever built west of Chicago, and will be finished in mahogany, elegantly upholstered and equal in every respect to any cars put out by eastern shops. An indication of the large amount of equipment being built for lines throughout the country is shown in the fact that eastern shops could not guarantee the delivery of these cars in time for next season's tourist travel to Colorado, resulting in that line deciding to build them at their own shops.
The Colorado Midland is known in Omaha as George Valley's road. Mr. Valley, one of the best known railroad men in the country, having left the Burlington about a year ago to assume the management of the Midland.

Why Cars Are Scarce.
The Railroad Gazette accounts for the car shortage which is now crippling the traffic on the railroads of the country by an interesting table, which shows the number of cars ordered last year was considerably less, in fact, only one-half the number built in any year since 1899. During the last three months the car companies have booked some record-breaking orders for 1907 delivery, among which are orders from two of the leading railroads which alone are larger than the whole output for 1904. The table shows the estimate made by the Gazette for the last seven years:

Year	Cars	Freight, Passenger, Total
1906	119,385	1,846,121,191
1905	118,231	1,737,287
1904	120,500	2,068,129,048
1903	142,599	1,848,124,847
1902	131,195	2,002,151,848
1901	90,598	2,144,625,609
1900	105,455	2,551,185,000

JOHNNY BAKER IS BACK HOME
World's Crack Rifle Shot Returns to Omaha After Tour of Europe.
Johnny Baker, crack rifle shot of the world, is at the Merchants for a few days, visiting his old home. Mr. Baker is one of the feature attractions of Buffalo Bill's Wild West show, which has been in Europe for two years and which will tour the southern countries another year before returning to the United States. Mr. Baker said:
"I left Marseille two weeks ago, and since that time have been jumping around the country, buying ring horses to replace those which were killed by the French authorities. We lost all of our valuable ring horses, but none of the work horses was affected with the glanders, which was the disease which cleaned out our stables. I expect to sail back from New York about the middle of January, taking with me 160

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Ever Held in the West.
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Special Rates to Mexico City
In effect January 1 to 15, 1906, inclusive.
Basis: One fare for the round trip.
This is the chance of the year to visit that old, but little known, country.
There are many investment opportunities in Mexico worth looking into.
For pleasure or profit a trip to Old Mexico is equally alluring.
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WEATHER FORECAST—WEDNESDAY, FAIR.
BENNETT'S
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Ten Green Trading Stamps FREE to Every Green Trading Stamp Book Presented.
Pre-Inventory Sale of China and Glass Lamps, Etc.
HOT BARGAINS.
25 PER CENT CLIPPED FROM EVERY PIECE OF CUT GLASS—MANY BEAUTIFUL PIECES STILL LEFT AT FROM \$1 TO \$25.
YOURS AT 25 PER CENT OFF.
Lamps in Brass and Glass, decorated goods, best burners, latest finishes, choice at
20 PER CENT OFF.
Two large tables filled with fancy decorated Plates, many exceptional values, YOURS AT HALF PRICE.
25 per cent off on all fancy Vases, bric-a-brac, etc.—beautiful pieces—**25 PER CENT OFF.**
STEINS
20 per cent off on Steins—sales in this section were enormous—will close out what's left at a discount of 20 per cent.
Many good close out pieces in Dinnerware, English Porcelain Sets at \$10. Always sold at \$15.
\$18 sets for.....\$13.50 \$12 sets for.....\$8.98
Others at 33 1-3 off.

Specials in Hardware
Pre-Inventory Sale
Slightly damaged Granite Ware, tin ware, tea kettles, dish pans, pudding pans, etc. 25c down to.....**5c**
Slightly damaged Wash Boiler—not damaged to hurt, guaranteed not to leak, at HALF REGULAR PRICE.
Floor Brush Broom, sell regularly for \$1.12 and 96c, yours for.....**50c**
Scrub Brushes, worth up to 22c, your choice.....**10c**
30 Green Trading Stamps with Egg Poacher.....**34c**
Just a few nice stag handled Carvers, sell regularly for \$2.25 and \$2.65, your choice at \$1.65 and.....**1.50**
Extra quality Bread Toaster, specially adapted to gas or gasoline stove, regular 25c, special at.....**15c**
Big sale on extra quality brass nickel plated bath room fixtures, your choice for one-fourth off regular selling price.
Many tables full of goods marked at special prices—don't fail to see the bargains.
Special prices on all stoves, this week, previous to inventory.
Basement.

Shoes! Shoes! Shoes!
DOUBLE GREEN TRADING STAMPS ON EVERY ARTICLE YOU BUY IN SHOE SECTION RED LETTER DAY.
Ladies' Black Felt Romeo Slippers—and thirty Green Trading Stamps, for.....**1.00**
Ladies' and men's black Felt Slippers—and Fifty Green Trading Stamps, for.....**75c**
Misses' and children's red and brown Fur trimmed Romeo, and Fifty Green Trading Stamps.....**85c**
Men's black and chocolate kid slippers—and thirty Green Trading Stamps, for.....**98c**

Art Sales
Red Letter Day
100 Beautiful Art Nouveaux Calendars—Handsomely mounted in pink bindings, pictures in bas relief, a Calendar which is continuous for every year, 75c value, Wednesday, 1 to a customer—**48c**
And fifty Green Trading Stamps with each.
Three times Green Trading Stamps in picture framing.
Double Green Trading Stamps on all Art purchases, except advertised goods.
Watch for the sensational Art Sales next Tuesday.

COAL! COAL! COAL!
BENNETT'S CAPITOL COAL
Over 5,000 Families using it and the list growing every day.
There's no similar Coal at a similar price in Omaha. Bennett's Capitol Coal will stand the severest test that Coal can be put to—an open fire. See how it burns. Won't crumble like Soft Coal when prodded by poker—it'll hold itself together and burn up clean 'till there's nothing but white ashes left. It's the nearest approach to Hard Coal on the market.
Lump, ton.....\$6.00 Nut, ton.....\$5.75
Sacks of Bennett's Capitol Nut Coal delivered direct from Store.....**25c**
BENNETT'S GENUINE CARTERVILLE (ILL.) COAL, BEST ILLINOIS COAL MINED:
Lump, ton.....\$5.75 Nut, ton.....\$5.50
CARTERVILLE (ILL.) WASHED NUT COAL, small size.....\$5.25
See Other Big Ad on Page 5.

Great Half Price Sale of Ladies' Cloaks and Suits Now On
HAYDEN'S
THE RELIABLE STORE
Ladies' Cloaks and Suits at Half Price
Rousing Pre-Inventory Specials
Every day now until inventory has been taken will see wonderful bargain opportunities offered on every hand. A few for Wednesday are:

Specials in Dry Goods Wednesday
Wool Dress Goods—500 pieces of wool dress goods in the wash goods department, mohair fancies, serges, etc, regular 49c and 59c goods, to close, at, per yard.....**25c**
Linens and Muslins
60-inch Irish unbleached linen, our regular 60c grade, one day only, at, per yard.....**39c**
Yard wide Bleached Muslin, made by the Lonsdale people, regular 8 1-3c quality, on Wednesday only, yard.....**5c**
Three special towels, regular 15c and 19c goods, all on one table, your choice for Wednesday, each.....**10c**
Blankets and Flannels
Five dozen Cotton Blankets, 11-4, regular \$1.35 goods, slightly soiled, only needs washing, as good as new—on sale as long as they last, at, per pair.....**79c**
36-inch Outing Flannel, best quality on the market—our regular 12 1/2c and 15c goods, to close fast, at.....**8 1/2c**
Arnold Superfine Flannelette—About 250 pieces, guaranteed fast colors, and best cloth made, regular 15c goods, to close at, per yard.....**5c**

Great Furnishing Goods Bargains
Men's and Boys' Sweaters—In all colors and good winter weights—worth up to \$1.00—choice Wednesday, at.....**15c**
Ladies' Vests and Pants—Heavy fleece lined and in all sizes—worth regularly up to 75c—your choice Wednesday, at, per garment.....**19c**
Men's Shirts and Drawers—Fleece lined, good heavy quality—worth up to 75c—choice Wednesday.....**25c**
Men's and Boys' Heavy Mittens—Wool lined or fleece lined, with calf skin, palm and knit back, sold up to \$1, Wednesday, choice.....**39c**
From 10 Till 11 A. M.—Children's heavy fleece lined vests and pants, in all sizes, regular 35c values, for this hour, at, choice, garment.....**15c**
Ribbons! Ribbons! Ribbons!
The greatest ribbon sale of the entire season. High grade ribbons at just regular prices.
No. 2 Satin and Gros Grain Ribbons, at, per yard.....**1 1/2c**
Baby Ribbon, at, per yard.....**1 1/2c** 15c Ribbons, at, per yard.....**7 1/2c**
5c Ribbons, at, per yard.....**2 1/2c** 20c Ribbons, at, per yard.....**10c**
7c Ribbons, at, per yard.....**3 1/2c** 25c Ribbons, at, per yard.....**12 1/2c**
9c Ribbons, at, per yard.....**4 1/2c** 30c Ribbons, at, per yard.....**15c**
10c Ribbons, at, per yard.....**5 1/2c** 35c Ribbons, at, per yard.....**17 1/2c**

SUGAR. SUGAR. SUGAR.
WE WILL SELL 22 POUNDS PURE CANE GRANULATED SUGAR FOR.....**\$1**
We have made arrangements with the Louisiana Sugar Refining Co., the largest in the world, to sell their sugar for them in Omaha. This is absolutely pure cane sugar. Remember Hayden's always save you money.

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You can't rent a bare, poorly-furnished room as easily as a cozy, attractive furnished one. People won't answer an advertisement as readily if you do not make it inviting—if you do not make them feel that yours is just the room they want.
Here is the kind not to write:
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