

HILL IS NOW GETTING BUSY

Northern Pacific Starts Improvements to Contract Invasion of Milwaukee.

CUT-OFF FROM MILES CITY TO HELENA

New Road Will Involve Construction of Three Hundred and Fifty Miles of Track, Shortening Main Line.

Since the announcement of the route of Milwaukee to the northwest and the invasion of Hill territory by that line the Northern Pacific has become busy perfecting its road that it may more effectively compete for the traffic with the new line.

Holidays Help Shortage.

Railroad men say the car situation was considerably relieved by Sunday and Christmas coming so near together. Train cars which otherwise would have laid off on Sunday were pressed into service to meet cars where they were needed, and this service, taken in connection with a heavy grain haul by the farmers, has been considerably relieved.

Merged in Burlington.

Frank Gray, assistant general freight agent of the Great Northern at Sioux City, has been transferred to Seattle and no successor has been appointed in his place.

Seventy-Seven Get Pensions.

The annual report of the Union Pacific shows seventy-seven employees on the pension list, to whom \$19,621.20 is paid annually.

A resolution has been adopted by the

Missouri Valley Car Service and Storage bureau to reduce the free time on shipments of bituminous coal, coke, bulk lime and ore from seventy-two to eighteen hours.

Oregon Short Line Extension.

Large forces of men are still at work on the Oregon Short Line extension from Marysville to Yellowstone park. Grading gangs are now working in the vicinity of Osborne and the big ranch owned by Vice President and General Manager W. H. Hancock of the Oregon Short Line and other Harriman officials.

JOHNSON CASE POSTPONED

Hearing of Injunction Against Postmaster Palmer Is Set for Another Date.

The hearing on the application for an injunction made by J. Cook Johnson to restrain Postmaster Palmer of Omaha from interfering with the mail addressed to Johnson, which was booked for Thursday morning, has been continued to January 3.

LOTS FOR NEW SYNAGOGUE

Property Now in Hand by Russian Congregation Israel on Chicago Street.

Deeds changed hands Thursday transferring a lot at the southeast corner of Twenty-first and Chicago streets to the Russian Congregation Israel. The congregation will build on the property as soon as it can dispose of its synagogue and lot on Capitol avenue.

WILTSE EXPECTS FAIR DEAL

Cedar County Senator Predicts No Break in Electing Norris Brown at Lincoln.

"I look for the republican majority in the legislature to carry out the party's pledge and elect Norris Brown to the United States senate," said Senator-elect George W. Wiltse of Randolph, who, with his family, stopped off in Omaha on their way to Lincoln for the winter.

MICHIGAN ALUMNI BANQUET

Function at Omaha Club Will Be Attended by Prominent Members of Faculty.

The alumni of the University of Michigan now in Omaha will give an elaborate banquet at the Omaha club January 3 at 7 p. m., when two leading members of the law and engineering faculties will be present and will respond to toasts.

In Line with Pure Food Law.

The National Food and Drug act which takes effect January 1, 1907, does not affect Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in any manner. No special labels are required on this remedy under that act, as it is free from opiates and narcotics of every character, making it a safe remedy for mothers to use with their children.

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NEWS FOR THE ARMY.

The following general court-martial sentences have been approved by Major General A. W. Greely, commanding the Department of the Missouri, and are ordered carried into effect: Privates Willie Townsend, Troop B, Tenth cavalry, for assault with intent to kill, dishonorable discharge and four and a half years imprisonment at Fort Leavenworth military prison; Frank Danville, Company K, Third battalion of engineers, for desertion, dishonorable discharge and eighteen months imprisonment; Harry N. Streeter, Troop A, Thirteenth cavalry, for larceny and breaking his parole, dishonorable discharge and one year and four months imprisonment; Charles Thorne, Company L, Third battalion of engineers, for drunkenness and assault with intent to kill, dishonorable discharge and two years imprisonment; Frank C. Platter, Company L, Third battalion of engineers, for drunkenness and assault with intent to kill, dishonorable discharge and five years imprisonment; Lewis F. Curtis, Thirty-fifth company coast artillery, for desertion, dishonorable discharge and one year's imprisonment; Allen C. Wright, Thirty-fifth company coast artillery, for desertion and appropriating the money contents in his own use, dishonorable discharge and six months imprisonment; Michael Goran, Troop B, Thirteenth cavalry, for desertion, dishonorable discharge and two and a half years imprisonment; Fred Willis, Troop F, Ninth cavalry, for leaving post while on duty, dishonorable discharge and six months imprisonment; Clarence Wardlaw, Company L, Eighteenth infantry, for desertion, dishonorable discharge and six months imprisonment. The sentence of imprisonment will be carried out in each instance at the Fort Leavenworth military prison.

Second Lieutenant Emmett Adde of the Tenth cavalry has been granted ten days' leave of absence. Private Francis J. Lynch of Troop B, Eleventh cavalry, has been granted his honorable discharge from the army. Orders have been issued from Department of the Missouri headquarters for the payment of troops of the department for the month of December. Payments will be made at Fort Riley and Leavenworth by Captain J. M. Sigworth; Fort Crook, Omaha, and Des Moines by Captain C. B. Sweezy, and at Fort Robinson, Mearns and Washakie by Captain B. D. Slaughter.

DARK CLOUDS OVER SMITH

Suspicion of Him as Rummelhart Murderer Becomes More General.

POLICE THINK HE MAY BE THE FIEND

Have Conclusive Evidence, Chief Says, that He is Guilty of Other Crimes Revolving in Character.

"He is a bad character and we shall exhaust every resource at our command to determine his connection, if any, with the murder of Josephine Rummelhart," was Chief Donahue's comment on Frank Smith, the negro arrested on the south side Wednesday for insulting women and girls.

"We have the most conclusive evidence against him for revolting conduct, and a man who would do that would do most anything in that line. Everything about his case indicates that he is a low, depraved individual. We shall keep him at the city jail and have every person see him who thinks he or she might be able to throw any light on the case. I want those people in the vicinity of Riverview park who saw the culprit that annoyed women and girls down there last fall to view him."

Asked if he personally thought the fellow connected with the Rummelhart case, the chief said: "Of course, I could not say as to that. But I can say he is capable of the most revolting crime. He may be the fiend we have so long looked for."

Big Point Against Him.

The chief takes as a strong fact against the fellow his utter inability to account for himself for two or three months, or since the Rummelhart murder, October 4. He has made nothing but the most incoherent statement and has tried to make it appear he was not in Omaha during the AK-Sar-Jen festivities, at the close of which the community was shocked by the news of the Rummelhart atrocity. The officers have not as yet mentioned to him anything about this crime.

Not only Chief Donahue, but Captain Mostyn and other police officers are inclined to the theory that Smith took the life of Miss Rummelhart and also committed the depredations at Riverview park. Women who claim to be able to identify the latter criminal will see him at the jail, and if they determine he is the fiend they are looking for the police say a big point will be made toward getting the creature who committed the Dodge street crime.

If Smith has dwelt upon the Rummelhart murder since his arrest no one around police headquarters knows it, nor does Smith know that the authorities are fitting upon him the garment of guilt of this dastardly crime. Smith was arraigned in police court Thursday morning and sentenced to thirty days in jail. He will be confined for the term of his sentence in the city jail, as he will be needed many times for the purpose of establishing his identity and his possible connection with the various crimes with which he is suspected.

Jewel theater, continuous moving pictures and illustrated songs. Noon until 11 p. m.

2-k Wedding Rings, Edholm, jeweler.

Colored Woman Bound Over.

Ella Smith and James Kimmorlin, colored residents of the Third ward, were bound over for trial in the district court under bonds of \$50 each by Judge Crawford Thursday morning on the charge of robbing Charles Anderson, of Chicago, of \$25 last Monday night. The woman admitted stealing \$15 from Anderson and said she gave part of the money to Kimmorlin.

HOW TO CASH IN THE CHIPS

Street Railway Laborers Often Exchange Fare for Beer or Other Drinks.

"What sort of a chip was that he gave you?" asked a passenger of an Omaha street car conductor, after the latter had received a circular blue article from a portly man on the back platform.

"Oh, those are the chips the company gives its laborers to ride to and from work on," was the answer.

DODGE RETURNS SATURDAY

Candidate for Speaker Will Proceed to Lincoln Without Stopping in Omaha.

N. P. Dodge, jr., will return from the east Saturday and without stopping at Omaha will go to Lincoln to open his campaign for the speakership of the house. Representative Tucker has opened headquarters for Mr. Dodge at room 4, Lindell hotel, and Mr. Dodge is expected to get the Douglas county delegation together there for a conference soon after his arrival in Lincoln.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Captain H. E. Palmer was in Lincoln Thursday morning. Chief Clerk Butler has gone to Ottawa, Ill., with his aged father, to visit an uncle who is seriously ill. Miss Helen O'Brien of New York is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Herman Marthes. H. M. Johnson, a prominent attorney of Stuart, is in Omaha to attend the Public Ownership league meeting.

Chief Clerk Kenyon of the Murray hotel has resigned that position to take effect January 1. He has been compelled to relinquish the hotel business on account of his failing health. He will take a vacation of several months before deciding upon what business he will engage in for the future.

W. W. Martz of Auburn, John Halverson of Culbertson, L. A. Weigle of Northfield, H. J. Throstenberg of Norman, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Campbell of Grand Island, Kate L. Stoker of Bartlett, J. C. Martin of Falls City, A. M. Morrissey of Valentine, O. W. Metz of Burton and C. C. Pent of Fullerton are at the Merchants.

Paul Harms, chief clerk of the Department of the Missouri, will leave Friday evening for Havana, for duty at the American army headquarters there, under command of Brigadier General T. J. Wint.

Railway Notes and Personals.

General Manager Waiters of the Northwestern has gone to Chicago, where he spent the Christmas holidays.

S. M. Braden, assistant general superintendent of the Northwestern, was in Omaha Thursday.

Dr. A. F. Jones, head of the medical department of the Union Pacific, has gone to Cuba for an extended vacation. C. E. Spens, general freight agent of the Burlington, has returned from Chicago, where he spent the Christmas holidays. The meeting of the land agents of the Union Pacific, which was scheduled for Thursday at Union Pacific headquarters in Omaha, was called off by the Union Pacific and no definite date set for another meeting.

Pre-Inventory and After Xmas Stock Reducing

All small lots--broken assortments must be moved ---sharp price reductions have been made in nearly every section of our store. Reductions in desirable merchandise are in accordance with the fixed policy of this house to dispose of all goods within their season.



ONE MAN OVER ALL LIGHTS

New Ordinance Proposes Electrician as Monitor of Gas, Twp-Places Meters Under His Control.

The city legal department has prepared for Councilman Funkhouser an ordinance which, if passed, will give to the city electrician full charge of the city gas and all lights. The principal feature of the new ordinance is a provision that the electrician shall have under his control meters which will register the electricity furnished to city, so that a complete check may be had by a city official of the current supplied and of the "outage," the latter information being now furnished the city electrician by electric light officials. Patrolmen are supposed to report cases of electric lights being out, but the electrician's records fail to show that the patrolmen have been carrying out that rule to any extent.

CHRISTMAS AT CITY MISSION

Young Folks Are Entertained and Given Good Things by Santa Claus.

Christmas still lingers in Omaha. The City mission, on Tenth street between Dodge and Douglas, was yesterday the scene of two celebrations. In the morning the boys who are under the care of Miss Magee had a Christmas tree and 200 of them received presents. Dean Beecher of Trinity cathedral spoke. In the afternoon 200 girls held festival

and "real and truly" Santa Claus passed presents to them, while a short talk was made by C. F. Robel. This was the third of the Christmas festivals at the mission, one having been held Monday for Jewish children.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

J. B. Beranek is making preparations to erect a \$3,500 residence at Twenty-fourth and Arbor streets, on plans drawn by F. V. Krelle.

Charged with the theft of twenty cases of Col-Pep-Ko last Friday, Phil Blotky was discharged after a hearing before Judge Crawford Thursday morning.

J. E. Daugherty, J. M. Allen and their respective wives were discharged in police court Thursday morning on the charge of engaging in a free-for-all fight Christmas night at their home, 2023 Burt street.

Building Inspector Withnell is having printed a summary of Omaha's building operations for 1906. These reports may be had after January 1 on application at the building inspector's office. Mr. Withnell distributed 2,500 of the 1906 reports.

A sneaky thief stole a leather satchel Wednesday afternoon from the hair-dressing parlors of Mrs. Schedel, 132 Douglas street, which had been placed on the floor by the owner, Mrs. Minnie Fricker, 3-1/2 Charles street. The satchel contained toilet articles valued at about \$5.

The Wilke-Mitchell company has incorporated to do a general grocery business in Omaha. The capital stock is \$10,000 and William Wilke, Harry L. Mitchell and Edward E. Wise are the incorporators. The firm is now doing business at Fortieth and Farnam streets as Wilke & Mitchell.

The case against Susie Duffy, colored, who was arrested on the night of December 19 on suspicion of having robbed Albert Kobs of Hennington of \$2 while in her house at 1016 1/2 Capitol avenue, was dismissed in police court Thursday morning for lack of prosecution. The complaining witness giving up the chase for his \$2 in

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