

MISSOURI PACIFIC TO RAISE TRACKS

Superintendent Russ Announces Plans to Do Away with Dangerous Crossings.

ELEVATE INSTEAD OF VIADUCT

The Missouri Pacific has agreed upon a plan to eliminate the hazard in connection with the Dodge street crossing of the Belt Line. This is the assertion of Superintendent Ross of the Nebraska division of the Missouri Pacific, who spent a portion of the day in Omaha, discussing it, Superintendent Russ said.

"Our chief engineer is pretty well along with the plan. It will not only dispose of the Dodge street crossings, but also the Douglas and Farnam street crossings of the Belt line. His plans will be ready for presentation within a short time. Instead of providing for a viaduct at Dodge street, the plans contemplate raising the main line track from a point south of Farnam to a point north of Dodge street. This will permit of street crossings to be kept at, or about, the present grades, with the railroad tracks overhead.

"We hope that the plans that we have agreed upon and which are being worked out will be satisfactory to the city. We consider that the grade crossings will be far more desirable than viaducts and much less expensive to maintain.

"While I am not at liberty to make promises, or guarantee their being carried out, I feel pretty certain that work on the elevation of the track from south of Farnam to north of Dodge street will be commenced and finished this year."

The Missouri Pacific, says Superintendent Russ, has started raising the track between Falls City and Atchison, putting down new and heavier steel at the rate of about a mile per day. When this plan is completed, it will give the company a new track all the way from Omaha to Kansas City, the line between Omaha and Falls City having been relaid last year.

On the Nebraska branches, according to Superintendent Russ, about 100 miles of new rails will be laid this year, replacing lighter ones.

Ada Belle is Now Loading to Start on Trip to Omaha

Lying ill in his bed at Decatur, John Elliott of the Farmers' State bank, has given orders for the Ada Belle to begin its operations up and down the Missouri river.

The Ada Belle has lain in dock at Decatur all winter. Now that the ice is gone Decatur business men and farmers are anxious to start trading between Omaha and Decatur to carry cargoes of grain as she did last summer. John Elliott is the head of the Decatur company that handles this traffic.

"For heaven's sake get the boat started," Commissioner Manley of the Omaha Commercial club called to Elliott over the long distance telephone. Elliott flat on his back in bed, talked to Manley over the long distance, and promised he would get the captain into action with the boat.

The barges are even now being loaded, and Mr. Elliott has promised that the first cargo will reach Omaha before the end of this week.

Dr. Fox Will Make Survey of State

Dr. J. C. Fox of the Federal Health department at Washington is gathering data here in connection with a survey he is making of the state. He is maintaining an office at the state house and expects to be in Nebraska another month.

The doctor came on the request of the governor, his mission being to go over the state situation and recommend what should be done to build up an efficient and practical state board of health.

"There is no duly constituted state health officer at this time and I find that the relations between the state board of health and the four secretaries are not clearly defined," said Dr. Fox.

The national government has made surveys in ten other states and an effort is being made to standardize the administration of state health regulations, that the government work may be better applied by the various state organizations. Governor Morehead expects to bring before the next legislature a definite proposition for the establishment of a stable state health department.

Van Dusen Brings Crummel to Omaha

Charles VanDusen, city detective, has returned to Omaha from Joliet, Ill., with Paul Crummel, who is wanted here for breaking and entering the home of F. W. Charke, 400 Dodge street, during February, 1915. It was while VanDusen was conferring with Charke on this case that his partner, Tom Ring, was shot to death by Mexicans in a rooming house on North Fourteenth street.

SURPRISE PARTY GIVEN FOR MRS. J. F. RYNES

A birthday surprise party was given in honor of Mrs. J. F. Rynes at her home Sunday evening by the St. Ludmilla lodge, of which she is a secretary. The hostess was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Kugel, Mr. and Mrs. Netusil, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Skomal, Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Sterba, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Placko, Mr. and Mrs. M. Kralick, Mesdames Al Vajir, K. Killian, K. Drda, E. Hynek, M. Moravec, M. Svacina, K. Chleborad, Misses Anna Vranek, Francis Placko, Anna Rynes.

EXPECT BIG CROP OF SPUDS IN COLORADO

"While we have raised potatoes in the past, during the coming year we expect to break all former records," asserted Joseph Wolff of Greeley, Colo., known to the world as the potato king.

BOSTON OPERA IS POPULAR ON COAST

Advance Agent of Pavlova Ballet Russe Arrives to Prepare for Three Performances Here.

JAP SOPRANO PROVES WORTH

Mrs. E. A. Bacheider of New York, representing the Boston Grand Opera company and Pavlova Ballet Russe, has arrived in Omaha, enroute from the Pacific coast, where the combined organization has been playing to enthusiastic audiences and crowded houses. She declares the success of the company on the coast has been remarkable. In San Francisco last week not only were the houses sold out before the season commenced, but \$20 premium was paid.

"The entire coast, more than eastern opera goes, were sceptical of the Japanese Butterfly," says Mrs. Bacheider. "It is that section of the country all Japanese are looking with little favor, and there were preliminary smiles and delicate sneers when they were told that Tamaki Miura was not a sort of 'freak novelty,' but the possessor of a pure lyric soprano voice, trained in approved western methods. Miura San has captivated the critics and people of the Pacific coast just as she did conservative London last year, and earlier this season in every city in which the Boston Grand Opera company and Pavlova Ballet Russe has appeared.

Advance Sale Big. "This great organization is coming into Omaha purely on its own responsibility, backed by its own capital, not asking any local committee to guarantee a large sum of money. It is coming in on its own merits. The reputation that has been created by the remarkable praise from the press and the people has preceded them over the country in a sufficient degree, so that Omaha itself, has responded by the largest advance sale in grand opera history of this city."

"One of the secrets of the success of our organization," she continued, "is the fact that the performances are artistically finished in every sense of the word. It has been the surprise and delight of critics and lovers of art to find that every minor character of the cast in each opera is as well sung and acted accordingly as the star who occupies the middle of the stage.

"Whether our tour has had anything to do with it or not, there is a general progressive demand over America for the people to secure the best in music or opera without the expense of a tour to New York or Chicago. There is a grasping for greater understanding and knowledge of good music by the general public. This season more citizens have organized their own symphony orchestras than ever before has been done in a single year in the history of this country.

"It was a source of much gratification to me to see an audience in Omaha so thoroughly appreciative of an artist as the one at the Auditorium last night. I saw but three people whisper during Mr. Kessler's performance. It might have been a symphony audience in Cincinnati or Boston.

"We are so well satisfied with the interest and enthusiasm already shown our organization in Omaha that I regret we are unable to obtain the Auditorium for a fourth performance. I called on Mr. High and Mr. Thomas of the Anti-Saloon league to see if it would be possible to make arrangements for them to postpone their meeting at the Auditorium on April 15, but they stated that arrangements had been made with William Jennings Bryan for that date and it would be impossible to make the change."

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COLORADO, WITH PLENTY OF MOISTURE, EXPECTS BIG CROP

Assistant General Freight Agent Choate of the Union Pacific, located at Denver, is spending the day at headquarters. He is enthusiastic over the crop outlook in Colorado, asserting:

"During the last winter the plains and foothills of Colorado had the heaviest snowfall in years. This was also true in the mountains and the result is that there is an abundance of moisture now and will be later on when it becomes necessary to turn the water from the irrigation ditches onto the fields.

"Colorado farmers are laying their plans for putting out a large crop and confidently expect a bountiful harvest next fall. There are a good many new settlers coming into the state, buying up farm lands."

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The Strange Case of Mary Page

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SYNOPSIS.

Mary Page, actress, is accused of the murder of David Pollock and is defended by her lover, Philip Langdon. Pollock was intoxicated. At Mary's trial she admitted she had the revolver. Her maid testifies that Mary threatened Pollock with it previously, and Mary's leading man implicates Langdon. How Mary disappeared from the scene of the crime is a mystery. Brandon tells of a strange hand print he saw on Mary's shoulder. Further evidence shows that horror of drink induces temporary insanity in Mary. The defense is "repressed psychosis." Witnesses describe Mary's flight from her intoxicated father and her father's suicide. Nurse Walton describes the kidnapping of Mary by Pollock and Amy Barton. Details of Mary's struggles to become an actress and Pollock's pursuit of her. There is evidence that Daniel, Mary's manservant, threatened Pollock. Mary faints on the stand and again goes insane. She is rescued by Pollock and Amy Barton. Daniel confesses that Pollock threatened to kill Mary and Langdon and actually attempted to kill the latter.

(Continued from Yesterday.)

CHAPTER XI.

"Were you watchman for that building?" "No, sir. They had their own man to keep an eye out for the bulls, but it was that very night they were pulled. Tim, the policeman at the corner, had wised me up to it only an hour before.

"Stick around, Dennis," says he, "there will be big doin's soon. They're going to raid Barker's, see he, and I'll bet we pull a few big bugs, or my name is mud."

"So I was kind of hamin' around waitin' when I see this other fellow posted in the alley. First off, I see, he's a plain clothes man. Then I looks at his feet and I says nix, he's a gumshoe crook, and then the girl comes down the fire escape."

"When the girl had disappeared into Barker's, what did you do?" "I joined Katie and says to her, said I, 'It's goin' to be a big night, and that girl has jumped out of the fryin'-pan into the fire.' And, begorra, sir, I'd no more than said it than I heard the signal blow and saw the bluecoats marchin' up the alley and across the street at the end surroundin' the place. 'Good night to Barker's,' says I, and we watched 'em batter in the door and march up stairs. It was then that I felt the other man tuggin' at me arm."

"The other man?" It was more an exclamation than a question and Dennis nodded.

(To Be Continued Tomorrow.)

Autoists Report Country Roads Good

Automobile highways in the middle west are in excellent condition for spring touring, judging from reports made by motorists who visited Omaha from widely scattered points in the last twenty-four hours.

W. E. Lewis of Denver made the run to Omaha in a leisurely manner in three and a half days.

Taking a roundabout route to get to Kansas City, and in order to spend a few days in the Nebraska metropolis, Charles Meyer of Chicago came by way of Omaha. The run from the windy city was made in four days.

G. M. Enslow covered the distance from Glenwood, Ia., to Omaha in little less than an hour. He is touring to Mitchell, S. D.

Frequent stops were made by J. B. Olaf of Racine, Wis., in his eight-day run from

MRS. BRENNEN OF BUTTE SEEKING WANDERING BOY

The police received a telegram yesterday morning from Mrs. Margaret Brennen of Butte, Mont., asking assistance in locating her lost boy, Frank Brennen, who left home in 1912 and who, it is believed, came to Omaha to seek work. The police are looking for the boy and it is expected that he will be located in a short time.

BUILDING INSPECTOR HAS CONDEMNED OLD HOUSES

The city building department has condemned old frame dwelling at the following addresses: 2207 South Thirty-second, 2712 Pacific and 4306 Ames avenue; also abandoned coal yard and office at northeast corner of Thirteenth and Webster streets.

PAINTERS ASK FOR INCREASE IN PAY

Local Union Men Want Wages Raised Fifty Cents on Eight-Hour Day.

BOSSES EXPECT A COMPROMISE

Union painters and paper hangers of Omaha are asking for a raise in their wage scale of 6 1/2 cents per hour, which will bring their pay up from \$4 to \$4.50 for the eight-hour day.

Employers have not as yet expressed a willingness to grant the additional pay requested, but are holding daily meetings with the employees' committee, and express a belief that the wage matter will be settled without a strike. The indications at present are that the contractors will compromise with the men, and will go about half way in the demand.

John Hanson is the local business agent of the painters' union. There are 350 or more painters in the city. Frank Lesley, an organizer from Kansas City, has been in the city for some weeks, working among the painters to get a larger percentage of them organized within the folds of the union.

The painters have had no strike in Omaha since 1904. Between the years 1906 and 1907 several painters' strikes were staged in Omaha. These struggles brought the scale up from 25 cents an hour to the present 35 cents.

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