

HOODOO RIDES ON FIRST STREET CAR

Construction started on One-Mile Track on Friday, the Thirteenth.

CAR JUMPED ALL CURVES

By A. R. GROH.
A street car ten feet long (just a foot longer than the present cars are wide), without a rear platform, without a conductor, without any heating arrangement.

Such was the horse car on Omaha's first street railway. This line was built on Farnam street from Ninth to Fifteenth, north to Capitol avenue, west to Eighteenth and north to Cass street.

It was one mile long. Construction started on Friday, November 13, 1868. Bad luck followed the enterprise for years. They should have known better than to start on such a day and date.

The car (singular number) started to run June 16, 1869. George W. Frost, president of the company, had bought this car second-hand in Chicago for \$700. It proved to be a frost. It wouldn't stay on the track at the curves. So they had to take it off. It is still preserved as a curiosity and appeared in the recent historical parade.

Get Shorter Cars.

Four "standard horse cars" were bought then. They were sixteen feet long and had front and rear platforms. They were manned by conductors and drivers. The conductors had little to do because hardly anybody used the car. It was quicker and pleasanter to walk.

The track was built of "T" rails, laid on ties. The ties were placed three feet apart. Planking was laid between the rails, and when this rotted out the company was so nearly "busted" that it was not replaced.

Fourteen minutes was the schedule time from one end of the line to the other—about four miles an hour. Fare was 10 cents, or eight rides for 30 cents.

The company didn't do much except lose money. Finally they took off the sixteen-foot cars and replaced them with ten-foot cars. These had no rear platforms. The conductors were discharged and the drivers made fare collectors.

There was a fare box at the front end of the car where the driver could see it. He also had a mirror in front of him so he could see people as they came into the car. If they didn't step up and drop their fare in the box he rang a little bell to warn them. Fare was reduced to 5 cents. During the "rush hours" sometimes there were ten or twelve people crowded into a car, with one hanging on the rear step.

Bells on Horses.

The horses who jingling bells on their necks to warn pedestrians to get out of the way. Daily receipts of the corporation sometimes ran as high as \$35. The drivers worked fourteen hours a day and received \$1.50. Cars ran till 10 p. m.

The line was extended from Eighth and Cass, west to Twentieth, north to Cumming and west to Twenty-first. From Ninth and Farnam it was extended south to the Union Pacific passenger station. This gave it a total length of two miles and the entire distance could be covered (except on rainy or snowy days) in twenty-eight minutes.

The Green Line.

The cars of this line were painted red. In 1874 a line was built from Twentieth and Cass north to Ohio street and the cars on this line were painted green. They were then known respectively as the "Red line" and the "Green line."

The horses worked in three shifts and traveled about fourteen miles each per day. They had to learn to "walk the ties" in muddy weather when the cinder and brickbat ballast was washed out.

The line from Farnam on Tenth street to the Union Pacific station was built in 1876, the "grasshopper year," when everything looked dark. Bonds for \$20,000 were issued and sold at a big discount. And in 1878 the poor old company "went broke" and the road was sold for less than the value of the bonds.

Captain W. W. Marsh, an old Black Hills stage driver, was president and he bought it and operated it from 1878 to 1883. The stock was worth about 5 cents on the dollar and there were no buyers at that.

Some change from that day to this, eh?

Brown Argues it Does Not Cost Much to Stay Drunk

It is a simple thing, a very simple thing, indeed, to support a wife and five children on \$15 per month and still stay drunk yourself, according to H. C. Brown, 3402 North Twenty-seventh street, who appeared in police court Thursday.

Brown did not explain his system, much to the disappointment of spectators. All he did was say that it could be done, easily, and added something to the effect that he had figured out the percentage.

He was sent back to jail to sober up, despite his announcement that he intended to remain in a satisfactory state of beatitude until May 1.

Bee Want Ads Produce Results.

I Purchased a Large Stock of Ladies' COATS

Such as "Salts," Esquimette, Plushes and Velvets, with a five-year guaranteed lining, including flare and belted coats with large shawls. Very latest styles, all colors and sizes. Coats which have sold from \$35 to \$40 will be on sale Saturday and Monday at \$15.00.

JOHN FELDMAN
204 North 17th St.
Omaha, Neb.
Flomar Hotel Bldg.

Have Photo to Recall Old Times



PETE BOLAND.

MIKE CLARK.

Gladness was mingled with sadness when Mike Clark doffed his uniform of road officer of the street railway, to leave his friend, Pete Boland, and begin his new duties as sheriff of Douglas county. For three and twenty years Mike and Pete worked together in the service of the street railway company. In the heat of summer and the chilly days of winter they shared each other's joys and sorrows as real pals.

When Mike was elected sheriff Pete was glad his friend succeeded, but when the day came for his mate to don the sheriff's toga Pete was sad to heart.

Christmas Cantata to Be Repeated at All Saints

By special request the choir of All Saints' church will on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock repeat the New Year's eve cantata given last Sunday night. The cantata is entitled "The Song of the Night," being one of a series of church cantatas composed by Dudley Buck and called "The Christian Year."

The soloists will be Miss Laura Petersen and Messrs. George Comp-ton and Charles S. Haverstock, with J. H. Simms at the organ.

Two Are Held Up by Men Who Were Strangers to Them

E. D. Son, 1551 North Seventeenth street, was walking on Seventeenth street between Leard and Nicholas streets, minding his own business, when two men impeded his progress, by addressing unpolite remarks and striking him over his left eye with a club. The strangers took Son's watch and then hid him adieu.

Joseph Bondetta, Twenty-sixth and P streets, reported to the police that while he was strolling in the gloaming along Twelfth and Capitol avenue two men who did not introduce themselves took \$25 from his pocket.

South Dakota Man Found Near Track With Head Cut Off

Alex Johnson of Chamberlain, S. D., was found dead on the Burlington tracks near the foot of Missouri avenue at midnight with his head cut off, apparently by a train. Special Agent Stoley of the Burlington found the body.

The body was identified by the bank pass book in his pocket, which contained the name of Alex Johnson of Chamberlain, S. D. The book shows a substantial balance in the bank and the man was well dressed. He was apparently about 25 years old.

The body was removed to the Crosby undertaking parlors.

Socialists Meet Sunday To Prepare Propaganda

Socialists of Omaha will meet Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Lyric building, Nineteenth and Farnam streets, to prepare propaganda for the year. Peter Mehrens will talk on "Baptizing the Baby," Raymond Lawler will speak of "Sobering Up" and George C. Porter's topic will be "One by One." There will be music.

Keeps Her Children in Perfect Health

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin the Family Laxative for Many Years

Mrs. Aug. Doellefeld of Carlyle, Ill., recently wrote to Dr. Caldwell, at Monticello, Ill., that she has used Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin in her home for a number of years, and would not be without it, as with it she has been able to keep her four children in perfect health.

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is a combination of simple laxative herbs with pepsin that acts on the bowels in an easy, natural way, and regulates the action of this important function. Nearly all the sickness to which children are subject is traceable to bowel inaction, and a mild, dependable laxative, such as Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, should have a place in every family medicine chest. It is pleasant to the taste and children like it, and take it readily, while it is equally effective for adults.

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is sold in drug stores everywhere for fifty cents a bottle. To avoid imitations and ineffective substitutes be sure you



Mrs. Aug. Doellefeld

get Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. See that a facsimile of Dr. Caldwell's signature and his portrait appear on the yellow carton in which the bottle is packed. A trial bottle, free of charge, can be obtained by writing to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 455 Washington St., Monticello, Illinois.

Annual January Sale

Furniture Draperies Rugs



ROCKER (Like Cut.)
This is a high-back, oak rocker, Jacobean finish, cane back stained to match frame, seat is a spring cushion covered in tapestry. Regular price \$22.00, January Sale Price—

\$16.50

The price inducement this sale offers makes this an exceptionally good time to buy Furniture, Rugs, Draperies. Note the following as an example of the prevailing values.

Regular Price	January Sale Price
\$12 Rocker, Jacobean, Oak, spring cushion, tapestry seat	\$9.75
\$15 Rocker or Arm Chair, Jacobean, Oak, cane seat	10.00
\$25 Mahogany Rocker, cane seat and back, wing effect	18.50
\$39 Large Arm Rocker, Mahogany frame, Spanish leather seat, back and sides	29.00
\$30 Buffet, Quartered Golden Oak	22.50
\$59 Vanity Dresser, Triple Mirror, Golden Oak	46.50
\$46 Golden Oak Buffet	35.00
\$27 Chiffonier, Bird's-eye Maple	20.00
\$50 Dresser, Bird's-eye Maple	37.50
\$32 Dresser, American Walnut	24.00
\$35 Dressing Table, American Walnut, Triple Mirror	26.00
\$27 Mahogany Serving Table	15.00
\$59 Buffet, Mahogany, Colonial Design	40.00
\$112 China Cabinet, Mahogany	57.50
\$49 China Cabinet, Mahogany	32.00
\$9 Mahogany Dining Chair, Colonial design, leather seat	5.50

Lace Curtains, Portieres, Curtain and Drapery Materials and Cretonnes

Portieres in most of the desirable Drapery colorings. One and two pairs of a style 30 Patterns. Greatly reduced—in most instances less than 1/2 regular.

\$10.00 values for	\$ 5.00
14.50 values for	6.25
16.50 values for	6.50
18.50 values for	7.00
22.50 values for	9.75
40.00 values for	13.85

Cretonnes
100 different effects, suitable for Living Room, Sun Room and Bedroom.
5 to 30 yards of a pattern.

25c and 30c values	15c Yard
35c and 40c values	25c Yard
50c and 55c values	38c Yard
60c values	42c Yard
75c values	55c Yard

Bed Sets in Cretonne and Grenadine At Exactly 1/2 Regular Prices

\$4.50 Bed Sets, for	\$2.25
6.50 Bed Sets, for	3.25
13.50 Bed Sets, for	6.75
20.00 Bed Sets, for	10.00

Lace Net, Scrims and Madras
In lengths long enough for one or a number of windows.

40c values	25c Yard
50c values	30c Yard
75c values	45c Yard
\$1.50 values	90c Yard
\$3.00 values	\$1.80 Yard

RUGS RUGS RUGS

Specially Priced for Saturday, Discontinued and Drop Patterns.

	Regular	Special
4 Bundhar Wilton, 4-6x7-6	\$21.00	\$16.50
1 Kilmarack Seamless, 4-6x7-6	12.50	9.75
1 Bundhar Wilton, 4-6x7-6	22.50	19.00
1 Best Body Brussels, 6x7-6	17.50	14.25
2 Best Body Brussels, 6x7-6	25.00	19.50
1 Scotch Art Rug, 6x9	11.50	9.50
2 Hartford Saxony, 6x9	47.50	37.50
1 Standard Wilton 10-6x13-6	78.50	57.50
2 Best Body Brussels, 10-6x10-6	50.00	39.00
1 Best Body Brussels, 10-6x14	58.00	45.00
2 Hartford Saxony, 8-3x10-6	70.00	46.50
2 Whittall Anglo-Indian, 8-3x10-6	65.00	50.00
2 Seamless Wilton Rugs, 8-3x10-6	68.50	55.00
1 Bundhar Wilton, 11-3x12	80.00	65.00
2 Standard Wilton, 9x15	70.00	55.00
1 Hartford Saxony, 9x9	70.00	50.00
1 Best Body Brussels, 4-6x12	22.50	17.75
3 Seamless Brussels, 9x12	16.50	13.95
3 Velvet Rugs, 9x12	27.00	18.50
12 Axminster Rugs, 9x12	25.00	19.50
7 Hartford Saxony, 9x12	75.00	53.50
3 Standard Wilton, 9x12	50.00	39.50
9 Whittall Anglo-Persian, 9x12	82.50	67.50
3 Bundhar Runners, 3x12	21.50	12.50
2 Bundhar Runners, 3x15	25.00	15.00

GIFT SHOP

Offers Splendid January Bargains.

2 Capacious Japanese Sewing Baskets, one of them mahogany color and the other dark green. They were each \$10.00, now—\$5.00

Painted Wood Waste Paper Basket, old ivory, with pink and blue flowers; soap and water will make it quite new again; \$6.25, for—\$3.15

A beautiful White Marble Lamp, \$65.00, now, for—\$32.50

2 Black and White Porcelain Vases, wired as electric lamps. These would be charming in a sun room or bedroom. They were \$20.00 each, now—\$13.35

Boudoir Lamp, silver and black; was \$6.00, now for—\$4.00

Boudoir Lamp, old ivory painted with cunning pink roses; was \$10.00, now—\$6.65

2 Plain Brass Standards, without shades—\$2.67

Sheffield Tray, with silk brocade in the bottom; \$12.50, now—\$8.35

Orchard & Wilhelm Co.
414-416-418 SOUTH 16th St.

GRAND 25% to 1/2 Off Sale

Of Men's and Young Men's Superior Hand-Tailored

Suits-Overcoats



Thousands of elegant garments in every new style, weave and coloring; models to fit all builds of men. Practically our entire stock included in this great price-reducing sale of

The Best the World Affords

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Suits and Overcoats Are Now

\$6.00 \$7.50 \$10.00 \$12.50 \$15.00

\$17.50 \$20.00 \$22.50 \$25.00

That were from 25 per cent to 50 per cent higher. "Nothing like them in town for equal money."

SEE OUR WINDOWS

Boys' Suit and Overcoat Sale

\$1.95, \$2.95, \$3.95, \$4.95, \$5.95, \$6.95

Overcoats, ages 2 1/2 to 8 years, worth to \$5.00... \$2.35

Overcoats, ages up to 17 years, worth to \$10.00... \$4.95

Special Furnishing Bargains

\$5.00 Shaker Knit Sweaters	\$3.45	50c Neckwear, fancy, (3 for \$1.00) or each	\$.35
\$2.50 Merino Sweaters	\$1.45	75c Neckwear, fancy	\$.50
\$1.50 Cotton Rib Union Suits	\$.95	\$1.00 Neckwear, fancy	\$.75
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\$1.50 Madras Shirts	\$.95	\$2.00 Neckwear, fancy	\$1.35
\$1.00 Madras Shirts	\$.69	\$2.50 Neckwear, fancy	\$1.65

The Berg Clothing Co.
15th & DOUGLAS

"The Store For the People"

Features Deep Cut Prices Saturday

In their Ladies' Coat and Suit Department. All high-grade Salts, Esquimette and Silk Velour Coats—Wool Velour Coats—Novelty Mixture Coats—Velour-Trimmed Coats—All to go at a great saving to you of 25% to 50% on your purchase.

LADIES' DEPT.—SECOND FLOOR—TAKE ELEVATOR

Ladies' Fancy Wool Coats—Broken lots. Worth \$10.00 to \$12.50. Feature price Saturday	\$6.75	Ladies' Fancy Mixture Coats—Broken lots. Worth \$15.70 to \$16.50. Feature price Saturday	\$7.75	Ladies' Wool, Velour-Trimmed Coats—Broken lots. Worth \$18.50 to \$20. Feature price Saturday	\$9.75
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Ladies' Salts Plush Coats, Belt or full flare. Worth \$20.00 to \$22.50. Feature price Saturday	\$14.75	Ladies' Salts Plush Coats, Full flare trimmed. Worth \$25.00 to \$27.50. Feature price Saturday	\$17.75	Ladies' Sealette and Salts Plush Coats—Trimmed. Worth \$30.00 to \$32.50. Feature price Saturday	\$21.75
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All Our Ladies' High-Grade Trimmed Hats—Worth \$5.00 to \$7.50. Feature price Saturday	\$1.39	Flannelette Gowns—All sizes, neat colors. Worth 75c. Feature price Saturday	48c	Black and Fancy Satine Petticoats—Worth \$1.50. Feature price Saturday	98c
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Ladies' Lingerie Waists—All styles. Worth \$1.50. Feature price Saturday	89c	Ladies' Crepe De Chine Waists—Worth to \$3. Feature price Saturday	\$1.98	Ladies' Aprons—All kinds, all colors and sizes. Worth 75c. Feature price Saturday	48c
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