

RAILROAD NEWS.

Movement of California Fruit Has Begun on Santa Fe.

Loaded One Hundred Cars Saturday For a Starter.

BIG LOADS EVERY DAY.

Fifty to One Hundred Cars a Day For Two Months.

Provided Hundreds of New Refrigerator Cars for the Rush.

This week the rush of California fruit to market begins. This is one of the biggest freight traffic movements of the year and the Santa Fe is the carrier that moves the bulk of the crop. The rush will be prolonged for 60 days, at least and in that time fully 5,000 carloads of the luscious products of orchards, orange groves and vineyards on the sunny slope of the Pacific will be moved east.

On Saturday the Santa Fe loaded 100 cars, which was the signal for the movement to begin. For the next two months it will continue, the daily load averaging from 50 to 100 cars. For a long while past the Santa Fe has been concentrating its fruit cars on California, and the movement of the crop. Six hundred new refrigerator cars were built last fall expressly for this carrying. The construction of the cars was in charge of the Santa Fe, which was placed with a Chicago car-building firm lead to be rushed as the season for their use approached, and a forerunner from the Topeka shop went to Chicago and supervised the turning of them out. There will be an immense tonnage in the fruit traffic this year as the crop reports show a big yield.

MANY USES FOR OLD BRIDGE.

Santa Fe May Move Leavenworth Structure to Lexington, Mo.

It is reported that the Santa Fe is negotiating for the purchase of the old Missouri and Kansas bridge across the Missouri river at Fort Leavenworth, and that it would be used for a variety of purposes. The bridge is in a state of disrepair and the company is considering the possibility of moving it to Lexington, Mo., where a company was recently organized for the construction of a bridge, and that the structure would be used for its branch. Engineers who have investigated the property say that it is a most substantial structure and can be taken down and put up for less than \$50,000.

There has been talk also that the purchase of this bridge by Leavenworth would result in a case down from the bridge Sunday morning. He has been in Williams' place several days. Dillard and B. C. Jones spent Sunday here, returning in the evening. Harry Hubbard had his fine residence almost destroyed by fire Saturday noon. A gasoline stove exploded, causing the building to be destroyed. The loss was \$100,000. Insurance \$50,000. Part of the furniture was saved. Harry came down on No. 6 Sunday morning. Jenkins is on the fly run out of Denver. McElwain has Jenkins' car on 31-34 west on the 23rd.

AGAINST DOUBLE HEADERS.

Labor Society Has a Bill to Stop the Practice.

The State Society of Labor and Industry and the legislative committee held a meeting in Topeka yesterday afternoon and decided upon the legislation that would be introduced in the next session. They have a number of bills which will be introduced providing for changes in the laws relating to labor. Among them will be a bill amending the mining laws in regard to the ventilation of the mines in the state; a bill relating to the law regulating the representation of the miners in the state; a bill relating to the operation of railroads in regard to running long trains and double heading; a bill relating to the rights of the public and the employees; an arbitration bill which is very similar to the bill drawn up by the state labor law which will make it a criminal offense to employ children under 12 years of age in the state; and the establishment of a free employment bureau in each county to be under the direct supervision of the labor commissioner.

There are a number of other measures which the board and the committee will attempt to get through the legislature, but these are the most important of the measures.

TEXAS SUBSCRIBES TO ORIENT.

Vice-President Drove 240 Miles and Tells of Progress.

W. W. Sylvester, vice president of the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient road, returned to Kansas yesterday evening after having gone over the proposed route of the new road from the Gulf of Mexico to the Pacific, to San Antonio, a distance of 2,500 miles. He stopped in Quanah, Texas, where he was met by the governor and San Antonio, and secured subscriptions for stock in each town. The subscriptions aggregate several hundred thousand dollars.

"Who now has plus course of surveys in the field" said Mr. Sylvester last night. "By next September trains will be in operation between the Gulf of Mexico and San Antonio, connecting at the former place with the Texas & Pacific, and at the latter with the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe. By the same time we expect to be running trains between Quanah and Wichita. We are not yet ready to announce our route from Wichita to Kansas City, other than the line will run through Emporia. Surveys, however, are now working between this city and Emporia, and between Emporia and Wichita."

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contract to the Rock Island railroad officials is looked upon with favor. The road maintains a number of experienced corps of engineers who are familiar with this kind of work and who can undoubtedly accomplish much more within the same time than new men appointed by the government. It is probable, that the contracts will be awarded to the Rock Island railroad.

Rock Island Into St. Paul.

The Rock Island railroad company is buying land in St. Paul for a depot and terminals, which, it is stated, are to provide the facilities for the business of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern, which is being rapidly extended to St. Paul and Minneapolis. The Rock Island controls the Cedar Rapids & Northern, and with the completion of the new extension will become the northern end of the Rock Island's new St. Paul and Minneapolis line.

Call It Stock Booming.

President Purdy, of the Rock Island, and Vice President Harahan, of the Illinois Central, emphatically deny that there is any contest between their companies to secure the business of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern, or either of them. The report from New York to the contrary is regarded as a merely local boom the stock of the Iowa Central.

A Run For Their Money.

The Missouri Pacific has adopted a new rule whereby the conductors who have been running between Coffeyville and Kansas City will on every third run go from Kansas City to Holington on the Pueblo line. The new run is 302 miles long.

ROCK ISLAND NOTES.

Harry and Ed Ohmmer, who retired January 1 as managers of the Rock Island hotel system west of the Missouri river, have just returned to the Grand Hotel in Indianapolis.

Will O. Nevill, the accommodating and efficient chairman of the Relief Association of Stillwell in the Rock Island operating department, presented an interesting paper at the last meeting of the St. Louis Railway Club on "The Brown System of Discipline."

The Rock Island is using the engines of the C. S. & C. road which were donated to it to increase their motive power. T. C. Baker, relief agent Kanitz is in charge of Callison. M. T. Holiday, agent at Graveland, spent the "holidays" at Hutchinson and returned on the 1st of the month. A. J. Hutchinson, has been checked in as agent at that place, to fill the vacancy made by the promotion of Agent C. T. Bascom.

O. P. Byers, former agent at Abilene, has been appointed commercial agent at that place in place of W. F. Purdy who left for the east.

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SANTA FE LOCALS.

A Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul private car, bearing officials of that system, left for Chicago Saturday afternoon. The Bostonian Opera company went to Kansas City Sunday in three cars attached to New Year's Eve train.

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NAVY IN LINE FOR NEW YEAR GREETINGS.

Distinguished Officers in Glittering Array at the White House.



A picture of the White House grounds on New Year's Day rivals one of St. James' Park, London, when the Queen is the magnet for a mob of magnificence. The Diplomatic Corps at Washington turns out in gorgeous full dress and the eyes are dazzled by the gleam of gold lace and the wealth of color. Admiral Dewey can be recognized at the head of the above line.

EIGHT MILLION SURPLUS.

Kansas Banks Have an Abundance of Money.

John W. Breidenbach has given out a statement of the various state and private banks in Kansas. The report shows that the institutions are in a healthy condition and that the decrease in deposits during the year is due to the fact that a portion of the wheat crop has not been marketed and that there has been a car famine on the railroads. There are now 240 state banks and 54 private banks reporting to Mr. Breidenbach. The following is the statement: Loans December 31st.....\$2,297,485.77 Deposits September 1st.....\$1,228,735.44 Loans September 1st.....20,654,696.14 Increase.....\$1,643,079.93 Loans on real estate Dec. 31st.....\$1,828,530.32 Loans on real estate Sept. 1st.....1,355,429.42 Increase.....\$473,100.90 Total increase in loans.....\$1,842,580.83 Per cent of reserve December 31st.....41.25 Per cent of reserve September 1st.....41.25 Deposits December 31st.....\$1,228,735.44 Deposits September 1st.....\$1,228,735.44 Increase.....\$0.00 Surplus over reserve.....\$4,254,326.39 Borrowed money September 1st.....\$19,518,574.44 Borrowed money December 31st.....19,518,574.44 Increase.....\$0.00 Surplus over reserve.....\$4,254,326.39 Surplus over reserve.....\$4,254,326.39 Surplus over reserve.....\$4,254,326.39

THROUGH THE ICE.

Leon Thorpe Gets a Cold Plunge Bath.

Leon Thorpe a young man living in the southwest part of the city, while skating on a pond near Baughman's ice cream factory, broke through the ice in to 15 feet of water. Thorpe swam out and walked two miles for a change of clothing. Since then he has suffered from a severe cold. He says he was only trying the ice to see whether or not it would be cracking on, and found out to his satisfaction.

SIRDAR'S REGRETS.

He Sends Another Batch From Seat of War.

London, Jan. 7.—Reporting to the war office, under date of January 6, Lord Kitchener says: Yesterday Babington, engaged DeLareay and Steenkamps commandos at Nampoor. The enemy was forced to retire to the Northwest. Our casualties have not yet been received, but are reported slight. A Boer doctor admitted that 20 Boers were killed or wounded. Commandant Duprez was taken prisoner.

PLUMBERS' SUIT GOES UP.

Has Been Taken to the Court of Appeals.

The case of Durkin & Leahy against Christian States has been taken to the court of appeals. The case is one in which Durkin & Leahy, plumbers of Topeka, sued Christian States and a number of Kansas plumbers for \$26,000 damages. The plaintiffs alleged that the defendants had in effect formed a trust, and had prevented their buying plumbers' supplies. The plumbers were once awarded \$500 damages, but the case has been appealed.

Only a Question of Method.

New York, Jan. 7.—When asked about the proposed absorption of Powell, Smith & Co., the cigar manufacturers, by the American Tobacco company, Harry Luce, one of the surviving members of the firm of Powell, Smith & Co., said that the negotiations between his firm and the American Tobacco company had not advanced far enough yet for him to give any details of the methods that will be used in making the combination. He said that the cost to the American Tobacco company would be about \$10,000,000 and that Powell, Smith & Co. would remain a separate company. It is now a copartnership firm, and the probability is that it will be changed to a stock company and the controlling interest will be held by those who direct the affairs of the American Tobacco company.

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STATE FISH HATCHERY.

Commissioner Wiley Thinks There Should Be One in Kansas.

State Fish Commissioner George Wiley of Meade county arrived in the city Sunday and has a scheme to establish a fish hatchery in Kansas. He is very enthusiastic on the subject and wants the legislature to appropriate from \$2,000 to \$5,000 for that purpose. All the animals in the state including Bent Murrelock will give Wiley's scheme their support and it is likely that the bill will go through. "Thirty-five states in the union have hatcheries of their own," said Mr. Wiley today, "and there is no reason why Kansas should not have one. It will not take over \$5,000 to establish one and it will only be a short time until the hatchery is self-supporting. Kansas has some splendid streams and ponds, and there is no reason why she should not keep them stocked up with fish. Private parties would buy almost enough fish from the hatchery for their private ponds to pay the expense of the enterprise."

"We can raise four kinds of fish in Kansas—bass, croppie, channel cat and trout. There are three streams in which trout can be raised. One is in Meade county, one in Clark county, and the third is in Hamilton county. But there are hundreds of streams that croppie, bass and channel cat can be raised in, and the mucky lakes, ponds and private fish ponds. The hatchery should be located in the vicinity of Artesian wells. Meade county is the proper place, although it would not be wise for the county if it endangered the passage of the bill."

The fish commissioner has it figured out that with proper attention and a hatchery it would not take long to stock Kansas streams, lakes and ponds with fish. "A bass will spawn from 25,000 to 100,000 eggs in a season," said he. "Of this number 20 per cent will produce fish that will grow to maturity. One bass will raise from 5,000 to 20,000 young fish a year. So you see it would not take long to stock up at that rate. Fish best jack rabbits in breeding."

An effort will also be made by the fish commissioner to get a law passed prohibiting people from fishing within 100 feet of a dam. He says that the fish of a stream always hang around a dam and that it should be made a crime to catch them at such places. He also wishes a law to prohibit people who follow fishing for a living from selling fish under a certain size. In order to make it effective he wants a clause attached that will make a penalty against the persons who purchase as well as the one who sells. "It is the small fish that are caught mostly by the fishermen, instead of the large ones," said he. "Provision should be made whereby the small ones should not be molested. There is no objection to fishermen catching large ones and selling them, but by catching the small ones the stock is soon destroyed."

MR. BETTS ELECTED.

His Opponent Received Only 149 Votes.

The election in the Thirty-eighth district Saturday to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Representative E. C. Stafford, resulted in an overwhelming victory for Councilman J. R. Betts over Frank Collins, the Populist candidate. Betts received 967 votes and his majority was 818. Mr. Collins only polling 149 votes. It was generally conceded that the election would result in favor of Betts.

It appears from reports of the wounded who have arrived at Heilbronn that a detachment 120 strong belonging to Knox's command came into contact with a superior force near Lindley. I regret to say that Lieut. Laing, two other officers and 15 men were killed and two officers and 20 men wounded. No details have come from Knox, of this action.

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DEATH CLAIMS.

P. D. ARMOUR.

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000. His personal share of this property was estimated at from \$25,000,000 to \$50,000,000. In works of charity Mr. Armour's monument will be found in the Armour institute, to which but a short time ago he gave \$700,000 in one remembrance. Asked once what he considered his best paying investment, he replied, "The Armour institute." The institute today represents an investment on the part of Mr. Armour and his brother Joseph of \$2,750,000, and a yearly expense for maintenance of \$100,000.

Frank Ellinger, who was at Mr. Armour's bedside when the end came and who had been a student constantly at attention upon the sick man, stated that he had heard Mr. Armour make no mention of his interests in profits arising from the gigantic Milwaukee-Great Northern deal, by which he was reputed to have made \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000. "He looked upon such holdings," said Dr. Billings, "as being rather than from the speculative viewpoint."

"We were not altogether unprepared for Mr. Armour's death," said Dr. Billings. "All the members of the family had been here since the collapse of this country, and the anticipation of the great turn of events."

The news of Mr. Armour's death spread rapidly through the city and many callers at the Prairie avenue mansion. Mrs. Armour retired to her apartments and during the evening saw only the company who were immediately attending to her. Ogden Armour, who, with his wife, had been at the bedside of the dying millionaire, received the news of the death of the evening.

MR. ARMOUR'S VARIED INTERESTS. While Mr. Armour's name was more generally associated in the public mind with the steel-making and iron-rolling establishments in which he was interested, and which do an annual business exceeding \$10,000,000, employing 20,000 men, having representatives in every city of importance in the world, he was actively engaged in many other lines of business. As the owner of an important system of grain elevators and as a heavy investor in the grain products of the middle and western states, Mr. Armour was an important factor in the grain markets of the world.

Mr. Armour was a heavy owner in the Chicago stock market. He was director of the Chicago and North Western Railroad company and in the reorganized Baltimore and Ohio. He was interested largely in the Illinois Trust and Savings, Metropolitan National, and Northern Trust companies. He was also director of the Northwestern Life Insurance company and was a heavy stockholder in the Chicago and North Western Railway ways of Kansas City, Mo., and Kansas City, Kan.

Mr. Armour's wealth is a subject that may never be accurately known. It is estimated to be not less than \$30,000,000, and by some as high as \$50,000,000. The combined wealth of the Chicago Armour family is estimated to be \$100,000,000. The total is the wealth of Philip D. Armour, but just how much has been carried in his name is not known. He has not been a borrower. He has always been able to pay cash for his purchases and has never asked a customer to discount a bill.

In his great wealth he has always had ready cash. In times of panic he has been able to make loans at 2 per cent, and in 1898, when a run was made upon the banks of Chicago and the credit of the United States was shaky, he was helping to hang in the balance, Philip D. Armour bought half a million of gold in Europe and sent it to help the big institution of the city from his cash resources in Chicago.

With a business of \$100,000,000 a year in the packing department alone, a grain dealer and stock raiser, and the general manager of a great railway system, the estimates of his wealth at the time of his death are not exaggerated.

"The man who had the best friend I had on earth and can say nothing further now," was the way the Rev. Frank W. Gumbel, president of the Armour institute, has been very firm friend of Mr. Armour. The dead millionaire and Mr. Gumbel, president of the Armour institute, had been very firm friends for many years. Mr. Armour's sickness has been a daily reminder of his presence and was at the bedside when Mr. Armour died.

ON YOUNGER SHOULDERS.

John B. Ogden Armour succeeds to the management of the vast business of the Armours. He is the only surviving son of the dead millionaire. P. D. Armour, having died about a year ago at Pasadena, Cal.

Mr. Armour has been thoroughly trained for the business that now devolves upon him, and had the fullest confidence of his father. He is a man of high character, who loves paintings and has a fine collection. He is democratic, unpretentious, and has a strong sense of duty and public nature. He cares nothing for jewels and wears no diamonds. He is charitably inclined, belongs to no church, and instead of matter of charity never questions the object about it.

The Armour institute in Chicago, which was largely supported by his father, is also being supported by the son. The institute was founded by J. P. Armour, brother of P. D. Armour, with an original bequest of \$1,000,000. The institute is educational and has 500 or 200 pupils. It was established for the tuition payable at the end of the date after the education is completed, no security being asked.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

F. Fensky and wife to Louis Roehrig, \$1,000, 1 acre tract in North Topeka. See Topeka, 6-10-00. Geo. B. Warren and wife to James P. Thorpe, \$95, lots 24 and 26 Sixth avenue, Deer Park add. Minnie and Geo. Garber to James P. Thorpe, \$1,000, lots 23-25-27 and 29 Antioch avenue, Deer Park add. Henry Bowers et al to Mary E. Halderman et al, \$1, e. ten-sixteenths of a e. 3-4, 18-12-17.

Wm. M. Christopher and wife to H. C. Schweering, \$1,150, pt. n. w. 3-4 24-12-16. Geo. Brindle and wife to Annie M. Greenwood, \$35, s. 1/2 151 Wabash avenue, Inland add. H. F. Landies to C. L. Stone, \$1,500, lots 142 and 144 Chandler street, Metsker's 2d add. Cornelius Hoyt to Louisa M. Mills, \$1,000, pt. s. w. 3-4 6-12-16.

Mary E. Halderman et al to Wm. M. Bower, \$1, w. 1-2 s. w. 3-4 18-12-17. C. L. Stone and wife to H. A. Ingham, \$1,500, lots 142 and 144 Chandler street, Metsker's 2d add. Nettie Jane Bennett to Geo. B. Warren, \$1, lots 24 and 26 Sixth avenue, Deer Park add. L. T. Young and wife to Arch E. Campbell, \$1, e. 1/2 of n. e. 3-4 6-12-16.

The Inv. Tr. Co. to T. E. Reinhardt, \$150, lots 422-24 and 26 Taylor st., Stringham's add. M. L. Lloy to The City Real Estate Co., \$50, lot 53 Madison st., north. J. H. Hartman and wife to Sarah E. Hunt, \$1,000, lots 123 and 125 10 feet 120 Elmwood ave., Elm Grove add. C. A. Carlat and wife to J. W. Buntunkirk, \$50, lots 77-78 and 81 Tyler st., Maple Grove add.