



RAILROADS

LOCAL TIME TABLE. MISSOURI PACIFIC. NORTH BOUND. SOUTH BOUND. TEXAS AND PACIFIC. EAST BOUND. WEST BOUND. TRANSCONTINENTAL. NORTH BOUND. SOUTH BOUND. FORT WORTH AND DENVER. HOUSTON AND TEXAS CENTRAL. ST. LOUIS, ARKANSAS AND TEXAS.

for the due repayment thereof." On the day of the opening of the first bank under this act \$45 deposits were received. One year afterward the number had increased so greatly that there were 2535 offices open for the accommodation of the public. In 1886 the deposits had increased in number to 3,781,421, and the amount of money on deposit was \$50,874,338. This in American money would be \$250,000,000. Deposits of 1 shilling, or any number of shillings, are received up to \$150, or £30. The interest paid is 2 1/2 per cent. a year on every full pound. Should the sum on deposit reach £200 the interest thereon will cease until the amount has been reduced. The government has made provision for the investment of large sums in its securities. The banks will receive deposits from parents or other relatives on behalf of minor children. Married women can also make deposits, which are beyond the control of the husbands.

A PASTOR'S DEFENSE.

A Dallas Divin., the Subject of Reports of a Scandalous Nature, Secures an Investigation. A Former Report by an Investigating Committee Completely Exonerates the Minister—His Nature of the Trouble.



DALLAS, TEX., NOV. 25. AST may report of a scandalous nature were circulated in this city charging the Rev. R. T. Hanks, pastor of the First Baptist church, with outrageous conduct. The reports soon gained circulation and became the subjects of street gossip that the church officials had to notice them, and accordingly, a committee was appointed to investigate. This committee reported in September to the congregation that they could find no evidences whatever implicating Dr. Hanks in criminal action, and they submitted resolutions expressing perfect confidence in his Christianly and virtuous, and pronouncing the reports as wicked slanders, and furthermore, inviting anyone who knew to the contrary to make specific charges. These resolutions were unanimously accepted and the matter was thought to be settled. Lately, however, THE SCANDAL HAS BROKEN OUT afresh, and it has become so annoying to Rev. Hanks and his wife that on last Sunday resolutions were offered at his request proposing a church trial. The resolutions provided that the tribunal be composed of seven Baptist ministers of the state, the chairman of which was to be Rev. B. H. Carroll of Waco. Also that twelve leading members, giving their names, be appointed to gather evidence and to otherwise assist the tribunal, but not to have any voice in the verdict; also naming the date of the investigation as December 1 next. These resolutions were adopted by the church with only two dissenting votes. During the past week, however, the Hanks opposition became dissatisfied with the plan of the trial and charged that both the tribunal and the local committee were composed of Mr. Hanks' personal friends. This afternoon a joint committee of both sides met at the residence of Mr. John L. Henry to arrange a trial that would be satisfactory to both parties. The Hanks opposition asked that they be allowed also to name seven ministers for the tribunal and the local committee of twelve members of the church, to assist in collecting evidence, and that the date of trial be postponed till December 10, so as to give them time to get up their case. This was acceded to by the Hanks committee, and to night resolutions giving effect to the report of the joint committee were unanimously adopted by the church, after having been warmly supported by the minister himself. The resolutions provided that the church as a whole, would accept the verdict of the tribunal, whatever it might be. The trial is awaited with much interest.

AN EASTERN MONARCH

Who Has One Thousand Five Hundred Wives, Five of Whom He Kills Daily Just for Amusement. A French missionary who has just returned from Uganda shares the opinion held by so many authorities that Stanley is safe. He declares it is absolutely impossible that if Stanley had succumbed to an attack the news should not have reached the missions. It seems that when the intrepid traveler started from the falls a report was spread that he was going to "eat up Uganda," according to the expression in fashion in those benighted regions. The missionary thinks that Stanley is keeping quiet for the present either because he has some political project in view, which is not yet ripe, or because he fears his appearance might lead to the massacre of the English and French missionaries, particularly of the former, who are now at the court of the monarch, the sovereign of Uganda. This same monarch is described as a puerile negro king ruling over 10,000,000 subjects, and as ferocious as he is powerful. He is accredited with being the happy possessor of 1500 wives, five of whom he daily kills off for his own amusement. Some time ago Monanga received from Asia Minor, through the medium of the slave dealers in Egypt, intelligence of the acquisitions made by England and Germany on the Zanzibar coast. He at once assembled all his courtiers and made them swear that they would exterminate all the whites who might seek to "eat up Uganda." The first result of the ceremony was the imprisonment of Mr. Gordon, an English missionary, who had unchivalrously selected that very day to read out to Monanga a letter from Mr. Parker, a fellow-missionary, reproaching that monarch with his courtiers and exhorting him to turn over a new leaf. Mr. Gordon is, or was, in durance as a hostage. Monanga's very unpleasant behavior toward him warned the French missionaries to withdraw from his dominions, the only one who has remained behind being Mr. Sourde, whose medical skill is highly appreciated by the tyrant, who has a decided horror of death. Monanga is the largest slave trader in Central Africa. He supplies the Mohammedan dealers annually with about one hundred and fifty thousand slaves, which are transported from the Zanzibar coast to the Persian Gulf and the Euphrates. Landed on the shores of Arabia, the victims are sent to Asiatic Turkey, where they are sold "on the sly" through the medium of the pachas, who receive about 10 francs per head for their trouble. Many, however, die on the road, and sometimes a whole cargo of these poor people are carried off by sickness. In short, the story related by this missionary is simply heart-rending, and he avowedly inclines to the view that Stanley has been "keeping dark" through the fear that the whites whom Monanga sees in his power might be summarily put to death, with insult and torture.

A NEGRO KILLING.

A Colored Festival With Shot Gun Accidents. Correspondence of the Gazette. BLOSSOM, TEX., NOV. 24.—Two negroes got into a difficulty last night at a negro festival about two miles east of this place and one of them, Martin Linter, shot and killed the other, Antel Lee. Linter shot at Lee three times, two of the balls taking effect in Lee's body, the third missing him and striking another negro, Marsh Grey, but Grey's wound is not dangerous. The particulars of the difficulty are not known. Linter made his escape and has not been captured up to date.

WITHDRAW FROM THE G. A. R.

That is the Advice Given Indiana Democrats who are Members. INDIANAPOLIS, IND., NOV. 25. ERGE W. KOONTZ, adjutant general of Indiana, expresses strong approval of the action of General Sherman in withdrawing from the Grand Army of the Republic, and says that Indiana Democrats who belong to the order have equal cause for regret. He does not care that the order has been used for the promotion of political interests, but in the campaign, he says, the partisan zeal of the Republicans leads to the social ostracism of Democrats in parts where Republicans are in a majority. In consequence he thinks he will withdraw from the order himself and will encourage other Democrats to do so, but no attempt will be made to organize an independent Grand Army of the Republic composed exclusively of Democrats, as a member of the party has suggested. He does not believe such a movement could be made a success, and it could not be done anyhow under the Grand Army of the Republic constitution, because it does not allow the introduction of politics into the order in any way.

FEDERATION OF LABOR.

Appointing Delegates to the Convention at St. Louis. CHICAGO, ILL., NOV. 25.—About a hundred delegates were present at a secret meeting of the American Federation of Socialists this afternoon. The chairman stated that the meeting was called for the purpose of instructing delegates who would represent the trades and labor assembly of this city at the American Federation of Labor, whose convention begins at St. Louis on December 11 next. After a lengthy discussion delegates were instructed to vote for the eight hour movement to take place in 1890, already outlined by the American Federation of trades.

SYSTEMATIC MAIL ROBBERY.

Wails on an Arkansas Route Hobbed Five Times Within Ten Days. LITTLE ROCK, ARK., NOV. 25.—The agents of the postal service in this city are greatly worked up over a systematic series of robberies on the Star route, between Plummerville, on the line of the Little Rock and Fort Smith Railway, and Lobnitz, in the interior of Conway county. The matter has been kept very quiet, and the secret service department has been at work on the case several days. It is known, however, that the mails on this route have been robbed five times within the last ten days, and the amounts secured altogether will aggregate about \$1500 taken on various occasions from registered packages. The mail on this route is carried on horseback by a middle-aged man, and passes through several fourth-class offices. The department has men at work ferreting out the crookedness, and it is safe to say that the robber will be located. Some of the letters containing money were directed to Wolf Bros. of this city.

WICHITA FALLS

Co Have a Fair Next Year if Energy and Money Can Bring it About, Special to the Gazette. WICHITA FALLS, TEX., NOV. 25.—The State Fair Association divided the state of Texas into five districts and recommended the establishment of a fair association in each district. Wichita county is located in the fourth district, and a meeting of her citizens was held yesterday afternoon to consider the subject of getting the fourth district fair established at Wichita Falls. After considerable discussion a committee of five was appointed, viz: M. J. J. A. Foreman, J. A. Kemp, W. E. Brothers, Charles A. Horn and A. Newby. The committee were instructed to open a set of sock books and procure subscriptions to the amount of \$10,000. After that a meeting of stockholders will be called and a board of directors and officers will be elected, who will take hold of the business. One citizen is in earnest about this matter and intends to make a success of it. Another committee was also appointed to immediately raise enough money to equip a signal service station at Wichita Falls.

FOR SALE!

A BARGAIN! One Proof Press, THREE IMPOSING STONES, Democrat Publishing Co., Fort Worth, Texas.

Judge Brewer Says He Was Only on a Pleasure Trip and Knows Nothing of a Consolidation of Roads.

The Contract for Building 110 Miles of the Fort Worth and Rio Grande Said to Have Been Let in New York. Home Notes. J. D. Hunt of the Texas and Pacific was in Fort Worth yesterday.

NATURAL GAS WONDER.

A Technical Display That Lasted for Two Years. There are many curious phenomena ever present at the natural gas wells," said a member of a big natural gas company in Washington county, Pa., to a New York Times correspondent, in giving some reminiscences of the development of that great industry, "but I have never seen anything that struck me as being so peculiar as those that were witnessed a few years ago at a well in the Canada oil field at Sarita. The well was being drilled for oil, and, at the depth of 600 feet, a great volume of gas was found. The gas was accidentally set on fire as it gushed from the well. A fountain of flame more than fifty feet high was the result. That in itself was a wonderful phenomenon for that district then, and would be to-day, but the flow of burning gas has still a peculiar character, and such peculiarities as no gas well in Washington county ever had. One of the peculiarities of the Sarita well was that every fifteen minutes, as regularly as a clock could mark the time, a stream of water three inches in diameter spouted from the depths and mingled with the burning gas. The force of the water carried the flames up more than 160 feet, and separated the mass in dancing sprays and sparkling showers of fire. The water's chemical composition was such that there were certain inflammable qualities in it, and these would make brightly colored light to mingle with the dull yellow flame of the gas itself, creating a natural pyrotechnical display that I never saw equaled in brilliant and startling effects by any artificial combination of explosives and combustibles. Streams of bright yellow, globes of purple and fantastic shapes in red, pink and blue, leaped and danced and whirled about in that warring mass of fire in a manner most fascinating. The eruption of water lasted exactly three minutes, when the flame of gas would assume its normal condition. While the water was mingling with the flame a strong smell of sulphur pervaded the air. "A strange thing connected with the burning well was the way in which birds of all kinds were attracted to it while the water was spouting. They would circle about the pillar of fire, uttering their frantic cries and scolding as if they were frantic. Frequently the flames would catch some unfortunate bird in their light, and it would fall dead or dying to the ground. This bird had such an effect on many kinds of birds that they would alight in the midst of a crowd of spectators and permit themselves to be caught by the score. The owner of the well tried every means then known to extinguish the burning gas, but all to no purpose. It burned without any evidence of weakening, or that it ever intended to wane, for over two years, when it went out one day as suddenly as it had appeared. Another curious thing about this well was that when the gas took fire there were a number of oil wells on the tract, all yielding largely for that region. Their flow gradually decreased as the gas well continued to burn, and when it ceased burning not one of the wells was yielding a drop of oil, and none was ever found on the tract afterward, although on adjoining leases the drill tapped a liberal oil vein."

THE KNIGHTS OF LABOR.

Section by Powerfully the Legislative Committee—At Journey. INDIANAPOLIS, IND., NOV. 25. ELEGATES to the general assembly took advantage of the pleasant weather to see the slabs, the only business being done by the Hon. J. W. Hendon, Secretary of the Knights of Labor, who received delegates in groups, each state's representative calling on him in a body. He went over the ground he wished them to take up. Last night the delegates who are here representing the general assembly held a meeting and elected Hugh Cavanaugh, Cincinnati, president; James F. Mann, S. Wayne, vice president, and Mrs. A. P. Stevens, Toledo, secretary, to call a meeting of Ohio district assemblies early in January, probably at Columbus, for the purpose of choosing a legislative committee to work at the state capital. The plan is to organize such committee in the same manner as the national executive committee. Its business is to strive to secure state legislative action on subjects of interest to the working people. Two representatives will probably be present from each assembly, and some effective work is being looked for by the movers.

HATCHET AND RAZOR.

A Mother Kills Her Two Daughters and Her Own Throat. ST. LOUIS, MO., NOV. 25.—Advises from Oak, Mo., state that news has reached there of a horrible tragedy which occurred yesterday evening on Bull Creek, eighteen miles south of Ozark. William Pruitt, an old citizen of Toney county, had left home early in the morning to assist a neighbor in some work and upon his return home found his two daughters aged eleven and twelve respectively lying on the floor shockingly mutilated on the head and face. A bloody hatchet lying on the floor near the prostrate bodies of the little girls showed that it had been the instrument used in the savage work. The mother of the girls could not be seen about the house and after a long search she was found in the woods with her throat cut from ear to ear, the lifeless hand still grasping the razor that did the fatal work. No cause for the unnatural actions of the mother except temporary insanity can be suggested.

THE FINEST REPTILE IN THE WEST

At Anderson's and store.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 25.—Typographical Union No. 16, at its regular meeting, Tuesday evening, elected Captain William M. Meredith of Chicago for the position of public printer.

Samuel Wood of Coosville, Ind., has a dog that beats anything on record. A hawk caught one of the bones and flew away with it. It got its feet in the air, when the dog gave a jump and the hen got away all right, but the hawk is on exhibition.

Many People Refuse to Take Cod Liver Oil on account of its unpleasant taste. This difficulty has been overcome in Scott's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil with Hypo-Phosphite. It brings as palatable as milk, and the most valuable remedy known for the treatment of Consumption, Scrophula and Rheumatism, General Debility, Weakness, Diseases of Children, Stomachic Disorders, and all cases in which a pure and powerful tonic is required. Price 50 cents per bottle. Try Scott's Emulsion and be convinced.

Richmond, Tex., Nov. 25.—A fight occurred on Railroad street last night between two section men, in which August Bernhart was seriously cut in the bowels.