

Railroad Notes.

Every Sunday during the continuance of the summer schedule one fare for the round trip to Fort Wayne and intermediate points. Eleven hours in the Summit city on Sunday.

Wawasee Lake Ind. tickets on sale until September 30. Return limit October 31st 1904. \$3.10 for round trip. Rome City Ind. Season tickets good until October 31st \$2.30 15 day ticket \$1.95.

Louisville, Ky. Knights of Pythias Biennial Encampment, August 16-20, 1904. One first class fare plus 35 cents for round trip. Tickets on sale Aug. 15th to Aug. 16th. Good returning Aug. 31, 1904.

Russia-Japan war atlas 10 cents. Three fine colored maps, each 14x20; bound in convenient form for reference. The Eastern situation shown in detail, issued by The Chicago & North Western R'y, mailed upon receipt of ten cents in stamps by A. H. Waggener, 22 Fifth Avenue, Chicago, Ills.

Cheap rates for vacation trips from Chicago, round trip rates via Chicago Great Western railway \$18.00 to St Paul or Minneapolis \$22.00 to Duluth or Superior \$30.00 to Denver, Colorado Springs or Pueblo Col \$43.00 to Salt Lake City. These rates are good any day up to September 30th and on any train including the "Great Western Limited" finest train in the West. For rates to other western points for any other information write J. P. Elmer G. P. A. Chicago, Ill.

Niagara Falls excursion, on Wednesday August 17, the Erie R. R. will run their annual excursion to Niagara Falls. \$6.50 round trip from Decatur, Ind. Take advantage of the most popular excursion in America and visit one of the seven wonders of the world. For further information, write, C. L. Enos, T. P. A. Marion, Ohio.

\$12.00 from Chicago to St. Paul or Minneapolis and return via Chicago & Great Western Railway. Tickets on sale August 8 to 11 inclusive, good returning until August 26. For further information apply to any Great Western agent or J. P. Elmer, G. P. A., Chicago, Ill.

On Wednesday, August 17, the Erie railroad will run an excursion to Niagara Fall and Atlantic City. Rate to Niagara Falls, \$6.50; to Atlantic City, \$14.50, round trip. Return limit August 28. Special train leaves Decatur at 2:00 p.m. For further information enquire of Erie agent or address, O. L. Enos, T. P. A. Marion, Ohio.

Summer outings in Wisconsin Over a hundred summer resorts located on the Wisconsin Central Ry. between Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Ashland, offers to the summer tourists all attractions in the way of rest, comfort and recreation. The hotels are modern and splendidly equipped for the business. Waukesha, Waupaca, Fildfield and a score of other resorts are famous. Beautifully illustrated book, Jas. C. Pond, Gen. Pass. Agt. Wis. Cent. Ry., Milwaukee, Wis.

Northern Michigan has never been so beautiful as it is this summer. Your vacation is due and when looking over the map for a nice cool place to rest would be pleased to have you decide that some one of the many resorts suit you then "look up and talk it over" regarding rates, time of trains, etc. You know the G. R. & I. is the way to get to Northern Michigan real quick. J. Bryson Agent.

A beautiful map, valuable for reference, printed on heavy paper 42x64 inches mounted on rollers; edged bound in cloth, showing our new island possessions. The Trans-Siberian Railway, Pacific Ocean cables, railway lines and other features of Japan, China, Manchuria, Korea and the Far East. Sent in receipt of 25 cents in stamps by W. B. Kniskern, P. T. M., Chicago & North Western R'y, Chicago, Ill.

Homeseekers' excursions via Southern railroad in connection with the Queen & Crescent route, to certain points in Alabama, Georgia, Florida, North and South Carolina, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee and Virginia on the first and third Tuesdays in each month—May to November, 1904 inclusive, at the very low rate of one fare for the round trip, plus \$2. Tickets are good going 15 days, and for stop-overs south of the Ohio River with final limit for return of 21 days from date of sale. On the same dates one way settlers' tickets will be sold to points in the same territory at one-half first-class rates, plus \$2 from Ohio River gateways. For rates, schedules and full information, call on your nearest ticket agent, or write J. S. McCullough, N. W. P. A., 225 Dearborn street, Chicago, Ill.

Commencing June 1st the G. R. & I. will sell 15 day round trip tickets to northern resorts on G. R. & I. also to Frankfort Mich. and Ann Arbor and to points on the Pere Marquette R. R. from Grand Rapids at rate of one fare plus 50 cents for the round trip.

Take the G. R. & I.—Pan-Handle-Vandalia route for World's Fair at St. Louis, Mo. Just as cheap, just as quick and just as comfortable as any other route out of Decatur. Tickets on sale from now to November 30. For rates and information call on or address J. Bryson, Ticket Agent, Decatur, Ind., or C. L. Lockwood, G. P. & T. A. Grand Rapids, Mich.

Harvest Hand Rates to Minnesota and North Dakota. Every day during August the Chicago Great Western Railway will sell tickets to points in Minnesota and North Dakota at the low rate of \$14 each from Chicago to parties of five or more traveling on one ticket. Special low rates for return trip. For further information apply to J. P. Elmer, G. P. A., Chicago, Ill.

\$1.25 Chicago and return \$1.25 Sunday, July 31st, the Erie R. R. will run a special excursion to Chicago and return 1.25 round trip Special train leaves Decatur at 6:00 a. m., arriving in Chicago at 10:45 a. m. returning the special leaves Chicago at 6:30 p. m. For further information, apply to Erie agents.

\$27.50 Hot Springs, S.D. 30.70 Deadwood and Lead and return from Chicago daily, via the Chicago & North Western Ry. Correspondingly low rates from other points. The Black Hills region the great natural sanitarium of the west, is one of the most picturesque spots in the world and well worth a visit. Information and tickets can be secured from your home agent. Illustrated Black Hills booklet with valuable map mailed on receipt of 4 cent in stamps by W. B. Kniskern, Chicago.

\$50.00 California and return. Send 2 cent stamp for itinerary of special personally conducted tours to California, leaving Chicago August 18th and August 25th, via the Chicago, Union Pacific & North Western Line, account Triennial Conclave Knights Templar at San Francisco. \$50 round trip from Chicago. Correspondingly low rates from all points. A. H. Waggener, 22 Fifth Avenue, Chicago, Ills.

On the first and third Tuesday of every month the Erie railroad will sell one way and round trip excursion tickets to the west, northwest and southwest at very low rates. Further information, call upon Erie agents or write, C. L. Enos, T. P. A., Marion Ohio.

The Colorado Special—Chicago, Union Pacific & North-Western Line. This solid through train, only one night to Denver, leaves Chicago at 7:00 p. m., reaching Denver next evening at 9 o'clock. A perfectly appointed train. Another Colorado train leaves Chicago daily at 11 p. m. arriving Denver early the second morning, over the only double track railway between Chicago and the Missouri river. The best of everything. The Chicago-Portland special leaves Chicago daily at 11 p. m. with through sleeping car service to San Francisco, Los Angeles and Portland. Tickets and full information can be secured from your home agent or address A. H. Waggener, 22 Fifth Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

World's Fair Route

To St. Louis via Toledo, St. Louis & Western railroad, Clover Leaf route. Low round trip fares from Decatur as follows:

\$16.00 round trip. Going any day. Return limit December 15.
\$13.35 round trip. Going any day. Return limit 60 days from date of sale.
\$12.00 round trip. Going any day. Return limit 15 days from date of sale.
\$7.30 round trip. Good only on coaches. Going any Tuesday or Thursday. Seven days' limit. Commencing May 17.

Pullman palace sleeping cars, cafe and free reclining chair cars and through day coaches on all night trains. Buffet and free reclining chair cars and through day coaches on all through day trains. Meals served a-la carte on through trains. See T. L. Miller, agent Clover Leaf route a Decatur, or address George H. Ross General Traffic Mgr, Toledo, Ohio.

Going to the World's Fair?

If so, send for complete guide to the city of St. Louis and world's fair grounds, containing maps and full information about hotels, restaurants, theatres and all points of interests. Published only by the Clover Leaf Route, Toledo, Ohio, and sent free on receipt of six (6) cents postage.

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VASTNESS OF RUSSIA.

The Great Size of the Empire Is Not Generally Recognized.

Few persons realize how vast is the area of the Russian empire. Into that enormous country you could put all of non-Russian Europe and yet only take up a little more than one-eighth of the czar's domains. Then you could add the United States, including Alaska, and still have almost enough territory left to place Canada in. In fact, the Russian empire comprises one-seventh of the land surface of the globe.

Though not comparable in extent of territory with the empire of the czar, the United States seems of enormous area when compared with the European countries other than Russia.

The state of Texas alone would take in Germany, Greece, Holland and Switzerland and still have room to spare. Belgium would simply be lost in the Maine woods. In fact, you could put two Belguims into the state of Maine and have a state left as large as New Jersey.

France could be stowed away up in Montana and Wyoming, with enough territory left over to take in Portugal. Sweden would fit into California, with lots of room to spare, and Spain would almost, but not quite, fit into Nevada and Idaho.

To make Spain comfortable, we should have to borrow 4,000 square miles from Arizona, but that would still leave Arizona enough territory to take in Italy, leaving out Sardinia.

As for the British Isles, we could stow them away in New Mexico and have land to spare afterward. The dual empire of Austria-Hungary would be a more difficult matter to deal with, and in order to give it elbow room we should have to devote the states of Colorado and Oregon to it and then borrow 43,000 square miles from Washington, which would still leave Washington room in which to put the kingdom of Serbia and have enough left over for a fair sized state.

The kingdom of Roumania could be placed in Arkansas, with about 5,000 square miles to spare, and Bulgaria would have more than enough room in Oklahoma.

Turkey's possessions in Europe are about as large as Missouri, and Norway could be placed in the two Dakotas, with lots of room left over. The pieces left over from the various states and territories mentioned would be more than enough to make an area as large as Denmark and the other odds and ends of non-Russian Europe not mentioned.

But if we did not want to spare so much territory of the western states and territories, we could economize by placing Germany, France, Italy and Belgium up in Alaska, and the British Isles could be distributed among the Philippines, Hawaii and Porto Rico.—Washington Post.

He Lost His Case.

"Judge Emerson, one of the most eloquent men Illinois ever produced, was once taken down completely in a speech at Decatur," said an attorney of Chicago. "He had a case in which there were some peculiarly pathetic circumstances, the rights of a young girl whose property had been squandered and who was reduced to destitution being involved. Judge Emerson made the most of it, and as he closed his speech a solemn hush had fallen over the courtroom."

"Tears stood in the eyes of the jurors, and even the judge coughed sympathetically and hid his head behind the trial docket. His opponent, whose name I have now forgotten, saw that the spell had to be broken in some way or his case was lost. Arising slowly to his feet and in a voice of deep solemnity and with slow deliberation, he said, 'Gentlemen of the jury, let us continue these solemn exercises by singing the One Hundred and Fifteenth Psalm.' A roar of laughter followed from the audience, and Judge Emerson lost his case."

Etiquette of the Smoker.

The etiquette of the smoker is not observed in Philadelphia, according to a globe trotter. In many countries, especially in Spain and Cuba, where such etiquette is most jealously guarded, a man who is smoking must be sure, when asked by another man for a light, to present his cigar or cigarette for the purpose. To offer a match is to imply the social inferiority of the man who asks for the light, so that between two strangers such an offer is a deadly insult and sometimes sufficient to cause a duel. When, however, the difference in social grade is so marked as to be visible in clothing and accoutrement the match may be offered without offense. When the lighted cigar is offered it must not be thrown away until the man who has offered it has taken at least one puff. Otherwise the insult is greater than would have been the offering of the match.—Philadelphia Record.

Visiting Cards.

The Chinese, who seem to have known most of our new ideas, used visiting cards 1,000 years ago, but their cards were very large and not really the prototypes of our visiting cards, as they were on soft paper and tied with ribbon. Venice seems to have been the first city in Europe to use cards. Some dating from the latter part of the sixteenth century are preserved in a museum there. The German cities followed the Venetian custom 100 years or so. Then London followed suit—actually followed suit—for the first visiting cards in Great Britain were playing cards or parts of such cards bearing the name of the bestower on the back. They were first used in England about 1700. We do not know when they were first used in this country, probably not long after their first introduction into British society.

Living on a Few Cents a Day.

The problem of living on a few cents a day is not so difficult of solution if one cares to limit oneself to the actual necessities. For instance, we could point to the workers in the turpentine forests, who labor hard from sun to sun on a bill of fare that costs not more than 5 or 6 cents per meal. The average ration of a turpentine "hand" in the woods per week is five pounds of bacon or pork, one peck of cornmeal, one quart of molasses and a pint of salt. The value of this ration is about \$1 to \$1.10.

The real problem, then, is not really how cheaply may one live, but how many of the extras of eating one is willing to do without.—Savannah News.

High Pews.

During the reign of William and Mary in England a worthy bishop complained to the latter that the ladies of the court were wont to fix their eyes on their neighbors rather than on him during his discourses. It apparently never occurred to the divine that the fault might lie in the sermons themselves. By consent of the queen high pews were introduced to prevent wandering eyes. "As for the young ladies for whose spiritual welfare they were devised," says a writer, "their indignation was only surpassed by the rage of their admirers." From that time high pews were commonly placed in churches.

A Doubtful Compromise.

"I've worn out six pairs of shoes," said the collector, "coming after you with this bill."
"Don't let that bother you," replied the editor. "I've got an old pair that'll just fit you."

Making Himself Agreeable.

"Uncle George says I was born with a silver spoon in my mouth."
"A spoon in that little mouth! Oh, I see—it was one of those after dinner coffee spoons."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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Many farmers in the Northern and Eastern states are selling their high

priced lands and locating in the Southwest—in Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas. Many who have been unable to own their homes in the older country are buying land at the low prices prevailing in the new country—\$5, \$10, \$15 per acre and up. These lands are mostly cut-over timber lands, some of them possessing a deep rich soil producing corn, wheat, oats, clover, cotton, fruit and vegetables. Well improved farms are scattered throughout this country. Many places with small clearings and some improvements can be bought very cheap. Our descriptive literature gives a fairly good idea of this country. It tells about the soil, crops, climate, people, schools, churches, water and health. It contains maps showing locations of counties, towns, railways and streams, and gives names and addresses of real estate dealers in the towns.

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Louisiana Purchase Exposition (World's Fair) St. Louis, Mo., April 30th to Nov. 30th.

Stop-over Privileges at St. Louis on all tickets to and from the west. Write for rates and particulars to GEO. H. ROSS, Gen'l Traffic Manager, Toledo, Ohio.

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In 1900 election, 13,959,653 people voted for President. For nearest correct estimates received in Woolson Spice Company's office, Toledo, O., on or before November 5, 1904, we will give first prize for the nearest correct estimate, second prize to the next nearest, etc., etc., as follows:

1 First Prize	\$2,500.00
1 Second Prize	1,000.00
2 Prizes—\$500.00 each	1,000.00
5 Prizes—200.00 " "	1,000.00
10 Prizes—100.00 " "	1,000.00
20 Prizes—50.00 " "	1,000.00
50 Prizes—20.00 " "	1,000.00
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