

## JASPER COUNTY GLEANINGS.

### Kniman.

John Ott was out buying stock Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Casey of Aix were guest at the Springer ranch.

Charlie Lakin sold 41 head of hogs to Mark Ott a few days ago.

Warren Springer was out Sunday inspecting his crop of cow peas.

Pete T.—slept on the soft side of a plank in Kniman Saturday night.

Steve Mohogany missed a fine chicken dinner by going to the Kniman hotel Sunday. How were the oysters, Steve?

The Valley Opera Co. will arrive at Kniman Saturday, Oct. 7. The performance will commence at 8 o'clock sharp.

### Wheatfield Center

Mike Delehanty was a Demotte caller Monday.

Wm. Clark threshed his buckwheat Wednesday.

August Waltz is working for Chas. Schatzley.

Miss Lena John spent Sunday with her parents.

Little Ester Clausen is not much better at this writing.

Hiram Crawford and wife were Hibernon callers Saturday.

Mrs. Anna Shaffner was seen driving on our streets Wednesday.

Misses Nellie Delehanty and Minnie John were Wheatfield goers Friday.

Mike Delehanty and daughter Margaret and Chas. John were Chicago visitors over Sunday.

### Lonely Valley

Hello, Gillam, we haven't gone west yet.

Rev. Kuonen of Reynolds took dinner with us Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Huber were Rensselaer callers Thursday.

Will Shiber and wife of East Walker were in our midst Friday.

Several from here attended George Nichols' sale, Wednesday.

Little Elmer Wesner of East Walker was seen on our streets Tuesday.

Relatives from San Pierre are visiting with Mrs. Will Paine this week.

Trustee Mannan and Albert Keene of Wheatfield were in this locality Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Heidenblut of Rose Bud Valley were driving on our streets Sunday.

### Virgie

James Hill, who has been away to Longcliff, is home on a furlough.

Dick Mallatt will move to Brook where he has secured a steady job in a harness shop.

Elder and Mrs. Shreeves and babies spent Thursday with the latter's father, George Cover, Sr.

Our school opened with the usual attendance, some 40 in number, with Mr. Parcels of Rensselaer, at the head.

Geo. W. Cover had a very valuable colt coming three, badly hurt on the wire once, its right front foot nearly cut off.

Mr. and Mrs. Shreeves and George A. Cover drove to Rensselaer Saturday and took in the carnival sights. They do not report it being very good.

It is reported that Corbin Swartz, who went to Illinois where his brother the doctor lives, is worse again and fears are entertained of his recovery.

Orville Eller has purchased three fine horses of Jesse Fry of Roselawn. He is contemplating moving in a week or two on the farm just vacated by Dick Mallatt.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stoner of Valparaiso were fishing here last week and caught a pickerel that weighed 9½ pounds, besides many smaller fish.

### McCoyburg

Supt. Hamilton visited school here Wednesday.

Ray Moon spent Wednesday with Miss Laura Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hamilton spent Wednesday with John Phillips and family.

Miss Margaret Merritt spent Saturday night and Sunday with Rensselaer friends.

Misses Manda and Flo Funks spent Saturday afternoon with Miss Jessie Southard.

Miss Ida Willets spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Richard Fouks and Mrs. Reed McCoy.

Roy Williams and Miss Mary Fouks attended the carnival at Rensselaer Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lear and daughter Winnie of Palestine spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Johns.

Frank McDonald and Miss Jessie Southard were in Rensselaer Saturday evening attending the carnival.

Grandma Fouks of Milroy tp. came over Wednesday to spend a few days with her son Richard and family.

Richard Fouks, who has been quite sick with the typhoid fever and had a relapse, is somewhat better at this writing.

### MONON ROUTE EXCURSIONS.

• \$2.15 round trip to Frankfort, October 11th and 12th; return limit October 14. Re-union of Wilder's Brigade, 72nd Regiment.

\$6.80 round trip to New Albany, Ind., Oct. 10, 11, and 12; limit Oct. 14.

\$1.40 round trip to Lafayette Oct. 10; limit Oct. 12.

to Oct. 15, going via any direct route, returning via San Francisco or Los Angeles or vice versa; \$67.50 going via any direct route, returning via same or any other direct route.

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## THE SCREWS TIGHTEN

### NO FREE PASSES FOR ANTIRAILROAD CONGRESSMEN.

### BRIBERY AND INTIMIDATION.

Railroads claim Petty Blackmail Has Been Levyed by National and State Legislators—President Roosevelt's Procrastination in Calling Special Session Helps Railroads.

The railroads have already commenced their campaign of intimidation and bribery of the house of representatives to defeat legislation or government control of unreasonable rates. At this time of summer holiday travel the railroads claim they are deluged with requests from congressmen for passes for their families and friends for their vacation trips. At least one of the presidents of the big eastern systems, says the Washington Times, "has given instructions that no free transportation should be issued to those national legislators who were in favor of the Esch-Townsend bill in congress."

The Times further says: In response to every application for transportation by those who showed hostility to what the railroads wanted there is sent a stereotyped letter calling attention to the fact that for years the railroads have submitted to a system of petty blackmail levied by national and state legislators and that the matter was allowed to go on the theory that when the roads were in danger of being hedged about by congressional enactments the officials of the lines would need only to hoist the distress signal and "free pass" friends would flock to the rescue.

Now, the railroad managers know that nearly every Republican congressman voted for the bill to give the interstate commerce commission power to fix reasonable rates because he knew that it would not be considered, much less passed, by the Republican majority in the senate. It was necessary in consequence of the universal demand for such legislation for the Republicans to be on record on the side of the people and at the same time do no real damage to their friends the railroads.

When the caucuses and conventions occur which nominate congressmen, that vote can be pointed to as showing that the candidate for congress had obeyed the voice of the people.

This refusal of passes by the railroads is intended to bring the lawmakers face to face with what may be expected in the future. Those congressmen who promise to vote against such legislation in the next congress will of course receive all the passes for themselves and friends they ask for, and, judging the future by the past, there will be mighty few Republican congressmen who will not promise to vote to defeat all antirailroad legislation. To make a showing perhaps some more rebate legislation will be enacted, as most of the railroads favor such a law, or, like the Santa Fe railroad, ignore it and continue to discriminate in favor of their friends.

Since President Roosevelt made that startling decision that only the railroad corporation could be proceeded against for offenses against the rebate law and that railroad officials could offend with impunity no anti-rebate legislation is feared by the railroads, for what is a fine of \$500 or \$1,000 to a corporation that handles

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Read The Democrat for news.

## FORM PIED.

The Democrat had the misfortune to "pile" its correspondence page just as it was ready to go to press, and we are compelled to omit several of the correspondents' items from this issue.

millions. President Roosevelt in procrastinating, in calling a special session of congress to consider the necessary legislation to control unreasonable railroad rates, has helped the railroads, intentionally or unintentionally, more than anything else that has been done. If no extra session is called the vote on the railroad bills can be postponed until after most of the Republican members of congress have been renominated, and then, being the candidates of the party, the whole weight of the administration must be exerted to elect them, however they vote on the railroad issue.

In the strong Republican states or districts the only chance the people have to defeat a congressman or senator is at the caucuses for delegates to congressional and legislative conventions. A nomination in such districts being equivalent to an election.

In the close states and districts there will be the option for the voters to support the Democratic candidates if the Republican candidate is tarred with the railroad brush, so that the railroad issue may determine the political complexion of the next congress if the present congress does not pass the legislation that the people are demanding so loudly. But to pay their fare as the common herd does is a proposition that the Republican leaders will hardly consider, and the railroad managers know it.

A CRIME IN EITHER CASE. It would be a crime for congress to touch the tariff at this time is the declaration of Senator Dick of Ohio. Without doubt it will be another crime in Senator Dick's eyes for congress to meddle with railroad rate legislation. Senator Dick was educated in the Hanna school of politics and looks upon all reforms as crimes, especially when they interfere with liberal contributions from the protected trust or railroad barons to the Ohio campaign fund. "The old flag and an appropriation" is the cry that appeals to Dick.

WESTERN LIFE INDEMNITY COMPANY. Chicago, Oct. 4.—Judge Kohlsaat ruled that no action be taken in the Western Life Indemnity company's proposed transfer until a decision is reached on petition for an injunction restraining policyholders from voting on the proposition. A move has been made to have Manager Rosenfeld declared bankrupt.

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## THE SPORTING WORLD

### Nelson to Meet Gans.

Battling Nelson, the conqueror of Jimmy Britt, the California lightweight, is next to meet Joe Gans, the colored champion.

Gans has challenged Nelson, and the latter has accepted, with the proviso that the weight limit be placed at 133 pounds.

The recent Britt-Nelson fight was one of the most notable ever seen on the Pacific coast.

Britt tired rapidly toward the finish, and while he still retained much of his

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