

RAILROAD TIME.

Why the Trains on Some Roads Start One Minute Late.

"We're one minute late in starting," observed a man in his seat on an outward bound train at the Grand Central the other afternoon. "Either the train is late or my watch is slow. I don't think it's my watch, for it's as absolutely accurate a chronometer as there is in America. I paid \$750 for it," he added proudly.

"Your watch is all right, and so is the train," replied his companion. "It is something that is not known to the public, but it is a fact that most of the great railroads nowadays make their published time cards those that it is seen to the public at large, exactly one minute faster than those they furnish their train employees. For instance, this train, according to the time table, is due to leave the station at 4:59. The time card the engineer runs by gives the leaving time as 5 o'clock, and at 5 o'clock to the second he pulls out.

"The reason for that is this: I get to the gate at exactly 4:59. I am agreeably surprised to see that the train I want to take is still there and slide through the gate just as it is closing. I get aboard and in my seat just as the train starts. I look out of the window and see no one hesitating to step on the platform trying to make a dash for it and land on the rear step at the last moment. If there is any one left behind he is on the other side of the gate. The railroads have adopted this plan of having their public time tables sixty seconds faster so that the gate leading to the train may be closed at the moment the train is scheduled to start and so that those who get inside at the last moment can have exactly one minute to get aboard, which is ample if one is at all unlate."—New York Press.

Troubles of Population.

How many of the world's greatest staples are dependent on essentially pioneer conditions? Wool is a pioneer industry, dependent on the half occupied areas of the world, to say nothing of furs. How will the human race be fed when population has been spread over all parts of the earth available for human settlement at an even rate? Saskatchewan is larger than Germany and probably fully Germany's equal in economic resources. How would the world be fed if Saskatchewan and places like it were placed as closely as the Kaiser's empire? This is really the wheat question and the lumber question and in large part the beef question. James J. Hill now estimates that in twenty years we shall be a wheat importing nation, having passed over from the lists of areas which help to feed the world into the category of those that somebody else must help to sustain.—Boston Transcript.

Before the Day of Matches.

Sixty years ago the use of flint and steel to produce a fire was not wholly unknown. The late William E. Stone of Peoria lived at Beaver, Pa. His father one warm August night was stricken with apoplexy. The fire was out in the kitchen hearth, and his mother in her distress, unable to find the tinder box, was obliged to send his brother Marsh two miles and a half to a neighbor. She gave him a handful of tow, which he put in his pocket. Arousing a neighbor with some difficulty, she gave him a live coal, which he wrapped in the tow and, putting it back in his pocket, ran home. When he arrived there he swung the tow around his head, thus fanned the coal and produced a flame which lighted a candle. In the meantime relief had been so long coming that the father was past all surgery.—Peoria Star.

Waiting in a Doctor's Anteroom.

Any one who has had to wait any considerable length of time in a doctor's public room until the man of medicine was ready to receive him will appreciate an experience of Congressman Francis W. Cushman of Washington state. It is said the congressman some time ago had occasion to visit one of the noted physicians at the national capital and was compelled for many weary minutes to cool his heels in an anteroom. Finally, his patience becoming exhausted, he summoned an attendant, to whom he said: "Present my compliments to the doctor and tell him if I am not admitted in five minutes I shall get well again." The physician found it convenient to admit Mr. Cushman at once.—Chicago Post.

London's Plague of Whistles.

While a noise crusade is going on in New York there is another in London which beats it. The latest London noise is the whistle. It begins in the manufacturing quarters somewhere in the early hours. Then comes the morning whistler, the metaphorical "blow-boy," who merrily takes his way, whistling as he goes, and then, day in and day out, there is the whistle for the cab, and the taxicab demands three multiplied by thirty. And London has always been held up to New York as a model of a quiet city.—New York Tribune.

More Boxerism.

Of a revival of Boxerism in China the North China Daily News says: "It is stated that there are a large number of idle persons devoting themselves to teaching people fencing and boxing in Chenshuan, Kwangtung province. Their teaching also consists of making charms by which people are supposed to become possessed of power to resist sword cuts and bullets. Recently a well to do merchant, with official rank also, joined the society. This step became known to the district magistrate of Chenshuan and led to the man's arrest."—Kansas City Times.

Directories for Sale

This office has on hand a few copies of the county directory, which will be closed out at half price. Those wishing a copy should not delay sending their orders. It contains the name of every voter in the county. There is a special write up of the county and of the towns. In it there also is a synopsis of the same laws of the State, and much other valuable information regarding Lakeview and tributary country.

Timber Land Notice.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Lakeview, Oregon, Oct. 8, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that JOSEPH ELLIOT, of Finch, Oregon, who, on Sept. 23, 1908, made Timber and Stone Application, No. 0693, for SE quarter SW quarter, 8 half SE quarter, Section 26, Township 37 S., Range 22 E., Will. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Register and Receiver, at Lakeview, Oregon, on the 23rd day of December, 1908.

Claimant names as witnesses: John A. Morris, John H. Green, L. N. Kelsay, Wm. Benefield, all of Finch, Oregon.

O. S. D. 16, J. N. Watson, Register.

Timber Land Notice.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Lakeview, Oregon, November 25, 1908.

Notice is hereby given that JULIA ELLA RICE, of Lakeview, Oregon, who, on Nov. 18, 1908, made Timber and Stone Application, No. 0812, for E half SE quarter, Section 31, Township 38, S., Range 18 E., Will. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Proof to establish claim to the land above described, before Register and Receiver, at Lakeview Oregon, on the 17th day of Feb. 1909.

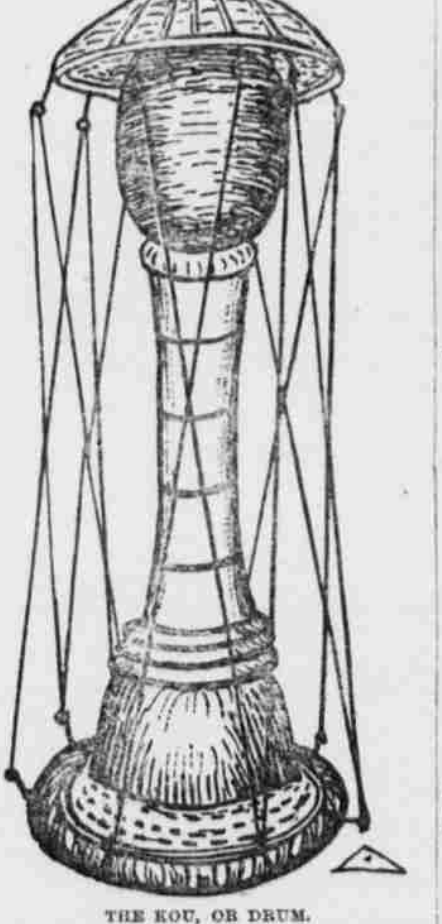
Claimant names as witnesses: Geo. H. Lynch, G. W. Rice, Bert S. Tatro, Edwin Tatro, all of Lakeview, Oregon.

O. S. D. 16, J. N. Watson, Register.

An Odd Looking Chinese Drum.

Kou is the Chinese word for drum, of which many kinds are used in China, Japan and Burma. Eastern drums differ from those of Europe in having their heads nailed on, not kept movable, as ours are for tuning purposes. The body is usually made of sandalwood, cedar or mulberry wood or else of baked clay.

They are used for many purposes—on state occasions, to tell the hour dur-



THE KOU, OR DRUM.

ing the night, to scare away evil spirits as well as to invite visits from good spirits and to play the "amens" at the end of verses in the Confucian services. Tiny drums are also carried by peddlers when hawking their wares. Etiquette insists that on any occasion when the emperor is present all drums must be muffled by being rolled in folds of cloth.

The College Yell Answered.



College Boys—We, wo, wy, wus! What the deuce is the matter with us? Uncle Jonas—I dunno, boys, but it ain't as serious as it's goin' to be if you keep up that racket.—Kansas City Times.

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