

St. Louis District—

Bro. James Reed working third Boonville. We are all glad to see "Jimmie" back and hope "Billie" will forgive him for going to Columbia with that other Jane.

Chief Dispatcher Walsh is calling on all the boys while acting trainmaster in Mr Wackher's place. It surely is a pleasure to shake hands with this whole-souled, good-hearted gentleman. All he asks is that the boys "hit the ball," and I am quite sure each one should do this to show our appreciation of a man who knows how to be a gentleman as well as perform the duties of a train master and an official of the company that he as well as we work for. Good luck to you, Joe, we all like you and hope to see a permanent promotion handed to you some day soon.

Mr. Wackher, the most efficient and best trainmaster on the M., K. & T. System (at least we think so), has been looking after interests in Kansas and Oklahoma in other departments for the company for several weeks, thereby proving his worth and efficiency. We will all welcome him back to the St. Louis District when he has completed the work he is now doing.

There are still a few nons on this district. If you don't know who they are and where they are located I will be glad to furnish you their names and addresses. We also have a few delinquents. Brothers, I would like to see this district 100 per cent strong. Make it that way? Why sure we can. Let us invite those nons to come with us. They received the benefits of that \$2.50 per month and also the working conditions, and the only reason they have not yet joined us is I presume the neglect of examination of conscience, and the fact that they have forgotten the golden rule. Let us not only ask them to come in, but keep before them the everlasting fact that it is the duty of every telegrapher working under our present contract to be a member and help keep what is both good for ourselves and the company we work for, alive and up to the 100 per cent mark. Good for ourselves, that we enjoy a decent wage and fair treatment, and good for the company, that they have efficient men. The man who is so indifferent to his own interest as not to join the organization that helps him is not of sufficient efficiency to make a good and loyal man for the company that he works for; and the contracts we hold on 95 per cent of the railroads in this country is very good evidence that the management of these railroads figure the same way. Let's get busy and get in the few who still remain outside the fold.

Bro. O. H. Dickmann hasn't got that raise for handling the coal chutes yet, but it's coming. The next revision is in sight.

Bro. John T. Barker, Attorney-General, Jefferson City, Mo., and, by the way, a member of Division No. 22, looks good to me for Governor of Missouri. He is a good card man and worked many years as a telegrapher before he became Attorney-General for the State of Missouri. We need card men for these public positions and the Governor of Missouri is none too good for such

a man. Bro. John T. Barker is the man that carries the card, and to all telegraphers remember "No card, no favors." Not only telegraphers, but all other card men should "boost" for this man and elect him Governor of Missouri.

CERT. 1.

St. Louis District Notes—

It is with deepest sorrow that we report the death of Bro. A. P. Salloway, of Hartsburg, Mo., employed as agent at Huntsdale, Mo., since October 9, 1915.

The members of the St. Louis Division showed their sympathy by contributing beautiful wreaths of flowers for the grave.

Bro. Salloway was a faithful worker, always prompt in the discharge of his duties.

We wish to extend to the bereaved members of the family our heartfelt sympathy in their great loss, and especially to the mother, as his death called to mind the pleasant visit she recently paid him. The mother is always ready to lend her helping hand in cheering us through life. May time take from her mind the burden of her loss is our wish.

CERT. 263.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the members of St. Louis District, O. R. T., M., K. & T. Ry., for the beautiful floral offerings expressing their sympathy at the death of our dear son and their fraternal brother, A. P. Salloway, agent Huntsdale, Mo.

D. E. SALLOWAY (Father),
Hartsburg, Mo.

C. M. & St. P. Ry., Div. No. 23.

*Rocky Mountain Division, Puget Sound Lines,
West Sub-Division—*

The electrification between Three Forks and Deer Lodge has been completed for some time. motors are running exclusively in through freight service and hauling a few hundred cars more or less over the main range mountain grade. Two passenger motors are also in service, taking care of Nos. 15, 16, 17 and 18 between Three Forks and Deer Lodge. Contractors are at work on the mountain lengthening outside tracks to hold about one mile of cars to take care of the increased tonnage which the motors are expected to haul.

Business continues good and all offices are manned to full capacity. Two tricks at Jefferson Island with Bro. De Chant on second. Three men at Cedric, Bro. S. A. Patterson first, Bro. C. F. Hawkins second and Mr. Collins third. Three men at Grace, old Geo. See on second, and R. F. Collier, from Omaha, on third.

Bro. E. F. Duff, on leave of absence from Rocky Mountain Division, Nor. Pac., is on third Donald, vice Mrs. Haskell, on third Janney temporarily.

Temporary staff office opened at Penfield, Mr. Chinn first and Bros. Sandberg and Curl on second and third.

Bros. D. G. Goggins, E. S. Bleichner and A. A. Wilson are on first, second and third Butte Yard,

and R. S. Reed and W. O. Kirkes on second and third, Finlen.

Mr. Hatton is on temporary pit job at Newcomb. Mr. 'Atton hails from the Canadian Pacific and carries a line of talk all his own.

The new light signals between Piedmont and Butte Yard will probably cut out a few officers between those points.

East Sub-Division—

Warm weather recently started the heavy snows in the mountains melting and all streams are very high. Bridges and track in the Sixteen Mile Canyon were in danger of washing out and work trains were put on to rip rap and strengthen bridges. Bro. Tommie Thompson, second Sixteen, who came to the country before the Indians and the buffalo, in the role of the "oldest inhabitant," says the water in Sixteen Mile Creek is the highest in twenty years.

Bridge 154, east of Fanalulu, was destroyed by fire on March 12th, and all through passenger trains were detoured via Miles City and the N. P. to Sappington. Local passengers were transferred over a temporary foot bridge. Freight traffic was delayed nearly twenty-four hours.

John Stearn, bridge foreman, and one of his men were given an involuntary bath while putting up the new bridge when some of the staging gave way. The two men did a "Brodie" into the cold water and John, being a heavyweight, was fished out with the wrecking derrick which fortunately was on the scene. He swears he won't take another bath until July or August when the water warms up.

Two tricks at Lombard and one at Cardinal taken off when the work trains finished up in that section.

Bro. Monthey, second Lombard, to third Ringling, displacing Mr. Sloggy, who relieved Bro. Bradley, Martinsdale second, to Groveland days, vice Nickum, resigned. Joiner, third Lombard, to Eustis nights. Bro. Campbell a few nights at Cardinal relieved Bro. Kearley at Lombard, who is in Chicago on committee duty.

H. D. Hughes, the old-timer, was called in from his ranch for a few days to relieve Bro. Monthey, third Ringling, who later relieved Sister Sill, first Summit, a few days.

Bro. Brass, from Devil's Lake, "UP," on Soo Line, now on nights Selkirk, vice Nash, resigned. Valencia opened up by two new men.

Sister Flynn, third Lennep, on an extended visit home, relieved by Ignatz Hollish. Sister Peacock, second Lennep, relieved a few days by Mr. Sloggy, Martinsdale second being closed during this time, operators apparently scarce. Later Sloggy was relieved by Mr. Bergin, from the O. S. L.

Bro. Dave Leeper, dispatcher for the past six months in Three Forks, recently resigned, relieved by C. G. Brown. Sorry to see Dave go, as he was always pleasant to the boys and one of the few in that office who held a card.

The work of electrifying this subdivision is rapidly nearing completion, all trolley being

strung as far east as Selkirk. Power was turned on March 10th as far east as Summit and a motor run from Three Forks to Summit light, and dragged a couple hundred cars back to Three Forks. Another six weeks will see the completion of the work on the Rocky Mountain Division, as the west subdivision has been operating motors for some time.

It is rumored that this subdivision will be ballasted this coming summer, two hundred men being now on their way from Chicago to place Two Dot put in shape for this work. With the heavy freight traffic we are now handling and the number of work trains already on, this new work will undoubtedly make business mighty good for some time to come. The men who are worrying about losing their jobs when the electrification work is finished can be assured of work for some time, as the road bed must be placed in first-class condition to handle the heavy trains the motors will haul. CERT. 1489.

Columbia & Idaho Divisions—

Spring has come and with it the best business railroads have ever enjoyed; traffic is being moved as fast as crews and motive power are available and side tracks are becoming congested with revenue freight of all classes, of which there is a constant stream in both directions. The officials are making heroic efforts to keep it moving and would perhaps succeed if it were not for the slides and high water which have been unusually troublesome this spring owing to the heavy snow fall and warm weather which is coming early. An unusually heavy slide occurred recently, just west of Boylston tunnel, which tied up traffic several days.

As the business increases, an operator is stuck in her and there, so it won't be long until the force will be about normal. An additional trick has been put on at Boylston and Rosalia, with Sister Olmstead at Boylston and an extra man at Rosalia. If business increases as the season advances, it will almost be necessary to put three operators at each telegraph office. Rye opened for the first time in five years by R. R. Barry until Sister Olmstead gets on the job.

Bro. Woods "hit the trail" for Chicago again the first of the month and says the committee is hammering away. In the face of this heavy business it should be able to pry quite a "chunk" from the management this spring; if they don't it will be because we are short in the percentage column when it comes to counting cards.

Bro. Peterson, third Othello, found his assignment too lonesome, so took unto himself a bride. Congratulations, Pete. Bro. E. E. Kilbourne, second there, while off to ride the goat at Ellensburg, was relieved by Bro. Murnam. Bro. Morrison, extra Lind, accompanied Bro. Kilbourne, relieved by Sister Breitingross. Bro. Coburn, first Othello, relieved several tricks by Extra Berkback.

Repeaters have been installed at Warden and now agents at Neppel, Marcellus and Ruff will be connected up with the main stem, after being

isolated for "quite a spell." This will take a lot of work off of Bro. Vickers, as he had to relay all business for these points on the phone.

Understand Bro. Rudaloff has been given a helper at Ralston to met the night trains.

Bro. A. Walden, agent Pine City, who was compelled to lay off several weeks on account of his health, has about rounded into form and is back to work again. Bro. Murnam, who relieved him, took a few days off before taking his assignment at La Vista.

Bro. Hayes, agent Rosalia, is rejoicing, as an additional trick has been put on there and he will be able to take in the ball games this summer.

Bro. Morrow bid in second St. Joe, putting third Lind on bulletin again. Bro. Downs may bid it in.

During the recent high water at Herrick there was nothing visible but the depot, making it rather tough for Bro. Kirkpatrick, but he's getting used to hardships now, as he is married.

Bro. Rylander is at White Bluffs while Bro. Woods is in Chicago.

Don't forget to find out if the new man has a card. There will be lots of strangers among us this summer and remember it's to our interest to find out if they are up to date! if not, "go after 'em," we need their money. CENT. 614.

Coast Division—

Bro. Cipra is being relieved by Bro. W. P. O'Hern on second Cle Elum. Bros. R. A. Kinneer, third, and L. D. Blume, first, relieved several days by A. L. Wellman.

Mrs. R. E. Chadwick on temporary second Easton, and Mrs. E. H. Chadderdon at Garcia on account of snow service.

Bro. J. W. Latto, on temporary third Whittier, displaced a few days by Bro. A. F. Morris, now relieving Bro. F. C. Clover, Kapowsin agency. A. T. Henery on second Whittier.

Bro. D. W. Switzer, third Hyak, relieved several days by A. L. Wellman. Bro. C. Erland is relieving Bro. H. McKinnon, second Hyak, on a trip to Chicago. E. G. Merritt is relieving Owens, second Auburn.

Bro. C. F. Wooten, third Cedar Falls, relieved two days by Wellman, who later went to second there while Bro. Adams spent a week at home.

Temporary operator Sumner filled by Mr. Dickerson on bulletin I understand. This should be good for all summer. There is a great deal of track work to be done all over the division, and the work trains in addition to present heavy through traffic should make plenty of business.

Bro. Robinson, Seattle relay, has lost his wife, who had been ill from tuberculosis for some time. She leaves one son, besides her husband, to mourn her loss. Bro. Robinson has our sympathy in his bereavement.

A meeting was held in Seattle, Sunday, March 19th, attended by about fifteen mostly from the T. E. and Tacoma Line. Various phases of schedule negotiations were discussed, but the time was too limited to allow for more than an outline.

Bro. M. McIntee has taken a billing job in Tacoma.

Div. Con.

Musselshell Division—

Bro. C. C. Johnson, third Musselshell, relieved one night by Bro. Flansburg. Bro. Ray Clevenger, third Calabar, on short vacation, relieved by Mrs. B. F. Johns. A. J. Haley, second Ismay, on extended vacation, relieved by Harrold, a new man, who later relieved Bro. J. E. Sharp, second Saugus, on account of his wife's illness; Harrold later bumped by Eckerman, who relieved H. O. Thomas, second Carterville, relieving Bro. J. F. Hayes, agent Sumatra, on vacation; Eckerman later bumped by Bro. E. L. Hopkins.

Bro. J. P. Kennedy, agent Kinsey, back to work after an extended visit to New York, Chicago and other eastern points, relieved W. T. Wells, assigned to third Plevna.

Third Dodge assigned to Bro. R. W. Ward, relieved on third Sumatra by Bro. R. Andrews until assigned to Bro. E. L. Hopkins. Ayers, reinstated on second Mildred, forced Bro. H. J. Thompson back on third and displaced Bro. E. H. Golden, who relieved Bro. T. E. Crandall on the agency there a few days and then went to his assignment at third Forsyth, vice Bro. C. H. Worman, assigned second Dodge. R. T. Wilson, assigned first "MC" Miles City, relieved Bro. A. F. Maile, who bid in second there temporarily. W. J. Doherty, F. P. Rozum and H. H. O'Brien assigned temporary vacancies on first, second and third tricks "NY" Miles City yard. Bro. J. H. Jesser, assigned first Melstone, relieved on second there by Bro. E. L. Hopkins until assigned to Bro. J. M. Mahoney. Bro. A. A. Riste, back to work after several months' illness, assigned to third Shawmut.

Bros. E. E. Kemp, second Ryegate, and G. F. Rediske, agent Slayton, are sporting annual cards and new automobiles, which causes us to wonder how they do it.

A. J. Haley, second Ismay, and S. A. Stover, second Shawmut, have dropped their membership. The former claims he is going to engage in ranching, and the latter gives no reason. Remember these two fellows when they ask for favors. They were the only two delinquents we had for the last term.

To Bro. Leo Thiel, first Ismay, belongs the honor of being the first to pay his current term dues. Bros. Herod, Heise, Montgomery, and an off-line member, Bro. Stewart, of the Continental Oil Co., Ryegate, have secured annuals. Nearly all of the boys have shown an inclination to pay up promptly, which is very encouraging. With a little more co-operation upon the part of each member the Musselshell Division will be able to retain the largest membership it has ever had.

I wish each of you would try and impress it upon the minds of all assigned men that it is a violation of our schedule, a detriment to our organization and an insincere reflection upon any member, who, while holding an assigned position, does extra work and waives the dollar a day extra compensation. Please do not scab against our own schedule. This, of course, does not apply to temporary work at your own station or work at other stations temporarily bulletined.

CENT. 1140.

Missoula Division—

Sister Smith, of St. Regis, on the sick list a few days recently.

Meskill, who bumped Mapes on second Roland, later returned to Chicago, as he was unable to pass the physical examination.

Superintendent of Construction Harry Hickok and the writer recently spent a Sunday at Falcon partaking of one of those dinners for which Mrs. Van, the agent, is famous. Harry has ordered a speeder so he can make the trip more regularly.

Bro. Baker, Deer Lodge first, relieved Dispatcher Fiske Marshall several weeks while visiting friends and relatives East.

It is rumored we are to have a stub run—Deer Lodge to Haugan—eventually running into Avery, Idaho.

All arrangements for the O. R. T. meeting, dance and good time in general has been made for Saturday evening, May 6th. We will have good music and lots to eat, and you will get acquainted with your working pals and learn a little more of the doings of the Order. You should attend in a body if possible. Our superintendent has kindly consented to stop Nos. 15 and 16 at all points of advantage. Get your request for transportation and relief in early. Mr. Phelan, as in the past, will do everything he can to relieve you.

Sister Clark has returned from Missoula, and Bro. Clark is wearing a smile that won't come off.

Sister Van Antwerp, agent Falcon, and Sister Trimble, were recent Spokane visitors.

Don't forget the O. R. T. dance May 6th. A good time assured all who attend. Come early.

If the man working with you is a non get his application. Bro. Bennett will furnish you all the blanks you can use. I sent out eight personal letters—U. S. mail—no answers yet. Business is good and lots of new faces. Get their applications as soon as possible.

Sister Spangler, third Haugan, is on an extended vacation to Chicago and other points east.

Local Chairman Bennett was off a few days recently on business of the Order.

With regret we chronicle the death at Missoula of the father of Bro. Griswold, third Saltese, following an illness of two months. Mickey has the sympathy of the Order and community at large. Understand he has accepted a position as brakeman on this division during the rush this coming summer.

The writer just ordered a large quantity of the latest and best orchestra music to be used at Superior for the annual ball of the O. R. T. Come and hear it.

Remember, "No card, no favors," and practice it.
WM. E. PEARL, Div. Cor.,
Harbona, Idaho.

Trans-Missouri Division—

Business is holding up good.

Bro. Albert Kirby bid in Moreau Jct.

Mobridge relay fifteen days and temporary side table in "DS" now open.

Our committee is still in Chicago looking after our interests, and I hope the boys on the division

will all line up and support it. Times are good now and I see no reason why we should not be solid on this division.

Local Chairman Hoesley, Timber Lake, advises that he is just getting his head above the big business rush down there and may be able to shake his feet loose and tell us what he knows by July 4th.

Bro. E. C. Holman, "MB" relay, is thinking of taking a trip across the sand with the Aberdeen Shriners in the near future. Yours truly will endeavor to see you through, Ed. If have any friends bring them with you; you might need 'em.

Not many changes on the division during the month, therefore not much news.

E. C. W., Cor.

I. and M. Notes—

Bro. D. C. Jorgenson is relieving Bro. Finnegan, at Medford, who has gone to Minneapolis to take treatment for stomach trouble. Everyone hopes for his speedy recovery.

Bro. C. Duncan is on third Comas, vice Bro. O'Connor, who went to Hastings yard.

Bro. Barker, agent Chester, Iowa, was off a few days on account of sickness.

The few brothers who have not paid their dues for the first half of 1916 should remember that this very important matter should not be neglected for one minute. It requires an enormous amount of money every year to keep our schedules up to their present standard, and get a little more money and better working conditions. It's money that makes the mare go. Let's not let the animal stop on us as we might get stuck in the mire.

Time to get your garden plowed and get that seed in, you know, as it helps to cut down on the high cost of everything.

"No card, no favors."

Div. Cor.

H. & D. Division—

Bro. H. G. Guernsey appointed to first "GN" tower, vice Bro. J. S. Nilan, to Marvin agency; Bro. W. H. Swan to second Shakopee, leaving third Wegdahl open for bids.

Bro. W. D. Dunlap, of second Stewart, has returned from an extended visit in the South.

Bro. W. J. McDale, of the Soo Line, is relieving Len Nelson and Bro. A. W. Nelson relieving at Montevideo yard.

Bro. J. C. Brown, of Westport, made a trip to Olivia recently.

This month I wrote to twelve brothers for a few news items and the only one to reply was Bro. W. H. Swan, at Wegdahl. I surely appreciated what he sent me.

Bro. J. S. Rinner is on first Junction Switch pending arrival of A. B. Abernathy, of Aberdeen dispatcher's office, who hid in the job.

CERT. 1366.

H. & D. Division Notes—

Bro. M. T. Johnson appointed to first dispatcher's office, Aberdeen.

Bro. W. H. Brown, who has been on this division for five months, has been reinstated on the Soo Line, where he held fifteen years' rights.

Sorry to see Brown go, but glad he got fixed up there again.

Bro. W. J. McHale, of the Soo Line, is relieving Bro. A. W. Nelson on second Montevideo yard.

Bro. O. Fosnes, third Summit, recently underwent a successful operation at Montevideo hospital.

Bro. E. W. Cook appointed to third Wegdahl, and Bro. M. E. Larimer, at Appleton for a month, appointed operator at Nubia.

Bro. A. A. Jordan, who worked on this division last year, is back on a visit before going on the D. M. & N.

I sent out an appeal to several brothers for news items the past month, but none replied. Whenever you know of any change, drop me a line at Watson. Don't put it off and expect someone else to do it. It only takes a moment to do this, and then we will be assured of a good write-up each month.

B. F. FULLER, Div. Cor.

River, C. V. and Wabasha Divisions—

Our esteemed and worthy brother, Charles D. Gallivan, Minneapolis relay, relieving First Trick Dispatcher Adams at Minneapolis, who is engaged in statistical work in Superintendent Thiele's office, is being relieved by Bro. J. F. Sainsbury, first Hoffman avenue tower, son of Bro. G. Sainsbury and brother of Bro. E. J. Sainsbury, Minneapolis relay; Connelly relieving on first Hoffman avenue, relieved on second there by Bro. W. B. Nease, relieved on second Signal tower, Short Line bridge, by Taylor, a new man.

Bro. D. C. Jorgenson expects to go to Bixby, on the I. & M. Division, for relief work shortly, and Mrs. Jane Weiler to Vermillion.

Bro. Fishback, who bid in third Hastings yard, is in Indiana on a month's vacation.

Bro. C. R. Leman, old-timer, first Hastings yard office, is also on vacation, A. S. Dickson relieving.

The boys at Hastings yard office, who had to work in a shack since the recent conflagration, have been furnished a new office.

W. S. Widmoyer, relieved by J. E. Taylor at River Jct. for a week.

E. E. Smith, Homer, who has purchased the general store there and plans to run it in conjunction with his position, is laying off for two weeks.

We are sorry to announce that Bro. M. Bescup, who has been laying off on account of inflammatory rheumatism, will be unable to resume his position at Chicago Great Western crossing, Winona, until warmer weather. We hope for his speedy recovery.

Bro. Christopher, agent Minnesota City, is in the market for a new automobile. CERT. 943.

S. C. & D. Division Notes—

First and second Sioux City dispatcher's office open for bids; also Stickney, S. D., agency, as the six months' leave given J. P. Wallace, agent, is up.

I. Bartholemew, agent Fairview, given six months' leave, has resigned.

C. R. Fletcher has been appointed agent and telegrapher at Corsicana, and should come in now.

Mr. Crink, formerly with the C. & N. W., worked a few nights recently on third "DS" Sioux City.

Bro. Hartson, second Vermillion, went to third Hawarden while the track was washed out between Vermillion and Yankton, all trains going via Elk Point and the Sioux Falls Line to Canton. Trains had to be backed up from Vermillion to Elk Point, as about four miles of track was washed clear off the dump between "MN" and "B." Bro. Hartson, Vermillion nights, has purchased a motor boat, and may have a chance to use it rescuing some of the folks drowned out by the Big Muddy being out of its banks.

Bro. W. E. Beck, agent Geddes, who fell and bruised himself, was cured in a few days by chiropractic treatments.

Morton has returned and is relieving the agent at Dante, S. D., on account of sickness in the family.

Bro. Calvin Perry is back again, and is working as G. Y. M. and third telegrapher at Elk Point. Bro. "Kit" Carson, third there, has gone with the C. St. P. M. & O. out of Omaha.

Bro. L. W. Baker, Nettleton, Mo., who has taken up farming, when remitting for his dues, says he wants to keep up his membership, so should he decide to return to "brass pounding" or "telephony," he will not have to tell the man on either side of him that he "used to belong and will get a card next pay day." C. B. DIEHL, Div. Cor.

Dubuque Division—

Recent appointments: Bro. Knapp and Harrington to second and third Gordons Ferry; Frederick and Anderson to second and third Spechts Ferry; Scott and Blake to second and third Clayton; McCurdy to day and Keas to night side table Dubuque.

Bernard agency on bulletin, \$55 per month.

Bro. Hickey has resumed at Pleasant Creek nights.

Bro. Degnan has returned to third Guttenberg bulletin for that position canceled.

Dean, of Buena Vista, to Turkey River Jct. nights extra.

Bro. Yohe, Gordon's Ferry, while attending the funeral of a relative at Buena Vista, relieved by Noonan, Dubuque.

Bro. Obershaw and orchestra furnished music for a dance at Gordon's Ferry. He is "there with the goods." Div. Cor., Cert. 579.

Kansas City Division—

Bro. English to second Chillicothe pending transfer, relieved by Bro. Hatfield on first Laredo. Bro. Shaw relieved Bro. McKinley on second there. Bro. Herdman, formerly at Laredo, is now with the C. St. P. M. & O. at Sioux City, Iowa.

Bro. D. L. Fulton, of Suburban Jct., was off a few days on a trip to Northern Missouri. Sister Martha Butler has returned to Suburban Jct. first after three months' vacation.

Bro. Carson, agent Elmira, took a trip to Kansas City recently.

Bro. Williams, of East Bottom tower, Kansas City, and Bro. McDonald have, with the consent of all concerned, traded positions. This is Bro. Williams' first experience telegraphing, but he goes at it like an old hand. Bro. McDonald secured his training in the big interlocking plant at Cone. Bro. Schendell, from Cone, relieved Bro. Allen, agent Linby, while looking after his farm in Missouri.

Bro. Anderson is on second Washington, and Lennox on third there pending transfer.

Assignments: Agencies—Rutledge, C. T. Nolan; Dawn, Bro. J. O. Pauley; Titus, Bro. C. F. Johnson; Rathbun, M. F. Pollard. Telegraphers—Mystic first, Bro. C. B. Hodenfeld; second, Bro. J. R. Endicott; Chillicothe second, Bro. R. D. Adkins; Polo third, Bro. W. M. Crandall. Nights—Powersville, Bro. W. E. Ferrell. Div. Cor.

LaCrosse Division—

Bro. Pratt, agent Waterloo, visited friends at Rio, Milwaukee and Baraboo a week.

Bro. Blaubaugh, agent Ixonia, went to Milwaukee a few days on account of sickness.

Bro. Campbell relieved in "A," dispatcher's office, during the absence of regular operator.

Bro. Polson on first, Fiddler on second and Bartl on third Pewaukee, "MN," during the ice shipping; office closed March 10th.

Bro. Mansky, who has been off several months, purchased a horse in Chicago.

An operator who walked from Tunnel City to Raymore when it was 30 degrees below, recently boarded a train of four bad order baggage cars returning to Milwaukee shops for repairs, thinking it was No. 2.

Bro. Van Wie, Mauston, has nothing to do now but peruse his "Tip Top Weeklies," as Bro. Seymore has returned from Florida. "Babe" is right in the 400 bunch taking a risk, as this is "Old Maid's" year.

Bro. Williams, second Sparta, was off a few nights recently.

Bro. Polson, who relieved agent Tunnel City several days, later bumped Gutschall off third "ON."

Bro. Seibold, Raymore, visiting around Columbus a week, attended a dance on the North Western.

Only part of twelve extras on the list are working.

Bro. Gilmore, third "MO," off three nights recently.

Tunnel City second and agent and operator there are up for bid temporarily.

We soon expect to see Bro. Cull moving westward again toward Raymore.

Bro. A. D. Finigan, first Kilbourne, is now proprietor of the new Park Hotel there, of which he assumed the management on April 1st. We wish him success.

A. D. Zipherine goes to temporary position in "GO," Milwaukee relay.

Bro. E. L. Johnson, while attending the bowling tournament at Watertown, relieved by Bro. McNeal.

Extend my hearty thanks to Bros. Flaherty and McNeal for their contribution. Come again.

Div. Cor.

LaCrosse Division Notes—

The telegraph school "faker" has not yet become extinct, one of these fake institutions having been started recently at Tomah, Wis.

The "boomer" professor, known to us as F. Maguire, blew into Tunnel City on a night freight not long since, and as operators were scarce he was given third there on the C. & N. W., but did not last very long. The O. R. T. boys acted the good samaritan and interceded for him to our chief dispatcher, who put him on extra and he finally landed a steady job back at Tunnel City, this time with the C., M. & St. P. As soon as he got fairly started he opened up a "telegraph school" at Tomah, the next station, promising the young ignorant country boys to make them full fledged railroad operators in six or seven months at salaries from \$75.00 to \$150.00 per month.

Maguire's assistant is the second trick operator there named Hatch, who, we understand wears an O. R. T. button, but has no card.

CERT. 528.

Milwaukee Terminal Division—

I have seen nothing in THE TELEGRAPHER for several months from this division, which is due entirely to our own neglect in failing to keep our correspondent posted on matters of general interest, changes, etc.

Any local correspondent is always pleased to receive notes from a brother knowing of any changes or items of interest.

However, there are very few changes made in this district, the employes in our class are pretty firmly rooted in their assigned places, which I believe is a good thing for the railroad company and not a bad recommend for any employe.

We are proud of the fact that we are practically solid here, there being only three or four eligible men in our territory who are not members of the O. R. T., the organization that has lifted up and benefited us all in so many ways during the past four years on this system.

One is inclined to pity those who fail to realize this and pretend to believe that our organization has never helped them any.

The writer was one of a committee of three appointed to check the accounts and books pertaining to the affairs of our organization on this system at the general secretary-treasurer's office in Chicago a few weeks ago and found everything in excellent condition. Detailed report of this will be mailed the membership soon.

It is wonderful the progress made on this system during the short time we have been a scheduled road and one only has to look back a few short years to more fully realize this. With the right men at the head of such an organization as ours we can expect greater good and the men at the head of our affairs on this system are big enough and broad enough to see that our work

is successfully carried out—the right man in the right place.

Brotherly sympathies were expressed very beautifully at the home of Bro. and Mrs. B. A. Gothompson a few days ago in this city at the funeral of their daughter, who passed away after a short illness. The family have our most sincere sympathy. CERT. 107.

C. M. Notes—

Bro. F. W. Howard, agent Zenda, has been visiting at his old home in Syracuse, N. Y., relieved by Bro. H. C. Cone, who also relieved Bro. Hoffman, agent Morton Gross, when he went to the hospital with appendicitis. Bro. Hoffman has a record of thirty-four years without a vacation.

Bro. G. H. Lane, second Ranney, resigned, to R. & S. W. Division. Bro. L. M. Oskins, third Ranney, was off several nights recently.

Bro. J. R. Porter, first Wadsworth, in Chicago a few days, was relieved by Bro. G. E. Campbell, a new man. CERT. 1984.

Mobile & Ohio Ry., Div. No. 24.

We note in the February issue of the journal a write-up from the north end of the M. & O., the first we have seen for some time, which gives an account of a meeting held at Waterloo, Ill., on December 19th. Do this often, boys, it tells us on the south end that you are still alive.

We have labored hard in the past to accomplish something, both in membership and conditions. We are now reaping the harvest of a good and substantial membership, and hope that in conditions it will be equal, if not greater, than our membership. We still have a few "doubting Thomases," but with our nearly 100 per cent membership, they will be unable to "rock the boat." The writer, with the assistance of a goodly number of enthusiastic brothers, have endeavored to show them the light, but they still hold out. The man who remains out of an organization that tends to better his living conditions, thereby rendering it easier for him to live up to the American standard, is not to be scorned, but pitied.

Some with imaginable petty personal grievances against the officers of their division remain outside, displaying their obstinacy and standing in their own light, but when benefits are passed around notice how prompt they are in sending in overtime slips, etc. They don't forget that part of it, though they are not courteous enough to answer letters written them in regard to joining the Order. They know they have no argument, and just lay low, and without any expenditures on their part, either physical, mental, moral or financial, and take what we get them.

We can't win a battle if the soldiers in our own army level their guns at each other. That is the way we have done for the past twenty years, simply fighting each other instead of presenting a solid front to our enemies. As one brother puts it "we double the hill too often, our sand and steam pressure fags out, and we have to reduce our tonnage, go to the top with the first

cut and come back after the last. Some good brother, weary of his way, sees that his conditions should be bettered, takes it upon himself to organize a little, makes a little headway, meets with a lot of obstacles, and finally sets out some of his loads for the other weary brother to pick up. He progresses by jumps and jerks, snatching out a draw-head or two now and then, and finally gives up for some one else to take up where he left off. All these conditions are due to the lack of interest displayed by the membership. Take an interest in the election of your officers, pick out men you have confidence in, then back them up; in the meantime be an organizer; don't depend on your officers to do it all.

Bro. Harrison, after a long siege of sickness, has returned to his post. We are glad to see him back with us.

We have had a few changes lately, though not brothers when they reached us; we call them brothers now.

Our prospects for a revision in our present schedule is in sight, and hope the negotiations will soon be well under way.

Rally to the flag boys, and make it 100 per cent. It is for you as well as for me, that you do this. CERT. 213.

International & Great Northern Ry., Div. No. 25.

Ft. Worth Division—

Western Union moved back to I. & G. N. office at Italy; Bro. Reulet bid in second there, vice W. O. Marshall. Bro. Rogers, second Bryan, assigned first Italy, vice Bro. Lauderdale, there pending bulletin.

Bro. Talley, Highbank, was off several days recently attending court.

Third "BA" abolished, Bro. Mitchell taking third Bryan, vice Bro. Umland, who relieved Bro. Patzke, agent Hufsmith, resigned on account of poor health. We regret to lose Bro. Patzke; he was always up to date and we sincerely hope for his speedy recovery.

Bro. Mitchell, while in the hospital two weeks with the mumps, relieved by Bro. Umland. Bro. Rogers, also laid up with the mumps, has presented his bill to Bro. Mitchell, as he caught them from "Red."

The writer has been assigned to Hufsmith agency. Drop me a line when any changes are made. Drv. Cox.

Seaboard Air Line Ry., Div. No. 28.

Georgia Division—

The regular meeting of this division was held at Lawrenceville, Ga., March 19th, by General Chairman D. May. It was a real good meeting, having twenty-four members present, and all seemed to be in good spirits, several good talks being made for "the good of the Order." We are glad to see the boys taking so much interest in their general welfare.