

## FRANK S. ELLIOT SUPERINTENDENT

L. G. Sloan Resigns From Rio Grande Western and Title is Abolished.

IS A NORTHERN PACIFIC MAN.

New Official to Arrive Here Tomorrow From Seattle to Operate the Utah Road.

With the resignation of L. G. Sloan, assistant superintendent of the Rio Grande Western, which goes into effect tomorrow, the title will be abolished. Tomorrow Frank S. Elliot will arrive in this city from Seattle and enter upon his duties as superintendent of the Rio Grande Western, with headquarters in the depot building, Salt Lake. All reports heretofore made to the assistant superintendent's office will be made to the superintendent.

The new official comes here from the Cascade division of the Great Northern, where he was assistant superintendent, a position he resigned to take the better one in Utah.

Mr. Elliot has been with the Great Northern for 13 years. He started in as dispatcher and gradually worked his way up to chief dispatcher and assistant superintendent. Mr. Sloan intends to take a rest until spring arrives, and with this object in view will leave for California at the end of the week. It is anticipated that there will be several changes following the arrival of Mr. Elliot. At the present time Charles Hamilton, the chief operator here, is at Hot Springs, Ark., where he has been seriously ill for some time with catarrh of the stomach. With the retirement of Mr. Sloan it is possible that J. A. Walker, the night chief dispatcher, will be promoted, and there will be a number of other advancements along the line.

No changes will probably occur, however, before General Supt. A. E. Welby returns from Colorado, which will be either Saturday or Sunday.

### COAL SITUATION.

Reno Gazette Tells of Awful Suffering in Salt Lake.

The coal situation remains practically the same. At Rock Springs 7,100 tons are being mined a day. Of this amount the Union Pacific consumes 5,000 tons daily, leaving but 2,100 tons for commercial purposes. At Kemmerer and Diamondville the total output is 7,400 tons daily. This coal is practically all used by the Oregon Short Line and the Southern Pacific, the latter company taking 5,000 tons a week and the Short Line and O. R. & N. 2,400 tons daily. Butte also is drawing on these mines.

Salt Lake last year was getting on an average of 30 carloads of coal daily. Now the coal is coming in at the rate of an average of some 18 to 20 cars a day, quite a big share of this total coming from the Utah Fuel company.

While the situation is somewhat grave, it is not so bad as some would make out. One has to go away from home to learn the news, and in this connection the following clipped from the Reno Gazette is interesting reading for Salt Lake.

"There is much suffering in Salt Lake from the famine."

"Places of public worship and halls have been closed because there is no fuel."

"Hundreds of families have no coal and there is no wood to relieve the situation."

"The newspapers are calling upon those with supplies of fuel to divide with their neighbors and relief committees are at work getting a small supply to those who are in danger of severe privation."

"To make matters worse a cold wave has set in."

"The railroad company has promised to bring in a shipment without delay, and cars are now being loaded consigned to the Mormon City."

### FIVE HUNDRED MEN.

Heavy Rock Work on Yellowstone Park R. R. Takes an Army.

Baxter, Straw & Storrs, the new railroad contracting firm recently incorporated here, has men at work on some heavy rock work on the Yellowstone railroad which is being built from St. Anthony to Parkside, Mont. While the frost has made it impossible to do

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any team and scraper work, as stated on Saturday, there is plenty of work to be done.

The company is expecting every day to receive word that the proposed right of way has been granted through the forest reserve recently withdrawn from entry. Just as soon as this is forthcoming, there will be a call to ship 200 more men on to the rock cuts and fill that will be encountered. The last set camp, situated some 17 miles out, has 200 men in it, all as busy as bees. Other camps have been established at intervals where rock is encountered along the right of way as far as 40 miles out. Among the outfits on the ground is an electric drill, which will be reinforced by an air drill equipment as soon as the reservation is reached.

The contract with the Oregon Short Line representatives calls for completion to Parkside by June 1, but, owing to delays, it is not probable that the line will be ready to turn over to the operating department by that date. Should the winter break early, however, the scrapers will expedite matters considerably.

### HEAVY EARNINGS.

Union Pacific and Denver & Rio Grande Make Fine Showing.

Western railroads continue to have their hands full transporting freight and accordingly the earnings are in red ink on the right side of the ledger. Among the railroads reporting the earnings for November are the Rio Grande and the Union Pacific. The Rio Grande shows an increase of \$177,021 for the month and for the period, July 1 to Nov. 30, the gross earnings were \$5,535,509, or an increase of \$1,061,111. The Union Pacific figures are decidedly more staggering. For the month of November the earnings were \$6,109,535, and the increase of \$389,736; July 1 to Nov. 30, \$30,241,887, an increase of \$5,639,754.

### MATERIAL ARRIVES.

Carloads of Ties for the Western Pacific Come in on R. G. W.

Material for the Western Pacific is at the end of the line are beginning to arrive in Salt Lake in the form of ties, which are being stacked up in the Rio Grande yards here. The consignments have been arriving in small lots of one and two carloads for some days past. This is preliminary to the laying of the track about April 1, when operations will be inaugurated in a large scale. At the present time the grade is 30 miles out and the hauling of camp supplies and outfitting this distance by team is calculated to be an unprofitable job taking up considerable time.

### SPECIAL DELAYED.

Chinese Commission is Now Due to Arrive This Evening.

The Chinese commission, some 55 strong which is traveling from San Francisco to Washington, D. C., in a special train, did not arrive in Salt Lake this morning as first scheduled. Owing to the fact that they tarried by the way they will not reach Salt Lake until this evening. The party goes east over the Oregon Short Line and Union Pacific and is down for a fast run.

### MUTTON BUYERS HERE.

Looking for Shipments to Los Angeles Meat Market.

If the Utah wool growers will meet their buyers somewhere around half way, there will be a big shipment of sheep out of this state to Los Angeles during the next 30 days. Heretofore the sheepmen have held their mutton on the hoof too high for the buyers and in consequence they have gone on to Montana and secured several trainloads.

Among the latest of the buyers to come into this field is Mr. Avery of San Bernardino, Cal., who is on the lookout for several trainloads to ship to Los Angeles. Within a few days a representative of the Haver Packing company of Los Angeles will also arrive in this state for the same purpose. The trouble seems to be that the stock

growers as soon as they hear that there are some buyers in the field at once arrive at the conclusion that they must have the mutton and accordingly hold out for high prices, and pay no heed to the contention that as the freight rate to Los Angeles is low, they should part with their holdings they wish to sell at a little less than Chicago quotations.

### OFFICES CLOSED.

Following the policy of retrenchment and economy which has hit the Rock Island not only in Salt Lake but all over the country, the following circular has been issued from St. Louis:

Effective Jan. 15, 1906, it has been decided to abolish the offices of general agent at Richmond, Va., and commercial agent at Jacksonville, Fla.

Effective same date, Messrs. V. M. Cline and C. S. Hall, holding the positions referred to, respectively, are appointed traveling freight agents, reporting to commercial agent, Atlanta, Ga.

### SPIKE AND RAIL.

William H. Leate has succeeded Ferd K. Rule as treasurer of the Salt Lake Route.

District Passenger Agent E. Drake of the Rock Island goes to Boise this evening on a business trip.

Kenneth C. Kerr, traveling passenger agent of the Salt Lake Route, accompanied by Mrs. Kerr, left last night for Denver.

S. M. Shattuc, general agent of the Pacific department of the R. & O. at Denver, is among the visiting railroad men here today.

The express companies are following the pace set by the railroads in the matter of limiting passes. The Adams Express company, for instance, has cut off its free passes.

Work has been started by the Salt Lake Route on a handsome new depot for the town of Newhouse.

This structure in every sense of the word will be a credit to the Clark road.

W. H. Hunt, assistant ticket agent for the Pullman company at Denver, has arrived at Ogden, where he will take charge of the ticket office, relieving Charles H. Vischer, who has been appointed to a similar position at Atlanta, Ga.

General Superintendent A. E. Welby of the Rio Grande Western, who was called by Atty. William Van Cott left for a brief trip to California on Sunday. Before boarding the train he denied that he was going on Western Pacific business.

The Independent phone people are installing a central general Supt. A. E. Welby's office down at the Rio Grande depot, a move that will be appreciated by the various heads of departments who are kept busy answering wrong calls all day.

Methusala was all right, you bet. For a good long time he has been. They say he would be living yet. Had he taken Rocky Mountain Tea. Z. C. M. I. Drug Store, 112-114 Main Street.

### LIVE STOCK DELEGATES.

The Utah Wool Growers' Association Names Them for Denver Convention.

President Heber A. Smith of the Utah Woolgrowers' association announces the appointment of the following named gentlemen delegates to attend the National Livestock convention to be held in Denver, Jan. 30, 1906:

A. R. Anderson, Fairview; Louis Anderson, Mant; Jesse M. Smith, Layton; J. H. Moyle, John S. Sharp, Stephen M. Covey, I. A. Marks, Salt Lake City; J. H. Allen, Draper; Henry Moss, Woods Cross; H. A. Smith, Draper; S. R. Bennett, Vernal; J. L. Wray, Hatch; J. C. Jensen, W. D. Chaudron, John H. Seely, Mt. Pleasant; William Moss, Steam, Hatch; Woods Cross; J. S. Oakes, Mant; J. E. Austin, Heber City; J. R. Olsen, Brigham City; Peter Clegg, Panguitch; D. F. Beckstead, Riverton; William Elveyett, Bingham Junction; David Smith, Lehi; A. Nielsen, Draper; William A. Crane, Herriman.

### UNCLE SAM'S WANTS.

Has Places for Engineers and Inspectors of Grazing.

There will be civil service examinations in this city, Feb. 14, for the position of engineer in the quartermaster's department at large, Fort McKinley, Maine, at \$1,000 per annum. Applicants must show in their applications that they have a thorough knowledge of and experience with boilers, engines, steam pumps, dynamos, switch boards, and storage batteries, and ability to read and test; must meters, and to care for and make slight repairs to arc lamps, pole lines, house wiring and electric lighting fixtures. Also, on Feb. 21, for the position of grinder of thin sections of rock for microscope study, geological survey, at \$40 per month. Applicants whose applications show them to be otherwise eligible will be admitted to this examination regardless of the training and experience shown. The training and experience claimed by them will be given consideration before the rating of their examination papers, and if they receive a rating of less than 70 per cent for training and experience their examination papers will not be rated. Also, Feb. 21, for the position of inspector of grazing, forest service, department of agriculture, at \$2,500 per annum. Applicants must file with their applications full and detailed statements showing their experience in the raising of stock (cattle and sheep) on ranges and what, if any, experience they have had in the keeping of records, preparation of reports, and other similar office work, giving in each case a detailed statement of the nature of the duties performed.

### "SWEATER DAY."

Will be Observed at University of Utah a Week Tomorrow.

One week from tomorrow will be "sweater day" at the University of Utah, at which time those on the football team entitled to use the "U" will be presented with sweaters and caps bearing this letter, while the other members of the team will get them without the "U."

At chapel tomorrow members of the faculty will entreat the students on the forthcoming debate with Colorado, while the seniors, clad in caps and gowns, will act as ushers, this style of dress to be worn on all public occasions hereafter. The students and members of the football team, today joined in resolutions of respect to the memory of Mrs. Varley, mother of Thomas Varley, center on the varsity team. They also sent a suitable floral emblem to the funeral.

### POSTOFFICE BUSINESS.

Statement for December Shows Commercial Growth of City.

The following statement relative to the increase of business in the Salt Lake post-office is an indication of the commercial growth of the city:

Dec.	Stamps.	Cards.	Envelopes.	Total.
1906	.....	\$18,048.18	\$611	\$18,659.18
1905	.....	\$15,001.90	\$388	\$15,390.81
Increase	.....	\$3,146.28	\$223	\$3,369.29

## POULTRY SHOW OPENS TOMORROW

Interest Centers in the Scoring Which Will be Completed Before Opening.

HIGH-CLASS BIRDS ENTERED.

Nearly Six Hundred of the Finest Chickens in the West Now Quarantined on Richards Street.

With a big owl perched over the doorway as a guardian for his feathered kin, the eighteenth annual poultry show will open tomorrow at noon at 57 Richards' street. Before that time the climax of interest among fanciers and breeders will be reached, as the judge is now at work, and before the show is opened, the scoring will be completed, and breeders will know how their pens stand in comparison to those in competition. This morning the "rocks" were under inspection, and the white varieties were completed. This afternoon the White Wyandottes, which are decidedly the leaders in point of number of exhibit, will be scored, and tomorrow the Rhode Island Reds, which is also a leading class, will be marked off.

### AUGURS AN AWAKENING.

The chicken show promises to be the awakening of Utah as a chicken raising state. The pens excel anything shown before in point of breeding, and most of them are shown by men who have been gradually working up a breed to perfection preparatory to launching out into the business on a large scale.

They are now fanciers, who promise that tomorrow they will be large commercial breeders, and many an incipient chicken ranch is showing its leaders. The dooryard poultry is almost closed out of the show, although there are many birds from fanciers who raise them only for their pleasure.

### NEARLY SIX HUNDRED.

In number the birds total 599, against less than half that number last year. In quality they far surpass any previous showing, and in favorite breeds the surprising increase of Rhode Island Reds is the feature of the show. One disappointing feature is the absence of the 150 birds which were promised from Denver. These were the cream of the Denver prize winners, and it is learned that the Wells Fargo Express company is the cause of the trouble. The express company partially promises to bring the birds at \$1 per bird, or \$150 for the lot. However, at the last moment the reduction was refused and a prohibitive price of \$3.50 a bird was announced as a minimum. This made the shipment impracticable and the birds remained at home. It is promised, however, that next year when the new road is completed to Salt Lake, and another express company is

In the field, the \$1 rate will be put into effect, and the birds will come to Salt Lake.

It was a declaration of President Jordan of Stanford, to illustrate the theory of evolution through selection and survival of the most fit, that breeding lap dogs from elephants was only a matter of time. The chicken breeders find most of their pleasure in developing new breeds, and counting every feather to get the latest just right, and watching their stock to keep out the white ear lobed birds, or those off color. The liberal use of the ax on errant offspring has been the chief aid of the fancier, and the result is a collection of birds of exceptional scores this year.

### CLASSES EXHIBITED.

The chickens this year run to Reds and Whites. Of the Wyandottes, white, silver laced, and partridge, there are 158 entered. Of various "Rock" classes, there are 104, the White Rock and the Barred Rock predominating.

The Rhode Island Reds come third, with 93 entries, and the Buff Orpingtons follow with 73. They represent a large number of breeders, the four pens of Dr. Plummer looming up in the foreground, with birds bred for points and shows only, and all picked from the best imported strains.

Of the old style Asiatic breeds—the Cochins, Brahmas, Langshans and the like, there is not a sample on exhibit, except pen number one, which has some of the old-time giants reduced in weight with all the feathers still on their legs, till they are small even for bantams.

### LIVELY COMPETITION.

The liveliest competition is perhaps in the White Wyandottes. The breed was developed through careful selection by Dustin in Massachusetts, and afterwards Hallow took it up and preserved a different strain. One exhibitor has shipped in a pen of genuine Dustin birds direct from the home of the breed, and another, not to be outdone, has shipped in a pen from Hallow. How the two pens will score, and what show local pens will have against them, is a question chicken men are watching with great interest.

Ten years ago the Minorca class was small, and the Leghorn was equally so, both running about two pounds under the lightest Asiatic breeds, and objected to on account of their poor eating qualities, just as they were catered to on account of their high laying average.

### PRIZE MINORCAS.

One pen of black Minorcas, which presents the efforts of years on the part of A. H. Vogel, shows birds that are as large as the lighter Wyandottes, and pass the ordinary Minorca by several pounds. There are 24 Minorcas in the show, and 82 Leghorns, the Leghorns being mostly of the white variety. Among them, too, is an occasional pen of large birds, representing the efforts of some breeder to increase their size.

### FEATHERED FREAKS.

Of the freak birds there are 65 entered, the most prominent being Hamburgs, the Hamburgs with their odd crests, the many colored Dorkings, the White Crested Polish, the Houdans, and 3 Braham bantams.

The show will remain open until Saturday night, and awards will probably be announced tomorrow afternoon.

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## TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY.

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

A shock of earthquake, severe enough to cause large buildings to tremble, and to loosen ice along the river banks, occurred in New York. Miss Kate Bayard, eldest daughter of Secretary of State Bayard, dropped dead, just as she was starting to attend a reception by Miss Rose Cleveland.

### TEN YEARS AGO TODAY.

Queen Victoria wrote a letter to the sultan of Turkey, in which she urged that peace be restored in Antiochia.

At Omaha, Anna Royster committed suicide, after her father had shot and killed her lover, a banker named McFarland.

### FIVE YEARS AGO TODAY.

Hon. W. A. Clark was elected United States senator from Montana, to succeed Thomas H. Carter.

Several brilliant receptions were tendered members of the Live Stock association, who were holding their annual meeting in Salt Lake. The most notable entertainments were at the residences of President Lorenzo Snow, Hon. W. S. McCormick and Mayor Ezra Thompson.

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