

## Along the Line

Notes of improvements, personal mention of employes and all items of general interest will be gladly received for this department. You should see that your town is represented every month.

### Fort Smith.

Machinist W. L. Freeman spent Christmas with home folks at Birmingham, Ala.



J. H. White, labor foreman at Fort Smith, Ark., and his men are the employes shown in the accompanying reproduction.

Wade H. Burch, from the Birmingham store department, is our new storekeeper.

Truckman A. A. Brooks made a trip to Little Rock about December 1, as delegate of the W. O. W.

Blacksmith T. M. Floyd, who has been on the sick list for the last ten days, is again at the anvil.

Boilermaker Foreman Will Dressendorfer visited his old home at Springfield, Ill., about December 1.

T. W. Anderson, general foreman, delivered a lecture at the Sapulpa Railroad Y. M. C. A. December 15, upon "Thermit Welding."

Chief Clerk J. C. Conley and Timekeeper Thomas Regan, were guests at the Knights of Columbus banquet at Springfield, Mo., September 11.

Assistant General Superintendent of Motive Power Fitzgerald, accompanied by Master Mechanic Abbott, spent December 14 and 15 on the Central and Red River Divisions.

Edwin H. Titgen, timekeeper, has resigned and departed on an extended trip through Mexico and Central America. Thomas Regan, formerly timekeeper at Enid, Okla., succeeds Mr. Titgen.

A party composed of Engineers George Daniels, R. E. Brochus, J. B. Kirkbride, H. Gunn and Steve Douglas have just returned from a hunting trip to Push Mountain. They report a fine time.

Assistant Foreman Beal, of Hugo, has accepted position with the F. S. & W. shops at Fort Smith as general foreman. We all wish him much success. Machinist James H. Dyer succeeds Mr. Beal at Hugo.

J. E. Whalen, formerly road foreman of equipment, is promoted to position of fuel supervisor, with headquarters at St. Louis, vice Robert Collett, appointed superintendent locomotive fuel service. Mr. Whalen will be greatly missed on the Central Division, having been so closely associated with the mechanical department for a number of years, but he takes with him the best wishes of his many friends for every success in his new field.

### Neodesha.

Fireman Ralph Nelson left December 16 for St. Louis to visit friends.

The accompanying reproduction is of our car department force at Neodesha, Kan. Bert



M. Lovett, storekeeper at that point, sent the picture to THE FRISCO-MAN.

Traveling Storekeeper A. H. Young paid us a visit December 23, and checked up our stock.

Elmer Moore, clerk to Foreman J. J. Shaw at Enid, spent Christmas with his parents at Neodesha.

Engineer Thomas Cruise and wife departed December 15 for a visit with friends at St. Louis and Chicago.

Engineer L. L. Lanning and wife departed December 22 for Kansas City to visit friends and enjoy Christmas at that point.

Engineer W. F. Lovett, accompanied by his wife and children, departed December 16 for Wichita, Kan., for a visit with friends at that point.

### Springfield.

Passenger Engine No. 208 is in the South Side yard awaiting a new fire box.

Engines 40, 1015, 547, 605, 3685, 1408 and 1018 have been turned out in the last fifteen days.

Many of the South Side Frisco men spent Christmas with friends and relatives out of town.

L. E. Bates, machinist helper at the South Side shops, spent December 24 to 29 at St. Louis.

William Jaques, machinist at the South Side shops, spent Christmas with his children at St. Louis.

Robert Flemming, a South Side employe, returned to work December 5, after an illness of several weeks.

C. D. Chapin, an employe of the South Side shops, is rejoicing over the arrival of a boy, born December 10.

Bert Henderson, formerly an employe of the South Side shops, was in to visit old friends November 30. He has been at work at Danville, Ill.

Alex Arni, machinist at the South Side shops, accompanied by his wife, left Springfield December 22, to spend Christmas with their daughter at Hot Springs, Ark.

Hank Wassweller, formerly machinist at the South Side shops, is now the proprietor of a grocery shop on Main street. He was in shaking hands with the boys December 10.

C. Ross Hacker, bolt cutter at the South Side shops, spent Christmas with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Monger, at Cabool, Mo. He returned to work December 28, and reports a very pleasant trip.

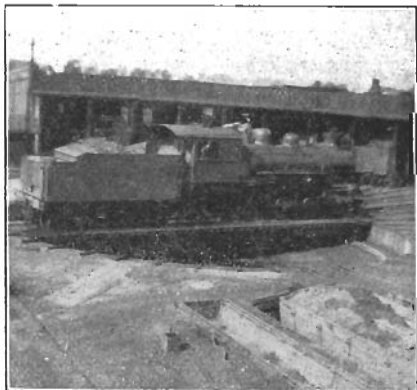
Engine 1015, one of the new Pacific type, came into the South Side shops November 29, to be changed from a coal to an oil burning "Gine." It was turned out of the shops December 10.

Engine 1018 of the same class took the place of Engine 1015 and will also be made an oil burner.

The engines in the South Side shops December 24 were Passenger Engines Nos. 87 and 214, Freight Engines Nos. 328, 663, 2693, 980, 2665 and 681, Switch Engines Nos. 3713, 3719, 3711, 3715 and 3660.

James Bissett, master mechanic at the South Side shops, who has been ill for some time, has returned to his home in Springfield. This is the good news we have been waiting to give the readers of THE FRISCO-MAN.

Engine 1020 was snapped while on the turn table at the South Side round house,



Springfield, Mo. The picture was taken from the top of the blacksmith shop at that point.

George Sawyer, of Newburg, Okla., brother of E. A. Sawyer, machinist at the South Side shops, slipped in on Ed December 12 and gave him a big surprise. The brothers have not seen each other for about eleven years.

Bert Claypool, formerly a machinist at the South Side shops, but more recently employed at the new shops, left December 12 for Pittsburg, Kan., to accept a position with the Kansas City Southern as machine foreman.

William Boxx, drill press operator at the South Side shops, and one of the oldest employes in point of service, who has been seriously ill at the employes' hospital at Springfield since the latter part of November, is slowly recovering.

Samuel Gaston, stock clerk at the South Side store room, has taken position with the Frisco signal service department. Edgar Day, formerly oil house clerk, succeeds Mr. Gaston as stock clerk. Ray Sinclair succeeds Mr. Day in the oil house.

The employees of the South Side shops subscribed \$140.00 towards the fund for the purpose of erecting a building for the homeless children of Springfield. The new shops raised \$48.00 for the same fund. The home was destroyed by fire recently. J. A. Woodson was the solicitor at the South Side shops.

### Monett.

Timekeeper Glen Coyllie has returned from a week's visit to Oklahoma.

Repairs to the freight depot are progressing rapidly. When completed will be quite an improvement to the building.

A bowling tournament will be started on the Y. M. C. A. alleys early in the new year. This proved to be a very popular pastime last season.

A number of the railroad boys at this point attended the initiation and banquet of the

Knights of Columbus held at Springfield, Mo., December 11.

The Car Men's Concert Band will furnish music for the New Year's reception at the railroad Y. M. C. A. at Monett on the afternoon of January 2, 1911.

The work of paving fifteen blocks of business streets is well under way. Monett recently installed an excellent sewerage system and is going to be one of the best towns on the Frisco. Boosters, no knockers, need apply.

The railroad Y. M. C. A. at Monett closes its eleventh year on December 31. Something like 2600 different men have been members of the association during that period. The present membership is 528, and the outlook for the new year is very bright.

### St. Louis.

The Frisco Railroad Club held its regular monthly meeting December 15. At the social session at the Planters Hotel an illustrated talk was given by Mr. L. O. Armstrong, official lecturer of the Canadian Pacific Railroad.

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### Memphis.

H. P. Howard, timekeeper, is again on duty after a spell of illness.

A. S. Jones, stenographer, visited friends at Okalona, Miss., during the holidays.

L. O. Crowder, of the mechanical department, spent Christmas with home folks at Thayer, Mo.

L. C. Lamberson, accountant, has gone into the chicken business and has some leghorns and orphingtons which are sure to capture prizes.

The mechanical department at Memphis boasts of having in its midst an orator of great renown. We will not mention his name, but everyone who was around here at Christmas can easily guess who he is.

### Sherman.

General Superintendent of Motive Power, G. A. Hancock, paid us a visit last month.

D. C. Adkerson, stenographer in master mechanic's office, spent Christmas in Dallas, Tex.

Jay Senner, accountant in master mechanic's office, made a trip to Fort Worth December 20.

A. S. Kemper, local material clerk, accompanied by his family, spent a jolly Christmas at Tulsa, Okla.

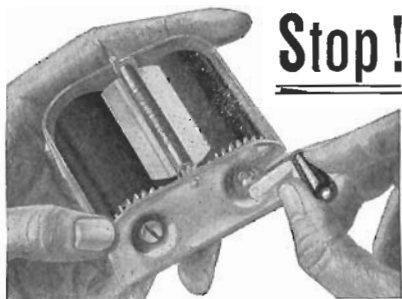
Clyde Montgomery, clerk to round house foreman, spent Christmas with his parents in Kaufman, Tex.

Harry Harrison, night foreman for the last three years, has gone back to the road, and is taking his regular turn on the "Hustler."

A new 30,000-pound wheel lathe is being installed in the back shop and will prove a valuable addition to our machine department.

M. A. Perkins, clerk in master mechanic's office, was called to his old home in Tennessee, by the serious illness of his sister. We are glad to learn from latest reports, however, that she has somewhat improved.

Several of the Frisco boys from Sherman went to Sapulpa on December 20 to witness the fight between ex-champion heavyweight of the world Harvin Hart and Carl Morris, and it is useless to say we were all well pleased with results.



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## Wichita.

Section Foreman W. F. Kelly, of Wichita, made a trip to Seneca, Neb., recently and reports a fine time.

Section Foreman J. Rakestraw, of Haverhill, and Guy Newland, of Beaumont, have exchanged places, effective December 1.

The bridge carpenters have been in Wichita for some time replanking the street crossing at Douglas avenue. The job is now complete.

For the last three or four months a large force has been employed on this division, putting in ties and renewing bolts and angle bars.

Kirk McConnell, clerk at division freight office, has been on the sick list for the last week or so. We hope to soon see him back at his desk.

Section Foreman M. Watts, of Bentley, has recently taken unto himself a wife. Congratulations were given and the cigars duly distributed.

After the bridge over the Whitewater River has been completed the bridge between Beaumont and Wichita, will be either renewed or strengthened.

Roadmaster Sheehan has been having a "swell time" recently because of an ulcerated tooth, but now that he has had the rebellious molar extracted, we trust he will suffer no further inconvenience.

Strange rumors are afloat to the effect that our popular day operator, Audley Farra, is soon to become a benedict. We don't know how true this is, but from appearances his case is getting serious.

A new through girder span bridge is installed at Little Walnut River, just east of Leon, also one at Big Walnut River, just east of Augusta, and the bridge men are now at work installing one over Whitewater River, just west of Augusta.

Track work is being rushed at all points on this division, with a view to going into the winter in good shape. If present weather conditions prevail for a few weeks longer, so far as track is concerned, we will be in better shape for the winter than we have been for many years.

Charles E. Rose, formerly chief clerk to Division Passenger Agent Clark, is promoted to traveling passenger agent, with headquarters at New Orleans, La., effective December 1. W. L. James succeeds Mr. Rose. Mr. Rose's many friends, while sorry to see him