



## 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.

### Springfield.

Alex Arni, South Side machinist, has been ill for several days with la grippe.

John Mills, veteran sweeper at the South Side shops, was unable to report for duty for several days, because of illness.

Tony Urban, clerk in the general store room, has been wearing the smile that won't come off for some time. Can it be true?

W. L. Cox, foreman in charge of the store department's stock at Fort Smith, paid the Springfield department a visit about the middle of February.

John Wilson, who was employed at the South Side shops as machinist helper some time ago, was in shaking hands with old friends recently.

Harry M. Rhoades, of the mill department, South Side shops, met with an accident February 16. He was sent to the employes' hospital for treatment.

Henry Baker, machinist and foreman of the rod gang at the South Side shops, was called to his home at Freeport, Ill., by the serious illness of his father.

A twelve-pound boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. L. D. James February 2, but only lived a few hours. Mr. James is a boilermaker at the South Side shops.

Edward J. Ruscha, clerk in the general store room, is visiting in New Orleans. Some greater attraction than Mardi Gras has lured him to the sunny southland.

Frank Sherer, supply car clerk, had bad luck at Jonesboro recently. The trailer which accompanies his car caught fire and the car and contents were almost totally destroyed.

Emmet Skelton, boilermaker at the South Side shops, was slightly injured on February 14. While at work on some flues he was struck with an iron bar just under the left eye.

Emmil Widmer, employed at the South Side stationary engine and boiler house, who has

been ill at the employes' hospital since January 12 with an attack of pneumonia, returned to work February 8.

Thomas Ruff, a South Side shop machinist, sent a box of cigars to the boys Saturday evening, February 11. He is feeling highly elated over the arrival of an eight-pound machinist helper, born February 10.

William Boxx, drill press operator at the South Side shops, who has been ill with pneumonia for some time, was in the shop shaking hands with the boys February 3. He was able to return to work February 25.

Samuel Hessinger, a machinist helper at the South Side Frisco shops, received a slight scalp wound February 4, which caused his absence from duty for several days. However, he was able to return to work February 17.

We are glad to announce to the readers of THE FRISCO-MAN that James Bissett, master mechanic of the South Side shops, is again able to take up work after an illness extending over several months. He is gradually gaining his strength and is looking better and stronger every day.

The usual routine of life around the general store room and shops was broken a few days ago by a blaze in the roof of the blacksmith shop. As the result of the work done by the volunteer fire brigade with the aid of one of the big chemical engines always kept ready in the general store room, little damage resulted.

Earnest Search, a South Side Frisco machinist, who for the last week has been confined to his home because of illness, suffered a complete breakdown and was taken to a sanitarium on January 25. He is suffering of nervous prostration, and his many friends are sorry to learn of his condition. Mr. Search has been employed at the South Side shops for about six years.

John Clark, boilermaker at the new shops, is now training for the prize ring under Joe

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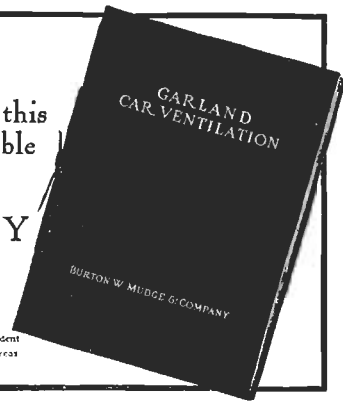
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Homer, the well-known foot racer. Mr. Clark is just 23 years old, weighs 230 pounds and is six feet one inch tall. He measures forty-eight inches around the chest, and is said to have a 75-inch reach. He expects to challenge Joe Cox soon, who is training at Monett, later expects to meet Carl Morris, and then?

### Enid.

Engine 3610 has been placed in yard service at Enid.

Engines 3607, 99 and 102 are in the Enid shops for repairs.

John M. Henry has taken position as assistant storekeeper at Enid.

Engineer Frank Riggs is taking a pleasure trip to Jacksonville, Florida.

Car Foreman E. K. Stokes visited Monett on company business February 12.

Engineer Payne, who has been off for the past thirty days, has returned to work.

The pile driver is busy on the South Canadian River bridge, Western Division.

Mrs. Tillie Fuson, wife of Timekeeper E. J. Fuson, is visiting relatives at Helena, Okla.

Engineer M. S. Cartright and wife are visiting Mrs. Cartright's mother at Joplin, Mo.

Engines 430 and 2654 are being used in passenger service on Nos. 609 and 10, out of Enid.

The Enid storeroom has been greatly improved by the addition of some new counter shelves.

Fireman C. E. Walterscheid has been laid up for the past three weeks because of an injury to his arm.

The pile driver on the A. V. & W. Junction has been pulled off and engine 2672 brought to Enid for repairs.

Mrs. F. A. Bell, wife of Engineer Bell, who has undergone an operation at the Enid hospital, is able to be home again.

J. B. Price, night foreman, who has been off for about two weeks because of illness in his family, has returned to work.

The Clinton-Bessie switch has been pulled off and Engine 2669, which was on this run, has been returned to Enid for repairs.

Engine 65 has recently received an overhauling at the Enid shops, and is assigned to Engineer Lambert on Nos. 611 and 612.

M. E. Hallibaugh, car repairer helper, who was injured at Enid several weeks ago and sent to the St. Louis hospital, is said to be getting along nicely.

Engines 27, 108, 3605, 2672 and 332 are billed for the Springfield shops. Engines 305, 328, 430 and 301 have been received from Springfield shops.

Engineer M. S. Porter and wife took in the aeroplane flights at Oklahoma City recently. Mr. Porter states he would not mind running one of the machines himself.

### Afton.

The marriage of W. A. Walton, agent at Afton, Okla., and Miss Amy Langston, took place at Vinita, Okla., Thursday evening, February 2.

The young couple took the night train to Afton immediately after the ceremony, and for the present will make their home at the Palmer Hotel.

## Beaumont.

Willard Wasson has accepted position as helper at the depot.

William Riddle, who has been on the sick list, is much improved.

Master Mechanic Burns, of Monett, was in Beaumont, February 11.

William Hutton, car foreman, is keeping the bad orders down to normal.

J. G. Axtell is able to be out and around again after a severe case of measles.

Charles Weatherbee, pumper, has invented a new kind of boring machine, which works O. K.

D. R. Drake, boiler maker, was seen out duck hunting during the damp days of February.

Bridge Foreman Sersey was here with his men about the middle of February repairing the coal chutes.

Willie Hutton, Jr., car repairer, has had a tier of oak steps erected on the north side of the Frisco track.

Engine 150 is now on water train between Fall River and Augusta. She ties up at Beaumont and Wichita.

H. E. Rowe, handy man, has moved from his box car to one of George McClurg's fine residences on Main street.

W. J. Hutton, hostler, takes an active part in the song service at his church. It is believed he is trying to make a hit.

Jerry Simpson, brakeman on 607 and 608, has resigned. He will be seen next summer driving mules up and down corn rows.

Leo Schooler, coach cleaner, made a business trip recently, way out east of here. It is believed he traveled as far as Severy.

H. L. Richardson called the base ball fans together on the evening of February 20, regarding the organization of a base ball nine.

I. W. Scudder, engineer on local between Beaumont and Blackwell, traded his old standby, engine 435, for engine 325. Uncle Ike says the mogul for him.

W. F. Boone, engineer between Beaumont and Blackwell, has traded his old pride, engine 434, for 324, though he says he believes he got beat some by the deal.

Clarence Woodward, hostler helper, is again able to report for duty, after being off for some time suffering with a burnt foot, caused by dropping a java pot at home.

E. W. Harvey, of Hugo, formerly foreman at Beaumont, made a business trip to this point the latter part of January. Mrs. Harvey accompanied Mr. Harvey on the trip home.

Jesse Arnold, round house laborer, has been off duty for about four weeks suffering of lung fever. He is much improved at present, and it is hoped he will soon be able to be with us again.

L. E. Smith, recently coach cleaner at this point, and our old base ball pitcher, has signed up a contract for a try-out with Wichita for March 14. We are all wishing our old fan success.

William Kinkaid, our old hotel man, has recently purchased the Summit Hotel at this place. He is remodeling the entire building, and it is expected that he will be ready for business about February 25. The boys will all be glad to learn of Mr. Kinkaid's return, as they always knew where to go to get something good to eat when he was here before.

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### Brownwood.

Operator M. Y. Anderson is now holding down the first trick.

Operators T. J. Bailey and T. E. Sumpter worked here temporarily during February.

Everyone seems to be pleased with the new schedule which went into effect February 25.

Oil burners are now being run on passenger trains between Fort Worth and Brownwood.

Switch Engineer W. A. Hendricks has a baby girl at his house. Father and all doing well.

The new double daily passenger service now in effect to Brady, is quite a help to Brownwood.

Baggage Agent W. E. Powell is promoted to third trick operator. He was relieved by J. E. Davitte.

Roadmaster D. C. King has moved his headquarters to Brownwood. He now has charge of the line from Stephenville to Menard.

Conductor A. Salley was shot at recently, his head being missed only a few inches. The shooting was done by two young men.

Operator L. T. Jones, second trick, was recently promoted to first trick at Brady. Since then he has taken unto himself a wife. All the boys wish "Jonesy" well.

Round House Foreman L. C. Corder has recently made visits to Fort Worth and Sherman. With the opening of the new line, work under his supervision is on the increase.

R. L. Holt is appointed yardmaster at Brownwood. Mr. Holt had the misfortune several months ago to be shot through the head while on his run on the Brady local. The offender has not been caught.

February 25 marked the opening of the new Frisco extension to Menard, Texas. Four special trains loaded with excursionists desirous of seeing the new country were run to Menard on that date, where the guests were entertained with a free barbecue.

The opening of this line calls for an additional service and considerable shifting of crews.

### Francis.

Engineer Blair is on the sick list.

The new sand dryer at this point has been set up for business.

Round House Foreman Byrnes has everything cleaned up in O. K. style.

Master Mechanic William Henry was a visitor at this point February 21.

The new stationary boiler installed at this point is what might be termed a "hot babe."

Machinist Davidson has just returned from a wild bear hunt. Duck is what he succeeded in landing.

R. W. Davidson, machinist, has just completed the oil system for loading engines and feeding stationary boilers.

### Monett.

Engine 489 is in the shops being "fixed up."

Engine 204 is out of the shops and is again at work pulling trains Nos. 8 and 309 Monett to Neodesha. 203 is "laid up."

Engine 490 is again in good shape after a trip to the shops, and is doing business on trains No. 15, 312, 311 and 14, Springfield, Monett and Joplin.

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## Neodesha.

Traveling Storekeeper A. H. Young paid us a visit February 17.

G. F. Christy, extra gang foreman No. 7, is putting in a new main line passing track at Severy.

H. A. Maggi has completed the new concrete slab bridge between Andover and Leon, No. 496-G.

Boilerwasher E. H. Foster departed the last of February for a visit with friends at Osgood, Mo.

The new depot at Ellsworth has just been completed and the new round house is moving forward.

J. A. Finkenbinder, general foreman B. & B. and W. S., is again at his office after a week's illness.

R. H. Collins, night foreman, has moved his family and household goods from Springfield to Neodesha.

Mrs. Thomas Kent, wife of Engineer Kent, departed February 3 for a visit with friends at Ellsworth, Kan.

Miss Anna Scherman, who has been employed in the B. & B. and W. S. department,

has resigned, and is succeeded by Miss Nora Finkenbinder.

Switchevan H. E. Roney, at this point, was married February 19. Mr. Roney has the best wishes of all the boys.

Gang Foreman J. J. Barry and wife departed February 17 for a visit with friends and relatives at Kansas City.

The following engines were turned out of Neodesha shops for the month of February: Nos. 327, 345, 352, 577, 158 and 1008.

The laying of some new 75-pound steel rail has just been completed, giving us some fine track west of Neodesha.

Miss Alma Bankson, daughter of Truckman William Bankson, departed February 1, for a visit with relatives and friends at Muncey, Ind.

Fireman C. A. Phillips, because of the illness of his wife, left for Kansas City February 24. Mrs. Phillips is in a hospital at that point.

Mr. Buan, of the Galena Signal Oil Company, paid this point a visit the latter part of February, supervising a test made with the new special "B" grade headlight oil. It is claimed this oil does not smoke