

and Nashville, Tenn. She reports a glorious time.

Beulah Sheppard, stenographer in General Storekeeper's Office, has returned from her vacation, which was spent in Joplin and St. Louis.

Joe Welch, office messenger and sheik of the Store Room, has departed for Pittsburgh, Pa., where he will enter college. Ben Dunlop succeeds Joe.

J. W. Walker, stock clerk, General Store Room, spent Saturday night and Sunday in Forsythe, Mo., on White River. When John returned to work Monday morning, September 17th, he told one fish story and one was sufficient.

Monday morning, September 17th, employes in Division Storekeeper's Office sat up and took notice as we thought we had in our midst a new platform foreman, but since this party was so familiar with the work we started investigating and found it was only our platform foreman, Sam H. Gaston, who had purchased a new cap and sweater coat which changed his appearance entirely. Seems as though Sam is rather "dolling up" since his wife departed for a month's vacation at St. Louis and points in Kentucky.

Quite a surprise to the employes of the Frisco General Store Room, when they learned of the marriage of Hulin L. Akridge and Lulu Humble, both of Springfield. Some say it was love at first sight—no doubt—for it was so sudden. The marriage took place September 5th, at 3 p. m., at the home of Judge Diemer on North boulevard. Mr. Akridge was formerly chief clerk to Division Storekeeper C. E. Wheatley, but is now storekeeper for the Frisco at Hugo, Okla., where the newlyweds are now located.

Noticed in the "Springfield Leader" Saturday evening, September 15th, the county recorder issued a marriage license to George E. Mutz and Pearl Turk, both of Springfield. Mr. Mutz is chauffeur for the Frisco General Store Room. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride, 2002 Freemont avenue, at 3:30 p. m., Sunday, September 16th. The newlyweds will be at home to their many friends on Route No. 1, this city, after September 26th.

Percy Freeman, employe in Store Accountant's Office, hasn't fell out of his chair for a week.

Did you hear the story of the man's head floating down the river singing "I Ain't Got No Body?"

C. E. Wheatley, division storekeeper, had as his guests during the week of September 17th, his wife and daughter Marguerite, from Kansas City. While here they purchased a home on North Grant avenue and expect to take up their residence in Springfield in the very near future.

The last of the month is approaching and it soon will be time for the supply cars to return to the General Store Room to reload for their October trip over the system. Everyone prepare for the noise, as E. M. Fitzgerald, superintendent of supply cars,

will be here with his old sayings, such as "Bum billiards," "You're railroading with your feet," "You are either drunk or you're sorry because you ain't," etc., and everyone is hello there "Willie" to Mr. Fitz.

R. E. Drake, chief tie inspector, with headquarters at St. Louis, was a visitor at the General Store Room, recently.

P. V. Hampton, traveling storekeeper, is now storekeeper at West Store, account of the death of A. H. Gray. Mr. Gray had been in the employ of the Frisco for many years, and his death came as a shock to his many friends. He was a friend to everyone and a splendid storekeeper. We are sure Mr. Hampton will prove a success as storekeeper. He is full of pep, wide awake and always has the company's interest at heart.

Since we have a John Walker in General Storekeeper's Office, we have changed the name of Stock Clerk John Walker's name to Jack Walker. All in favor say "I." The "I's" have it.

HOPE FOR US FRISCO REPORTERS

Two years ago Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., was a newspaper reporter, on salary in New York. Now he owns a newspaper in California. This will be an inspiration to other reporters, perhaps.—Literary Digest.

Ft. Scott has gone golf crazy. They have two clubs, of which many Frisco employes are members. Manager E. E. Swafford of the Telegraph Office, has just arranged for his vacation and is going to make an intensive effort to get around the course under 125 and thinks he will be successful if he can prevail upon the green committee to enlarge the holes. It is said that Dispatchers Lee and Sappington carry an adding machine along with their other tools. It is also rumored that Dispatcher Tate has sold his cow in order that he may devote more time to his club duties. Would the cow be considered a golf widow?

C. W. Werdein, late night chief operator at Memphis, is on a leave of absence for thirty days, which he expects to spend at his home in Aurora, Mo. He intended driving through in his car, but on account of the recent rains in Arkansas, he decided it would be safer to travel by the Old Reliable Frisco. He is being relieved by Operator G. W. Chapman.

St. Louis General Offices

By Miss Rose Resnick, Reporter

Industrial Commissioner G. W. Green must have located a "scissor factory" along the Frisco's rails recently as he has been seen distributing small souvenir pairs about one inch in length. However, be that as it may, you are urged not to make request on Mr. Green for a "souvenir" as he informs us that the supply is exhausted.

W. F. Strain, our very deserving and labor-loving chief clerk, returned from his vacation on September 17th, appearing much refreshed and immediately plunged into his duties with that vigor and concentration so much admired by us all.

R. C. Gentry, general agent, Passenger Department, Atlanta, Ga., spent September 4th and 5th in the General Offices still wearing the smile that won't come off.

You will have to step lively, boys, if you want to keep up with some of your elders. Mr. Morrill discarded his straw hat promptly on September 1st.

Miss Blanche Ebanues, secretary to Freight Traffic Manager Butler, returned from her vacation in the Ozarks on September 10th. She says she "rested" during her vacation. Good for Miss Blanche! How few of us thus realize our limitations.

J. L. McCormack, our very able superintendent of freight loss and damage claims, dropped into see us on September 6.

E. G. Baker, district passenger agent, Chicago, apparently spent a very profitable day in the General Offices on September 6. His time was so well occupied with official tete-a-tetes that he didn't even take occasion to say "Hello" to his friends across the hall. However, proper apology has been received so we are going to excuse him this time.

Fishing may be a "slow occupation" but you know, "you can't keep a good man down." Assistant Freight Traffic Manager Stange seems to be just as busy as ever since returning from his fishing expedition.

Call for Mr. Durward S. Brown, the optimist and private secretary to Mr. Cornatzar. It's a ten-pound boy—not named yet—but with a long line of distinguished ancestors from which an appropriate selection may be made. Outside suggestions are in order and will receive careful consideration.

Freight Traffic Department St. Louis, Missouri

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clerk to the assistant general freight agent. His thirteen years of continuous service was broken only by his absence while serving in the Naval Radio Corps during the war.

We all regret his leaving, but heartily wish him the best of success in his new work as traffic manager for the North Star Egg Case Company at Quincy, Ills.

St. Louis Passenger Traffic Department

Mollie Edwards, Reporter

Yes, we have no news from the Passenger Traffic Department.

Eddie Grob is parking his car over at his girl's home, seven nights per week. We hope the young lady's father is of a gentle disposition, and does not wear sharp-pointed shoes.

Robert Reed is looking very bad these days. His sweetheart is visiting California, the "Land of the Movies." Bobbie is afraid Doug or Ruddle will vamp her away. Here's hoping your best girl stays with you, Robert.

Gus Muller is wearing his hair quite long these days. He threatens to not have it cut until his best girl returns. We understand that the Barbers' Association is thinking of send-

ing a representative to call on her and get her to return before Gus starts wearing his hair in curls.

Arthur L. Leake, chief clerk to Mr. A. P. Matthews, district passenger agent, Memphis, Tenn., was a visitor to our department recently. We were all very glad to see Mr. Leake's smiling face after an absence of several months.

Elmer Payne must have "some" place to spend his vacation and is guarding the secret well, not telling what he intends doing. We have a sneaking little idea that he is going to spend it at home.

Another welcome visitor to our department—L. W. Price, division passenger agent, Oklahoma City, Okla. We are always glad to see Mr. Price, in order to get all the Oklahoma scandal, such as "railroad news."

Anyone who chances to meet Wm. Bergman, assistant city ticket agent, on his way home these evenings, would think he is really in the employ of an express company. Willie is about to secure for himself (forever) a legal ball and chain (October 17) and is now preparing for his and her comfort a beautiful little prison at 4444 Margaretta Ave. Go to it, Willie. We can buy you a toaster, too.

Recently our Mr. J. M. Ward, city ticket agent, invited Harrison Will, city passenger agent, for a ride in his new Ford coupe. From all indications, Mr. Ward gave Mr. Will a thrill, even greater than experienced by anyone attending the Dempsey-Firpo fight.

Alex Scollay, assistant city ticket agent, and his wife are spending time and his vacation at Deicke this season. Alex said if this weather keeps up, he will have to procure more blankets or submit to a transfusion.

Click—clack—clack—bang! Mike Ehrenreich, one of the new office boys, is learning to operate a typewriter and you can hear him each day trying to type his first name. Click—clack—clack—bang—clack.

John Kruso, the other new office boy, is rather small for his age, and

to anyone who can satisfactorily explain why he can open the cigar clipper only when he puts it behind him.

J. G. Weaver, formerly traveling freight agent, Atlanta, Ga., has been promoted to district freight agent, Jacksonville, Fla., with offices in the Graham Building.

Brooks Stange says he really did not know his photograph was to have appeared in last month's magazine else he might have shown some fish really worth while. He says, in fact, that the two shown in the photograph were being carried back to the sea as too small to be worthy of being included in the day's catch.

Mr. James P. Friel, who has been one of us since July 16, 1910, has seen fit to sever his connections with the Frisco on the first of the month. He leaves behind him a fine record, having started as office boy and working up to his present position as chief

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was putting up the water bottle the other day, when a visitor asked, "When did they invent these automatic water coolers that fill themselves and get upon the stand without assistance?"

St. Louis Disbursements Department

After spending a week of his vacation on the farm, E. B. Rives of the Voucher Department admits that the farm is the greatest place in the world — for the farmer.

On seeing an item in our October issue where two former dictaphone operators had opened a "beauty shoppe" in Springfield, Julia Kitts, of the Machine Bureau, has decided that she and Fannie Murphy will open a physical culture school.

Jack Pikesley says if there was some way to check the pay rolls (from coming in) he would be thankful. Also said that if every day in the year was like the twenty-first of June they would still be three hours too short.

In speaking of the relative value of the several clerks in his department, J. R. Strachan made the following statement, "Jack Heth is the heaviest man in the Voucher Department." Wonder what Strack meant?

J. D. McDermott, who is spending his vacation in the vicinity of Grand and Dodier, says it's a gay life, except when it rains.

The Auditing team in the Bowling League have failed to hit their stride. From their standing in the league, they have apparently failed to hit anything.

Having secured Mary's permission, Geo. Bullerick promises to be on hand every Friday night at the Washington Alleys, so we may expect great things.

During a discussion between M. H. Grote, chief clerk of the Bill Department, and Joe Scully, as to whether a certain journal entry should be typed in red or black ink, Joe said he didn't see what difference it made because all of the black figures are read anyhow. As far as that goes, there are some months when the red figures look very black and its no wonder Milt feels blue. Wonder if it's because of the green clerks he gets? One thing certain, he isn't yellow, and the boys claim he treats them white.

If you want to go home without the "Monday Blues" you should step over to the bowling alley along about 5:15 P. M. and see Ann Short, Mildred Singer, Odelia Bosche and Helen Mackin spill the pins. Ann claims the alley is too long because her ball rolls in the "gully" before reaching the pins.

Notice the improvement in Art Reuther's work? "She" gave Art a gold pen and pencil for his twenty-first birthday.

Don McCoy, in charge of the Machine Bureau, says he can feel sorry for King Solomon. "Smatter, Mac, you only have about forty?"

Pension Department W. D. Bassett, Secretary

The Board of Pensions at a meeting held on Tuesday, September 25, 1923, voted pension allowances as follows:

Case No. 500. Isaac Wilson Smith, crossing watchman in the Kansas City Terminal who reached the seventy-year mark on August 4, 1923. Mr. Smith was born in Gentry County, Mo., on August 4, 1853, and served this company faithfully as a section laborer and as a crossing watchman for a period of 23 years and 4 months. Pension, \$20.00 per month.

Case No. 505. Francis Marion Baity, born at Xenia, Ill., August 1, 1853. He entered the service of this company as a caller at the Springfield Station, October 25, 1889; became a passenger brakeman May 23, 1890, serving continuously in that capacity until his retirement on August 31st. Pension, \$38.35 per month.

Case No. 503. Parnell Quick was born at Parsons, Kans., August 22, 1885. He served in the office of the auditor of passenger accounts in various clerical capacities for 20 years and 4 months to August 22, 1923, when ill health forced his retirement. He receives an allowance of \$23.10 per month.

Case No. 504. William Barton Green, born in St. Louis, Mo., on July 4, 1863. His first occupation for this company was as a freight conductor, in which capacity he began October 19, 1902. At the time of his retirement he was a passenger conductor on the Southwestern Division, his service totalling 20 years and 4 months. His disablement was due to various chronic ailments. He will receive an allowance of \$30.65 per month.

During the month of August there passed away one pensioner, Thomas Francis Malone, pensioned tower man who, at the time of his decease, was 73 years of age. He was pensioned on February 1, 1915 and up to the date of his death had received \$2,060.00.

An analysis of the 510 applications received in the 10 years since the pension plan was put into effect is interesting, showing more than one-half of the applications came from the Mechanical Department.

Condensed classification follows:

General officers.....	3
Outside representatives	6
Clerical force	21
Mechanical foremen	21
Shop and roundhouse men.....	152
Engineers, hostlers, firemen....	91
Agents and operators.....	26
Conductors, brakemen, switchmen	60
Crossing watchmen	39
Pumpers	19
Road and gang foremen.....	11
Section forces	32
Miscellaneous operating men..	18
Purchasing store & reclamation 11	
Total	510

During the month of August the Board of Pensions approved the following allowances:

Case No. 494—Francis Marion Seaton was born at Wabash, Ind., on July 5, 1853. His first service with this company was at the Chouteau Avenue round-house in St. Louis where he was employed on June 20, 1902 as a coal heaver. He worked as such, also as a boiler washer, and later as a mechanical laborer until July 31, 1923 when, under the rule requiring retirement at the age of 70 years, his connection with the company ceased.

Case No. 495—Another age case was that of William Henry McKay, crossing watchman at Galena, Kan., who was retired and pensioned on July 31st. He was born at Woodstock, Canada on July 13, 1853, and entered our service as a section laborer at Galena in July, 1906, where he served continuously without missing a pay-day until the time of his retirement.

Case No. 502—William Shea, a switchman at Monett, Mo., was retired on July 31st through the operation of the age rule. He worked for this company for a continuous period of 21 years.

In the first eight months of the calendar year 1923 more applications have been considered and approved than for any similar period since the pension system came into existence. Thirty-two employes were voted allowances, 12 on account of age and 20 by reason of total disablement. The amount added to the pension roll monthly thereby was \$1,449.75, of an average of \$45.65 per month. In the corresponding period there have been 18 deaths equally divided as between age and disability cases.

Mechanical Dept.—Chouteau Avenue, St. Louis

Miss Helen E. Meidroth, Reporter

E. McCoy, general foreman, has just returned from vacation and will work after spending a few days vacation in Hugo, Okla., Wilcox Springs and various other points on the Frisco.

Jas. F. Hoffich, assistant foreman, is now enjoying a vacation with his family in Kentucky.

W. "Porter" Gorman, formerly of the South Side Coach Department, Springfield, Mo., is now chief clerk to the general foreman at St. Louis.

We now have a new timekeeper, Chester W. Ownby, in place of John J. Dillon, Jr., who resigned to accept a position with the Meramec Coal Company. Ownby is looking forward to just one thing and that is the summer of 1924, when boat excursions are in full sway.

It will be only a short time until we will have all oil-burning engines out of this point. At the present time we have three oil-burning engines in switch service and three in the suburban service, which helps some in making St. Louis a "smokeless" city.

The new roundhouse at Lindenwood is now well under construction. It

is rumored, we will be located there about the first of the year, but only time will tell. A number of our road men are now buying and building homes in that neighborhood.

Freight Station, Tulsa

E. B. Applegate, Reporter

Yes, we have no bananas, but we do have weddings, vacations, 'n everything, just like other folks.

September 1st, F. M. Carter and Miss Constance Jean Holmes were united in marriage at the United Presbyterian Church in this city, Rev. Chas. E. Newcomb officiating. The bride, who is much beloved by a host of friends, has held quite a responsible position with one of the largest construction companies here, for some time. Mr. Carter has been with the Frisco for a number of years in different capacities, and at present is our cashier. They managed to get through the usual deluge of rice and old shoes, and hied away to Hollister, Missouri, for a short honeymoon from which they returned this week. Their many friends wish them much happiness in their new state.

Miss Goldie Workman, tonnage clerk, has returned from a very pleasant vacation, spent at Ozark and Rockaway Beach, near Hollister, Missouri. She was accompanied by Miss Gladys Willis, a former clerk in this office.

Mrs. Effie Smith, abstract clerk, spent a few days visiting home folks at Brownsville, Texas, recently. She reports fried chicken 'n everything.

Mrs. Edith B. Applegate, secretary to Agent H. G. Snyder, has returned from an extended vacation trip to California.

Herbert F. Allen, uncollected clerk, is vacationing near Niagara Falls, and from post cards received from him would judge that it was a very "wet" place.

G. H. Jones and wife spent their vacation at Neosho, Mo., and report a very enjoyable time. Mr. Jones is our switching clerk.

J. E. Patton, chief claim clerk, is in the St. Louis hospital for treatment.

Miss Bobbie Smith, expense clerk, is away on a sixty-day leave of absence. It is the wish of all that her vacation will be a joyful one all the way through.

Tulsa Terminal

Leona Berryman, Correspondent

Geo. E. Dornblaser, superintendent of terminals, has returned from a 30-day vacation.

Mrs. Edith B. Applegate, stenographer to the freight agent, spent her vacation in Los Angeles, Calif.

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Constance Jean Holmes to Francis Morris Carter, on September 1. Mr. Carter is freight cashier at Tulsa and has been in the employ of the Frisco for twelve years. The entire force extends congratulations and best wishes.

Robbie Smith, expense clerk in the

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Father of a baby girl is the new title carried by F. E. Brooks, bill clerk.

Miss Mary Crosby was selected as "Miss Tulsa" and departed for Atlantic City. Miss Oklahoma City, Miss Dallas and Miss Ft. Worth were on the same train leaving Tulsa.

Preparations are being made for the Petroleum Exposition to be held in Tulsa from October 8 to 14. Knocked-down houses are being erected along each side of the street around Convention Hall, for exhibits.

The Labor Day parade in Tulsa was a big success—five thousand people were in the parade. One of the most interesting features was the first street car used in Tulsa in 1907 and the first jitney, used in 1913.

Tontitown—A Dream that Came True

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With only sufficient funds to make a very small payment on the land, these new settlers were soon involved in financial difficulties. Under the able leadership of their good father, the able-bodied members of the colony secured work in nearby zinc mines as day laborers and were soon able to save sufficient to return to their new homes to assist in clearing the timber and preparing the soil for the new crop.

The arrival of this colony of foreign born aroused considerable resentment on the part of the natives, who were adverse to these "Dagoes" locating in their midst. A movement was agitated among the most radical element to drive them out of the country. Fortunate indeed, were these newcomers in having such a spiritual adviser as their good Father Bandini, who at once took command of the situation. A message was delivered to the leaders of the radicals, to the effect that his people were peace loving, law abiding and hoped to become good citizens. His men, however, had been trained soldiers in the Italian army and were prepared, if necessary to defend their homes and their right to the liberty of this country at any cost. No farther effort was made to molest his little flock.

These people coming from the northern portion of Italy were experienced in the growing of grapes for wine purposes and at once sent back to their native home for grape stocks of the Cynthiana variety and small vineyards soon sprung up throughout the colony. Accustomed to intensive farming, they soon produced fruits and berries on even the very stony hill sides. The prediction of the natives that these ignorant foreigners would soon starve to death on the poor barren and rocky hill sides where they had located, failed to materialize.

As growers of grapes these former

sons of Italy have traditions and an inborn knowledge that enables them to surpass their American-born neighbors. The quality of their wine soon became known all over the country. Prizes were taken even at the World's Fair, with competition from the principal grape growing sections of the world.

These people soon established schools and a new church was erected, as result of their prosperity, patterned in detail after one in Rome, formerly under the jurisdiction of their leader Father Bandini. Baron Des Planches, at that time the Royal Italian ambassador to the United States, visited the colony and was greeted by these Italian-Americans with a band composed entirely of Italian musicians. The progress of these people under adverse circumstances was a revelation to him and his favorable report was sent back to Italy, resulting in additional families coming into the territory.

The success of this Italian Colony is largely due to efforts of Father Bandini, who devoted the best years of his life to these people administering to them both spiritually and physically. His remains now lie in a beautiful cemetery in the suburbs of a striving village that shall ever remain as a lasting monument to his untiring devotion.

When the prohibition drive was launched, it had apparently struck these grape growers a cruel blow, as it prevented them from continuing an industry that was fast growing. Undaunted by the decree prohibiting them from manufacturing wine for commercial purposes they at once pruned their Cynthiana variety of wine grapes, grafting onto the stock the Concord variety of table grapes. Soon these enterprising people were shipping their table grapes in car loads to the ready markets, receiving more in return than ever realized from their wine production. Once more they are happy, prosperous and contented.

Since the advent of prohibition the manufacture of grape juice has increased in leaps and bounds. One of the largest manufacturers of this product in the East, having utilized all the available stock in that territory, sent a scout through the Middle West and West searching a location where the Concord Grape was being produced with the proper flavor and uniform ripening condition.

After visiting many grape producing sections this representative was directed to Tontitown. After a very careful investigation, he sent back to the factory for their chemist, who joined him and made a very careful analysis of the soil, quality of the grapes produced, uniformity in ripening.

A most favorable report was transmitted to the head of the concern—the Welch Grape Juice Company—and as a result it was decided to locate at Springdale, Ark., a three hundred thousand dollar preserving plant. The first unit of this was placed in opera-

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tion this year and from its vast resources were produced strawberylade, blackberylade, peachlade, grapelade and tomato catsup.

It is anticipated that a very large plant for the purpose of preparing grape juice exclusively will be added to this plant during the fall. Already 8,000 acres of grapes have been planted in the Ozark territory which should eventually result in a shipment of from two to three thousand carloads of grapes for table purposes, in addition to the manufactured grape products. Tontitown, the outgrowth of an Italian priest's dream and insight into the future, the result of the visions of a man of breadth of mind and character, is destined to become famed as the center of one of the largest grape producing centers of the world.

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Jos. F. Sondag, coffeeman, ex-politician, true and trusted henchman of our City Collector, has just returned from a vacation spent among the fivers and good hotels of California. Judging from reports, Mr. Sondag enjoyed the meals as much as the scenery. He reports that he was as good as dead when he got away with two legs of chicken in one of Fred Harvey's famous hostleries.

Joe has a heart as big as a house, and not forgetting his friends at home, he brought back a whole satchel full of literature, distributing it with a generous hand.

Miss Hilda Netcher's father, who suffered a fractured hip, is doing nicely.

"Kid" Bratton returned to St. Louis on the 22d of September on a short business trip. The "old boy" says he don't mind being sent out of St. Louis, though we suspect that we do not forward quite all of his personal mail.

During the week of the air races, one of our file clerks (I can't mention May's name), saw Dirigible ZR-1 at 4 o'clock in the morning, all "lit up." Where did you get it, May?

It's an ill wind that blows no good; Mr. Hart's illness proved how becomingly he wears a mustache. (Wise crack!)