

RAILROAD MATTERS.

Perhaps most people don't know that it is contrary to law to sell rides off your twenty-five ride tickets, but it is all the same, and you can't compel a person to pay you for what he has used, if he refuses to do so. Go a little slow or the road will haul up somebody.

Is it authentic history that the Milwaukee railway folks built our Northwestern railroad, and then sold it out to the present owners, and went back into the country and built the one they now own and operate, because they did not believe this North Shore would ever amount to anything? If so, they probably sit up nights to hate themselves for their short-sighted folly.

The Park, first and last, has had many excellent railway officials, but none of them, we think, ever surpassed John C. Duffey, our present station agent. He is a born railroad man, besides being prompt, alert, obliging, never off his balance; a man who pleases because he serves the public while at the same time is ever loyal to the company. He has a happy combination of qualities which go to make a model railroad man in every respect.

If there is any place between Milwaukee and Chicago where the Northwestern sells more monthly tickets than Highland Park we should like to know where it is. Our agent sold, as near as we could guess, about 160 monthly tickets each of the summer months, and not less than 175 of the popular 25-ride; and they checked during the summer not less than 250 bicycles per month. Even this cold zero month they will sell over 100 monthly tickets.

Mrs. Bridget Duffy may well be proud of "my boys," as she affectionately styled them to us once. James H., the oldest, is our telegraph operator. John C., station agent; Frank X. is our baggage master; Joseph L. is the Western Union messenger boy, and William L. runs a City Express line. Then there are Edward, George and Arthur, younger boys, coming on. They are "west side" boys, too, who are every day earning not only their wages, but promotion. A good many of the ablest men connected with the Northwestern, "Q" and other big lines began life as the Duffy boys are beginning. When a boy begins at the bottom, and climbs the ladder, he goes up; when he begins at the top, and climbs, he don't go up.



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