

FILMS RECITE METHODS

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be enabled to learn what it means to the public and the investor to have a private corporation spend millions according to statements published, where returns do not pay dividends of a fraction of one percent. The company has not been able to pay a dividend of a fraction of one percent since 1908 and the gross expenditure for the year just closed has been greatly in excess of receipts, according to authoritative information. An announcement will be made concerning the lectures which will begin Sunday afternoon or Monday morning.

Appropos to this movement among railroads in the fight against inefficiency, a well-known railroad authority has issued the following arguments:

The Railroad's Viewpoint.

Railroad commissioners unfamiliar with the problems of railroading, and appointed solely, it seems, on account of their opposition to this great agency of transportation, unwise and conflicting laws enacted by hostile legislators throughout the country, great waste in fuel and supplies, the increasing cost of operation, the constant fight which these private corporations have been compelled to carry on for a square deal and the ignorant animosity towards big enterprises, irrespective of the fact of whether the company was making expenses, or properly adding to the development of a country—these and a thousand and one problems have forced the railroads generally to enlist every endeavor to stop leakages, cut the cost of operation and make ends meet.

While in itself the widespread agitation has had deleterious effect on railroads and has robbed them of a fair average of profit with which to keep the rolling stock and the road bed in good condition and allow the company to pay its men a fair increase in wages, it has had this effect viz., that the roads are now employing brainy men to instruct subordinates in the most efficient manner known to the skilled engineer, for the purpose of cutting down the waste and enabling the company to offset the losses that have come through improper legislation and foolish meddling on the part of per-

sons unfamiliar with this gigantic science, and for the most part inimical for political purposes to its operations. Public opinion throughout the country is back of the move to give railroads a fair margin of profit on their operations because it has begun to realize that cutting off this profit has in numberless instances resulted in arrested development of a country and in the improper taking care of its rolling stock with a corresponding danger to the public of loss of life and limb through decreased efficiency.

The employe of the company who enters the service of the road, who earns a salary while he is learning the business, and who through greater knowledge of the intricacies of the science of motive power is enabled to clothe a position of trust and thereby increase his earning power, is requested to contribute to the ex-

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