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**Notice to the Public**

The New Phone Book Is Out, and of course, before printing same I had to get in on the deal—Main 82—and to put things right. I will notify you all when phones are installed in the Mammoth Grocery—The Middle Store. We ask you to have patience; don't call central for the Mammoth Grocery until notified in The Observer, which will save the Phone Girls lots of calls.

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**BIG RAILROAD SOLD AT AUCTION**

Cleveland, April 7.—"Gentlemen, what am I bid for this railroad. What am I bid for this railroad. Speak up boys. Here's your chance to become a railroad magnate. This transportation system, tapping the rich coal fields of Ohio, must be sold. The highest bidder will get these 530 miles of tracks, 9700 freight cars, 84 passenger coaches and 210 locomotives. What am I bid. Lively now!" Such an brief, was the announcement of Federal Judge John H. Clarke today. The Wheeling and Lake Erie railroad has gone under the hammer. This is no upstart fresh water line. It has been doing business throughout a tempestuous career of 35 years. A victim

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of high finance, it is now looking for a new daddy. Some one with plenty of money preferably.

The railroad must fetch at least \$18,500,000 Judge Clarke rules, or it won't be sold. That much is needed to discharge "underlying" indebtedness. The buyer must also assume about \$18,000,000 worth of other debts, common variety.

The Wheeling and Lake Erie main line runs from Wheeling, W. Va., to Toledo, Crisscrossing it is a line from Cleveland to Zanesville. There are several shorter spurs. The railroad employs about 5,000 persons and has 12,000 stockholders, mostly easterners, who refuse to contribute any more money to the line until the fight for control is ended forever.

For years there has been this fight, the Gould interests keeping the upper hand until recently. This fight has been one of the line's handicaps. Another has been the time worn game of refinancing with other peoples' money. Another ailment as diagnosed by experts, is "too much milking."

During 12 of its 35 years of existence the line has been in the hands of a receiver. Twice it emerged triumphant, only to fall again in 1908. The railroad was built in 1879 by Canadian financiers who foresaw the possibilities of tapping Ohio and West Virginia coal fields, carrying the product to the Great Lakes. It was finally acquired by the Gould interests, through the Wabash and Pittsburg Terminal line, which controlled 51 per cent of the W. & L. E. stock. So the Wabash made a through traffic agreement which gave it 25 per cent of the W. and L. E. gross receipts. It was not long until the latter line was in urgent need of money.

The present receivership was precipitated when the line defaulted in 1908 on both interest and principle on \$12,000,000 worth of five per cent bonds pledged to the Central Trust Co. New York, for \$8,000,000 cash three years previous. Since the inauguration of the receivership the road has suffered several setbacks. Floods of 1913 caused \$400,000 damage to equipment. In December, 1913, the telegraphers struck and won demands for higher pay. In 1914 and 1915 the Ohio coal strike caused \$2,000,000 loss in receipts.

In prosperous times the road has earned \$3,000,000 net profits per annum. Its gross receipts now are less than \$8,000,000 per annum. Experts claim the road needs \$15,000,000 to "tone it up" and make it a paying proposition.

An interesting phase of the factional fight occurred when Joseph Ramsey, Toledo, former president of the Wabash and chief lieutenant of George Gould, opposed his former chief and, leading the minority fight, was elected president of the W. and L. E. A state supreme court decision upheld Ramsey's election. However, Ramsey was unable to secure sufficient loans to meet the financial burdens of the debt laden line.

A striking example of business methods employed with the W. & L. E. came to public notice recently. W. M. Duncan, receiver, ordered repair shops at Brewster and Ironville, O. closed so money could be raised to meet interest on bonds. For two months the shops, which employ 1,000 men, were shut. Much suffering was caused. Appeals were made to Federal Judge Clarke, who after visiting the towns, ordered the shops reopened, not only to end suffering among the employes' families, but also to prevent the rolling stock from depreciating.

**Why Constipation Injures**

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**OLD PARIS TRANSFORMED**

Streets Being Widened To Give More Air To The Bank Of France

Paris, Feb. 25.—The transformations of old Paris are not to be arrested by the war. The President of the Republic has just decreed the widening of the Rue Valois and the Rue Croix des Petit Champs in the First Arrondissement, to give more air to the Bank of France.

Part of the old Rue Baillif will disappear under this decree to give room for the extension of the Bank. A new street will unite the Rue Valois and the Rue Croix des Petit Champs beginning in the Rue du Louvre at the Bourse de Commerce, and running to the east arcades of the Palais Royal to give a better outlet to the circulation from the central markets toward the Place de l'Opera.

The cutting of the new street at that point involves the disappearance of the Chancery of Orleans, an important artistic and historic relic of old Paris, but the contract with the Bank of France requires the reconstruction of the facade of its new extension of all the parts of the old structure that have a historical or artistic value.

**War Developed Expert Saleswoman.**

Leipzig, April 5.—Dr. Wendtland, Chief Counsel to the Leipzig Chamber of Commerce, the most important

commercial body in Germany, today said:

"Women have taken the places of men in every line. Most of our employees in the Chamber of Commerce are women and it is amazing how well they take hold. Every store and every office has its women assistance today who do the work the men in the field used to do."

"But what are the firms doing for expert salesmen?" it was asked.

"Women are now the sales experts," he said. "This is the day of the woman. Expert saleswomen are the product of this war."

"But what are you going to do after the war when the men return from the front?"

"There will not be much competition then," he replied. "Our losses have been such that many of the women who work today will be needed in their same positions after this war."

**PANHANDLE ROAD REVIVED**

Renewal of Proposed Rail Route to Eagle and Pine.

Baker, April 5.—Reviving the possibility of connecting Eagle and Pine valleys with Baker by rail, Alexander Allerdyce, representing Spokane and Lewiston capital, will arrive in the city next week to look over the situation, particularly in regard to the returns which might be expected from such a railroad. Judge William Smith was advised by letter yesterday of Mr. Allerdyce's proposed trip to Baker.

The first installment in construction, according to present plans, will be from Baker to Sparta, a distance of approximately 40 miles. Pine and Eagle valleys and Homestead would be later extensions. Electric power would be used.

It is estimated that construction would cost in the neighborhood of \$10,000 per mile. To meet expenses, a stock subscription of \$100,000 in Baker, is figured on, and together with funds secured elsewhere, the first 17 miles would be built. The balance of the road would be financed by a bond issue secured by the portion already built.

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**HAS UP TO DATE NOTIONS.**

Fugitive Chinese Spouse Dictates Terms of Reconciliation.

Oakland, Cal., April 4.—A piano. A phonograph with lots of records, chiefly ragtime. A show once a week. A well-furnished apartment in the city.

If Lai Yee Sun gives those things to his wife, she will return to him in Salem, otherwise she would rather stay in jail. Mrs. Sun is the wife of a wealthy Chinese rancher in Oregon. Sunday night she was arrested as she stepped off a train at the Sixteenth street station in Oakland. The Oakland police had been asked to hold her on a charge of grand larceny. She had left her husband, the complaint said, taking with her \$700 in cash and more than \$1000 worth of jewelry.

Today Ralph Moores, deputy district attorney, of Salem, Or., came to Oakland to prevail upon Mrs. Sun to come back and live with her husband. Mrs. Sun said today that the money and jewelry was community property and that she had a perfect right to it. She consented to go back to her husband if he furnished the things enumerated.

"Me no want to live on farm," she said. "Me like shows and city and American lag time. Farm too slow." Moores said that the chances are that Sun will do what his wife asks.

**British Journalism**

Represent The Daily Scoop. At what time did his lordship die?" "His lordship is not yet dead." "Oh, isn't he? Well, then I'll wait." —Passing Show.

**Insomnia**

Indigestion nearly always disturbs the sleep more or less, and is often the cause of insomnia. Eat a light supper with little if any meat, and no milk; also take one of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper and see if you do not rest much better. Obtainable everywhere.

**Centenary Observed.**

Washington, April 6.—What the Coast and Geodetic Survey is doing for preparedness, and what it did in the civil war, was told this afternoon by Rear Admiral Richard Wainwright, U. S. N., retired, in a speech at the convention in celebration of the survey's centenary.

That the work of the Geodetic Survey has been of general aid was testified by other speakers. Prof. William Henry Burger, professor of civil engineering at Northwestern University, told what it has done for geodesy. Dr. Otto Hilgard Tittmann, president of the National Geographic Society, told of its international work. Dr. Douglas Wilson Johnson, associate professor of geology at Columbia University, told what it has contributed to physical geography. Dr. Charles Lane Poor, professor of Celestial Mechanics at Columbia, discussed ocean tides with reference to the bureau's work.

The celebration will be ended this evening with a dinner at the New Willard at which President Wilson, the Swiss Minister, Secretary Redfield, Secretary Daniels and Dr. Thomas Corwin Mendenhall, oldest ex-Superintendent of the bureau, are to be speakers.

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