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CARS MUST BE ADJUSTED

Interesting figures on the car shortage situation in the entire country, as well as Canada, are revealed in a statement included in the circular of the American Railway association dated November 28, 1916. The figures which follow show by groups of roads where excesses and deficiencies exist in box car supply, as compared with ownership of such cars as of November 1, 1916, to-wit:

Group 1—New England roads, excess 17,114. Group 2—Roads entering New York City, excess, 73,263. Group 3—Chicago and east, deficiency 720. Group 4—Roads in vicinity of Washington, excess 10,439. Group 5—Southeastern roads, deficiency 27,243. Group 6—Chicago and Northwestern roads, deficiency 9548. Group 7—Roads in Central West, deficiency 6393. Group 8—Colorado and Kansas Roads, deficiency 9161. Group 9—Southwestern roads, excess 1543. Group 10—Extreme western Roads, deficiency 7581. Group 11—Canada, deficiency 13,854. Total excess, 102,350; deficiency, 74,503.

The circular above referred to, which is addressed to members of the American Railway association, requests all railroads having on their lines more box cars than they themselves own, must, regardless of local requirements, move such excess cars, loaded or empty, first towards railroads who are deficient, observing ownership or proper home routing to the greatest extent consistent with a quick accomplishment of the required relief. The circular also contains further instructions as to how this order should be carried out.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cross went to Baker today to be present at the wedding of their son Melvin Handy, to Anna Schultz, of Baker.

Otis Golden plowed through the snow and mud from Imbler to La Grande in his automobile this morning.

The relatives of the late Mr. Shearer, who was buried from the Catholic church this morning, arrived last night from Spokane.

W. S. Mitchell, of the state industrial accident commission, arrived this morning from Baker.

Jacob H. Trayner, connected with the Grande Ronde hospital, has returned to Portland.

Mrs. Frank Pike is advised that Mrs. George W. Hillman, wife of the veteran Kamela engineer, is rapidly recovering after an operation for appendicitis in a Portland hospital.

Miss Alice Snook, an attaché of the postoffice, underwent a serious operation at the Grande Ronde hospital yesterday and is resting in a way today that indicates speedy recovery.

Phillip S. Bates, secretary of the State Editorial association, transacted business in La Grande today.

Frank Smith and Attorney L. Denham, of Elgin, journeyed over to La Grande last evening to participate in the D. O. K. K. ceremonial, which was held last night. Marion Davis, of Union, was another visitor in the city for that purpose.

Arnold Ferrin and Jack Stoddard, two La Grande boys, who are attending the L. D. S. college at Salt Lake, are home to spend the holidays with their parents. Mr. Ferrin, who broke into fast basketball company last year with the M. I. A. squad here, is playing basketball at Salt Lake; also he will participate in the game tonight at the Y. M. C. A.

Glen A. Froedick and wife have gone to Buffalo.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Clark, of Alice, left last night for California points.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wagoner and child left today noon for Roan Mountain, Tenn.

R. E. Byers, a member of the O.-W. clerical force, has returned from a visit with his brother, who is teaching school at Lone Rock, about 22 miles from Condon.

AT THE HOTELS

I. P. Candle, Salt Lake; W. M. Powell, Boise; E. C. Skiles, F. A. Poore and wife, Seattle; D. Sommer, Elgin; Charles E. Canada, San Francisco; L. M. Simpson, Dean Good, Spokane; Hugh Amsberry, Miss Hudson, Miss Schure, L. Dunham, Elgin; J. M. Colon, F. Tiffany, J. Smith, H. C. Oliver, W. H. Gervin, B. F. Gray, F. W. Shannon, O. H. Robinson, Portland; Mrs. Younse, North Powder; Mrs. L. D. McCully, Joseph; Wm. Huff, San Francisco; Mrs. Ingerson, Mrs. Allen, Kamela; E. F. Johnson, Alice; Lottie Benshadler, Mrs. B. F. Cook, Mrs. C. L. Dammerell, C. P. Ragdale and wife, Miss Mead, D. Mitchell, S. H. Saunders and family, Foley.

G. O. Barnhart, P. M. Kelly, D. J. Kelly, R. R. Shearer, Mrs. D. J. Nelson, Mrs. M. Shearer, Mrs. Grace Laurence, Spokane; C. D. Thomas, J. B. Winstanley, P. S. Bates, F. L. March, Herbert Dewart, Portland; W. S. Mitchell, Baker; W. C. Meek, Ben Meek, Joseph; G. E. Stanfield, Stanfield; F. Blake, Elgin; H. K. Larsen, H. L. Andrews, Imbler; L. R. Parker, Hot Lake; Walter Lowe, Denver; Harvey Span and wife, Salt Lake; F. A. Anderson, Boise; W. H. Mitchell and family, Duluth; W. A. Pettingill, Mrs. Peebler, Fred Dillard and wife, S. A. Göttes.

Savoy.
M. C. Barnes, North Powder; Albert Hubbard, Portland; Mrs. T. A. Bills, Clay Rhinehart, Will Keown, W. S. Dougherty, Elgin; J. C. Geis-



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There's snow on the ground, too—Great weather for "Santa" and your buying. You'll find your Xmas gifts at the United Store for less—

Ladies' Purses	49c, 69c, 98c, \$1.49
Ladies' Umbrellas	98c, \$1.49, \$1.98, \$2.49
Girls' Lavalliers	89c, 98c, \$1.49
Girls' Vanity Boxes	49c, 98c
Girls' Fancy Brooches	19c, 25c, 49c
Girls' Fancy Slippers	49c, 89c, 98c
Girls' Bath Robes	\$1.25, \$1.49
Children's Bath Robes	98c, \$1.25
Babe's Slippers	49c
Babe's Bath Robes	98c
Handkerchiefs, by the box	10c, 15c, 25c, 49c, 69c, 98c

Men's Spats	49c, 69c, 98c
Men's Leggings	49c, 69c, 98c
Men's Leather Puttees	\$1.98, \$2.49, \$2.98
Men's Leather Vests, chamois sleeves	\$5.90
Men's Bath Robes	\$1.98, \$2.98, \$3.98, \$4.98
Men's Mackinaws	\$4.98, \$5.90, \$6.90, \$8.50
Men's Tie Sets	25c, 49c, 69c, 89c
Men's Suspender Sets	25c, 49c, 69c
Boys' Mackinaws	\$2.98, \$3.98, \$4.98
Boys' Overcoats	\$2.98, \$3.98, \$4.98, \$5.90
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Announcements

ATTENTION!

The Annual Christmas service of Eastern Oregon Commandery No. 6, Knights Templar, will be held at 11:30 a. m., Christmas Day, at Masonic Hall, and all Knights and visiting Knights are respectfully invited to attend.

C. M. HUMPHREYS, Eminent Commander.

Blooming Plants.

They have all arrived. Make your selection today and we will deliver later. La Grande Seed & Floral Co. 12-19-41

Christmas Observers.

A limited number of Christmas Observers are on sale at The Observer office. Ten cents a copy including mailing.

Hope Chapter No. 13, O. E. S., will hold a special meeting for work,

Wednesday evening, Dec. 20, at 7:30 o'clock. Officers and members are requested to be present by order of the Worthy Matron.

MARY A. WARNICK, Secy.

John P. (Jerry) Rusk announces that he has moved his law office from the Loftus building to rooms 22 and 23 West-Jacobsen building. 12-13-41

NEW TODAY

FOUND—An auto chain. Owner may have same by paying for this ad. Call F. E. Stillwell, Red 1921. 12-20-21

WANTED—To borrow from private party \$1200. Will pay 12 per cent interest; security worth \$4500. Address "A," Observer. 12-20-61-pd

FOUND—Man's watch charm, initials F. O. E. and Eagle on one side, little stone in other. Phone Black 302. 12-20-41

LOST—Tuesday on the street, a bank book and bunch of receipts. Leave at Observer; reward. 12-20-21

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EYE WITNESS IS QUIZZED.

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Salem, Ore., Dec. 20.—(Special)—"After the scuffling continued for a time I heard a shot," said Miss Knightlinger, in speaking of the shooting. "Following the shot there was silence, and then another shot was fired. Then came a third shot. I was so startled with the first shot I was unable to move. After the third shot I went into the room."

"Mr. Cummings was lying on the floor. Myrtle was standing in the middle of the room. At first I thought she was attempting to reload the revolver, but I saw, instead, she was trying to shoot herself."

"He didn't treat me right," Myrtle said as I stepped into the room. "I was so excited I ran out into the hall to find a bellboy. When I found one and we started back for the room we heard another shot. When we reached the door of the room it was locked."

Miss Knightlinger was unable to throw any light on the mystery surrounding the shooting. She said that Miss White had spoken only infrequently of Mr. Cummings, and at those times had mentioned him merely

ly as "a good friend," and that, aside from the expression, "he didn't treat me right," uttered when she entered the room, had never said anything to indicate that there was intimacy between the two, nor that there was ill-feeling.

A note, written apparently hastily, but in a firm hand, was found by Chief of Police Welsh. It said:

"We've had our time. There could never be another like it. There must never be another less perfect, and so-good-bye. If we have erred our lives pay."

Here's a Tip About Hotel Guests
In the January American Magazine a waiter says:

"Here's a funny thing, by the way. That I've noticed about hotel guests: You leave a soiled towel in a room, and the guest will probably complain. But you can leave a bucket of paint and a paper-hanger's scaffold in the hallway, and compel the guest to crawl under the stepladder to get to his room, and he will put up with it cheerfully—because he knows you are painting or papering by way of making an improvement, and he is in sympathy with that. It doesn't cost much to make over a carpet so that a bare spot in front of the dresser will be eliminated details are a vast help in making a hotel prosper."

Opposed to High Rentals.

The Pine Valley Cattle and Horse Association met at Halfway Tuesday and voiced their opposition to a proposed increase in price or rentals for government reserves. The Minam reserve here is self-supporting, say the stockmen, and they see no good reason

why they should be made to pay for those which are not self-supporting. —Pine Valley Herald, Halfway.

Thrifty Baker County Ranchers.

Baker county has started the movement to take advantage of the federal rural credits plan and the interest shown at the meeting Saturday was a credit to the desire of Baker county ranchers to know about the new ideas that are offered for their benefit. Baker is one of the first counties to take up the plan and the money desired here is mostly to be used for improvements of property, another good sign.—Baker Herald.

A Good Platform.

When Editor E. S. Bronson of the El Reno (Okla.) American was a student at Pendleton academy, Fal-mouth, Wy., he read how Caesar, lacking a printing press, had his men write out the Acta Diurna and post it in the public square, and this inspired him to print with his pen a newspaper and to read it to his schoolmates. This was in 1876, and the act was the beginning of his career in journalism.

He has long been the proprietor of a very prosperous newspaper, and in reply to a question as to how he and his enterprise have succeeded he writes:

"Well, we've tried to be real builders. We've tried to deal honestly with every subscriber and every advertiser. We've tried to give value received for every dollar we've ever taken. We've tried to keep the best interests of our community as our goal."

That is not a bad platform for any beginner in the newspaper business. —Christian Science Monitor.



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