

# CAR SHORTAGE DUE TO TRADE GROWTH

### Insufficient Terminal Facilities and Warehouses Contributory Causes.

### MANY USED FOR STORAGE

### Interstate Commerce Commission Inspectors Predict Continuance of Condition When Winter Coal Is Transported.

One of the most significant reasons for the existing car shortage, against which shippers in all parts of the country are complaining, is an actual shortage of cars.

This is one of the conclusions reached by inspectors for the Interstate Commerce Commission who have just completed an investigation of car conditions in Nebraska. Their report, which is presented in the current issue of the Railroad Age-Gazette, shows that many other physical factors contribute to the shortage. Among them are enumerated a shortage of terminal facilities, of elevator capacity, of loading and unloading facilities and such a shortage of warehouse capacity that consignees are holding freight cars out of service and using them for storage.

The investigation was conducted in Nebraska, but the situation revealed there applies with equal pertinence to other parts of the country, the Commission says.

**Investigation Is Thorough.**  
The inspectors conducted a thorough investigation on the lines of the Union Pacific and Chicago, Burlington & Quincy. On the contrary, they say that "the carriers of Nebraska are putting forth every effort consistent with good operation and the exceptional traffic conditions to furnish cars and service to the shippers of the state as best they can," that the railroads are furnishing "all the cars they possibly can to supply the increased demand," and that "if it was possible to furnish more equipment the business would and could not be handled as satisfactorily as it is at present."

An unusual feature contributing to the present heavy volume of traffic and having considerable bearing on the car shortage is said to be the large east-bound movement of all products of the West and Northwest, and that due to the inability to get shipments on the Pacific Coast. A great amount of business which under normal conditions always moves by rail and water is now being shipped by rail to Eastern markets. There is also an exceptional stock movement at this time, particularly of range cattle, in advance of the regular fall movement, thereby adding to the heavy volume of business.

**Cars Used as Warehouses.**  
"Another cause contributing to the present car shortage," the report says, "is the large number of cars of all classes used for warehouse purposes by paying the demurrage charges, as well as the use of cars for storage of commodities and contractors' and builders' materials and supplies. Recent instances are 25 cars of automobiles in Denver 15 to 35 days, and 37 cars of automobiles at Green River, Wyo., 30 days."

The report also refers to the large increase in the wheat crop as compared with 1915, and says that on account of weather and market conditions, as well as the grade of the crop, approximately 29 per cent only of the 1915 crop was moved prior to December 1, whereas the year on account of the exceptionally high grade of the 1916 crop and the high prices prevailing the farmers and grain men of Nebraska are endeavoring to move 100 per cent of the crop in one volume.

"If the present era of prosperity continues," says the report, "if the grain market holds up and business conditions remain unchanged, the car shortage will get more acute as the weather gets colder and there is a greater demand for coal."

## 2 NEW PLAYERS TO APPEAR

### Lora Rogers and Margaret in Shelby Will Be With Alcazar Company.

Two new members will open with the Alcazar Players in "The Eternal Magdalene" this week. These will be Lora Rogers, the character woman, and Margaret Miles Shelby, the ingenue. While the cast of "On Trial" was an unusual large one, it consisted of nearly all men, and there were no parts for either Miss Rogers or Miss Shelby, so their opening this week will add new interest. Both are New York people, although Miss Shelby has been recently appearing in feature films with her sister, the well-known little star, Mary Miles Minter.

## DAMASCUS FARMER BURIED

### Joseph E. Ball Resided on Same Place for 40 Years.

DAMASCUS, Or., Nov. 4.—(Special.)—Joseph E. Ball, who died suddenly at his home two miles north of this place, November 1, was buried in the Damascus Cemetery yesterday morning.

The funeral was held from the local Free Methodist Church, of which Mr. Ball was a member. Rev. Mr. Higbee officiated and a special quartet sang several selections. The pallbearers were: Henry Troege, Thomas Bohna, Francis Welch, William Logie, William Garrison and Joseph Donelson.

Mr. Ball was a resident of Damascus for 40 years, settling on his late home as a homestead in 1876. He was 69 years old.

## NOTED CONTRALTO TO APPEAR SATURDAY IS BILLED IN EAST

### Madame Schumann Heink Engaged for Special Wagnerian Performances at Metropolitan Opera-House and for Appearances in Philadelphia.



MADAME SCHUMANN HEINK, WHO WILL SING AT HEILIG THEATER SATURDAY NIGHT.

THE famous contralto, Schumann Heink, who will appear at the Heilig next Saturday evening under the direction of Steers & Coman has been engaged by the Metropolitan Opera Company for special Wagnerian performances this winter. The Chicago, Philadelphia and St. Louis managements also have made contracts.

Along with the announcement that we are to have a concert by that greatest of contraltos, Ernestine Schumann Heink, comes some interesting news in connection with her present season. It appears that she will be the featured attraction at several of the big symphony concerts in New York, Chicago, Philadelphia and St. Louis. The Symphony orchestras in each of these cities

have contracted for two concerts by the famous artist. Right here it is worth noting that directors like Walter Damrosch, Frederic Stock, Leopold Stokowski and Max Zach in selecting the soloists for their orchestra concerts are guided by judgment and experience; they know the artists upon whom absolute dependence can be placed and they know which of the many artists can be relied upon to attract the public. Schumann Heink is always selected to fill the most important solo engagements, the glory of her voice is no whit diminished, her hold upon the public is stronger than ever. Hearing her for the 10th or 15th time, one always learns something new. It is the knowledge of these things that makes her annual appearance with the leading orchestras a fixed and positive event.

solo, Isabella Steple; vocal solo, Mollie N. Pierce; vocal selections by Frank D. Hennessy, accompanied by the ladies' orchestra; solo, Jack Walker; vocal and instrumental selections, Mr. and Mrs. Stannor; whistling solo, Leo J. Henckle; readings, Charles Ringler; vocal selections by Madge Morrison, Taylor and Vincent and Buck Orsward, of the Portland Amusement Company, and numbers by members of the Lyric-Stock Company, including Myrtle DeLoy, Renne Vivienne and Al Frank.

## Bible Study in Curriculum.

ROSEBURG, Or., Nov. 4.—(Special.) In accordance with a plan recently adopted by the State Department of Public Instruction under State Superintendent J. A. Churchill, several local ministers will begin classes for Bible study in their churches, as part of the public school curriculum. A credit for the course will be given at the close of the semester, as in the case of any other subject, and a regular examination made out by the state authorities will be submitted to each student of the classes, probably in May.

## Freak Wagers Feature at Reed College.

Co-Eds Promise to Wear Woolen Stockings if Judgment Is at Fault.

FREAK wagers are the chief feature of pre-election betting at Reed College. Two supporters of Wilson have agreed to live on an exclusive diet of bread and milk for two weeks and furnish the student body with the amusing spectacle of a long-distance peanut roll, if Hughes is elected. If the Wilsonites pay the penalty of defeat, they will have to roll a peanut through the lower half of the arts building up the stairs and along the hall of the second floor to the college office and then down stairs and out of doors.

## Shippers Say Roads Are Lax.

Shippers say the roads for approximately three years past have been generally lax in ordering new cars; comparatively little new equipment has been bought during that time and that when the roads were confronted with abnormal demands of the past year or so they were caught by the rising tide of prices and demands from abroad, so that in many cases, they could not get the cars they ordered.

## SCOUT YOUNG ENTERTAINS

### Officers of Guard and of Veterans Are Guests at Programme.

Scout Young Camp, of the United Spanish Veterans, entertained the officers of the Oregon National Guard and the department officers of the United Spanish War Veterans last Tuesday night. An elaborate musical programme formed the feature of the evening. Refreshments were also served.

An enlarged picture of the first set of officers of the camp, taken in 1905, was presented to the organization by Harvey Wells on behalf of the old officers. The acceptance was responded to by Elmer Lundberg, commander.

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## Bank Robbers Get \$7000

### Wires Into Okotoks, Alberta, Are First Cut; Watchman Bound.

CALGARY, Alberta, Nov. 4.—Two masked highwaymen blew open the safe of the Merchants Bank of Canada, at Okotoks, 20 miles south of Calgary, at 2 o'clock this morning and escaped, presumably in an automobile, with about \$7000.

The robbers, before going to the bank, cut the telephone and telegraph wires at each end of the town and the authorities here did not learn of the crime until a motor car arrived here from Okotoks with the news.

A member of the staff who slept in the bank was gagged and bound. The robbery was the first of its kind in the town as that committed at Caron, Sask., recently.

## SAYS WE BECOME CRANKS ON HOT WATER DRINKING

### Hopes Every Man and Woman Adopts This Splendid Morning Habit.

Why is a man and woman, half the time, feeling nervous, despondent, worried; some days headachy, dull and unstrung; some days really incapacitated by illness?

If you would practice inside-bathing, what a gratifying change would take place. Instead of thousands of half-sick, anemic-looking souls with heavy, muddy, complicated, unwholesome, and uncleanly habits, we would see crowds of happy, healthy, rosy-cheeked people everywhere. The reason is that the human system does not rid itself each day of all the waste which it accumulates under our present mode of living. For every ounce of food and drink taken into the system nearly an ounce of waste material must be carried out, else it ferments and forms poisonous-like poisons which are absorbed into the blood.

Just as necessary as it is to clean the ashes from the furnace each day, before the fire will burn bright and hot, so we must each morning clear the inside organs of the previous day's accumulation of indigestible waste and body toxins. Men and women, whether sick or well, are advised to drink each morning, before breakfast, a glass of hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it, as a harmless means of washing out of the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels the indigestible material, waste, sour bile and toxins, thus cleansing, sweetening and purifying the entire alimentary canal before putting more food into the stomach.

Millions of people who had their turn at constipation, bilious attacks, acid stomach, nervous days and sleepless nights have become real cranks about the morning inside-bath. A quarter pound of limestone phosphate will not cost much at the drugstore, but is sufficient to demonstrate to anyone, its cleansing, sweetening and freshening effect upon the system.—Adv.

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