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FALLING OFF IS APPARENT

Railway Building in County for
Six Months of 1904 Less Than
in Former Years.

PROFIT HAS BEEN SMALLER

Decreased Traffic and Stringency in Money Market Responsible for Poor Comparative Showing.

Chicago, June 30.—Railway building in the United States during the first six months of 1904 shows a falling off in comparison with the corresponding periods of 1902 and 1903. Increased operating expenses and decreased traffic, resulting in smaller net earnings together with the continued stringency in the money market, supply the explanation of the decline in construction.

Operating expenses were materially increased during the first quarter by the severity of the winter, and spring found many of the railroads borrowing money for present necessities and constrained to retirement, both in current expenses and in their projects for the immediate future. Many plans for improvement and extensions proposed by some of the great railroad systems consequently were suspended and still are held in abeyance.

From official reports received by the Railway Age, it appears that 1937 miles of track was completed during the first six months of the year on 134 lines, in 33 states and territories. In the first six months of last year 2231 miles of track were laid, while for the entire year of 1903 it amounted to 5785 miles.

URGES STUDENTS TO MARRY.

Text of President Schurman's Address to Cornell Graduates.

In his address at the commencement exercises at Cornell, President Schurman made the following declaration, which has attracted national attention:

If God creates man, education re-creates him. Men are born with certain natural capacities; education develops and realizes these capacities. God makes men; education re-makes them. Of course there are limits to the modifiability of the product of the Divine Artificer—on the physical side narrow limits; but on the moral and intellectual side the limits of possible modification by instruction and self-discipline are vastly broader, so that the men God creates may, in a very true sense, be said to re-create themselves and one another. Our homes, our social environment, laws and manners and customs, moral and religious codes and sentiments, all serve to train and discipline the lives of each succeeding generation. But it is the deliberate purpose, and the primary object of schools, colleges, and universities to develop the capacities of the human mind. Educated men, therefore, differ from uneducated men, by the fact of this development and unfolding of their mental capacities. The uneducated men might be described by the zoologist as a case of arrested development. The business of education, conceived in the most general terms, is to transform the capabilities of manhood into man realized, man actualized.

I do not believe in any education that will not enable a young man to earn his own livelihood. Indeed, I feel deeply that every young man should look forward to providing for a wife and family, which is beyond doubt the chief blessing vouchsafed to man in this earthly career. I have no patience with the college graduates who deliberately elect bachelorhood, whose social circle is the club, and whose religion is a refined and fastidious epicureanism. It would not be worth while maintaining colleges and universities for the production of froth like that. The family is the germinal principle of our nation and the soul of our civilization; it were treason in our educated young men to shirk the primary duty of breadwinners.

But it is not enough that the educated man be the stay and light of his own household. As an educated man, he is to be the exponent and exemplar of mind and intellect in their highest functions. Passion and prejudice are the children of ignorance. The man who knows can keep his heart cool and his feet steady. Illiterate and half-educated men suffer from strabismus or myopia; the educated man sees straight, and sees ahead. The educated man is not easily excited, or, still less, dismayed. He interprets the scenes and events of the hour in the light of a perspective projected by things, infinite and eternal.

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WOULD LICENSE HUNTERS.

Scheme Which the Next Legislature is to Wrestle With.

If plans of the Oregon Fish and Game Association do not go amiss, there is a strong probability that at the forthcoming session of the state legislature a bill will be introduced with the intention of licensing hunting and fishing within the limits of Oregon. The reason for such a course is that funds are needed to see that the laws are enforced with reference to the protection of game and fish.

It is not the intention to tinker with the present game laws, so far as the limits of seasons are concerned. It has been impressed on the association that the people of the state are not in a mood to have the laws changed at every session, but they are inclined to believe that once understood, there will be no great opposition to a license law. There is one in force in the neighboring state of Washington, and according to reports there is strict enforcement. This law provides for a license of \$1 for hunters. Similar provisions will doubtless be prepared for action by the Oregon legislators.

While there has been no definite action taken, it is the sentiment that a fee of \$1 a year for hunters and a similar license for fishermen will be about the right thing. Such a license would not prove irksome and would bring in a good deal of money. It would be necessary to make such a law of any value to have as prima facie evidence the fact that a man is along the banks of a stream with his rod, or in the field with his gun. Any one without a license could thus be arrested and conviction would be an easy matter.

All of the funds so secured would be used to improve the service for the protection of game, at the present sadly deficient. For instance, the deputy of the game warden who is located in Portland is allowed \$250 a year, with no expenses, and can hardly be expected to do much work at that figure. It is hoped that sufficient money will be raised to see that the laws already enacted are enforced.

HOOD RIVER GIRL RESCUED.

Saved From Life of Shame by Boys' and Girls' Aid Society.

The appeal of a mother to Detective Hawley of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society has resulted in the rescuing of her girl, 14 years of age, from a life of shame, and the arrest of a young man, says the Portland Journal. At least three more arrests will be made.

The girl is Delia Wells, daughter of Mrs. John Wells of Hood River. She declares she was enticed from her mother's home by William Yeadeil, aged 20 years, and Claud Kelsey, aged 19, both of Hood River. Yeadeil and the girl were arrested at The Dalles yesterday, and Kelsey will be arrested today. A saloon keeper at Hood River, it is said, will be arrested for complicity. The girl is now in the house of the Good Shepherd here, having been brought from The Dalles by Detective Hawley.

Several days ago there came a letter from Mrs. Wells to Detective Hawley, stating the facts in the case, and begging him to assist her in rescuing her young daughter from the men who had lured her away. She declared that she had notified the marshal at Hood River and that he declined to help her. Detective Hawley immediately took up the case, and wired the sheriff of The Dalles. He arrested the girl and young Yeadeil yesterday.

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