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HARRIMAN LINES CARRY 49,431,000 PERSONS IN SAFETY

Report for 1910 Received by Local Agents Show No Fatalities. 17,960 Miles Covered. Anti-Accident Crusade Effective.

Installation of safety devices and block signal system are cited for the record of the Harriman railroads in carrying 49,431,000 passengers in 1910 without sacrificing a single life.

The report was compiled in the office of Mr. Julius Kruttschnitt, the director of maintenance and operation, Chicago. It covers the business of the Union Pacific, Southern Pacific and affiliated roads, a total of 17,960 miles. The total number of passengers carried on a mile basis is 2,990,000,000.

The Harriman system carried 10 per cent of the estimated 1910 passenger traffic. The figures for most of the other railroads have not yet been compiled by the Government, but in 1909 the number of passengers carried was 29,000,000,000. The figures for 1910, it is said, will not exceed a billion more.

Other roads have gone through a year without a fatality to any of its passengers. But it is said that no system made this record for such a large total of passengers.

Results of the Harriman lines are ascribed to a campaign waged by the management for years to reduce the accidents. The Harriman system now has more miles of automatic block signal protection than any other system in the world. Mr. Kruttschnitt has directed special attention to the accident problem, and began several years ago to bring about a reduction by giving complete publicity to all forms of accidents and their investigation, which, it is believed, spurred officers and employes to greater efforts to safeguard lives.

In 1903-1904 the number of accidents on the Union Pacific was 20 for 1,000,000 locomotive miles. On the Pacific system of the Southern Pacific the number of accidents per 1,000,000 locomotive miles was reduced from 29.5 to 10.5 in the same time.

**STATE NEWS IN BRIEF**

Items of Interest Gathered During a Week from Different Parts of the State.

Ex-President Roosevelt will also speak in Eugene when he visits Oregon in April.

C. F. Hulbert, mayor of Junction City, has resigned because of so much pulling and hauling by members of the city council.

Medford plans spending \$5,000,000 for improvements this year. Already contracts have been let for improvements to cost over \$2,000,000.

C. E. Carrol, a barber who recently sold his shop in Eugene, is reported to have skipped out with \$1,750 in cash belonging to his wife, which she gave him to purchase a tract of fruit land near that city.

Tom Johnson, a drunken fisherman of Garibaldi, resisted arrest at Tillamook Tuesday and was hit over the head by Marshall Redding with a "billy," from the effects of which he died two hours later.

At a meeting of the Benton county fruit growers Saturday plans were made similar to the Hood River combination, and a committee was appointed to draw up articles of incorporation of a fruit growers' union.

A hobo at Albany, early Monday morning, took a sack of mail from a truck load of mail as it was being

loaded and made his escape. The sack contained only newspapers and advertising matter, so the thief was poorly paid for his trouble.

It is learned from authentic sources that the Corvallis & Alsea River Railway Company, known as the Carver road, which was built two years ago from Corvallis to Monroe, is now being merged with the Portland, Eugene & Eastern, or Welch line, and that the consolidated lines will commence extension work at early date and complete the line to Eugene, and when completed the whole line will be electrified.

**THE GRANGE**

Conducted by J. W. DAREW, Cashier, N. Y. Press Correspondent New York State Grange

**COMBINING RURAL FORCES.**

Other Granges Can Do What Ypsilanti is Doing Successfully.

For the past three years Ypsilanti grange of Michigan, under the leadership of Lecturer Emile H. Twiss, has followed a policy of making one program in every quarter an open one and devoting it to the presentation by an outside speaker of some topic of general interest in the community. People outside the grange membership, but known to have direct interest in the particular subject to be considered, are invited. Sometimes other organizations which are working along this special line are asked to attend or send representatives to participate in the discussions. In this way questions relating to dairying, fruit culture, good roads, the state constitution, temperance, birds, schools and the tariff have been presented. Last November a model meeting took place when an all day session in conjunction with the Washou County Schoolteachers' association was held. Members of gleaner arbors and of farmers' clubs, rural pastors and Sunday school workers, were cordially invited, for a part of the aim of the program was to consider how rural forces might strengthen one another's efforts.

It proved to be a most valuable meeting. We can but name a few of the subjects discussed to show the range of topics: "School Sanitation," by a member of the state board of health; "The Rural Field and Its Needs," by Lecturer Graham of the Pomona grange, who said that the field for uplift in country life comprised, first, better farming; second, better or more even distribution of farm products; third, doing away with the amassing of large fortunes; fourth, organization of farmers.

L. E. Buell, state secretary of the Y. M. C. A., took the same topic from the side of character building. Another spoke on the various forces at work for the betterment of country life—namely, religious, educational and industrial. Another speaker urged the benefits of using the state traveling libraries, and Professor French of the agricultural college presented the farm and home reading courses and spoke on the "Relations of Parent and Teacher." Delightful music was interspersed through the program. "It was a day in some ways unique to us," says Jennie Buell, lecturer of the state grange. "The grange for forty years has labored along these lines within itself, but here was a recognition of a new era when organizations shall meet and confer together as individuals do. Only dimly yet is the significance of this later movement grasped."

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