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AUTO VS. RAIL CAR

The automobile is certain in time to supersede the street railroad car. A desperate struggle is being made to keep the old lines going, and all kinds of restrictions have been imposed on for-hire motors in some cities to discourage their competition with the rail lines. Street-car fares have been advanced on account of the declining patronage, but still the business does not pay. The city-owned Seattle system is losing so much that the banks have shut down on it and will not cash its paper.

Other railroads feel the competition. The Oregon Electric will be forced to suspend operation of its Willamette valley line if business men's boycott of motor trucks fails to restore its waning patronage, and such a boycott can be but temporary. The convenience of having freight taken from the shipper's door and delivered at the receiver's door, instead of being hauled to the railroad, on the railroad and from the railroad, is too great for business to forego for long at a time.

Through all this, people of Halsey see longer trains than ever, and more of them, hauling Southern Pacific freight through town, and figures are published showing that the railroads of the country are hauling more ton-miles of freight than ever before.

The autos will take the street travel and the short hauls of both passengers and freight, but the long hauls, especially of freight, belong to the railroad lines.

These circumstances make it unwise to spend money building paved roads to compete with the railroads until all the feeder roads needed to bring products from farms, mines and forests to the railroads have been put in such condition that the heaviest motor trucks can travel over them, full loaded.

The economy of loading to full capacity is being taught on all railroad lines. It ought also to be taught to those who build roads for trucks to use.

The French went, armed, into the Ruhr valley to get the coal Germany had promised them from the mines there but was not delivering. Germany ordered the miners and railroad men to strike, and they did, declaring that the French could not mine and ship coal. France has ordered all striking railroad men to get out of the country, with their families. Now we shall see the jobs and homes of those men filled with people from France. And one more strike will be lost.

At Aberdeen, Wash., Joseph Donahue, 35, a logger, cried for the smoke the hospital attendants persisted in denying him while sick with pneumonia. While his nurse's attention was directed elsewhere he dressed himself in the clothes of another patient, slipped from the hospital and after running frantically through the business section of the city searching for a cigar store, found one just in time to fall across the counter, dead.

Is the tobacco habit a harmless one?

When Hoover published the findings of an investigating committee about sugar prospects the sugar trust raised prices and said his report caused the rise. Now the investigation continues and the price drops. The hair of the dog seems to be curing the bite.

The wheat pools of the various sections are combining in one sell-

ing agency. All the farmers' organizations in Washington are combining to hold a joint convention. Farmers seem to be getting together more than heretofore. We may soon hear more about the evils of farm blocs, in and out of legislative bodies.

The Times is in receipt of a long article for free publicity, and accompanying it is this request: "May we rely on your support this year in placing the facts before the public. Congress has appropriated money for these camps," etc. Congress seems to appropriate money for everything the government desires to put over except the advertising, and relies on space grafting for this. During the war the newspapers gave freely of their space as their part in helping win the war. Because they did that, government officials seem to think they are easy.—Junction City Times.

Amen!

When burglars exploded nitroglycerine in the postoffice at Granite Falls, Wash., Saturday morning, the postmaster's wife, Mrs. Florence Carpenter, ran to her door, 100 feet away, in her nightclothes and opened fire on them. They ran, lootless. Pity Mrs. Carpenter didn't mark them with lead, but with the spunk she shows she may "get" them if they try again. They fired as they ran but she stood her ground and kept firing too.

Republicans are expressing much sympathy with deserving democrats who have not been properly rewarded by Governor Pierce, and democrats are shedding hot, briary tears over President Harding's neglect of deserving republicans in the distribution of the plums. How the poor crocodiles do weep in this sad world!

The ship subsidy was voted down by the people in the fall elections, but the old majority tried to cram it down the taxpayers' throats before the old congressional terms expired and was prevented by a filibustering minority. And now the project is dead, for the new congress is "ag'in it."

France is cutting down the number of its lawmakers. This is one instance where we could profit by imitation.

The churches gained 1,230,428 in membership in the United States last year. What has that to do with the increase of crime?

Go without sugar till the price comes down and it will drop mighty quickly.

The O. A. C. Glee club concert at Shedd tomorrow night promises to be a rare treat for those musically inclined.

Frank Porter shipped a couple of his red polled bulls to buyers Sunday, one to San Luis Obispo and one to Pasadena, Cal.

The Brownville junior class, which made such a success of the play "Between the Acts" at home, went to Tangent Friday night and played to a good house.

One object of the thistle meetings, called for April 16 at 8 in the evening in every schoolhouse in the county, is to reduce taxation by learning how to economically fight the Canada thistle. Plans worked out by the county agent will be furnished at every meeting.

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James W. Thompson died at the family residence at Burns, Oregon, March 22. Mr. Thompson was a sufferer for many years, but had been confined to his home only for a year.

Deceased was born in Newburg, Indiana, Aug. 26, 1845, and came west with his parents across the plains in 1852. They came by way of Snake river, camping on Emigrant creek while en route to Willamette valley, where they located at Peoria.

Mr. Thompson married Miss Rebekah Carter at Peoria in 1869 and to them three children were born. His wife died in 1883 and in 1888 he married Mrs. Rose E. Carter, who survives him. He is also survived by one son, Guy Thompson of Albany, and J. R. Thompson of Burns is a nephew. Mrs. Leona Eldridge, a niece, resides in Portland.

Mr. Thompson went to Burns with his family in 1896 and had since made that his home. He was well and favorably known to Burns people, and while they regret his demise they also realize he is free from intense suffering which he patiently endured for many years.

The funeral services were conducted at the Nazarene church by Rev. R. C. Gilmore, pastor. Interment was made in the Burns cemetery.

Autos Don't Bust 'Em

Railways are breaking all records for this time of the year in moving freight. The total number of cars loaded with freight in the week ending March 4 was 917,896, the largest number ever loaded in any year before June, and this despite bad weather. Car shortage reached its maximum in the last week of October, 1922, and then declined steadily until the week ending February 8, 1923, when the net shortage was 41,894 cars. It then began to increase and at the latest report was 64,814 cars. The Southern Pacific has recently ordered fifty new locomotives, this purchase following closely on the 1922 expenditure of \$4,000,000 for fifty "2-10-2" mountain type freight locomotives. Other important items in the Southern Pacific's 1923 program include \$12,000,000 for new passenger and freight cars, exclusive of refrigerator cars ordered by the Pacific Fruit Express company, owned jointly by the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific.

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A Blunder

The old printer man of the Enterprise felt chagrined when he discovered, after last week's paper had been printed, that the following paragraphs, standing in type, had been left out;

Just at the season of Easter bonnets, dresses, etc., the Halsey Southern Pacific depot has donned a complete new dress of paint, inside and out.

Mrs. Henry got a taste of Halsey business life while people were getting a taste of her cooking at the hotel Halsey while the Reynolds family took a vacation last summer and seems to like it, for carpenters have been remodeling the old Carter meat market on Second street for a restaurant which it is reported that she will conduct. First new business to open up on the Halsey paved highway.

The addition to the Christian church is rapidly assuming its permanent form.

Commencing this evening and lasting until the 8th of April the Christian church is holding a series of revival meetings with Veltie Pruitt, a noted singer, in charge of that part of the services. Pastor Jones will do the preaching.

A Brownville baseball team came over Friday and took a lesson from the Halsey high school boys. Score, 12 to 4 in favor of Halsey.

Burl Tyler and "Bus" Williams, who stick type in the Brownville Times office when not otherwise occupied, paid this office a visit Friday, the day of the ball game.

George Maxwell's brother, O. C., has been appointed postmaster at Elgin.

E. F. Guldner, lately of the Albany-Brownville stage company, has bought property at Junction City and proposes, in the words of the Times, to establish a "service station in connection with a rest room and a lunch room."

The Shedd Dramatic club took in \$80 at the performance of "Billy's Bungalow" last week Wednesday evening and the cooking club girls sold \$6.75 worth of

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