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R. R. TRAFFIC AND GENERAL EARNINGS GREATEST IN 1916

Figures Compiled By Railway Age Gazette Reveal Interesting Facts.

EQUIPMENT IS INCREASED

Cars Ordered In Past Year Over Double Those Contracted For Two Years Ago.

Railroads of the United States ended the year 1916 with the largest traffic and earnings record in their history though with an abnormally reduced volume of new construction, according to statistics compiled by the Railway Age Gazette published in its annual review. Figures show that this prosperity is reflected immediately in heavy orders for new equipment and in other expenditures.

The mileage of new railroad built during 1916 has been 1098 miles, an increase over 1915 when only 933 miles were built—the smallest amount of new construction in any year since the Civil War. While there has been an increase in new construction it has continued to be small. There was a reduction in second track built, this amounting to 313 miles, as compared with 356 miles in 1915 and 566 miles in 1914. There were 31 miles of third fourth and other main tracks built, as compared with 65 miles in the preceding year. The largest amount of new construction was in Montana, where 99 miles of railway were built; South Carolina being second with 92 miles and California third with 78.

New construction in Canada shows a heavy decline, only 290 miles having been built as compared with 718 miles in 1915 and 978 miles in 1914.

The increase in the purchase of new equipment was much greater relative to the increase in new construction. The following shows the orders withing the last three years.

Freight cars ordered, 1916, 170,090; 1915, 107,796; 1914, 80,264.
Passenger cars ordered, 1916, 2342; 1915, 3092; 1914, 2002.

Locomotives ordered, 1916, 2923; 1915, 1573; 1914, 1265.

The number of freight cars ordered for domestic service is larger than in any year since 1912, and the number of locomotives is larger than either 1914 or 1915.

In addition to the orders received from the railways of the United States the locomotive and car builders of this country received largely increased orders for equipment for export. The number of freight cars thus ordered was 25,632, compared with 13,222 in 1915; and the number of locomotives was 2983, compared with 850 in 1915. The number of locomotives ordered for both United States and foreign railroads totaled 5906, which exceeds the total number of locomotives ordered from builders of the United States in any year since 1905.

The Railway Age Gazette draws a comparison between the year 1916 and the year 1906, just a decade before. The year 1906 like 1916, was characterized by record breaking traffic and earnings, by a large "car shortage" and severe congestion of traffic and by extensive movements by railway labor for higher wages. On the other hand, 1906 came near the end of a period of great prosperity for the railways during which there had been a large expansion of facilities, while 1916 follows a period of depression with a relatively small expansion.

In the five years ending with the calendar year 1906 almost 23,500 miles of new railway were built in the United States, an average of almost 4700 miles a year. During the five years ending with 1916 there were less than 10,000 miles built, an average of less than 2000 miles a year.

In the five years ending with 1906 the number of locomotives ordered for the United States was 22,400, or almost 4500 per year. In the five years ending with 1916 the number has been less than 14,000 or about 2800 a year.

In the five years ending with 1906 the total number of freight cars ordered was almost 1,100,000, or an average of over 218,000 a year. In the five years ending with 1916 the number ordered has been only about 740,000, an average of about 148,000 a year.

METHODISTS MEET DEFEAT

Atlas Club Wallops Local Players 67 To 23 Last Night.

The Springfield Methodists met defeat at the hands of the Eugene Atlas club basketball team in a game played here last night. The score was 67 to 23, of which Pegles got 6, R. Dimm 2, Brattain 4, and W. Dimm 11, for the local team, and Warnock scored 26 points, West 23, and Alexander 11 for the Atlas club, Green and W. Larwood securing two each also.

The line ups last night were as follows:
Methodists: Atlas club
J. Dimm g Green
Brattain k W. Larwood
W. Dimm c Warnock
R. Dimm f West
Pegles t Alexander

Christians Enjoy Annual Meeting

Splendid Supper Is Served, Officers Elected, And Other Business Done.

The annual meeting of the Christian church was held on last Monday evening. At 6 o'clock the members sat down to enjoy a splendid supper prepared by the ladies of the church. After the supper the congregation gathered in the main auditorium. E. E. Morrison presided at the business meeting which followed.

The following officers were elected to serve the congregation during 1917. Elders, Morrison, Browning, Donaldson, Harbour, Knott, Jensen, and Holbrook; Deacons, Arnett, Barbre, Lee, Stroud, Gay, McKinney, and Carson; clerk, Delbert Burkman; financial secretary, E. Travis; treasurer, P. M. Stroud; chorister, E. E. Morrison; organist, Amy Carson; assistant organist, Ethlyn Powers; janitor, W. Lambert. Deaconesses, Mesdames Valentine, Lepley, Nettleton, Holverson, Hedberg, Ditto, Wheeler, and Lee. Trustees, E. E. Morrison, Mr. Donaldson, and Mr. Holverson.

Reports from various departments were made, showing the work to be in fine condition. Every member looks forward to the revival which will be conducted by the Kellems Bros. beginning March 1.

Former Springfield Girl Weds.

Word has been received here that Miss Alice Staniger, a former resident of this city, was married Saturday evening, December 23, at Waldo, Oregon to Mr. Bert Eggers. Both were teachers in the school and their marriage was the renewed romance of a boy and girl affair. They met again after several years at Waldo. The wedding came as a great surprise to all their friends. At the Christmas entertainment held at the school, their wedding occurred as the last thing on the program. The young couple are now at Amador City, California.

Baptists Outclass Eugene 'Outcasts'

Win Basketball Game From Latter By Score of 42 To 24 Tuesday Evening.

By a score of 42 to 24 the local Baptist team took a hard-fought basketball game from the Eugene Y. M. C. A. "Outcasts" here last Tuesday evening.

The line ups were as follows:
"Outcasts": Baptists
E. Madden (4) c D. Hinsea
K. Brandstetter (6) f L. Hill
F. Fawcett (14) t N. Pengra
W. Purdy g M. Chase
Peterson g M. Green
Quiner and Rowling also played guard and forward for the Eugene team, and Hardy guard for the Baptists.

Invitation Is Extended.

Good auto roads to county farm. There will be chapel service every Sunday afternoon at half past 2 p. m. in the county farm chapel. We invite your attendance. All are welcome. There will be preaching, music, and good singing. You will be pleased.

Invited by Judge Bown and J. W. Perkins, Chaplain.

Gets \$147 For 4 Hogs.

Den Baugh of Thurston recently delivered four hogs to the Swarts and Washburne packing plant in this city, for which he was paid the sum of \$147.

WINS MORE VOTES FROM EVERY STATE THAN 4 YEARS AGO

Wilson Choice of Nation; Hughes Fell Short of Taft And Roosevelt Total.

HUGHES HAD NO REAL GAIN

Latter's Lead In A Few States Due To Women's Voting For First Time, It Is Said.

It appears that President Wilson was the choice of the entire United States, for compilation of the popular vote for president shows that he exceeded his vote of 1912 in every state in the union, while the total for Hughes was less than the combined vote for Roosevelt and Taft in 1912 in 18 states.

The 18 states showing a loss for Hughes over Roosevelt-Taft are distributed over all parts of the country. Five are eastern states, five southern and eight western.

In the eastern group are four of the New England states, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Massachusetts. The other state in that section where the Republican total slumped was Pennsylvania, where Hughes was 13,000 shy of the number cast for Roosevelt and Taft.

Even in New York, where Hughes has commonly been credited with a great victory, he received only 30,000 more than Roosevelt and Taft secured, while Wilson's total was increased 101,000.

In the southern states Hughes fell behind the Roosevelt-Taft vote in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina. The Republican vote in these states is not large, but Republican managers talked a great deal about increasing their vote in the old south, Georgia, Alabama and Louisiana being states frequently mentioned.

In the west the bump was hardest, with Colorado, Idaho, Michigan, Nebraska, Iowa, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming showing Hughes' inability to poll as many votes as Roosevelt and Taft commanded four years ago. In Ohio there was a bare increase of 8000 and in few of the states was there any notable gain over the Roosevelt-Taft figures, the increase in population considered.

The vote for Hughes was about 942,000 greater than the Taft and Roosevelt total, but when the hundreds of thousands of new women voters in Illinois, California, Kansas, Oregon and other states are considered, the gain is seen to be more apparent than real. Wilson's increase over the 1912 vote is approximately 2,820,000, to which every state contributed a share.

Local Mills Getting More Cars.

Both the Booth Kelly and Fischer Boutin lumber companies are receiving more cars of late than they have been able to get for some time, although at the latter office it was said "we still have to fight for all we get." The Booth Kelly people say they are getting a better assortment of different kinds of cars, and more of them, but that the number received is still not up to normal.

W. O. W. Installs Officers.

The local W. O. W. lodge held its regular meeting and installation of officers last Tuesday evening, the following men taking their places: Council Commander, O. F. Kizer; Advisor, Arthur Clark; Clerk, H. E. Walker; Banker, D. S. Beals; Escort, Joy Walker; Watchman, J. I. Barbre; and Managers, L. E. Thompson, and R. N. Griffin.

Has Garden Seeds To Give Out.

Harry M. Stewart, local postmaster, announces the receiving of two sacks of garden seeds, which were sent through the effort of George E. Chamberlain, for local distribution. Heretofore, the seeds have been mailed to private individuals, but this year, they are sent without names. Packages may be obtained by applying at the postoffice.

Divorce Is Granted.

Judge J. W. Hamilton today granted Mrs. Amy I. Whitlock a divorce from Curtis Whitlock, giving the former the custody of the five children and the sum of \$30 a month alimony.

URGING MERGERS OF STATE OFFICES IN ORDER TO SAVE

Governor May Recommend Consolidations In Message To Legislature.

TO AFFECT MANY OFFICERS

One Change Would Unite Food Bureau And Social Hygiene Society With Health Board.

More than \$40,000 can be saved biennially by the reduction of the state tax commission to a single commissioner; the consolidation of the food and dairy commissioner and social hygiene society with the State board of health; the labor commissioner, child labor commissioner, and industrial welfare commission with the state industrial accident commission, and the stallion registration board with the livestock sanitary board, it was pointed out at Salem yesterday.

Recommendations for the reduction of the membership of the tax commission to one commissioner, the merging of the dairy and food commissioner and the social hygiene society with the board of health, and the four labor commissions, will in all probability be embodied in the message of Governor Withcombe to the legislature. Whether he favors the last named consolidation is not known, but a number of legislators regard it as feasible, and bills providing for the merger will likely be introduced.

In its statement in the budget the board of health offers to cover also the field of the social hygiene society, provided it is given an appropriation of \$44,588, which is less by several hundred dollars than the appropriation given both for the current biennium.

In the budget the state board of health includes the following: A stenographer, a deputy health officer, and the reinstatement of a school nurse. The Oregon State Board of Health emphasizes the fact that the control of vicious diseases should not be operated independently by a costly and separate organization such as the Oregon Social Hygiene Society. In the requested appropriation of \$44,588, the Oregon State Board of Health can, in addition to the performance of standard health work, also execute the control of vicious diseases.

The social hygiene society is asking for an increase of \$25,000 for the biennium. The dairy and food commissioner is asking for an appropriation of \$40,800. He asks that his own salary be increased from \$2000 annually to \$3000; and that the chief deputy's salary be increased from \$1200 annually to \$1500, and that a like increase be given the chemist. Several thousand dollars could be saved by merging the office with the board of health it is contended. Considerable sentiment, however, exists against this consolidation, and if it is effected it will only be after a lively fight.

Labor commissioner Hoff is asking for an appropriation of \$11,500 for what he terms the bureau of labor, and estimates that fees totaling \$25,500 will be available to conduct the factory inspection department. A consolidation with the industrial accident commission would result in a saving of approximately \$16,000, it is asserted.

Further Savings Possible.

The child labor commission is asking for \$6500, and the industrial welfare commission for \$7000. By merging them with the industrial accident commission fully \$7000 could be saved, it is contended. While generally it seems agreed that a consolidation of the labor commissioner and child labor commission with the industrial commission would be practicable, there is a question whether such would be the case as to the industrial welfare commission, because its work is of a different character.

An appropriation of \$45,000 is requested by the livestock sanitary board, and the stallion registration board requests an appropriation of \$2000, and estimates that it will have fees totaling \$10,176 which it can expend. Fully half of the proposed (Continued on Page Four)

WILLIAM M. HICKEY DIES

Cottage Grove Man Passes Away Here At Home Of Daughter.

William M. Hickey of Cottage Grove died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Minnie Denney at West Springfield early this morning from a complication of diseases. The deceased is aged 69 years, 11 months and 25 days. He leaves a wife and two children, Stanley Hickey of Cottage Grove and Mrs. Minnie Denney of West Springfield. The funeral will be held at the Walker undertaking chapel Friday January 5, 1917 at two o'clock. Interment will be made in the Laurel Hill cemetery.

New Lane County Officials On Duty

Burton, Ray And Spencer Take Oath of Office Tuesday Morning.

"I do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution of the United States of America, and the constitution of the State of Oregon, and the laws thereof, and will faithfully and honorably demean myself in the office of _____ to which I have been elected, to the best of my ability, so help me God."

Such is the oath administered to the new county officials, Assessor D. P. Burton, District Attorney L. R. Ray, and County Commissioner E. R. Spencer, who took up their duties Tuesday morning.

Most of the officers who were re-elected also renewed their oath and their work went along the same as usual with no changes in the personnel of their office force.

The retiring officials were: Assessor B. F. Keeney, District Attorney J. M. Devers, and County Commissioner George M. Hawley.

Following are officials of the county: County Judge, H. L. Bown; county commissioners, M. H. Harlow and F. R. Spencer; clerk S. M. Russell; Sheriff, J. C. Parker; assessor, D. P. Burton; treasurer, S. W. Taylor; school superintendent, E. J. Moore; surveyor, H. W. Libby; coroner, Marion Veatch.

Mrs. Middleton Is Guest In Portland.

Mrs. A. Middleton returned the first of the week from Portland where she was a guest of Miss Lois Steers, northwest manager of Miss Julia Culp, the soprano singer. Mrs. Middleton heard Miss Culp sing and afterward was one of the guests at a reception given in honor of the former. Mrs. Middleton represented the University of Oregon chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon, national musical fraternity, to which she belongs and of which Miss Culp is an honorary member.

Salary Reduced; N. S. Robb Resigns

County Agriculturist Refuses To Serve After Cut; May Farm For Himself.

N. S. Robb, Lane county agricultural agent has handed in his resignation to the county court. Mr. Robb refused to serve when the county court cut the allowance for his office from \$2000 to \$1500. Mr. Robb said that he would probably start farming for himself.

The farmers of Lane county have expressed their approval of Mr. Robb and expressed their desire to keep him. He intimated sometime ago that he would resign if the allowance of the county agent's office was cut, because, he said "The work cannot be carried on properly with a cent less."

State Annual Assembly Meeting.

The general assembly of the Church of God begins in Eugene today, January 4, and will continue 10 days. Among the speakers who will be present is Evangelist E. G. Masters, one of the greatest "Evangelists" on the Pacific coast. Reverend Masters will be in charge of the assembly, whose purpose is for the "salvation of souls and the glory of God." The meetings are conducted in the "old armory" hall.

Have 270 Conversions.

The pastor of the Christian church reports that the Kellems Brothers have closed their evangelical campaign at North Yakima, Washington; the visible results being 270 conversions. This is the evangelistic team expected to begin in Springfield about January 1st at the Christian church.

HOMESTEAD BILL BRINGS INQUIRIES FROM OREGON MEN

Measure May Become One Of Most Important In Land History of West.

SYNOPSIS OF ACT IS GIVEN

Congressman Sinnott Believes Practically All Of Remaining Public Land Will Be Taken.

The 640 acre homestead bill just passed by congress may become one of the most important in the public land history of the west. Congressman Sinnott of Eastern Oregon believes that practically all the remaining public land will be taken under it.

No other land legislation has brought so many inquiries from the western country. The writers want to know details of the law, how soon they may acquire land under it, and the eastern Oregon congressman has already received one petition asking for the designating of a particular tract for entry under the law.

One day's mail brought inquiries from Lake, Crook, Wallowa, Union, Grant, Wasco, Morrow, Sherman, Wheeler and Gilliam counties; in some instances several from the same county. There will evidently be a healthy demand for lands that are designated for stock raising homesteads, both on the part of original entrymen and on the part of those who have taken up land under the enlarged homestead act.

Copies of the act will not be printed in final amended form for a few days. Below is given a synopsis of all essential features:

Entries not to exceed 640 acres. Land must first be designated by the secretary of the interior as chiefly valuable for grazing and raising forage crops. Must not contain merchantable timber, or be susceptible of irrigation; must be of such character that 640 acres are reasonably required for support of a family.

On application being filed, land applied for shall not be disposed of. No right is given to occupy land acquired by reason of application until designation.

Former entry of same character no bar to entry within radius of 20 miles from former entry; provided both entries do not exceed 640 acres; but entryman must enter contiguous land before he can take other land.

Instead of cultivation under homestead law permanent improvements are required of not less than \$1.25 an acre, one-half within three years after entry.

Entrymen on existing entry before submitting final proof may enter contiguous land where both do not exceed 640 acres; the residence on original being credited on both. Improvements must be made on additional land equal to \$1.25 for each acre.

Persons who have submitted final proof, or patentees who own and reside on original entry, may take contiguous land not exceeding 640 acres in all, expenditure to be made on additional entry.

Where no contiguous land or lands within the 20 mile limit are available entrymen or patentee residing on and owning original entry unincumbered may relinquish or reconvey to the United States the original entry and in lieu thereof enter 640 acres within the same land district.

Commutation will not apply to these homesteads.

Entrymen or patentee has preference right for 90 days after designation to enter contiguous land; where lands are contiguous to lands of two or more applicants the secretary may make equitable division, among applicants in tracts not less than 40 acres. Where only one such tract may be joined, first applicant to have preference.

All entries are subject to reservation for coal or mineral.

Lands with water needed for the public are to be designated.

The secretary is to withdraw lands needed for rights of way to watering places, shipping points and summer and winter ranges, not to exceed one mile in width on driveway less than 20 miles in length, not more than two miles on driveway between 20 and 25 miles in length, and not over (Continued on Page Five)