

## SNOW NO LONGER DELAYS TRAINS

Modern Equipment Ends Day of Railroads Blocked By Huge Drifts

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 8.—The day of blocked railroad lines in winter due to huge snow drifts is gone. Where periods of weeks of stalled trains in the northwest was experienced in the late eighties and nearly in the present century, snow plows have reduced the stoppage to a matter of hours, north-west railroad officials agree.

Plungers and snowplows—wedge and rotary—are the most common equipment used to keep the rails clear on all the various systems, although in the deep cuts and mountain territory in the Dakotas and Montana, snow gangs of half a dozen men or more are necessary to fight the frigid precipitation.

The Northern Pacific railway equips all locomotives with flangers, attached near the wheels, which force the snow from the rails to the wayside, the road superintendent states. At all terminals wedge plows are stationed, awaiting calls from any section. In the mountain districts, the rotary plow is used, which furrows through the snow, whirling it from the tracks.

Similar methods are used by the Minneapolis & St. Louis, the Great Northern and the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie systems. The former road has most of its trouble in its 250 miles of railroad in South Dakota, says W. H. Bremer, president of the M. & St. L.

but wedge plows are the fighting factors.

Snow gangs are employed in many cases by the Great Northern in deep cut where the wind piles up drifts too high for the plows to penetrate. This road does not wait for calls to arrive, but keeps all plows busy during a snowstorm.

Railroad men declare that the delay occasioned by snow storms on main lines has become negligible, except in severe weather and terrific storms, but admit more work is necessary on the branch lines because of the inaccessibility of the plows. Some railroad officials are inclined to believe that the winters in the northwest have been milder of recent years, while others declare the use of more modern equipment has made it seem the weather had less effect on the railroads.

### Nailed Fist



The Chinese still cling to the old custom of permitting their fingernails to grow to extravagant lengths. Here is the hand of a wealthy merchant in Suifu, Cochin China.

### Beauty Urges Physical Culture



Australia's beauty queen, Mrs. Suzanne Bennett, voted the fairest Melbourne's daughter from a field of 1,000 rivals, is now in this country preaching the gospel of physical culture as an aid to beauty.

### ALL STARS OUTPLAY HIGH SCHOOL FIVE IN OPENING GAME

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scored two points by throwing a basket, and Marie Crystal scored the other freshmen point by throwing a foul.

In the first-half of the junior-sophomore game the juniors ran up 8 points to the "soph's" two, while in the last half they were unable to score while the sophomores scored three points.

#### Star For Juniors

Bonnie Lucas and Bertha Peltz starred for the juniors. Bonnie Lucas scored the entire eight points of the junior score and displayed excellent ability in shooting baskets, and in floor work. Bertha Peltz, as center, displayed a fighting spirit that broke up a great deal of the sophomore attack.

Mary Whiteline, Gertrude Smith, and Frances Reed starred for the sophomores. Mary Whiteline played a remarkable game at guard, spoiling the junior attack time and again. Frances Reed scored three points by throwing three fouls, and Gertrude Smith scored the remaining two points by throwing a basket.

All-Stars—John Houston, capt. g., Earl Smith, f., Paul Noel, f., Kenneth Perry, c., Frank Howard, g. f., Lowell Dunn, g., and Ralph Stinson, g. Substitutes: First half, Howard for Perry, Houston for Stinson and Howard for Smith.

High School—Clifford Hogue, capt. g., Vernon Moore, f., Pete Moteschenbacher, c., Charles Grove, f., Delmar Robertson g., Jennings Washington, g., Frank Hall g., and Zed Barnes, f. Substitutes: First half, Robertson for Washington. Second half Barnes for Grove, and Hall for Robertson.

Girls—Seniors: Ruth Newton, f., Frances McClane, f., Kathryn Ulrich, c., Mariam Wortley, g., Bernice Hector, g., and Margaret Johnson, g.

Juniors: Bonnie Lucas, f., Gertrude Moore, f., Bertha Peltz, c., Joan McDonald, g., and Constance Crystal, g.

Sophomores: Frances Reed, f., Anna Michaelson, f., Gertrude Smith c., Sarah Schock, g., and Mary Whiteline, g.

Freshmen: Marie Crystal, f., Emma Shinar, f., Dena Moltatore, g. f., Zetha Grisee, Dorothy Wortley, c., and Venice Moore, g.

Girls Class Averages:

Juniors	1.000
Sophomores	.500
Freshmen	.500
Seniors	.000

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### U. S. WASTEFUL SAYS REFORMER

Appeal is Made For Party To Turn Its Back On "Spoils System"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—An appeal to the party in power to turn its back on the "spoils system" and adopt a thorough-going application of the merit principle was made by Richard H. Dana, Boston, president of the national civic service reform league, in an address tonight before the annual convention of the league. "Let me ask the administration," said he, "whether there is any other issue it could now take up which would so appeal to the public at large and so rebound to its own credit in the history of the country. Experience has shown, that any flagrant use of patronage always loses votes for the party responsible."

Dana said that counting employees of states, counties, municipalities and townships, the army of civilian public employes in the United States numbers above 3,000,000, or one for every seven families. The payroll of this army is about \$3,000,000,000 a year, of which \$600,000,000 is spent by the federal government.

One quarter of the total of salaries paid, Dana charged, is wasted in supernumerary employes, unnecessary duplication of work, inadequate management and antiquated methods.

"Could waste be stopped in the public service," he said, "there would be a saving to our over-taxed country of \$700,000,000 a year."

The civil service reform league proposed two methods of eliminating this waste, Dana said. First by turning efficiency and employment experts into the various departments to replace the inefficient, standardize work, modernize methods and put promotion on a basis of merit instead of seniority or political pull. Second, by requiring that officials in the higher grades, responsible for the management of the lower grades, be selected on account of fitness.

Dana appealed to the administration, to congress and the general public to support this program.

"We as a country, have let matters drift on far too long," he said. "We are not only wasting our patrimony, but are continuing bad habits which are becoming more firmly fixed."

"Young women nowadays," remarks an ornithologist in the employ of the government, "take too light a view of marriage. While in the west last summer I was induced to lecture to a summer school. During the course of this lecture I chanced to remark: "The ostrich sees very little; on the other hand it digests everything."

"Whereupon a girl on the front bench, exclaimed: "Gee! what an ideal husband an ostrich would make!"

There are all kinds of stingy people, but the one who looks over the tops of his glasses for fear of wearing them out gets the first prize.

There seems to be a great deal of weather this winter.



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