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THE SCARCITY OF FREIGHT CARS

A short time ago the remark was made in these columns that "this year, talk of a car shortage would seem as music to the ears not only of railroad officers, but of most business men also." Since that time, somewhat unexpectedly, the band has begun to play, says the Railway Age Gazette. But while most people are inclined to welcome the sound as the herald of returning prosperity there are some discords. If business conditions during the past two years had not been such that the roads were more worried about the large actual number of surplus cars than about possible shortages of equipment they might have had more money to buy more new cars before they were needed. As it has happened, the revival of business has succeeded the long period of depression so suddenly that the large surpluses have melted away almost over night, and shortages are appearing in many parts of the country—shortages of box cars in Central Freight Association territory and the Northwest, and of coal cars in Trunk Line and Central Freight Association territory.

The monthly bulletin of the Committee on Relations between Railroads of the American Railway Association for November 1 showed a shortage of 26,628 cars and a surplus of 52,867, the smallest net surplus since the fall of 1913, the surplus having been reduced by 35,474 in October and by 103,248 in September. For 90 per cent of the time since 1907 the American Railway Association has reported large surpluses, but now the shippers are filling the newspapers with complaints because they cannot get cars and the Interstate Commerce Commission and some of the state commissions are issuing the usual circulars urging the railroads and shippers to co-operate by handling and releasing cars as promptly as possible. The Interstate Commerce Commission also urges the railroads to endeavor to improve their methods of operation of terminals.

All of this sounds very much like old times, but some of the conditions which are at the bottom of the present situation emphasize the need of a remedy different from those that usually are suggested. The failure of car supply is ordinarily a failure of car movement. In the present case it is largely caused by a shortage of vessel capacity as a result of the European war. There has been for some time a serious congestion of freight at New York and to a less extent at other Atlantic and Gulf ports. The movement of export grain and of many other articles for export, including war materials, is very heavy, and the trunk lines have many miles of side tracks at the ports filled with delayed cars. It is reported that over 50,000 cars, nearly twice the amount of the shortage reported for the entire country, are thus tied up in the vicinity of New York alone, and it was recently estimated that there was ready for export at New York harbor five times as much freight as the available vessels could take.

The situation has been aggravated by the closing of the Panama Canal by slides since September 20. While the Panama Railroad has transhipped a large amount of the freight that had started through the canal before the slides occurred, the closing of the canal has resulted in much congestion of freight at the Gulf ports and the number of boats that have taken their cargoes around South America or the Cape of Good Hope has appreciably diminished the vessel capacity available at the United States ports.

CUT OUT THE "I CAN'T"

The first notion to get rid of is that you can't. They never can who think they can't; and it is always too late for those who think so.

Why can't you? What's wrong with you? In what way has nature handicapped you, or made you less a man than the other fellow who can?

Haven't you health? Couldn't you go 20 rounds without wilting if you had to? Isn't your brain so good you are putting up a continual protest against your neglect to work it? Can't you read as well as the next? Haven't

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you thought up a lot of schemes for doing things not worth the doing? Why not something worth while?

Naturally, you can't while you admit it. Nobody could. Franklin would have finished his career as he began it, penniless and unknown, had he allowed "I can't" to tie him up and keep him from trying. The same with Lincoln.

Let's admit for argument's sake that few can become Franklins or Lincolns. What then? Neither of them knew what he could become until he had tried with all his heart. Just this both of them knew: they would truly become better than the average if they tried harder than the average.

Just what you can become neither you nor anybody else knows. But get "I can't" out of your system, and you will possibly become far more than you would with it.

The American Federation of Labor rejected the initiative and referendum and the recall. Politicians who have been using these proposed innovations as a bait for the labor vote will please page something new, remarks the Boise Statesman.

Henry Ford gets more advertising in the newspapers without paying for it than are any other active business man in the country. Its value will probably off-set his contributions to the peace fund.

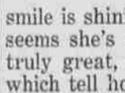
Now General Villa's friends are blaming his misfortunes upon the women. Probably because there is no other handy excuse for them.

Anyway, Joe Hillstrom got a swell funeral, several of them in fact.



THE COMING WEDDING

I'm glad the President will marry; I wish all good, and fortune fair, to any one who has to carry the presidential load of care. But, oh, I wish that he had wedded when first his plans were public made; we would not then, through mush unshredded, up to our neckties have to wade. I used to read the daily papers, but I'm obliged to call a halt; they give some space to German capers, and all the rest to Mrs. Galt. They tell how Mrs. Galt went shopping, and what she bought, and what she paid, and how stern Woodrow did his popping, without the wise Tumulty's aid. They tell how Mrs. Galt, when dining, eats certain victuals with a fork, and how one day her smile is shining, in Baltimore, next in New York. It seems she's fond of pickled onions, and thinks Caruso truly great, and she admires those words of Bunyon's which tell how Christian struck his gait. She likes the verse of Edward Masters, which seems to strike a chord inside; for boils she uses porous plasters, and always has her oysters fried. Oh, mush, mush, mush, and mush unending! 'Twill lift the gloom from many brows, to see the happy couple wending to church, to take the sacred vows.



Portrait of the author of the 'Rippling Rhymes'.

KILLED BY LIVE WIRE

While assisting Electrician A. Nendel on Front street, this city, last Friday at about 5 p. m., William Arde Roberts received a shock from a high voltage wire and was instantly electrocuted.

He was helping to take down an are and was at the side of the Oregon Electric track opposite the Southern Pacific depot when the fatal accident occurred. Mr. Nendel was up the pole at the transformer and Arde had in his hands the hoisting wire. It is presumed that this wire came in contact with an exposed part of the high voltage wire containing 2,300 volts and that he received the full charge. Arde immediately dropped to the ground, partly raised himself and then became prostrate. Brakeman Myers, of the Oregon Electric, knocked the wire out of his hands and he was taken to Dr. Chapman's office, but death had been instantaneous. The deplorable affair was witnessed by Agent S. T. Johnson, of the Southern Pacific, who was seated in his office looking out of the window. An examination of the wires afterward

failed to show the wire held by Arde had touched the other wire.

A coroner's inquest was held Saturday night and the jury found Arde had come to his death while being in the employ of the P. B. L. & P. company and coming in contact with a live wire.—Woodburn Independent.

M'INNIVILLE TRAGEDY.

McMinnville, Or., Nov. 26.—The police were unable today to find a motive for Howard Gillman, business man of Amity, shooting and killing his wife and then himself, after Thanksgiving dinner at his home near here.

The tragedy was enacted while a number of guests were in an adjoining room.

LARGE TIMBER DEAL.

Spokane, Wash., Nov. 26.—The Dulken Lumber company has brought approximately fifty million of white pine along the Priest river from the Menasha Woodmenware company of Menasha, Wisconsin, for about \$250,000, it was announced today. This is one of the largest timber transactions in the Inland Empire in several years.

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POLK COUNTY SCHOOLS MAKE FINE SHOWING FOR RECENT MONTH

Supt. H. C. Seymour Says Patrons Are Taking Keen Interest In Affairs

The Polk county schools are making an excellent showing according to the report submitted by County Superintendent H. C. Seymour to State Superintendent Churchill today. There are 3147 pupils on the registration lists at present which shows an increase of 150 during the month as there were 2997 at the time of the last report. The average daily attendance was 3105 which gives the high percentage of attendance of 97.3. There were 2245 pupils that were neither absent nor tardy for the last month.

During the month 154 parents visited the schools and 78 board members also dropped in. In all 222 new pupils were registered, 149 were re-admitted and 292 were dropped from the rolls. Superintendent Seymour in speaking of the general condition of the schools, says:

The school work throughout the county is progressing in excellent shape. All of the teachers, children and parents are getting into the work with a vim. All of the Parent-Teacher associations are working vigorously and have an aim for which to work and we are expecting great work from all of these associations this year.

The Principals' club has elected new officers as follows: President, E. L. Kezzer, Monmouth; vice-president, H. H. Dunkleberger, Dallas; secretary and treasurer, B. A. Teats, Independence. Over forty teachers of the county are now signed up as members of the Principals' club for this year and we expect a number of most excellent meetings during the year. The next meeting will be held on the night of Saturday, December 4th, at Dallas.

The following schools have been placed on the roll of honor for having made 95 per cent in attendance or over: Zena, Dallas, Smithfield, Eola, Pelee, Red Prairie, Bridgeport, Lewisville, Ballston, Salt Creek, Parker, Monmouth high school, Monmouth public school, Orchard, Bethel, Polk Station, Oakgrove, Perrydale, Fairview, Gooseneck, Butler, Ricknell, Oakpoint, Elkins Independence, Antioch, Brush College, West Salem, Buena Vista, Buell, Spring Valley, Popcorn, Harmony, Upper Salt Creek, Montgomery, Lincoln, North Dallas, Enterprise, Suvy, Crowley, McTimmonds Valley, Sunny-slope, Concord, Oakdale, Lone Star, McCoy, Black Rock, Liberty, Falls City, Pioneer, Cherry Grove, Oakhurst, Mountainview, Hopville, Highland, Rogue River, Mitchell, Wildwood, Valley Junction, Broadmead, Fern, Orchardview, Rose Garden.

The following schools have been placed on the roll of honor for having made no tardies during the month: Pelee, Red Prairie, Lewisville, Ballston, Parker, Fairview, Cochrane, Oakpoint, Brush College, Spring Valley, Upper Salt Creek, Montgomery, Lincoln, Crowley, McTimmonds Valley, Liberty, Pioneer, Oakhurst, Mountainview, Highland, Fern Orchardview, Rose Garden.

The following schools have become standard: Fern, Airlie, Perrydale, Buena Vista, Pelee, Elkins, Oakpoint, Gooseneck, and we are expecting many more very soon, as several of them have all points with the exception of one or two and are working very hard for those.

The state superintendent has declared the following schools standard four-year high schools: Dallas, Independence, Monmouth, Falls City, Bethel, Ballston and Airlie. We have other high schools in the county which we expect to be standardized soon.

The following speakers have taken part in different meetings in Polk county this month: O. M. Plummer, director of Portland schools, at three meetings; Freeman, of the Hill lines, at three meetings; Col. Miller, of the school of commerce in connection with the University of Oregon, at two meetings; W. A. Barr, of the Oregon Agricultural college, at fifteen meetings; L. P. Harrington, state field worker, at nine meetings; N. C. Maris, state field worker, at eight meetings; E. F. Carleton, assistant state superintendent, at one meeting; F. L. Griffin, of the Oregon Agricultural college at one meeting; and J. B. Horner, Oregon Agricultural college, at one meeting.

The annual teachers' institute was attended by every teacher in the county. This institute was voted by the teachers to be the most successful ever held in the county. The following people appeared on the program: Mr. J. H. Ackerman, president of the Oregon Normal school; Mr. E. F. Carleton, assistant state superintendent; Mr. Thos. H. Gentle, Oregon Normal school; Mr. E. B. Bender, Oregon Agricultural college; B. W. DeBus, University of Oregon; Mr. F. L. Griffin, O. A. C.; Mr. M. S. Pittman, Oregon Normal school; Miss Lillian Dinus, Oregon Normal school; Miss Alice McIntosh, Oregon Normal school; Mrs. Mamie Falkerson, Salem, Oregon; Mr. W. A. Barr, Oregon Agricultural college; Mr. H. H. Parsons, rural school supervisor, Polk county, Oregon; and Superintendent H. C. Seymour.

The program was interspersed all the way through by selections from the Dallas, Monmouth and Falls City High School orchestras. Some good selections were also rendered by the Oregon Normal School orchestra. Vocal solos were rendered by Mr. J. W. Orr, sheriff of Polk county, Miss Martha Clark, of Eola, Oregon, Miss Pearl Owings, Dallas, Miss Edna Morrison, Dallas, Miss Alice Grant, Dallas, Miss Gladys Cartwright, Dallas, Miss Lucile Hamilton, Dallas, and Mr. Paul Taylor.

Mrs. Clara Pratt visited with her mother, Mrs. Kirkpatrick, in Aumsville, over Sunday. Mrs. Kirkpatrick slipped and fell on the porch at her home and broke her arm, Friday.—Stayton Mail.

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Harvey Wells, state insurance commissioner, was pleased to find a crowd of about a thousand people to meet him at the depot at Salt Lake City when he arrived there last Sunday on departmental business. Mr. Wells' was soon informed, however, that the crowd formed a farewell party rather than a welcoming reception as the body of Joe Hillstrom, who was executed for murder, was being taken away and the crowd of sympathizers had collected at the depot.

Mr. Wells said there was an unusual mixture of defiance and solemnity prevalent throughout the crowd and that feeling was running high among the I. W. W.'s who had taken sides in the murder trial and execution which attracted national attention. In view of the fact that he was on business connected with his department, Mr. Wells said he refrained from any declaration of political principles and remained decidedly neutral until he got out on the side of Utah. He returned to this city yesterday.

DEAD IN PISTOL DUEL

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 26.—With a bullet in his right knee, Captain Street, of the Madison, Ill. police department is in the inebriate ward of the city hospital, while his wife and Patrolman Barmer are dead.

Incoherently, Street told the hospital attendants today he "didn't know how it all happened." Police reports, however, indicated a pistol duel between the captain and patrolman after the latter interfered in the woman's behalf as she and her husband were quarreling on a street corner.

SUDDEN DEATH

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