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RAILROAD EARNINGS.

The annual report of the Boston and Maine railroad reveals the interesting fact that the stockholders of great corporations do not always get the lion's share of the earnings.

The report gives the gross earnings for the year as \$1,125,256, and the operating expenses as \$908,987. But of the remaining sum, \$1,674,835 was paid in taxes; \$1,445,311 for interest on debt; \$5,112,890 for rent of leased roads, etc. The sum available for dividends among the stockholders was only \$1,923,332, which was distributed among the 7,718 persons owning the shares. It is evident from this, that the owners actually get the smaller part of the gross earnings, while the greater part went to the general public in the shape of wages, salaries, taxes, etc.

The enormous cost of maintaining a modern railroad is set forth in the report. Among the items are: Repairs of locomotives, \$1,357,695; of passenger, mail, baggage and express cars, \$729,935; of freight cars, \$1,040,332; of roadbed and track, \$2,740,257; ties laid (1,063,474), \$510,831; maintenance of bridges, \$283,325; maintenance of buildings and structures, \$660,583.

Nearly \$1,000,000 of new steel rails were laid—19,258 tons, or 364 miles, in main tracks, and 20,734 tons or 188 miles, in branches and sidings.

In addition it was necessary to make a vast expenditure for new equipment—just a little short of \$5,000,000, in fact. This included 65 locomotives, 46 passenger cars, 12 dining, 4 baggage and 2,756 freight cars, not to mention a miscellaneous assortment of mail, milk and cabbage cars, coal cranes and steam shovels, and in addition for nearly \$5,000,000 worth of other needed equipment, including 6,144 freight cars, 29 passenger cars and 35 locomotives. Some of this equipment has already been received since the close of the fiscal year.

The year's expenditures for the elimination of highway grade crossings has brought the total for this purpose up to \$3,311,295.

Such figures prove the immense importance of the transportation companies in keeping the wheels of industry in the country in motion. Their prosperity is not only an index of the general condition of the country; it is also a force upon which the material welfare of the public largely depends.

A less encouraging phase of railroad reports is presented in the number of accidents recorded in those reports. The total of killed for the year ending June 30 last, was 5,000; injured, 76,258. This is a terrible record. The increase in the number of killed over the preceding year was 75, or more than 15 per cent. The increase in the number of injured was 5,577, or over 14 per cent.

It should not be necessary to sacrifice so large a number of lives every year, through dereliction of trains, collisions, etc. If the causes of accidents were thoroughly understood, as they ought to be, they could be removed.

ALSO A ZIONIST.

The readers of the "News" are familiar with the hopes and aspirations of the "Zionists," as well as the seemingly insurmountable difficulties they have encountered in their work. But the great ideal continues to be the guiding star of many a wise man of the scattered nation, leading homeward, even if slowly, almost imperceptibly.

One of the Hebrew teachers of our day, who believes that the final destiny of his nation is to be established in Palestine, is Rabbi Krede Ben Heli, who lives near Arnhem, Holland. A correspondent of the "News," writing from Rotterdam, says he recently visited this Rabbi, and was very much interested in his conversation.

Rabbi Heli, it seems, believes he has a divine mission to lead his brethren back to the Land of Promise. He is the author of a "Talmud" and a large volume containing prophecies and teachings.

Our correspondent informs us that his books contain an account of the creation of the earth, and the dealings of God with His children since the beginning. His explanation of the creation differs from that of some others, inasmuch as he teaches that it is impossible to make something out of nothing, and that God organized the earth from materials existing. He believes also that man existed before he was placed upon this earth, and that the earth was made a dwelling place for him.

There are many differences between his teachings and those of other Rabbis. He is willing to accept Jesus as the Son of God and our elder brother. He declares that circumcision is a "dead letter issue." He believes in faith, repentance, baptism, gift of the Holy Ghost, and the law of tithing. In addition, he believes also in reincarnation.

Rabbi Heli has not been able to gather any followers, but his soul is filled with the spirit of gathering, and this is another evidence that the spirit is moving over the present chaotic conditions as in the beginning of creation, to bring forth a new order. At present it seems impossible to human understanding, to accept Zionism as anything more substantial than a

dream. Palestine is in the possession of a power that is as unwilling to let it go, as was Pharaoh to permit the people to depart at the demands of Moses. Many of the Jews are comfortably located in the lands where their lot has been cast, and they would not think of emigrating to Palestine with its present limited opportunities. If the voice of an Iskra was heard today, calling the people to return, to build the city and the temple, he would probably not be able to gather any larger companies than came out from the Babylonian captivity.

But all these things will change. When the time comes obstacles will be overcome, and the spirit will move until the dead bones are gathered together, and the nation is prepared for its great mission in the last days. The present is a time of preparation. If there are many signs of confusion in the household of the world, they only indicate a temporary condition, a time of preparation for what is to come.

PATRONIZE HOME INSTITUTIONS.

According to a statement made by Mr. Lon J. Haddock, secretary of the Local Manufacturers and Merchants Association, the present crisis affects very largely the small order business of large eastern houses, in favor of local merchants, and this is an encouraging feature of the situation. In times when cash is plentiful, he says, some people spend as much of their earnings as possible with establishments, that do not pay one cent of revenue into the State, or donate a penny towards maintaining the roads over which their produce is hauled to the local market. They forget the local merchant who turns their produce into cash, maintains the roads, extends them credit in time of need, and incidentally furnishes them with the means wherewith to earn a livelihood. But at times like the present, when cash is hard to get, the local merchant finds his business on the increase, though much of it is on credit.

The indications, we are told, point to the fact that Utah will emerge from the present storm with her institutions more firmly cemented together, and her people, converted to the necessity of "sticking" together. Mr. Haddock believes that the people are beginning to realize the necessity of patronizing home institutions. We hope this is so. If the advice of the founders of this State as to home industries had been followed, Utah would now have been almost independent industrially. Such are its resources and possibilities.

"WHERE ARE WE AT?"

A gentleman writing under date of Nov. 9, says he considers it a peculiar coincidence that some owners of houses have already notified their tenants of an intended raise in the rents, so soon after the City election. He says, in part:

"I am living in a terrace where the rent has been so much per month for at least six years past. But immediately after the late election, notice was served by the agents of the property, to the four tenants (three of whom are 'Americans') that the rent will be advanced Dec. 1st, 1907, \$2.50 per month. I am trying to consider the matter philosophically, and to find out what is the matter, and I have come to the conclusion that either my neighbors wish me to move on account of being considered an 'undesirable' neighbor, or maybe the property owners must necessarily raise the rent to make up for the increased taxation and other 'improvements' by the 'American administration' in Salt Lake; or, again, it may be that since the recent election the real estate men, seeing that there is going to be 'nothing doing' in transferring real estate, will have to do something to raise the 'wind'."

"Will you please, if you can, tell me and others, where are we at?"

The story was told before the election with sufficient perspicuity. The cost of misgovernment during the past two years will have to be met some time, and it is but natural that that cost should be added to the living expenses. It is the consumer that pays the taxes, and the graft. He pays through the landlord, the baker, the butcher, the dealer in general merchandise, etc., for the additional expenses for bad government are added to the cost of the necessities of life.

But why repeat the story now? Our city is about to learn a costly lesson in government. There is "where we are at." Other cities have had instruction in that subject. It is only to be hoped that the tuition will not be so high as to render many citizens homeless.

Search the script, it teaches the truth.

"High money" is largely the result of "high finance."

No weather is particularly bad to those who have full coal bins.

New York is said to be the world's greatest port. Where is Duluth?

When the currency contracts, other contracts are usually held in abeyance.

Shouldn't there be a "comptroller of the certificates" as well as of the currency?

Some people cannot distinguish between prosperity and simple over confidence.

What the country needs now is a whole lot of golden calves to be converted into double eagles.

Ambassador Charlemagne Tower is quite a tall man but one of his sons towers well above him.

It is a good thing that Edward Carson Weston is not a railroad train, for he keeps ahead of his schedule right along.

The genuine last of the Mohicans has gone to the town farm of Plainsville, Conn. Lo the poor Indian, just naturally gravitates that way.

If Portland fails must be killed, so's kill them, not talk about it," says the Oregonian. A Portland rat is one of the things that cannot be talked to death.

Democratic candidate. That settles it—in Senator Tillman's mind.

For nearly sixty years Miss Katherine Vonbach passed as a man, thus proving that all are not men who wear the human form.

The national W. C. T. U. convention resolutions declare for a single standard of purity, applying to men and women alike. If it is a good thing to have a single monetary standard, it certainly is a good thing to have a single purity standard.

The United States supreme court says that the negroes, being citizens, must look to the state and not to the federal courts for protection. That is a most welcome announcement when people are inclined to run to the federal government for a cure for all the ills to which mankind is heir.

That Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, and arch-demagogue of his time, is engaged in a nefarious attempt to destroy the business prosperity of the nation is a fact which is patent to all intelligent observers," says the Kansas City Post. It would be quite impossible to condense more factoids and falsehoods into fewer words than is here done.

THE FARMER DOING WELL.

Rochester Herald.
Oil and wheat, by the way, furnish something convenient in the way of comparison. When Mr. Rockefeller was young and virtuous—before the octopus had sprouted to any extent—oil sold for twenty-five, and thirty cents a gallon. The farmer was at that time getting \$1 and \$1.50 a bushel for his wheat. But he was realizing only from twelve to sixteen bushels per acre, and he was harvesting the crop by slow and laborious processes. The scythe and the cradle were used in cutting, and it was bound by hand. All is now changed. There is no reaping but by seventy-five or eighty-five times as much from every acre, and he can now reap and thresh as fast as he did then, and much more easily. Nor is it half the trouble to market his wheat that it was thirty or forty years ago.

A MONTH OF METEORIC DISPLAYS.

New York Herald.
November is a month which has been signally marked for many centuries by the profusion of its meteor showers, and there is no reason to doubt that this will be the case in 1907. The two chief meteor streams after that of the well known August meteors, approach the earth's orbit during the present month. The first of these November showers has its radiant in the constellation Leo, and makes itself periodically visible in our sky about the 13th and 15th of the month. Although the most conspicuous display of the Leonid meteors takes place only once in thirty-three years, and cannot recur before 1922, it is nevertheless quite certain that a considerable number of them will enter our atmosphere at the usual period. Following them, the famous meteor stream of the Andromedids will be due by the 23d inst., and it is possible that they may be very numerous. In some years, as in 1872, they come in hundreds and make a spectacular display. But in addition to these two principal showers, minor groups of meteors, with a radiant in the constellation Taurus, may be expected now and also in the last week of November.

PROTECTION OF BIRD LIFE.

Boston Herald.
Action just taken by federal officials insures the saving of several nests and resorts for birds as game-breeding places and shelters from human plunderers. This is a form of intervention by the state which has its economic as well as its sentimental side. We need not accept in toto the statement by an official of the National Association of Audubon Societies that, for lack of sufficient insectivorous birds, crops valued at \$500,000,000 are destroyed each year in this country, to admit that undue destruction of bird life works much loss to farmers and growers of fruits, and, in turn, to the public that suffers when supplies are diminished.

TRANSATLANTIC TRAVEL.

Springfield Republican.
Transatlantic travel in both directions has surpassed all previous records so far this year—something like 2,000,000 persons having been carried across during the 10 months of which 1,475,444, largely immigrants, have come westward. The financial crisis and business reaction should have large and quick effect in checking immigration, and this should be followed by an increased steerage and second-class movement of travel toward Europe. The first to feel the contraction in industrial activity will be the workmen, largely composed of aliens coming to the country within the past few years. They are generally thrifty, have saved money, and will go back home with it and await there a revival of labor demand instead of remaining here and falling back upon charity for support. Increased and cheapened facilities of travel across the Atlantic should operate greatly to lighten the problem of the unemployed in times of industrial reaction in this country compared with what it used to be.

JUST FOR FUN.

What's Geography Good For?
This is from the philosophy of Mrs. Louisa Schmitt, who berated a teacher in the Nixon School for not promoting her daughter because the latter was deficient in geography.
"Teacher, you don't know it all, I guess," said the lady Mrs. Schmitt. "I wish it that my daughter gets through school so she gets a man. Never mind about the geography; just promote her without it."
"Why, my other daughter, she didn't know geography and she got a man. I don't know geography and I got a man. And you know all about geography, and you don't get any man at all. What is this geography good for?" See that my daughter gets through school."
—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

She Saved Up Bait.

After weeks of waiting and longing for the sport rods, rods, gaff, creel—everything was in readiness for a week's trout fishing. The fishing wife, smiling joyously, hurried into the room, extending toward her husband some sticky, muddled papers. "For goodness sake," he exclaimed, "what on earth are you going to do with those old fly-papers?"

"I saved them for you from last summer, dear," she answered. "You know you said you always had to buy flies when you went fishing."—Dundee Advertiser.

Sure to Be Read.

"Are you going to print a story to-morrow morning about that divorce in high life?" asked the caller.
"I presume so," answered the young man behind the counter.
"Well, I want this advertisement run

right under it. I don't care what it costs," said the other, handing over a small ad.—Chicago Tribune.

A Matter of Habit.

Lady (formerly belle girl)—Porter, why didn't you call me as I instructed you?
Sleeping Car Porter—I did, mam; she's yo' be'n. I made "seven-thirty, mam," an' yo' said, "Lan's outa order!"—Tulsa Daily.

Hard luck to the mother of success. Luck is only a relative—Lafé.

Patience—How did the report of Peggy's engagement get out? She says she hasn't whispered it to a soul.

Patience—No, she didn't, she used a megaphone!—Yonkers Statesman.

City Boarder—What's that old adage about commencing young poultry?
Partner (feebly)—Don't count yore chickens till after you have plucked th' ole out.—Chicago Daily News.

"Here is the man, your honor, who was caught stealing the hog."

"Caught in the act?"

"Yes, sir."

"Judge," said the prisoner, "that man is lyin' to you. It was in de fence corner whar he ketches me!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Mrs. Post—But how do you avoid making visits that you don't want to pay?

Mrs. Parker—Well, I always send word that I'm coming.

Mrs. Post—Yes?

Mrs. Parker—And then they always come back that they won't be home—Judge.

Teacher—Here in our copy books today we find the sentence, "Evil communications corrupt good manners." Tommy Jones, do you know what that means?

Tommy—Sure! Pa got a communication this mornin' from Ma's dressmaker that made him swan.—Philadelphia Press.

According to Orders.

"How do you do, exclamation the letter carrier, as he greeted the auctioneer."

"I do as I am bid," answered the auctioneer with a friendly grin.

"Which the same," rejoined the letter carrier. "I do as I am directed."—Exchange.

Blotchy—Why do they call Pittsburgh the smoky city?

Stobbs—Because there are so many millionaires there who seem to have money to burn.—Philadelphia Record.

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