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CAR SHORTAGE EXPECTED.

Railroad men are repeating their warning of last year to northwestern dealers and consumers to place their orders for coal as early as possible in order to safeguard themselves against delays incident to a congestion of traffic, with incidental shortness in the car supply. They had reason for their warning of last year, despite the fact that business for months previous had been discouragingly light, but this year they have what amounts to almost assurance of difficulty ahead in the fact that traffic in all departments of the carrying business is increasing rapidly. There are 250,000 idle cars in the United States, Canada and Mexico at the present time, but orders for rolling stock are compelling the utilization of these cars so rapidly that managers are becoming nervous in regard to the coal trade. Indications point to an exceptionally heavy movement in grain during the months in which delayed orders for fuel must be filled in order to obviate suffering during the first cold weather of winter, and those who wish to avoid anxiety and trouble are advised to place their orders as soon as possible.

Paul Morton's plan of keeping money in the country by levying an export tax on American beefs who marry foreigners and go abroad is based on patriotic feeling, but the notion is not new—in fact it was embodied in a bill introduced in the recent congress by Representative Sabath of Illinois. Mr. Morton is not alone in thinking it a pity that Americans should fall down and worship titles. When his rage is excited by the spectacle of a splendid American girl with a rich father throwing herself away upon a decadent sprig of European aristocracy, he is in the same state as thousands of other free Americans witnessing the same sorry spectacle, says the Milwaukee Wisconsin. If a practical remedy for the evil can be found it will be widely welcomed—but more especially if it be not inconsistent with the fine old American principle of individual liberty.

It is a graceful act on the part of the British government to order an entire squadron of cruisers to this country to take part in the Hudson-Fulton celebration this fall. The affair will be distinctly American. Nevertheless it will have significance for the entire world. The discovery of the Hudson led ultimately to the development of a region that has become one of the most important on the globe, and Fulton's experiment marked the beginning of the era of steam navigation, of which the mighty navy of Great Britain, part of which will be present at the commemoration, is an outgrowth. Ships of other nations also will be on hand, and one of the greatest features of the pageantry will be the display of steam vessels indicating the growth in that direction since the Clermont made her epochal trip.

The test of Hiram Percy Maxim's noiseless cannon of large bore is to be made at Hartford, Conn., where he is at the present time. In October he will go to Europe for the purpose of demonstrating his invention. Mr. Maxim's patents for noiseless weapons protects him in Japan as well as in the countries of Europe. Invention of death dealing devices, however, continues active there as well as here. From Berlin comes reports of the application of principles of wireless telegraphy to the setting off of mines. An electric wave, transmitted from the operating point, produces a spark in the apparatus connected with the mine. Both army and electrical experts declare that the invention will revolutionize modern warfare.

The government bulletin reports the average condition of cotton at 63.7 per cent. of normal, and on this basis the total output will be about 10,250,000 bales, whereas the yield last year was 13,800,000 bales. The world's consumption of cotton is placed at 13,500,000 bales annually. These figures convey their own comment as to how closely the supply will approximate the demand. Certainly there seems to be no need of restricting cotton growing next year in order to avert the accumulation of an embarrassing surplus.

The Flusser is a flyer. The Flusser is a little torpedo boat just built for Uncle Sam's navy, and in the standardization trial made 33.7 knots an hour, which is three knots better than any other American warship has done. The Flusser must be about as speedy as the torpedoes themselves.

The reported uprising of the Seminole Indians is proved baseless. The "Seminole Defiance" remains as a fact merely between the covers of the popular readers and recitation manuals.

Perhaps the war talk in Turkey is the familiar expedient by which a government seeks to strengthen itself at home by raising a fury abroad. It is not likely that there will be war between Turkey and Greece. The rest of Europe does not desire so ticklish a situation.

England may be outdone by the United States in many things, but there is something impressive about the fact that not one passenger on an English railway was killed during 1908.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST FROM VARIOUS SECTIONS.

ALL SUBJECTS TOUCHED UPON

Religious, Social, Agricultural, Political and Other Matters Given Due Consideration.

Presbyterians of Ponca are putting up a \$7,000 church.

The Dawson county fair closed with a good attendance and was a success throughout.

The National Convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held in Omaha October 22 to 27 inclusive. Six hundred delegates will be in attendance.

Andrew Carnegie will be asked to give \$250,000 for a new public library building in Omaha and then the present public library building will be used for a free museum.

Some Nebraska families who a year or two ago went to Texas thinking to better themselves, are getting back to first love satisfied there is no grander state than this. Stand up for Nebraska!

Conductor Gallup of train No. 6 on the Northwestern was severely cut across the face by a passenger west of Arlington when Gallup asked for a ticket. The injured man was brought to Arlington and his assailant was locked up.

The 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hodgins of Grand Island wandered out on the track and was run over. One foot was so badly mangled that it had to be amputated immediately; one arm is crushed. There is not much hope for the child surviving.

John McGraw, a farmer living about a mile southwest of Geneva, had four head of valuable horses killed by a Northwestern passenger train. The horses had been turned into a pasture field in the evening and broke out and were hit while crossing the track.

The normal school at Kearney opened for registration on September 15. The initial enrollment is stronger than a year ago and indications for a successful year are very flattering. The senior class promises to have 109 members.

A mass meeting of the water users under the Keith and Lincoln counties irrigation district ditch was held in Sutherland for the purpose of solving, if possible, some of the difficulties which have been encountered in getting water during the season just passed.

The Kearney military academy opened up its twelfth year and the prospects for the coming year are very flattering. At the close of the first week almost one hundred boys have been enrolled at the school and many more will be there later. All cadets have been assigned to their work.

As a result of the recent fires in Sutherland there is an inclination on the part of numerous property owners to fireproof their buildings as much as possible. The buildings now in course of construction in the business portion of town are to be fireproof, and others will likely be covered with iron.

Judge Hosteller of the district court at Lexington dismissed the action brought by Ira Wolive against the Lexington school board, the demurrer of the defendant being sustained. The action was brought to compel a recount of votes in the recent school board election, which carried by a small majority.

Miss Annie Griffin, who says her home is in Chicago and that she was on her way to Lincoln to "accept a position," faked Chief of Police Otto Peterson of Fremont three times with a large hatpin in the union passenger station, where the chief had taken her to wait for the arrival of a hack to convey her to the county jail.

"Uncle Ed" Reynolds of Tecumseh has been entertaining his aunt, Mrs. L. A. E. Matthews, of Kansas City, Mo. In 1952 Mr. Reynolds accompanied the lady across the plains from Red Rock, Iowa, to Stockton, Cal. The trip was made by ox team and required five months' time, railroads not having crossed the continent at that time.

George C. Quade was found dead at his home in the north part of David City. The family were absent from home at the time. Mrs. Quade had gone to one of the neighbors for a few moments, leaving Mr. Quade sitting in the house. Upon her return she found him lying on the floor dead. He had committed suicide by shooting himself. He had been in bad health for some time.

Gov. Shallenberger paid this tribute to the late Gov. Johnson of Minnesota: "I have always considered Governor Johnson one of the strongest men of the nation. The country has looked to him as one of its future leaders. Democracy mourns the loss of one of its greatest chiefs. His death, in view of his potential character, is to be mourned not only by the state of which he was governor, but by the nation as well."

A movement is well under way for the erection of a large monument to the late Professor Jeffrey D. Hrehek, who was the first professor of Slavonic languages in the University of Nebraska. The monument is to be erected at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, which was the professor's former home and the place where his remains now rest.

Within the hearing of his bride of one week, George Bradshaw of Kearsaw, aged 37, shot himself, presumably with suicidal intent. The bullet passed through his head, leaving him unconscious. He has a small chance for recovery.

The Butler County State bank, a new institution, opened last week. The capital stock is \$25,000. Officers are: Arthur J. Evans, president; George H. Price, cashier; W. M. Evans, assistant cashier.

Elizabeth W. Greenwood, National Superintendent of evangelical work, Miss Ellen Stone, Mrs. Harry Harris of Georgia, ex-Gov. Glenn of North Carolina, and other prominent men and women will take conspicuous part in the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union Convention to be held in Omaha October 22 to 27, inclusive.

ARGUMENTS ON TAX CASES.

Sullivan Files Brief in the District Court.

Judge J. Sullivan, who is for nullification of the law enacted by the last legislature providing for the payment of an annual license fee by corporations, filed his brief in the district court of Lancaster county. He argues that the occupation fee charged by the state is a license for the right to do business. As a license he insists that the money should go into the school fund or municipal division in which it is paid, according to the constitution. He argues also that the decisive test of a law licensing a business is that such business or occupation shall be under the supervision of the government. In the law under dispute no mention is made of governmental supervision. The brief refers to the section of the constitution which provides that taxes shall be raised by taxation on the valuation of all classes of property. This section refers to persons and corporations and thus prohibits the levy of such a tax as contemplated in the law.

Deputy Attorney General Grant Martin for the state filed a brief in which he declared it to be the right of the legislature to enact such a law, even if it did refer only to corporations and not to individuals. Corporations are creatures of the law he argued, and are given liberties not enjoyed by the people. He upholds the law in every respect.

Railroads Must Obey.
It is up to the railroads of the state to post in their cars a copy of the law relating to drinking of liquor on trains. Complaint having been made informally to the railway commission that drinking had been permitted on trains and that the notices provided in the law had not been posted in the cars. At a meeting of the commission it was decided to insist that the notices be posted.

The law provides that it is a misdemeanor for any person to be drunk on a train or to drink liquor on a train. It is made the duty of the conductor to notify the drinking passenger to stop, and if the passenger fails to obey the first suggestion the conductor is to repeat it. Then it is the duty of the conductor to oust the passenger at some station. No penalty is attached to the train crew if the law is not obeyed.

Ben T. White of the Northwestern informed the commission that his road had several suits started against it for putting drunks off of the train.

Increase in Railroad Business.
The state business of Nebraska railroads for the year ending June 30, 1909, as compared with the previous year, shows a tremendous increase, car load freight business forwarded showing an increase of 34 per cent, less than car load shipments an increase of 5 per cent, car load business received showing an increase of 14 per cent, while the increase in passenger business within the state is 7 per cent. These figures are gleaned from the reports filed with the state railway commission.

Reduced Rates Asked.
The State Railway Commission considered the application of Fred Enfield, manager of the telephone company at Lyons that was formerly a part of the Bell system, for permission to reduce his rates to meet competition, and also the protest of H. S. Johnson, manager of the Independent telephone company, which has lowered the telephone rates at Lyons and which is competing with Enfield's company. Enfield was allowed to put in lower rates. Mr. Johnson declares that Mr. Enfield is merely operating the exchange at Lyons for the Bell company and that the sale is a subterfuge, while Mr. Enfield declares that he is the owner of the plant and that it is necessary for him to reduce his rates to hold his own against the rival company.

Inspection of National Guard.
Under general order No. 20, Major E. H. Phelps, assistant inspector general of the Nebraska National Guard, will begin his inspection of companies October 4. The three companies now in Omaha will be inspected December 1, 2 and 3. An inspection of armories will be made at the same time that the companies are inspected.

Grain Movement Heavy.
Grain movements in Nebraska are much heavier now than a year ago, according to reports filed with the state railway commission. For the twenty-four-hour period ending at 4 p. m. September 15 there were 456 cars loaded for shipment, against 207 last year. Cars ordered for loading are 1,257 this year, as against 839 last year.

Money for Prize Cattle.
Secretary Mellor received a check for \$823 from the American Shorthorn Breeders' association. This represents the amount the association gives in premiums to the exhibitors at the Nebraska state fair.

List of Delinquent Corporations.
Walker Smith, corporation clerk to the secretary of state, is about to certify to the governor the names of five thousand corporations which have failed to pay their occupation tax as provided in the law enacted by the recent legislature. The governor will then designate two daily papers in which the names of the delinquent corporations are to be published for one issue. Under the law the names of those which have not paid the tax by November 30 are to be declared cancelled.

Members of the board of public lands and buildings returned from Grand Island, where they went to investigate the charges against the commander, Elb Barnes, preferred by Adjutant Joseph McGraw. The board has not yet made its formal report, but it had been practically agreed that the report will be to the effect that the home is not being conducted as it should be and that there is a lack of harmony among the employees. Insofar as the charges of graft is concerned, the board will report these charges were not sustained.

PRESIDENT OPENS GUNNISON BORE

Taft Lets Waters Flow Into Uncompahgre Valley.

BIG PROJECT IS COMPLETED

Mountain Ridge Pierced by the Government in Order to Irrigate Beautiful, But Semi-Arid Tract in Colorado.

Montrose, Col., Sept. 23.—President Taft, standing at the west portal of the great Gunnison river tunnel a little before five o'clock this afternoon, pulled a lever, and with a mighty rush the waters of the river six miles away poured into the Uncompahgre valley in a life-giving flood.

Thousands of men and women who a moment before had stood in silent awe burst forth in wild cheering, cannon which had been captured by Colorado troops in Manila roared a salute, and brass bands added their patriotic music to the clamor.

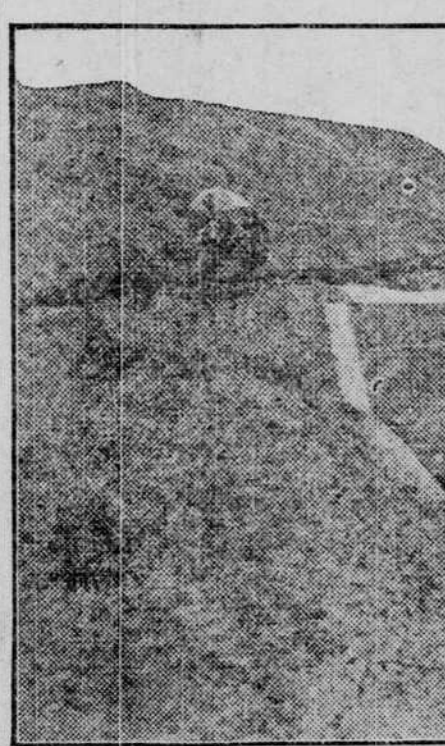
Thus was fittingly signalized the completion of the Gunnison river tunnel, the first project undertaken by the United States government reclamation service. Work on the project was begun four and a half years ago and had progressed steadily ever



West Portal of Gunnison Tunnel.

since. Together with its main and distributing canals, the tunnel will irrigate 150,000 acres of land in a valley naturally one of the most fertile in Colorado, but which has been semi-arid because of the annual summer droughts and the inadequacy of the Uncompahgre river.

This day of the opening of the tunnel was made the chief day of the Western Slope fair, now being held here. All the morning special trains kept coming in, from various parts of the state, and at 10:30 there was a parade of the visitors. Early in the afternoon the explosion of a bomb told the people that the special train bearing President Taft and other government officials had entered the city limits. A second bomb announced his



One of the Concrete Drops on South Canal.

debarcation at the station, and a third was sent up as the distinguished guest, escorted by a great procession, started for Elks' park.

President Taft Welcomed.
At the park, after introductory remarks by E. D. Catlin, chairman of the Gunnison tunnel opening committee, Mayor J. Q. Allen turned the key of the city over to the guests. Then John C. Bell delivered the formal address of welcome, to which President Taft responded briefly and happily. The exercises here concluded with remarks by Senator Charles J. Hughes and Gov. John Charles Shaffroth. At four o'clock trains started for the west portal of the tunnel, where President Taft opened the gates, and speeches were made by I. W. McConnell, consulting engineer of the reclamation service, and Senator Horace T. DeLong of Grand Junction.

After the return to Montrose there was a reception to President Taft and

Why He Looked Harrassed.
The kind lady had just handed the hungry hobo a sandwich and a hunk of pie. "Poor man!" she said sympathetically. "Are you married?" "No'm," answered the h. b. "I got dis hunted look from bein' chased from place 't place by der police."

The Funny Door.
"How children do coin words and phrases for a household," exclaimed the young mother. "When my little boy first began to talk he called every sort of opening a 'door.' It was an association of ideas for him and he applied it to everything. One night as his father took off his shoes a hole in his stocking was disclosed. 'Funny door! funny door!' exclaimed the little chap gleefully. And now in our family a hole in the stocking is always a 'funny door.'"

Useful African Tree.
While the seeds of the dorowa, an East African leguminous tree, are extensively used for food the pods and leaves form an excellent cement when mixed with crushed stone.

others, and this evening speeches were delivered by a number of well-known Coloradans, the celebration winding up with an illuminated parade and pyrotechnic display.

At great expense and under enormous difficulties, a wagon road was built to the east portal of the tunnel. It is 15 miles long, and climbing the granite ridge between the canyon and the Uncompahgre valley, descends the rocky wall on sheer work.

Bore Built for All Time.
Simultaneously work was begun at each end of the tunnel and at a point several thousand feet from the west end, where a shaft was sunk. As fast as the tunnel was driven through the shale and solid rock, it was timbered, and then the heavy timbers were covered with impervious cement. This gives a tunnel of solid concrete built

to withstand the wear of ages. All the flumes, culverts, diversion gates, drops and other work along the lines of the main canals are built of steel and concrete.

There is no dam across the Black canyon at the point where the river is turned into the tunnel. Instead of this, the tunnel itself taps the river from beneath its granite bed. By this plan neither floods nor slack water can prevent the tunnel taking from the river all the water needed.

Has Immense Capacity.
A few statistics of this tremendous project are worth setting forth. The tunnel is 30,600 feet long, and 11 by 13 feet inside measurement. The main canal is 30 feet wide at the bottom

and 82 feet wide at the top, and the average depth of the water is ten feet. The capacity is 1,900 cubic feet of water a second. After the water leaves the west portal of the tunnel it is conducted through 12 miles of canal to the Uncompahgre. There is a drop of 214 feet in this distance, and this great fall will be utilized for creating power. A series of concrete drops has been constructed and the immense body of water rushing over them is capable of generating at least 10,000 horse power which will be utilized in lighting the entire Uncompahgre valley by electricity.

The cost of the tunnel and distributing canals is over \$5,000,000, and perpetual water rights will be sold to actual settlers at about \$35 an acre.

Teach Children to Swim.
Last year more than 32,000 children were taught to swim at the London public schools.

A GREAT ANNOYANCE.

Kidney Disease Shows Many Painful and Unpleasant Symptoms.

George S. Crowell, 1109 Broadway, Helena, Mont., says: "I was troubled with a disordered condition of the kidneys, some backache and irregular passages of secretions. At times I was obliged to get up out of bed at night, and the urine was unnatural in appearance. On the advice of a friend I procured Doan's Kidney Pills and began using them. This remedy helped me at once, strengthened my kidneys and corrected the disordered condition."

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Sad!
It always worries an absent-minded man to think he can't remember what it was he was going to worry about.—New York Times.

Lewis' Single Binder gives the smoker what he wants, a rich, mellow-tasting cigar.

Straw Used for Matches.
The straw of various grasses and cereals has been tried and found suitable for wood in making matches. The straw is cut into two-inch lengths by machinery, winnowed to obtain uniform size, and then boiled in paraffine, dried and dipped into the mixture of chlorate of potash, gum arabic, etc. for the inflammable tip. The process should, if adopted on a large scale, obviate the use of wood and also give an improved match, with the advantages of a wax veta, at a very small cost.

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Relic of Ancient Sculpture.
During excavations conducted near Willendorf, on the Danube, by the pre-historical section of the Austrian National History museum, a chalk figurine, 11 centimeters high, has been discovered in stratum containing instruments and weapons characteristic of the stone age. The figurine shows traces of having been painted and represents a female figure with remarkable precision of artistic execution.

Many old men break down and become childlike because they abandon business, and thus lose much of their everyday interest in the world around them. It is not uncommon for old people to take up courses of study and successfully pass through them. All such occupations serve to keep the interest alive in something besides mere selfishness, and do more toward warding off "the blues" than all the medicine in the drug stores.

Idealism.
It costs a man a lot to live up to his ideals. That's the reason many a man can't afford to get married.—New York Times.

Disguise.
Were we to take as much trouble in being what we ought to be as we take in disguising what we really are, we might appear like ourselves, without being at the trouble of any disguise at all.—La Rochefoucauld.

Qualities to Cultivate.
Thoughtfulness for others, generosity, modesty, and self-respect are the qualities which make a real gentleman or lady, as distinguished from the venerated article which commonly goes by the name.—Thomas Munsey.

Unfortunate Emulation.
A North Carolinian recently eloped with three women on the same train. And it seems that events will persist in showing that Solomon lived for nothing.—Salt Lake Tribune.

The Way to Happiness.
To look fearlessly upon life; to accept the laws of nature not with meek resignation, but as her sons, who dare to search and question; to have peace and confidence within our souls—these are the beliefs that make for happiness.—Materlinck.

To Keep from Catching Cold.
The best means of preventing a "cold" are: Never sit in a room that is not thoroughly ventilated, and avoid especially any room occupied by a person suffering from a "cold."

Literary.
"What shall I write about?" asked the lazy reporter of the busy editor. "Right about face!" snapped the editor. And, taking him at his word, the reporter wrote an article on the care of the complexion.

Fixing Her Status.
In a police court in New York the other day a magistrate asked a woman, a witness: "Are you a friend of the prisoner?" "No, I'm his mother-in-law," replied the woman, without any particular show of feeling.

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Good Rules to Observe.
"When in doubt, go slow; when excited, keep cool," are two fundamental rules by which most women who so frequently have occasion to be "on edge" and "all upset" can spare their nerves and indirectly their pocket-books. Impulsively letting your nerves and emotions give way before you have time to think is a habit that can only be controlled by a call on reason and common sense.

Deception of the Circus.
A writer in Collier's who is as familiar with circus life as a press agent, but who doesn't respect trade secrets, says that the graceful young lady bareback rider, and the shapely creature who does thrillers on the flying trapeze are frequently young men, made feminine in appearance by the addition of a blonde wig and excelsior where nature failed to qualify him for the role.

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