Rail President Forecasts Still Better Business

Milwaukee Railroad Head Predicts Further Economic Stabilization—Tells of Equipment Orders.

A continued stabilization and improvement of general business conditions was a forecast for 1923, made yesterday afternoon at the Omaha club by H. E. Byram, president of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway.

Mr. Byram stated, that as a railway executive, he was pleased to note an improvement in conditions affecting farmers and stock raisers of this western country.

"We are deeply concerned in the welfare of the men who produce the food," Mr. Byram asserted. "We know that our interests are closely identified with the success of the farmers and the stockmen. We all prosper together."

The head of the Milwaukee railroad stated that he observed signs of business finding a substantial basis, and by business he says, he means transportation, production and other activities.

Speaking more partially as a railroad man, he added that he believed it would be a fine thing for all if there could be a letting up of additional legislation for railroads and more sincere effort to try out the laws already enacted.

Discusses Railroad Earnings.

Mr. Byram discussed the Esch-Cummins law briefly, stating that there still remains an idea in the minds of some that this law continues to guarantee to the railroads a return of 5 3-4 per cent. He notes that in fact the railroads have been earning a maximum of slightly more than 3 per cent, not on capitalization, but on valuations as fixed by the Interstate Commerce commission. He stated that his company has arranged for the purchase of 7,500 new boxcars and 75 locomotives in 1923, at a cost of nearly $20,000,000, a program which is interpreted as indicative of the Milwaukee's policy of extension.

Free Shoe Fund Total Swelled by Rabbit Hunt

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misfortune and poverty, waiting, waiting for the shoes they need so much!

"There are six of us children and mamma is awful sick and the baby was sick and my papa is nearly blind and we haven't got hardly any clothes and no shoes. If we only get shoes we can stand it I guess. We thank the good people."

Each Case Investigated.

That is a typical letter. Every case is carefully investigated by George Carver, school truant officer, or the child's teacher (without cost to the fund).

Every cent given this fund goes to buy shoes for children in desperately poor families. Nobody gets any "rake-off." All's for the good work.

Already acknowledged	$1,806.68
R. W. Huttman	5.00
Carl H. Pieper, Blair, Neb.	2.00
Calvin Schultz, Otoe, Neb.	1.00
Carma Fern Haxby, Cedar Bluffs	1.00
Robert Vance Haxby, Cedar Bluffs	1.00
Vern W. Robbins, North Loup	2.00
Hugo Neumann	3.00
Arline and Catherine McClintock Pawnee City, Neb.	1.00
Mrs. I. L. R.	2.00
M. H. S.	1.00
Elizabeth E. Fisher, Hastings, Neb	5.00
H. J. Abrahams	10.00
Mrs. C. C. Shimer	2.50
Hannah and Ellen Srb, Dwight, Neb	2.00
A Friend, Gibbon, Neb	1.00
Sadie M. Thompson, Wilsonville, Neb	3.00
M. J. Merrill	5.00
Delta Delta Delta	13.00
A. C.	1.00
Mrs. Rose Nelson	1.00
Lake District Mothers Club	5.00
Mrs. F. A. Drake	2.00
A. Wheaty	1.00
Mail Clerks at Burlington Terminal	11.00
Carl C. Wiltsey, Minden, Neb.	5.00
Benevolent Patriotic Order of Does, Omaha Drove No. 1	10.00
Mrs. Frank B. Runnicutt, Haldrege, Neb.	1.00
Agnes M. Harrison	5.00
J. E. Hansen, Earling, Ia.	1.00
Mrs. C. C. Howe	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Musselman, Osceola, Neb	20.00
Sam and Betty Joe Carson, Osceola, Neb	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde G. Courtrup, Osceola, Neb	2.50
Ladies of Elks Club	10.00
L. M. D., Columbus, Neb	2.00
No Name, Blair, Neb.	1.00
E. G.	5.00
A. S., Denison, Ia.	5.00
H. H. G., Green, Hastings, Neb.	5.00
Thiessen, Jensen, Neb.	5.00
Lumley	2.00
	1.00
S. H.	6.00
Cash	1.00
Our Baby Boys	5.00
Mrs. Dohe	1.00
A Friend to the Kiddies	1.00
A Friend	5.00
Mrs. George M. Jones, Beemer, Neb.	2.00
Tuskeraura Camp Fire Girls, Randolph, Neb.	6.00
George Laier	.75
Dundee School	2.35
Central Park School	3.32
Mrs. Benjamin S. Baker	5.00
Anne R. Undeland	2.00
The Live Wire Class, Beemer, Neb.	6.85
M. R. C., Modale, Ia.	1.00
H. F. Kahe	5.00
Mrs. E. B. S., Oakland, Neb.	5.00
Grades of Public School, Plainview, Neb.	8.47
William Frazier	1.00
A Friend, Overton, Neb.	2.00
Rev. W. C. Williams	5.00
Baker Ice Machine Co., Inc.	15.00
R. B. R.	1.00
A. M. L.	2.00
Wisner Rabbit Club, Wisner, Neb.	35.47
W. B. Sadilek, Schuyler, Neb.	3.00
Mrs. L. T. Horrochs, Bristow, Neb.	3.00
C. C. Calkins	1.00
No Name, Almeria, Neb.	2.00
H. M. Silsby, Missouri Valley, Ia.	2.00
Friends to Little Folks, Oshkosh, Neb.	2.00
Metropolitan Dining Room	10.00
Friend	2.00
Total	$2,136.89

The need is still very great.

If you think you can spare something to put warm shoes on the cold feet of these little boys and girls in their wretched homes, send what you can and be assured it will go right to relieve and make happy some poor child.

Address, "Free Shoe Fund, The Omaha Bee, Omaha, Neb."

American Legion Notes

Russell G. Hughes Rifle culb will meet at Legion headquarters Wednesday evening at 8, to arrange for gallery practice at which to select a small-bore rifle team.

A dinner dance will be given at the Omaha Athletic club Wednesday evening at 8, by the local voiture of the 40 and 8 society.

The adjutant has letters from John F. Strueba, David Carson, J. C. Harris, Harry Kuhn, J. F. Mendon and Harry Austin.

The adjutant wishes the address of Joseph Sinnius.

Unofficial returns indicate the bonus failed to carry in Oklahoma. The adjutant expects application blanks for the bonuses granted by Iowa, Illinois, Montana and Kansas sometime in January.

The Auxiliary hospitalization committee distributed fruit, candy, magazines and smokes to the following last week:

Lord Lister—Mrs. Jennie Devine, visitor—Peter Hanson, Hancock, Ia.; James H. Nell, St. Louis; B. M. McGaillard, Omaha; W. J. Wilson, Omaha.

St. Joseph—Mrs. William Mettlen, visitor—J. W. Britton.

Wise Memorial—Mrs. A. H. Mayer, visitor—Randall Beart, Bellevue, Neb.; Joseph Ling, Omaha.

Four Christmas Parties Will Be Given at C. of C.

Junior Division to Entertain "Newsies"—Women's Division Also Will Stage Party.

Omaha men and women who make up Omaha's business world still believe in Santa Claus and the spirit of Christmas. This is proved by the fact that four Christmas parties are to be given at the Omaha Chamber of Commerce this week and business men who can quote current prices in all commodities much better than they can "The Night Before Christmas" will romp and make merry in Santa Claus costumes as they distribute Christmas gifts to all.

The first party is to be given December 20 by the members of the women's division and the chamber is to be beautifully decorated in Christmas colors with a real Christmas tree trimmed and lighted.

Charles Gardner, who in every day life is Samson, secretary to King Ak, will be Santa Claus and distribute presents to every member present. A Christmas supper also will be served.

Chamber members will celebrate their annual Christmas Cheer party December 21 and after a Christmas dinner of roast turkey, cranberry sauce, mince pie and other goodies, W. E. Nesbit, Ben Marti, Dr. W. L. Wilcox and J. L. Duffy, dressed as Santa Clauses, will take presents from the Christmas tree and distribute them to the members.

Members of the goodfellowship committee will have their Christmas celebration December 22. There will be the usual Christmas dinner, distribution of presents and lots of fun.

The three parties will be enlivened by the singing of Christmas carols by the members and special music by musical organizations who will contribute to the program.

What promises to be the real big Christmas party at the chamber is the one to be given by the members of the junior division the night of December 21 for the newsboys of Omaha. Every newsboy in Omaha is invited to attend. There will be a big Christmas dinner and each youngster will receive a gift. Al C. Scott, chairman of the executive committee, and Mayor James C. Dahlman have been invited to attend. In addition to the dinner, the "newsies" will receive candy and nuts and a special entertainment has been provided for them.

A Babylonian clay tablet of about 2100 B. C., which contained an account of the fall of man paralleling the account of Genesis in many particulars, has been deciphered by Dr. Edward Chiera of the University of Pennsylvania.

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A correct Haberdashery for the man and young man who would be correct in his appointments.
A Hosiery and Underwear Specialty Shop for the woman who requires quality. Ideally located for convenient Christmas shopping.

A visit here tomorrow and all the tomorrows hereafter will reveal the pulse of fashion, for your following. We will sell you nothing save recognized goods from world-famous makers.

Opening Day
Monday, Dec. 18

To offer the newest, most-to-be-desired things, and offer them FIRST will be the policy of this shop. Those who favor Leon's (World Theater Corner) will be always a step ahead, yet ever in good taste.

for the ladies

Silk Underwear
Kayser, Phoenix and Futurist.

Silk Hosiery
Gotham Gold Stripe, Kayser and Realart.
Complete line of fancy Handkerchiefs.

for the men

Phoenix and Interwoven Hose.
Stetson Hats.
Superior and Lewis Underwear.
Fashionknit Neckwear.
Arrow Collars.

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7 o'clock till 9 p. m. is a good time to select musical instruments and for your convenience this store will be
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Because furniture, as a gift, combines utility with beauty; because it serves to carry your message of good cheer, love and friendship years and years after most Christmas gifts are gone and forgotten; because it represents money spent wisely—furniture is truly the greatest gift of all.

Good furniture is not necessarily expensive, as is quite evident from the extensive and splendid display you'll find on our several floors at value-giving prices, but extremely meritorious in quality and style.

The pieces illustrated here are in the best of taste—of simple, refined design, free from cheap ornamentation—it is practical furniture and ideal for those wishing to give something that will remind the recipient of the giver for years to come.

Our showing at this time is most complete and we know will meet any requirements you may have.

Pieces for the Living Room

It is surprising to a great many people who visit this store to learn what excellent quality is to be obtained here in living room furniture at value-giving prices. Davenports from $98.75, odd fancy chairs from the Windsor type at $18.00 and $20.00 up to the more-elaborate styles ranging in price from $25.00 to $50.00. End tables, davenport tables at $34.75, library tables in the different period styles from $19.75 up. Sectional bookcases can be had at $6.00 a section in mahogany or oak, or a regular library case for $35.00. There are hundreds of other pieces here suitable for the living room that would be acceptable gifts.

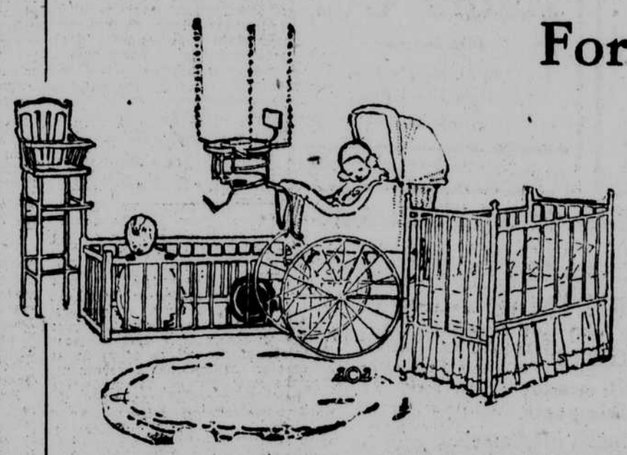
Gateleg Tables in Endless Variety

Here we have a splendid example of a dropleaf gateleg Table, which has become to be regarded as indispensable in the correctly furnished home. Its utility lies in the fact that the leaf can be let down and the table pushed to one side when not required. You will find many handsome pieces of this style of tables here ranging in price from $10.00 for a dull antique mahogany pattern on up by easy stages to the more elaborate extension gateleg tables at $58.75. The English Wing Chair and Rocker pictured here can be had in mahogany with upholstered seats at from $26.50 up. We've many other patterns in Rockers that can be had from $4.50 up.

Spinet Desks
In Mahogany or Walnut

The Spinet Desk, now so popular, can be found here in a variety of styles and sizes, including the original design as well as the new Italian adaptation in the dull or waxed finished mahogany. We've made special efforts this season to show a larger variety in this line and are fortunate in being able to quote much lower prices than formerly. As an example, we are showing a splendid desk of this character at $19.75 and from that up to $60.00 and $75.00 for the more elaborate patterns. Foot stools may be found here selling for from 79c each to $7.50.

For the Little Tots



A number of things for the comfort and convenience of the babies and little folks are to be found at Bowen's. There are Cribs from $4.50 up in ivory or white enamel, Baby Carriages $23.75 and up, Go-Carts and Sulkies from $3.50 on up, Nursery Chairs $2.50 and up, High Chairs $3.50 up and a number of other articles which are quite necessary for the contentment and happiness of the children. A White Enamel Child's Bed on the order of the one illustrated can be had for as low as $11.50 and a Baby Yard, pictured, can be found here at only $3.75. We've many other items that would make appropriate gifts for children, one a Rocker for $1.75.

Day Beds

A practical gift, one the whole family would enjoy. We've a good selection, in Cretonne, Tapestry, Velour or Mohair—
$33.75 to $95.00
Floor Lamps, Junior Lamps and Bridge Lamps, up from **$12.85**

Smokers' Cabinets

Many patterns of Smokers' Cabinets, some with humidors, while others with handles like illustrations.....**$2.75 to $20.00**

RUGS and DRAPERIES

Appropriate Rugs and Draperies have much to do with the artistic environment of the home. In addition to meeting your requirements from our well-chosen stock of most approved materials in the rug and drapery lines, we are prepared to assist you by affording you the benefits of our experience and wide knowledge of these matters, which we freely offer. We can give here a few only of the many value-giving prices at which you can select appropriate presents in rugs and draperies.

27x54 Velvet Rugs	$2.95
27x54 Fringed Velvet Rugs	$3.95
27x54 Wilton Fringed Rugs	$11.75
36x63 Wilton Fringed Rugs	$14.75
4-6x6-6 Axminster Rugs	$14.75
6x9 Axminster Rugs	$23.75
7-6x9 Velvet Fringed Rugs	$29.50

DRAPERIES

Marquisette Curtains, per pair	$1.38
Net Curtains, per pair	$1.98
Figured Madras Combination of Colors, per yard	$1.39

Cedar Chests

A Cedar Chest, either in the natural color or in mahogany or walnut, would make an acceptable gift.....**$13.75 to $65.00**
Matting Covered Boxes with and without trays, up from..**$6.75**

Sewing Cabinets

What more would please the wife, mother or sweetheart than a nice mahogany or walnut Sewing Cabinet?
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