

Carriers Report Improvement in Supply of Cars

Volume of Statistics Shows Unprecedented Freight Offerings and Indicates Business Is Flourishing.

By GEORGE F. AUTHIER, Washington Correspondent The Omaha Bee. Washington, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—The American railroads countered the announced decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission to investigate the condition of car equipment and the reasons for car shortage by publishing another volume of statistics showing the continuance of unprecedented freight offerings.

The car shortage, the American Railway association says, is decreasing, but the figures show there is still a considerable shortage which, according to information reaching Washington, is still militating against freight movements in the west. The shortage for the week ending December 15, was 105,018 cars, or a decrease of 8,443 for the week of December 8. On December 15, there was scattered a surplus of 7,677 freight cars in good repair, but not situated where they could be used.

Business Is Good.
The freight shipments, which indicate a splendid condition of business, include 888,082 cars loaded for the December 15 week, an increase of 162,008 cars, or 22 per cent over the total for the corresponding week last year, and an increase of \$5,811 cars, or 10.7 per cent over the corresponding week in 1920.

"Due to the seasonal decline, however, the loadings were 31,746 cars less than the preceding week.
"One of the best indices to business conditions," the report says, "is the loading of merchandise and miscellaneous freight, which includes manufactured products. Loading of this class of commodity during the week of December 16 totalled 515,344 cars, which was an increase of 66,219 cars above the total for the corresponding week last year, and an increase of 77,412 cars above that for the same week two years ago."

Agricultural Conditions.
Concerning the movement of agricultural products, the statement says: "Movement of agricultural products is the greatest for this time of year in history, exceeding by a considerable margin that for the corresponding periods, both in 1920 and 1921."
"Loading of livestock during the week of December 16 amounts to 59,148 cars, an increase of 978 cars above the week before. This was also an increase of 5,230 cars over the same week last year and an increase of 8,676 over the same week two years ago. In the western district alone, 29,007 cars were loaded with livestock during the week compared with 24,280 cars during the corresponding week last year or an increase of 4,727 cars."

Loading of grain and grain products for the week totalled 51,004 cars. While this was 4,604 cars less than the week before, it was an increase of 3,410 cars above the same week in 1920. Reports showed 31,915 cars loaded with grain during the week in the western district during the week, an increase of 3,305 cars above the same week last year.

Corey to Testify on Rural Credits

M. L. Corey, attorney for the Federal Land bank of Omaha, has been called to Washington to testify before the house and senate banking and currency committees in hearings now being held on rural credit measures.

Mr. Corey will devote particular attention to the Strong bill, which provides for increasing the loan limit of federal land banks to \$25,000, and the Lenroot-Anderson bill, which provides for short term credits for farmers upon chattel security.
"I am confident," said Mr. Corey before leaving for Washington, "that congress will pass the measure, which the Federal Land bank of Omaha has been urging for four years, providing for the increase of the loan limit to \$25,000. Every important farm organization and many bankers' associations and business men's conventions have endorsed it."
The agricultural committee of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, appreciating the importance of these measures for the Omaha trade territory, has appointed a subcommittee, including John L. Kennedy of the United States National bank, Henry R. Gould of the First National bank and Mr. Corey of the Federal Land bank, to study the pending rural credits measures, with a view of recommending such amendments to the congressional committees as would benefit the middle west.

Norris Agriculture Head in New La Follette Bloc

Washington, Dec. 29.—(Special Telegram.)—Senator Norris, it was announced yesterday, will head the committee on agriculture named within the La Follette progressive organization. The committee was named by Huddleston of Alabama. Johnson of South Dakota is on this committee.

Road Conditions

(Furnished by the Omaha Auto Club.)
Lincoln Highway, East—Roads good to Marshalltown.
Lincoln Highway, West—Roads report in excellent shape to Grand Island. Fair to good to Cheyenne. Road reported closed west of Cheyenne.
L. D. Highway—Roads good to Hastings. In leaving Omaha center street may be closed.
Highland Cutoff—Road good.
Corbin Highway—Roads fine to Beatrice and Sioux City.
Meridian Highway—Roads good clear through Nebraska.
George Washington Highway—Roads fine to Sioux City.
Black Hills Trail—Road under construction west of Benson, follow Maple street road to one mile west of construction, then north to Irvington. Roads good to Norfolk.
Omaha-Tulsa Highway—Roads good to state line.
Omaha-Tulsa Highway—Roads good clear through to Tulsa.
King of Trails, North—Good to Sioux City.
King of Trails, South—Roads fine to Hiawatha. Fair to good to Kansas City.
River Road—Good.
White Way Seven Highway—Roads good clear through to Iowa City. A little rough in stretches. Detours at Wilton Junction and Durant.
E. O. A. Short Line—Roads good.
Weather clear at every point with possibility for fair and warmer.

Bluffs Candy Man Accused of Arson



Tom Gates.

Owner Is Nabbed Igniting Store

Detectives Chase Two Men Surprised in Bluffs Candy Kitchen; One Is Caught.

Two crouching figures, huddling behind a counter in the Broadway Candy Kitchen, 552 West Broadway, Council Bluffs, arrested the attention of Chief of Detectives Callahan and Emergency Officer C. W. Crum on their way past the store Thursday night.
The officers entered, and found the two men, who they said were the proprietors of the store, trying to set it on fire. Both men fled. The detectives gave chase and captured Tom Gates, one of the men, who was taken to jail.
Gates' partner, Peter Fontas, 696 Mynter street, was arrested for investigation in connection with the affair yesterday morning.
Gates had a \$2,000 insurance policy of recent date on his person when arrested. He is charged with arson.

Above the candy store is a rooming house conducted by Mrs. Elsie Smith, where six grown persons and three children, two of them infants, were asleep.

The fire which had been started was in such a position that it would rapidly have cut off their only means of escape, at the side of the building.
Those in the rooms on the second floor were Mr. and Mrs. George Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Postalwaite, both couples with infant children, Edith McKain, Bernice Nelson, Mrs. Smith and her daughter, Audrey, 7. Mrs. Postalwaite was awakened by the odor of smoke, and got out of bed to find her apartment filled with it.

She ran screaming into the hall, and the other occupants fled into the street, scantily attired.
Gates, who was arrested by the detectives, lives at 1906 Jones street, Omaha.
Damage to the building will be slight, firemen said, most of it being caused by smoke.

Radio Stations Nonpartisan

Politicians Find in Recent Elections That Radio Is Neutral.

Broadcasting stations and radio in general were baptized, politically speaking, in the recent elections. At the time of the 1921 elections politicians overlooked the few stations that then operated. But the sentiment that radio stations were valuable in campaigning had been crystallizing and gaining headway month by month until the 1922 elections found all the hand-shakers, back-slappers and vote-seekers eagerly seeking to make their debut on the air. National and local figures, great and small, beat a tattoo on broadcasting studio doors.
But the politicians discovered a strange thing in their first contact with wireless. The campaigners, jolly good fellows all, were rosy with smiles as they rushed to get their voices on the air. But they did not always find a willing response. "Politicians Keep Out" was the sign to be read on almost as many studio doors as the "Welcome" that all had expected to find. The broadcasters neither kept all politicians at arms' length, neither did they gather them fondly to their breasts.
And in practically no instance was any single political party given exclusive use of the microphone.
We say "almost without exception."
A canvass was made by the Wireless Age of all broadcasting stations and in only a lone case, that of KZCC, a 20-watt station with an 80-mile radius, at Seattle, Wash., was it said the privilege of broadcasting political speeches had been extended to a single party only, the republican. The others were about equally divided between the policy of having no political speeches of any kind broadcast, and that of taking a strictly, even painfully, nonpartisan attitude.
To be exact, 53.333 per cent of the broadcasters observed a nonpartisan policy, .016 per cent was partisan, and 46.651 per cent refused to permit political matter of any kind to be broadcast through their station.
If any conclusion may be drawn from the survey, it is that the development of broadcasting has brought into being an absolutely unbiased and impartial medium through which public expression may be given to subjects that have public interest, whether local, state-wide, national or international. Nonpartisan stations are slightly more numerous than those refusing in the recent election to permit a political speech of any kind to be made.

Arbuckle Return Opposed

Gibbon, Neb., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—The Gibbon Welfare board, composed of representatives of the Woman's Study league, W. C. T. U., and the four churches of Gibbon, have protested to Will H. Hays the reinstatement of Roscoe Arbuckle.

The Brandeis Restaurants

will be closed New Year's Eve, but will be open from noon to midnight New Year's Day.

Take 17th Street Elevators

THE BRANDEIS STORE

Unique Lunch, 60c

Served in our Men's Grill, Tenth Floor. Ask any Omaha business man.

Take Express Elevators

Our 41st Year-End Clearance Sale Brings to Men and Young Men the Clothing and Prices They've Been Waiting For



Hart, Schaffner & Marx

Suits and Overcoats

Saturday at 29⁷⁵

Formerly Priced 35.00, 40.00 to 45.00

The Suits

Finest of hand-tailored garments. Suits for business or dress wear, single and double-breasted models, two and three-button styles. The fabrics include many of the most favored materials woven, beautiful stripes, herringbones, solids and checks.

Not all sizes in every style, but a complete range of sizes, including slims, shorts and stouts in the group, from 33 to 48 chest.

Many are silk lined.

The Overcoats

Ulsters, ulsterettes and raglans. Made in plain or inverted pleat styles. Full belted and belt-back models. The raglans are made in kimono or split-sleeve style. The materials are either rough or smooth finish with plaid backs or contrasting heather backs. All are well made garments, perfectly tailored. Men's and young men's models, sizes 34 to 46. In view of the increased cost of woollens, coats like these will sell next season in all probability for at least one-fourth to one-third more than these prices.

The double guarantee of The Brandeis Store and Hart, Schaffner & Marx gives you absolute insurance of satisfaction, in point of style, fit and service

Fourth Floor

Two Other Groups of Overcoats Made by Hart Schaffner & Marx

Highest grade hand tailored overcoats made of fine imported fabrics, in all the season's newest styles and colorings.

Values 50.00 to 60.00 **39⁷⁵** Values 60.00 to 75.00 **49⁷⁵**

All sizes, but mostly all individual garments in different styles. Every garment a product of the finest tailoring.

Fourth Floor

Special New Year's Offering Tuxedo Coats and Trousers

For Young Men **34⁷⁵** 45.00 Values

Tailored by hand in a model just recently designed; trimmed with the finest of silk and satin. Produced by master craftsmen. All sizes, 33 to 44.

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Saturday—Sale of Manhattan SHIRTS

1.78



4.00 and 4.50 Values

These are very fine woven madras shirts with plaited bosoms and stiff cuffs. Some are negligee shirts with stiff cuffs. In order to make the size scale complete we have taken enough of our own regular 3.00 stiff cuff negligee shirts and are including them with this choice lot of Manhattan shirts. The quantity is limited, so do not delay securing these popular shirts at this unheard of price.

Read carefully this list of choice underpriced offerings in our Men's Furnishings Section to wind up the year of 1922.

Note the Clearance Prices on These Furnishings

- Men's Worsted Sox, 29c
- Men's Lined Gloves, 1.00
- Men's Flannelette Night Shirts, 1.00
- Men's Slip-on Sweaters, 1.88
- Men's Army Flannel Shirts, 3.38
- Men's Knitted Ties, 65c
- Men's All-Wool Gloves, 38c
- Men's Good Shirts, 1.00
- Men's Shirts and Drawers, each, 50c
- Men's Union Suits, About 1/2 Price
- Men's Lisle Sox, 35c
- Men's Silk Ties, 45c

Main Floor—South

Men's Tony Red Calfskin Shoes and Oxfords



Haig Last \$5

Goodyear welt sewed soles; rubber heels. A smart shoe at a low price.

High Cut Shoes for Youths—In brown Norwegian calf or elk skin. Sizes 9 to 11, 4.00

Sizes 11 1/2 to 2, 4.50 and 5.00

Fourth Floor

Two Big Clearance Specials Men's Hats

Men's 3.00 and 3.50 Soft Hats—485 hats, broken sizes left from the most popular styles of the season. All are fine stock, perfect in fit and construction. In the newest and most attractive shapes and colorings. An unusual opportunity to obtain a fine quality, well styled hat at this quick clearance price. Priced at 1.95

Men's Caps—1.75 values. All with fur or plush in-bands. Made of heavy overcoatings and of all-wool fabrics, beautifully lined and in the new one-piece top effect. All sizes, 6 1/2 to 7 1/2. Included in this special selling are short lots and odd caps that were formerly much higher priced. Priced 1.15

Fourth Floor