What have you seen? Are you ever attracted by the voice of the

world of nature which surrounds you? The Omaha Bee welcomes letters from readers on observa-

CHARITY.

Old Earth's a-cold; And that she may be warmly

The trees fling down their coats of

And for their comfort and their

The clouds drop softly, flake by flake

LISTENING IN

On the Nebraska Press

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islators show less sound sense than was displayed by Balaam's mule when

confronted by an emergency." Well, didn't Balaam's saddle animal display

remarkably good judgment? It would be a welcome relief to see evidences

on the part of a lot of people that they were trying to emulate that fa-

"Now, where are you?" queries

Adam Breede of the Hastings Tribune, with a wise look in his eye while he

Says Editor Curran of the York

Democrat: "It now appears that if Henry Ford &-etaoin etaoin shrdlu."

been going in Washington for a week or two, the Kimball Observer draws

the wise conclusion that "President Coolidge, like Brer Rabbit, keeps sayin' nothin'."

"We are for you, Lloyd George," ssures Editor Brown of the Kearney

Hub, "but please do not presume to

much on personal friendliness to swallow the plea that we play the 'Savior act' for Europe. Please don't

Instructions Obeyed.

Mistress—Speil little.
Johnny—L-1-t-t-l-e.
Mistress — You shouldn't say
t-t-l-e—you should say 1-l-double-

Next day Johnny was asked to say

membering his lesson of the previous day, he began: "Double up my love.

Mild, But Suggestive.

The more than usual lack of intel-

gence among the students that morn-

ng had got under the professor's

"Class is dismissed," he said, ex-

asperatedly. "Please don't flap y ears as you pass out."-Truth.

the sun is shining. "-Exchange.

nous animal.

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ELEANOR HINMAN.

tions of nature.

Upon the ground.

Bare branches shake;

Their woolly fleece.

thrive on opposition."

bow-wows.

George?

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#### WHAT FRANCE MUST REALIZE.

The attitude of M. Poincare is not altogether assuring to successful intervention. He seems still determined to crush Germany; in the name of France he seeks vengeance to the utmost. What is to be hoped is that, faced by the united pressure of public opinion of the people of the great powers, he will have to moderate his designs.

Poincare's Napoleonic scheme to make France the dominant power on the continent of Europe means, if anything, that agreement among nations will not be founded on right or justice, or even expediency, but on the basis of force. The imperialism dreaded by France when presented in the person of William Hohenzollern takes on a more attractive form, it seems, when personified by Poincare. A Germany broken into fragments can not exert a great deal of influence on the affairs of the world. If nothing is done to stay the blow, while the Germans are slowly recovering from the effects of the disaster that is being forced on them by the French, the latter will be engaged in directing Europe through the old-time machinery of intrigue and diplomatic chicanery. This is contrary to all that was hoped for and promised in the settlement of the world war.

Reparations may serve as a pretext, but this problem is not the thing uppermost in the program now laid down by the government at Paris. If Poincare sought chiefly the \$33,000,000,000 he demands from the German people, he would go about to collect his bill in a more reasonable way. To pay that or any other sum, Germany must be at work, earning the money wherewith to discharge its obligations. With industry broken down, social order destroyed, political chaos ruling, the Germans are helpless, and well nigh without hope.

Hunger prevails, the people are unclothed, and face the rigors of winter without the necessities of

The only object of the new international conference is to bring forth a plan by which Germany can be set on its feet again and be made self-sustaining. When that is done, the French may look for payment with some reason. Under existing conditions Germany can pay nothing, because it can produce nothing. Unless a change is brought about, the physical wrecking of the German state will be

A settlement on the basis of justice is imperative. To examine the facts and come to an agreement as to what reparations can be paid is not to close the door to France or lessen the chance for recovery, but would make sure that it would get something, whereas now it is getting less than nothing, lions that might better be devoted to the work of rebuilding that it expects to do with the reparations funds when collected. If this enlightened selfishness can penetrate the French national mind, good will come of this proposed conference.

## DON'T BE A YELLOW KNOCKER.

Slam out a home run, and the bleachers and grand stand will arise as one man and acclaim you as the greatest ball player that ever strode across the diamond. To bat the next time and strike out with the bases full, and those same bleachers and grand stand will arise again as one man and announce in clarion tones that you are a dub, a bloomer, a has-been, a never-wasser, a joke, and demand your head on a platter.

Which notorious fact is recalled by the fierce criticisms of the Cornhuskers. Having made football history year after year, thereby winning the plaudits of the multitude, the Cornhuskers strike a streak of bad luck, get the worst of the breaks, and thereby fail to win. Immediately the glorious history of the past is forgotten. Wonderful fellows if they win, but dubs if they lose. Every follower of the game who has a yellow streak up his spine immediately exhibits it, accompanying the exhibit with vocal pyrotechnics. The chorus of the yellows is so loud that the stranger within the gates might be led to believe that Nebraska was made up of sorry losers.

It is not true. All of us would rather see the Cornhuskers win, but not all of us are snapping at their heels for losing. Nebraskans whose opinions are worth while are still proud of the Cornhusker team; proud of its past record; proud of the stalwart young fellows who are trying to add new laurels to the Scarlet and Cream, and confident that they will not fail to add their share of glory to the University of Nebraska's football history. Genuine lovers of the great game, and they outnumber the pikers two to one, even if they lack the vocal ability of the aforesaid pikers, are still whooping it up for the Cornhuskers. We want them to win, but most of all we want them to do as much as the famous organist in the mining camp. And we are confident that they are going to win.

If there is team dissension, the football authori-I ties may be depended upon to allay it. If there are weak spots, there is material to strengthen them. It isn't the team that is at fault. It is the fault of the nagging, fault-finding yellows; of the short sports who have forgotten the dollar bets they won in days gone by and remember only the six bits they lost

at the last game. Red-blooded Nebraskans are just as strong for the Cornhuskers as they ever were. The croakings of the yellow-spined brigade is not worthy of a mo-

ment's attention from the team members. Perhaps it would help some if the student body showed more college spirit and indulged in less croaking. And surely it would help a lot if the Cornhuskers were given to understand that as long as they put in their best licks we are all for them, win or lose.

Eleanor Duse drew \$30,000 for her first performance in New York, which shows the difference between what a good actor gets and the reward for

The question is what kind of echo will a Howell from Omaha create in Washington.

#### BONAR LAW, SANE LEADER.

Andrew Bonar Law was one of a remarkable group of colonists who went to the mother country and made good. Son of a preacher, born in New Brunswick, he was early transplanted to Scotland. and became so completely identified with that land that it was generally forgotten that he was a son of Canada. As a business man Bonar Law found his calling, and he might have been completely happy had he been left to the occupation afforded him by

the iron trade, in which he was a commanding figure. The son of another New Brunswick minister shaped Bonar Law's course in politics. William Maxwell Patterson, who was to become Lord Beaverbrook, also made his way to England and climbed high in business and then in politics. To him is ascribed the responsibility for Bonar Law's appearance in politics. A boyish friendship continued into mature life, and Beaverbrook's eminently practical mind saw the need of a business man in the cabinet. He is said to have so steered the events of his day that Bonar Law came into public life, and by various steps rose to be premier.

A rigid conservative, although in no sense an ultra tory, Bonar Law naturally figured largely in the coalition cabinet, and finally as the leader of the unionist group he repeated the success he had earlier attained as leader of the opposition when Asquith was prime minister. Lloyd George having lost the confidence of this group, the most natural step was to send Bonar Law to the front.

He found a lot of cleaning up left to do when he took office, but set about the task with zeal Chiefly did he engage in the work of setting the finances of his country on a firmer foundation, and part of this was the adjustment reached with the United States. Arthur Baldwin, who succeeded to fanatics. the office of prime minister when Law, by failing health, was forced to resign, had a great share in making the settlement with the United States, and not a little of his prestige rests on that accomplish-

Home problems also were dealt with very successfully by the late premier, who met the radicals openly, and neatly staved off their adroit attacks. His service of but seven months was not long enough for him to entirely round out a program, but his past career assured the world that the course of England would have been steady while he held the

Senator Capper is from a farming state, and is head of the farm bloc in the senate. He knows what the farmers' interests are and is eager to serve them. Therefore his endorsement of the tariff on wheat is well worthy of notice. It is a splendid answer to Senator Underwood.

Farmers will be pleased to note the change in spirit of comment on their case. If left to themselves a little longer, they may outlive all the advice that has been given to them within the last three or four years.

Only one case in the South Omaha police court indicates that either that end of town is getting good or the police are getting careless. We believe the first conclusion is correct.

Reports from the United States treasury are to the effect that the government debt will be wiped out in 1952. This should encourage Christmas shopping this year.

A new head having been picked for the Utilities district, projected work may now go on and service continue to the satisfaction of everyone but those

The bootlegger who tries to peddle his stuff at the door of a federal courthouse deserves to be dealt with on some other charge than a violation of the Volstead law.

The imperial kleagle has declined to debate with New York rabbi, alleging that he is too busy. Scattering baseless charges against the Jews and others, of course.

New York police have found another "sucker list" in a fake broker's office. It is the unlisted variety who are most productive when tapped.

The first 10 months of building in Omaha totals more than a million a month, which is not so bad, when all things are considered.

Commissioner Dunn asks that 43 policemen, who have served two years without approval, be confirmed. What's the hurry?

Henry will not accept the nomination, says his secretary. Now, all will be well until the word comes that he will.

It is one thing to sink a submarine when in service, and quite another to have it go down as a may follow to the best advantage result of collision.

John W. Davis of West Virginia has been nominated. No, this is not Henry Gassaway Davis under another name.

One comforting thing about this snow is that it

does not in any way affect the fruit crop. Now let us watch the race between the slot

machine and the punch board. The "bad medicine" kept in police pill boxes is only for law breakers.

Wait a mire .- Medicine Hat has not yet gone

## Homespun Verse -By Omaha's Own Poet-

#### Robert Worthington Davie THE RIDICULOUS.

Said Ezra to, Sy; "It's funny, O, my! The world is the queerest old den, Things happen that make your vertebrae ache With laughter again and again.

"You really can't feel the depth of your zeal That seems sort of kiddish and trite-But Gee! How you grin a-taking scenes in Till life is a sea of delight.

"Before you get done a laughing at fun The shadders come stealing about; You're facing distress and forced to express The fear that you can't wiggle out.

"It seems mighty drear and it is very queer The way this dominion is run, And puzzled one is with problems of his Till he can't quite allow how it's done.'

Said Sy, rather slow, in a droll, don't you know "I've pondered the changes a lot, But just sort of took what come with a look, Not grumbling about what I got

# "The People's Voice"

Editorials from readers of The Morning Bee. Readers of The Morning Bee are invited to use this column freely for expression on matters of public

Failure of the Democrats.

Omaha.—To the Editor of The omaha Bee: You should not be sur-rised at the commoners from the mocratic party going over to Henry ord. We leave it to you if they hear anything from democratic editors about Wilsonian achievements. No, about Wilsonian achievements. No sir, there is not a single Wilsonian ct they would have if they could help themselves. The local editor, for instance, dishes them up a "get into Europe" for breakfast, then for lunch "League of Nations," with a vindy windup "having fit for democ How could sane people be ex pected to stick to a lunatic asylunthat issues a diet like that ? Now, if any other attraction is of

fed, the usurers, international bank ers, who sell invisible exchange, get it On the other hand, Henry Ford de nounces the gold standard, banker lomination of business, tells them why the people are poor, largely renters the wealth in few hands in our coun try, caused by the interest bearing debt issued by the banking interests This Ford music makes a democra prance. Between you and me, Mr Editor, Henry Ford preaches a mighty good sounding doctrine to people who cannot consume the necessities of life, change commodities and services. The plain, common people are not taking out insurance against ruin from a Ford administration; they rather like This peculiar brand of statesmen the way Henry does, compared with fanatics. T. S. FENLON.

Suggests Gasoline Tax.

Wausa, Neb .- To the Editor of Th Bee: If Governor Bryan really wishes to reduce taxes for the people of Nebraska without marring the ef-ficiency of the highway maintenance he can easily do so by convening the egislature in special session and have gasoline sales tax law passed. Of vene the legislature for this same purpose, but, as he prematurely pro osed his plan of reducing taxes by means of a sales tax on gasoline a the state for a whole week, the comlarge number of short-sighted news-papers over the state set up such a quite a public sentiment against it at the time. An election at which probably most of the legislators would be candidates for re-election was then coming on. Hence, in view of the apparent public sentiment against such a tax, no doubt many of clined to support the bill out of con-sideration for their own interests. But now we have the advantage of he experience of two neighbor states with a gasoline tax law in operation -Colorado with a 1-cent per gallon tax and South Dakota with a 2-cent per gallon tax. And gasoline has that his pound of butter or his dozen been cheaper all the while with the eggs will buy as much newas it would tax included in both Colorado and in 1913. Butter and egg dollars ar South Dakota than in Nebraska and Kansas without such a tax. That the special session called by Governor McKelvie refused to enact the gaso-line tax law has cost the taxpayers of Nebraska thousands of dollars with-work. Soliloquizes Joe Alden listened nor looked in each direction with-so easily made that they are little to the stopping.

One-quarter of the drivers looked in one direction only.

The remainder, about 40 out of every 100 observed, neither stopped, listened nor looked in either direction with-soliloquizes Joe Alden listened nor looked in each direction with-soliloquizes Joe Alden listened nor looked in each direction with-soliloquizes Joe Alden listened nor looked in each direction with-soliloquizes Joe Alden listened nor looked in each direction with-soliloquizes Joe Alden listened nor looked in each direction with-soliloquizes Joe Alden listened nor looked in each direction with-soliloquizes Joe Alden listened nor looked in each direction with-soliloquizes Joe Alden listened nor looked in each direction with-soliloquizes Joe Alden listened nor looked in each direction with-soliloquizes Joe Alden listened nor looked in each direction with-soliloquizes Joe Alden listened nor looked in each direction with-soliloquizes Joe Alden listened nor looked in each direction with-soliloquizes Joe Alden listened nor looked in each direction with-soliloquizes Joe Alden listened nor looked in each direction with-soliloquizes Joe Alden listened nor looked in each direction with-soliloquizes Joe Alden listened nor looked in each direction with-soliloquizes Joe Alden listened nor looked in each direction with-soliloquizes Joe Alden listened nor looked in each direction with-soliloquizes Joe Alden listened nor looked in each direction with-soliloquizes Joe Alden listened nor looked in each direction with-soliloquizes Joe Alden listened nor looked in each direction with-soliloquizes Joe Alden listened nor looked in each direction with-soliloquizes Joe Alden listened nor looked in each direction with-soliloquizes Joe out a cent's saving in the cost of of the York Republican, "is suffering gasoline to the consumer. And at from suspicion and fear. Whatever the same time thousands of the allays them in a heavy users of the public highway ing to mankind. ave not contributed one cent towards s maintenance. OLD-TIMER. ts maintenance.

### Center Shots

"The trouble seems to be," grins the Star-Mail editorial space to remark St. Joseph (Mo.) News-Press, "that we Star-Mail editorial space to remark that "many of the faddists and leghave too much talk about evolution and not enough of it."

Pehaps Mr. Bryan is right. Scien tists keep on finding ancient human skulls, but they have yet to find a petrified tail.—San Francisco Chroni

Mr, and Mrs. Thigpin are rejoicing ever the arrival of a big 10-pound taby. (Crowded out last week.)—Center Hill Items in Sumter County (Fia.)

Yale students who are found taking tells the waiting world that Nebraska liquor into the college premises will is going to line up for Henry Ford be dismissed. The news that there is or Hiram Johnson. Well, where are a prohibition movement is gradually spreading over the United States.—Toronto Mail and Empire.

If that noiseless street car in Minneapolis is equipped with automobile brakes, as reported, they are different from the automobile brakes used here.—Indianapolis News.

A lot of politicians in Nebraska are thinking the same thing about Henry.

After surveying how things have

College enrollment is heavier than ever before, notwithstanding a general stiffening up of requirements. Which proves either that the boys can work when they have to or that a smarter crowd are going to school.-Portland Oregonian.

A psychology expert in Kansas City advertises that he will give an accurate analysis of your character and advise you on the line of business you willing to pay the expenses of a pro-fessional interview between the character expert and Governor Walton.-Kansas City Star.

A man who has divorced and re married the same woman knows what she means when she signs his some poetry which began: "Uletters "Yours respectively."—Clevemy love, the sun is shining." what she means when she signs his

One of the mysteries of this world is why a bandmaster doesn't wear his medals on his back, where the audience can see them .- Chicago Herald-Examiner.

Looks as if Mrs. Johnson is the eal "dirt farmer," while Magnus manipulates the windmill.-Green ville Democrat-Sun.

Our Father, we thank Thee for Thy

revelation of love through Jesus Christ, and for all that He has brough to our lives of inspiration and guid

ance and hope. We thank Thee for the tasks Thou hast given us, and for Thy presence and help as we undertake them. Help us, we pray, to live in unbroken companionship

with Thee; to draw life from Thy life to show Thee forth as we have to do

with our fellowmen in the ways o

us when the lure of the world i

strong upon us, and when we are tempted to put the things that per

ish above the things that are eternal

Give us a great hunger after right

eousness, and help us to be genuine in all that we do and say and think. As Thy disciples, O Christ, may we come to be more like Thee each day

as in ever-increasing measure the spirit which was in Thee comes to

dwell in us. Help us to love God and our neighbors with all our hearts. Keep us from selfishness. Forgive our sins, for Thy name's sake. Amen.

LATHAN A. CRANDALL, D.D.

#### Daily Prayer NET AVERAGE CIRCULATION The Lord is good, a strong hold in the

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## "From State and Nation"

-Editorials from Other Newspapers-

Bacon Sandwiches.

rom the Kansas City Drovers Telegram Packers has issued a bulletin calculated to induce housewives to manu facture bacon sandwiches. told in the bulletin that: We are

"The bacon sandwich is appetizing, conomical, wholesome and nutritious The fine flavor and aroma of the con literally make the mouth water and aid materially in the flow of the digestive juices. This makes the other ingredients of the sandwich more desirable. However, it should not be forgotten that the bacon also adds to the food value of the sandwich by adding energy and protein This protein is of excellent quality and thus supplements the protein of the bread; in addition to being ap-petizing and nutritious, bacon is easily

Knowing the bacon sandwich to be wholesome and nutritious, not to say economical, we are publishing where on this page the recipes sent along with the bulletin in the hope that a more general use of bacon may put a few cents on the market price of hogs. Though we do not dare hope that a 25 per cent increase in demand and sale of bacon would add 25 per cent to the price of hogs. But might help.

Shall we dare tell the American In-"If," remarks Ole Buck in a bored stitute of Meat Packers something one of voice, using the Harvard that maybe they do not know? Pre suming they do not know it let us say o them that the publication of such a ulletin as is herein acknowledged is only one way to increase the use There is another way namely, first, to call the attention of A Franklin county man wants the retail dealers that the general use of bacon by people in moderate means is an impossibility at the present retail prices; second, that retail dealers on the Republican river bottom, pay it as a state park. This leads Editor ought to be satisfied with a profit of Burr of the Aurora Register to ask "Why not? We're rich and issue bonds." But there is a sarcastic tone tailers sell at no more than 50 per to his voice when he asks the ques st people are able and would be

willing to pay 30 cents a pound for bacon that comes out of 6-cent ani-The Fairbury News notes with evibut they can't afford to pay eight times as much as the hog costs. although Governor Bryan was out of If the Institute of Meat Packers will rectify this little error we believe their wiches will prove profitable.

Tom Curran inserts in his York Grade Crossing Accidents. From the New York Herald. Daily News-Times a little anti-Lloyd George serum by remarking that "it Careless motor driving is responsi

ble for practically all of the railway about time the toadies and flungrade crossing accidents in which as kies in this country should know that Lloyd George isn't over here for his health." Are we to understand sy tomobiles figure, according to the safety section of the American Rail the legislators who saw the relief such that that Editor Curran classes as way association, which is vigorously a law would afford the taxpayers deagree with him in estimating Lloyd cation under the slogan "Cross Crossings Cautiously." Driver responsibil ity is measured in the results of a Says Editor Howard in the Clay count made at the railway crossings of a western city. Center Sun, emphasizing the idea in his characteristic way: "It is worth

Only one driver in a hundred stopped his car and looked in both About one-third of the drivers obrved looked in each direction with-

The association says it is possible rash citizens than the average town, but it declares that at least half of the motorists in the country court death by crossing unguarded railway crossings without looking in both di-

Grade crossing accidents have increased greatly in number since the automobile came into common use. While the population has grown only 68 per cent in 30 years, in the same

period railway highway grade cross ing accidents have increased 345 per The Institute of American Meat cent and personal injury cases from that cause have increased 652 per cent. In the last 12 months there has been a shocking rise in fatalities, the deaths due to such accidents in June 1923, being more than twice the num ber so caused in June of 1922. death list runs into the thousands. In five years 9,101 persons have been

killed and 24,208 injured on railway

rossings.

The railroads need and should have the help of press, pulpit, schools and civic organizations in instructing the ublic to cross tracks cautiously. their own organizations instruction in 'Safety First" practices has helped to reduce deaths of employes on duty from 4.357 in 1907 to 1,446 in 1921 The public is teachable and will learn. But in the meantime the elimination marking and guarding of others should be pushed by both railroads and public bodies

The Cure for Crime.

the San Francisco Chronicle. Crime, to a greater or less degree, will always be with us. It has been so since the beginning of time. It is is barred. No wonder anything as a favorite topic for discussion from slow as justice allus soaks a speeder. ologists to sob sisters. All seem to agree there is too much crime. There is no unanimous opinion as to the reason therefor. There is a unified demand that it should be reduced, and this naturally calls forth many suggestions for the betterment of our so

Police Judge Lyle T. Jacks told the members of the California club recently that the reduction of crime de pends on the school, the church and the home. The inference is that if the atmosphere of these is as it should be there would be no crime and no

but we can never hope to have all over toward the operating levers homes ideal, all schools perfect and This is the opposite of the correct all churches exercising that complete influence for good that they strive cial flower garden is bound to come

It may be checked to a certain ex-The criminal may be discour aged and halted in his mad career but he will not falter while justice is lenient and misguided sentimentalists drop tears of sympathy on the crimi-

Abe Martin



igaret, or a nickel cigar, in a hotel cafe, but a good, self-respectin' pipe (Copyright, 1923.)

fit the human foot. Unless some in ventive genius arises to save us we are all doomed to become pigeon-toed, with the right foot pointing in like the feet of our tree-climbing an-cestors. And what is worse, we are all likely to be afflicted with talipes auto-varus, which is a combination of gout, rheumatism, neuritis and

few other things. The specialists say that when the driver has his right foot on the gas he curves his foot around in pigeontoed fashion, wi'h the outer side tilt-ing downward and throwing the knee walking position and produces a con-dition that amounts to deformity. The patient's first warning comes in sharp twinges in the outer part of the right foot or in pains in the lower leg and from then on his foot troubles

Here is an opportunity for some one to win fame and fortune and the gratitude of mankind. And womankind, too. For the records show that women drivers fall victims of talipes auto-varus sooner than men drivers What would happen if all our chorus What this age needs, according to Sufficiently to own their own cars New York foot specialists, is not Tom Marshall's "good 5-cent cigar," but an automobile accelerator adjusted to delivers us from the "toeing-in" age.

## FOR RENT

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# Illinois Central System Shows That Railroads

# Have Made Good on Their Pledge

The railroads have made good on their pledge of last April to meet the unprecedented demand for transportation this year. Although the amount of freight traffic offered has been the largest in history and much greater than was anticipated, the railroads have moved it promptly and efficiently.

It was predicted last spring that railway freight traffic would reach new high levels during the summer and fall. In preparation for the task of moving this record traffic, the railroads announced a program of expenditures upon additions and betterments to their properties amounting to more than \$1,100,000,000 for the year. They set out to reduce the number of freight cars needing repairs to 5 per cent of the total and the number of locomotives needing heavy repairs to 15 per cent of the total. They agreed to lay in surplus stocks of coal during the summer, in order to release equipment for other use later in the year. They agreed to carry forward their construction and maintenance programs to have as much work as possible completed by September 1.

All of these objectives have been substantially attained. For example, between January 1 and October 1 the railroads installed 184.636 new freight cars and 2.963 new locomotives, and on the latter date they had on order, with deliveries being made daily, 64,601 new freight cars and 1,242 new locomotives. On October 1 the railroads had in reserve 17,663,448 tons of coal, as compared with 6,756,886 tons on January 1.

The surpassing achievement of the year is that a traffic greater than has ever before been known has been moved without interruption or delay. It was anticipated that car loadings would exceed a million cars a week in nine weeks prior to October 1. In reality, car loadings exceeded the million mark in fifteen weeks. In the week immediately prior to October 1 more cars were loaded with freight than ever before in railway history—a total of 1,092,567 cars. Prior to 1923 the record loading was 1,018,539 cars in the week of October 15, 1920. Loadings in the nine months up to October 1, 1923, amounted to 37,308,891 cars, an increase of 19 per cent over the first nine months of 1922, 28 per cent over the first nine months of 1921 and 10 per cent over the first nine months of 1920. However, it is feared that, even with this unprecedented volume of traffic, the railroads will fail to earn for the year the 53/4 per cent upon their tentative valuation to which the Interstate Commerce Commission has held they are entitled.

The railroads, their employes and their patrons are to be congratulated upon their splendid performance in handling this record traffic. There may be some danger, however, that this great achievement of the railroads will create the false impression that a further increase in railway facilities is not needed. To be able to meet the future demand for transportation as they have met it this year, the railroads must not rest upon their oars; they must continue to extend and improve their facilities. Funds must be obtained to provide the additional facilities necessary to reduce the costs of operation and to enable the railroads to furnish the public adequate transportation at the lowest possible rates. Railway patrons must realize that this requires that railway

Take the corn grower. Just now, when corn is selling at a good price, the railroads are in a position to provide the corn grower with all of the transportation he may desire, a condition that might not have been possible if an agitation for reduced rates or other attacks upon the railroads had resulted in an impairment of railway credit that did not permit of maintaining railway equipment in good condition.

Attacks upon railway credit are attacks upon the public welfare. Moreover, such attacks tend to slow up business and to affect unfavorably the market for all kinds of products, including the products of agriculture.

Constructive criticism and suggestions are invited.

C. H. MARKHAM. President, Illinois Central System.