

1. A. GRIFFIN REPLIES TO DAILY NEWS EDITORIAL ON FREIGHT RATE ADVANCES

(From Chicago Daily News.)
Mr. Griffin Replies.

I desire to call attention to an editorial printed in "The Daily News," May 21, headed "Back Fire on the Shippers," in which you make the following statements: First, that my representation of the case is not candid; second, that what I did have to say was based upon the action of the shippers' conference, and, third, that I had no right to pose as a business man having interests in common with the shippers.

The circulation for signatures of a statement relating to freight rates was, as far as I was concerned, confined to fellow members of the Railway Business Association, and no reference was made to the shippers' conference. I personally attended this conference and have no criticism to make on anything that was done there and none was made or intended by me, but what I "depreciated" was contained in an article sent out by the Illinois Manufacturers' Association, dated May 7, and, as a member of that Association, I personally wrote a letter to each of its individual members, dated May 17. In this I referred to the misleading and unfair statements contained in the circular of May 7 mentioned above, and in doing so I was "candid." I said that the statement "that railroads are rapidly increasing their net earnings" was not true and as to the correctness of my statement I beg to refer to the following:

The latest interstate-commerce commission reports show that during the month of March eleven systems, representing every railroad north and west on a line drawn through Chicago and St. Louis, show an increase in gross earnings for the month of March, of nearly \$7,000,000 compared with March, 1909, while the net earnings for the same roads in the same period show a decrease of \$965,000; and the interstate-commerce commission figures for the ten months, July to March 31, 1910, as compared with 1909, show an increase in gross of over \$50,000,000, while the net earnings of these same systems in the same period of comparison, show a falling off of over \$3,500,000. And, as comparatively little of the increases in wages had even gone into effect during March, the railroads must provide some means to increase a revenue that is already decreasing on an increased amount of business, and there is no way for railroads to provide this except by increasing their rates, and surely there is "reason for the need of it."

In the third paragraph on the second page of this Illinois Manufacturers' Association circular of May 7 it is stated that 7.99 per cent. was earned on the dividend-paying stock, making no allowance for the 34 per cent. of stock on which no dividends were paid. I might, with equal propriety, make the statement that there was no dividend paid on the non-dividend paying stock. For a clearer definition, the average earnings should be based upon the entire stock, and not upon the best paying portion of it, unless there is some reason why the \$2,500,000,000 representing the 34 per cent. should not have received any dividends at all.

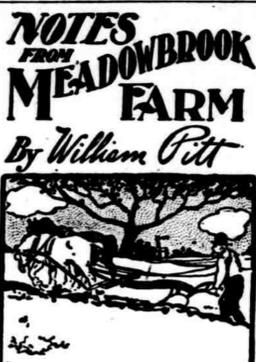
In the final paragraph of the editorial it is stated that I should not be allowed to pose as a business man, "having no interest in common with the shippers." Inasmuch as my concern shipped an average of 350,000 tons of finished product during 1906 and 1907, and we were obliged to receive more than 350,000 tons of iron to furnish this, plus enormous quantities of coke, coal and other supplies, I can safely claim to have shipped in and out 750,000 tons a year, and as there are no railroads who can afford to haul this material, or any part of it, without having a revenue from it, an increase of 10 cents a ton on my hauling charge would amount to \$75,000 and, therefore, I have "business" interests in common with other shippers." The 350,000 tons of finished product shipped represented in the neighborhood of \$10,000,000. This \$10,000,000 represented mostly labor, with the exception of the cost of the ore and coal in the mines. All the balance was made up of wages and profit on the different conditions of the raw material until it was finished product.

My Illinois plants produced 60 per cent. of this amount, or \$6,000,000 a year. For three years our Chicago plants have not run more than half capacity. Therefore, there was \$3,000,000 a year less in distribution because of a corresponding shrinkage in sales. As most of our iron and coal comes from Illinois, this \$3,000,000 a year was not distributed in Chicago, as would have been the case had we worked on the same output that we did in 1906 and 1907. And a great deal of that \$3,000,000 which was not paid was taken out of the business firms situated in or near Chicago by the non-purchases from their varied business on the part of the community that would have received the \$3,000,000 a year for three years. That is the reason why I have a right, as a business man, to depreciate any unfair or uncalled-for obstacles that are placed in the way of my business and the burdened other varieties of business in this country that are affected by the money put into circulation by the railroads. When it is further considered that my business constitutes but 10 per cent. of the cost of a car and that there were nine other units similarly affected, most of which would have been tributary to Chicago, anyone can see how important it is to his individual interests that the railroad companies should have ample funds to make these improvements and purchases, and will realize how comparatively easy it will be to stand a reasonable advance on the freight for any material he will need, if he is receiving increased orders.

Chicago. T. A. GRIFFIN.
(Advertisement.)

NOTES FROM MEADOWBROOK FARM

By William Pitt



Never use poor seed.
Plant only potatoes that are sound.
No horse can thrive on musty bran, oats or corn.
Cooked meat is much better to give the very young turkeys.
Sweet clover is a good indicator of soil that will grow alfalfa.
Weeds reduce the physical condition of the soil to a poorer state.
With prices at the \$10 mark, the hog has become a respected farm animal.
Now that the chicks are hatched, comes the difficult part of raising them.
Make it a rule to caress the colt after performing well what was required of him.
Among the things by which time can be saved by using larger machinery the grain drill stands first.
Few annual flowers will grow so easily and give the wealth of bloom for so long a season as the nasturtiums.
Buy only the best and never sell good stock, except when you have a surplus or when the birds are too old for profit.
Free range for hogs does not mean that they should be allowed to run in the highways and through the neighbors' fields.
Every inclosure for the hog should be perfectly tight, and with the excellent wire fences that are now manufactured it is an easy matter.
The essentials of a good summer hog pasture are, first, a good hog-tight fence; next comes a good stand of grass, clover or other good forage plants.
While the interest in good roads seems to be general throughout the country it is not active because concentration of effort is necessary to secure them.
It is as impossible to tell by looking at a cow the amount of milk she will give in a year as it is to tell the amount of butter fat present in milk by looking at it.
You can have pure bred flock of chickens just as well as not. If you have not the hens to lay the eggs secure eggs from a pure breed and hatch and raise the kind you like best.
Mangels are the most economical beet to grow for milk production; but many breeders, in forcing crops for extreme records, prefer table beets, because the cows will eat a larger quantity.
With some varieties of apples, like Ben Davis, Bordeaux cannot safely be used just after the blossoms fall because of the russeting and discoloration of the fruit which almost surely results.
When properly used millet is one of the most palatable forage crops of the whole list, and furthermore when one or two simple precautions are taken it is as safe as any other kind of hay or forage.
The period of incubation for pheasant eggs does not differ greatly from that of common fowls, though it is slightly longer, 25 as compared with 21 days. The eggs are usually set under a Cochin bantam hen.
The reason why hogs so eagerly devour coal ashes, rotten wood and such material, is because they do not have, while in close confinement, the material their systems require. At large they root it out of the ground.
After all, it is hen fruit that is the most reliable crop, and it gets too little attention on the majority of farms. The time is coming soon when eggs and poultry will be one of the principal sources of income to those who own small or medium-sized farms.
Perpetual Motion.
There have been many attempts to solve the secret of perpetual motion, says the Westminster Gazette. The nearest approach to that ideal—though its inventor makes no claim to have discovered it—is a timepiece devised by the Hon. R. J. Strutt, Lord Rayleigh's son, which consists of two leaves of aluminum, an exhausted glass tube and a fraction of a grain of radium. The radioactivity of the radium causes the aluminum leaves to move once a minute, and with a wire-

Make the quarters comfortable.
Do not allow weeds in the yard.
The manure should be on the land doing good.
The more lice you have the less chicks you will raise.
Unsprayed orchards fall to hold their leaves late enough.
It pays to cultivate the orchard but it does not pay to do it poorly.
A spoonful of feed for from a dozen to twenty chicks is enough at one time.
Choose the breed of cows you like and stick to that breed without change.
A disastrous mistake many make with chicks is to feed a lot of soft and sloppy feeds.
A colt should be made acquainted with the bridle bit for some time before a harness is put on him.
For a person or a horse to learn new things the first lessons should be short, with long resting spells between.
Success in growing chicks, or any other young animal, depends largely upon frequent feeding on small amounts.
A pint of crude carbolic acid mixed with a gallon of kerosene makes an excellent spray for poultry houses, and it is cheap.
In selecting a brood sow watch the herd at feeding time. The thriftiest and fattest always get to the trough first, and these are the ones to buy.
Keep shade trees in the permanent pasture in groups rather than scattered individual trees. The shade will be cooler and less ground will be taken up.
Whatever other industries a town may have there is always room for a good creamery if there is a sufficient number of cows in the adjoining territory.
There is no danger of the market being glutted with poultry products and the person who intelligently increases a flock will be on the winning side next year.
The dairy cow is a wonderful medium for the proper disposal of farm grown crops. She is a complete factory. Her only demand is that you give her a "square deal."
A well fenced hog pasture, or several small ones, is not only an excellent place for making hogs do their best in warm weather, but is also a good pasture for calves or other small animals.
It is immaterial about the size of the window and also about the kind of windows for a cow stable. One can use the kind that best suits his fancy. The important thing is to get sufficient light in the stable.
Soy beans may be planted from early spring until midsummer. If wanted for grain, plant at corn-planting time. For hay, they may be planted later, and if a catch crop is desired, they may be planted still later.
It is a very difficult thing to have the sheep carry its fleece over the summer season and into the second year, owing to the tendencies to shed wool from various influences that annoy and derange the vigor and general health of the animal.
Economy in fencing never begins in the choice of poor wire. There is great difference in the value of different grades. Take some trouble and pay an extra price to get the best. The use of light-gauge wire is often the most expensive course in the end.
One cause of the idea, which still prevails to a great extent in the city, that much of the comb honey is adulterated, is the fact that there are perhaps hundreds of different flowers which produce honey, no two of which are of exactly the same flavor, and varying also in color.
Raspberries and blackberries should be cultivated rather shallow between the rows, with horse and cultivator, and weeds around the plants cut out with the hoe until July, when a heavy mulch should be placed between the rows, of some material that will prevent the evaporation of the moisture.
Here is a list of the most essential tools: Hoe, garden rake, four-tined fork, wheelbarrow, garden line, seed-drill, double-wheel hoe with its attachments and weeder; to these we might add plant protectors, trowel, watering-pot and sprayer. These for the small garden; the large market gardens require a still larger equipment of horse-tools, etc.
Contrary to the general idea of duck eggs, those from the Runners are of the very best quality and are superior to hen eggs for staple and family edible use. They are much larger than hen eggs, two of them being fully equal to three of the hen's product, and are of such a mild, delicate flavor that a brisk demand has been created for them in cities at an advance from 5 to 20 cents per dozen over hen eggs.
less coherer a bell rings at each movement. For 10,000 years in at least the wonderful energy inherent in the microscopic piece of radium will, it is calculated, continue to act, and nothing whatever needs to be done to the clock once it is set going.
Poor Business.
"That tall structure on the corner was erected by Hill the contractor. It seems that he builded better than he knew."
"Ge! I'll bet he feels bad about it."

Hints For Hostess

TIMELY SUGGESTIONS for Those Planning Seasonable Entertainments

Spring Party for Children.
It all depends upon the weather how much of this party may be carried out in the open. It is all practical for the house, though, should showers spill from a bright blue sky.
First, tell the children they are to go out after game and give each one a tin of denim bunting bag for the trophies, which are animal crackers hidden in every conceivable place, the crackers to be eaten or taken home, and to the one who bags the most animals a prize of a toy animal may be given.
Then give each guest a card with numbers from 1 to 15 on and place a blackboard where all can see it. The leader or the hostess selects a child to draw a picture, whispering to him the animal he is to draw; the guests write beside the number the name of the animal they think he is trying to portray. When 15 animals have been drawn and guessed collect the cards, and to the one who has correctly guessed the most a Noah's ark is given.
Next have this bird-guessing contest: I think it appeared in the department several years ago or one similar to it, but it goes so well with a party that I gladly repeat it, as our readers are continually beseeching me for seasonable contests. The answers are names of birds.
1—A jolly outdoor time.....Meadow lark
2—What hunters sometimes do.....Kildeer
3—A quaint old-fashioned name.....Phoebe
4—Used in decorations.....Bunting
5—From whom do you buy meat.....Butcher-bird
6—A color Quakers like.....Dove
7—An unsteady light.....Flicker
8—Material for summer trousers.....Duck
9—A stupid fellow.....Booby
10—A boy's name.....Bob White
11—What two friends do.....Chat
12—Never seen in summer.....Snowflake
13—An amusement for children.....Teeter
14—What farmers need in harvest time.....Thrasher
15—What does a dog do when pleased.....Wagtail
16—A colored tool.....Yellow hammer
17—A celebrated American artist.....Whistler

Idea for Kitchen Shower.
Ask each guest to bring an article usable in the kitchen. Then the hostess to make things interesting may serve salad on tin pie plates, have bonbons or salted nuts in individual fluted patty pans and pass Saratoga chips in an enamel kettle with a skimmer to lift the wiggly chips out. Use jelly tumblers for water or grape juice, and the meat course should be brought in in a new roasting pan. The dessert, preferably some frozen sweet, may appear in small earthenware bowls or individual ramekins. Can't you see just what a jolly time this

will be. All extra parcels should be delivered to the bride elect during the repast. I think a party like this should be at night so as to include the much-neglected bridegroom and his friends.

A Dutch Card Party.
The decorations were entirely Holland's national colors—blue and red—with yellow flowers, if procurable. Only bulb blossoms should be used, as Holland is famous for them. The score was kept by stringing tiny pretzels on a ribbon of Delft blue, at the end of which was a wren wood shoe. A large shoe filled with flowers was the table centerpiece, with smaller ones filled with bouquets at each plate.
The hostess had been in Holland, so had genuine Dutch postals, which she used as place cards. The prizes were all bits of Delft. For the supper, which was served at 11 o'clock, there was a strictly Dutch menu—not German. I am very glad to give it for the benefit of the many readers who have requested such things, and I have never been exactly sure, as people whom I have asked have differed in opinion.
These dishes come to me as being essentially "Dutch." Each hostess may select from the outfit what suits her need and not try to serve the entire menu unless she wishes. Of course oysters are out of season until September. Oh, yes; the cards used had backs representing Holland scenes.

Oysters. Omelet.
Smoked Herring.
Creamed Codfish or Finnan Haddock in Chaffin Dish.
Cold Meat, in very thick slices.
Pickled Eggs, Pickled Beets, Pickled Onions.
Cucumbers, Lemons and Prawns.
Fish or Potato Salad, Cheese Sandwiches.
Rye Bread in very tiny slices.
Cheese.
Honey Cakes, Oval Cinnamon Cakes.
Pancakes, size of a silver quarter.
Coffee and Chocolate.
Beer in Mugs.

The Chief Attraction.
Clothing ceases to be attractive when it becomes matted and dusty. Veils are not wearable after the rent appears. Gloves should be discarded when they cannot be cleaned and neatly mended. Shoes do not have to come to tatters before being honestly discharged from duty. As for hats, every woman knows that her head covering makes or mars her good looks. Every housekeeper knows that a neat home is appealing and an untidy one repelling. We know these things even when we disregard them.

Summer Costumes



The attractive suit for a little boy shown on the left is of white pique. The tunic is made with a double box plait in back and front and is ornamented with groups of buttons. The collar and cuffs are trimmed with fine braiding and finished with plaittings of muslin. The shield of the pique is also trimmed with the shield patent leather.
The high waisted skirt is plaited. The blouse has a deep yoke of fine tucked muslin and real Irish lace. The lower parts of the sleeves are of the same tucked muslin and lace. The belt is of the pique braided at the edges.
The sleeves are tucked at the bottom and finished with bands of the embroidery. The belt is of the pique stitched at the edges. The plain pique trousers just show below the tunic.
White pique seems to be a favorite fabric for children's frocks this season, and it is used for the dainty little girl's dress.
The blouse has a deep yoke of fine tucked muslin and real Irish lace. The lower parts of the sleeves are of the same tucked muslin and lace. The belt is of the pique braided at the edges.

Living In The Past
Could a man, were he given the opportunity, really live in any age widely remote from his own? Modern philosophy tells us that life is then at its highest and best when the organism is perfectly adapted to its environment. If this be so, then it is clear that any large, sudden and abrupt change in the environment must impair the vitality of the organism and might even destroy it altogether. There are many worthy people who delight to call themselves old-fashioned and are always longing, so they pretend, to live in some other and better age than their own. It is a vain aspiration and those who entertain it only succeed, so far as they succeed at all, in getting hopelessly out of touch with their own age. We have so other age than our own to live in and the true wisdom of life is frankly to live in our own age and to make the best of it, neither bewailing the past, of which, having no personal experience, we make to ourselves an

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THE QUALITY OF MERCY.



Miss Caustique—My friends should be very thankful to me.
Miss Antique—For what?
Miss Caustique—At the very great number of disagreeable things I think of, but don't say.

ROUTT COUNTY, COLORADO, LAND BOOM PREDICTED.

Keen observers predict a big boom in property in Wantland, Colorado, the new town which is being built in the center of the Little Snake River Valley in Routt County, Colorado. A big irrigation system is being built to irrigate 60,000 acres of very fine land surrounding Wantland. The land is being sold by the State of Colorado for 50 cents per acre, under the Carey Act, and water rights cost \$35.00 an acre in ten year payments. Sugar factories, flour mills, canneries, etc., are among the possible industries to be located at Wantland. Full information can be obtained from the Routt County Colonization Company, 1734 Welton St., Denver, Colo.

The Juvenile Buster.
The famous Champ Clark, at a dinner at Bowling Green, said of the trusts:
"The feeling against monopolies has reached even to the nursery. I saw a little girl the other day slip something beneath her plate. Then she murmured angrily:
"I wish there was an anti-crust law."

Hard Task, Indeed!
Little Helen was at the seaside with her aunt, and in the house where they were staying was a telephone. One day she heard her mother talking from the city, and she was so terrified that she burst into tears.
"Oh, auntie, auntie!" she sobbed.
"How shall we ever get mamma out of that little hole?"

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The Gentle Game.
Kalecker—Did he set foot where man never trod before?
Hocker—Yes, he kicked another player on the skull.

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Men who remain neutral in times of public danger are enemies to their country.—Addison.

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Some animals multiply rapidly and some snakes are adders.

BOYS TAKE A BACK SEAT

Spelling Contests Held in New Orleans Prove Girls Superior to Their Brothers.

The result of the spelling contests in the New Orleans public schools again demonstrates the superior proficiency of the girls, practically all of the victors being members of the gentler sex. Last year the same thing was true and the matter was quite generally commented on in the press and at gatherings where educational subjects were discussed.

So far as our information goes there have been no contests to determine the pupils in other branches of study, but it would be interesting to know if this feminine superiority is found to exist in all studies, or if they are confined only to particular branches. Doubtless this result is due in part to the fact that the female mind ripens at an earlier age than is the case with the masculine mind, although there is little doubt that the feminine intellect along certain lines is more acute than the masculine, which would seem to justify the conclusion that certain branches of study are more readily mastered by girls and women.

In view of the growing number of young women that are going into positions as stenographers, typewriters and other positions requiring an accurate knowledge of spelling, this demonstrated proficiency is most gratifying. The public school administration is to be commended upon the efforts it has made to improve the spelling of the public school pupils and the triumphant girls to be congratulated upon their easy victory over the boys.

The Outing Spirit.

If you want to have a good time on your outings you must make up your mind to help along by acquiring the outing spirit. This means:
Learn to put up with whatever turns up.
Don't grumble, fidget or expect impossibilities.
Don't pose. That is, pretend you like roughing it and outdoor life when all you crave is a crowded board walk and the glitter of a summer hotel.
Don't attempt more than you have strength for.
Be a good sport without being reckless.
Look after your health. Remember the worker's outing must have rest and strength building for the underlying motive. Therefore, don't overtire yourself or trifle with bad water and messy foods.
Make your outing come well within your means. It is foolish to "blow in" two weeks the savings of months.
Season all with a determination to have a good time, keep happy and never let your temper run away with you.

Pocket Wireless.

The Italian savant, Mgr. Cerebotani, papal nuncio at Munich, is the inventor of an instrument like a large watch, which enables a person to receive messages transmitted from "wireless" stations. The apparatus is merely a pocket receiver, and the only accessories are a bobbin of wire and a metallic enclosed case. A person thus equipped can at a given moment receive communications from a station within a radius of twenty to thirty miles.

Midas.

Midas had come to that point in his career where everything he touched turned to gold.
"What shall you ever do with the stuff?" asked his entourage in visible alarm.
Midas affected not to be uneasy.
"Just wait till the boys begin to touch me!" quoth he, displaying an acquaintance with economic tendencies far in advance of his age.—Puck.

Truly Wonderful Climate.

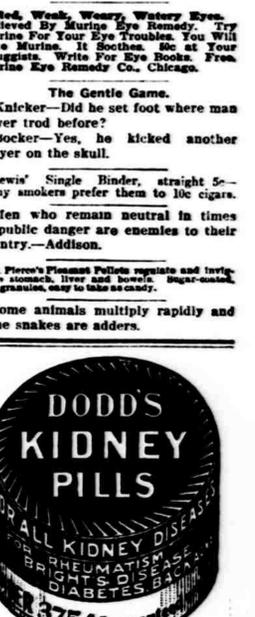
Hyperbole Gassaway went from here to a little town in southern California for his health. In two weeks he wrote home that he felt ten years younger. Some days later he wrote again that he felt 20 years younger. Then his family heard no more from him. They telegraphed the mayor of the California town for information about their Hyperbole Gassaway and got this answer: "I regret to inform you that your beloved husband and father, after a month's residence here, died from cholera infantum."

Hotel Kennels for Dogs.

Hotels, according to an article in the Hotel World, should be provided with portable dog kennels to be rented to the guests who insist on taking their dogs to rooms. Such a kennel should be about four feet long and of a width that would allow it to go through the door of a room. It should be constructed of wood, lined part up with zinc or sheet metal. The upper part should be covered with open wire work, and the bottom should be provided with broad tread casters.—Popular Mechanics.

What the Ants Tell Us.

If you go out in the morning and find the ants busily engaged in clearing out their nests and dragging the sand and bits of earth to the surface you may be sure, no matter how cloudy, there will be no rain that day. If, however, in the afternoon you see the ants hurrying back to their nests and the sentinels hunting up the stragglers and urging them to go home you may be certain that there will be rain that afternoon or night. How the ants know we have no idea, but they do know.



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