

THE FIELD OF ELECTRICITY

Projected Invasion of the Domain of Steam Railroads.

GREAT SPEED ON AN ELECTRIC LINE

Electric Locomotives for Japan "Made in America"—Innovation in Fire Wagons—Other Electrical Developments.

The projected construction of an electric railroad between Philadelphia and Atlantic City excites great interest, not unshared with fear, among managers of steam roads between these points. The enterprise seems to be "a go," at least the promoters have put up a forfeit of \$104,000 with the treasurer of the state of New Jersey.

The Philadelphia Ledger reports that the plans of the company present many new features. First of all, the road will be built through passenger only. There will be no local stops. This clears the road of local trains and leaves the tracks clear for high speed travel.

Then they will ensure a clear track by enclosing it for the entire distance with barbed wire fencing. They will cross no roads at grade, either wagon roads or steam roads. All such roads will either be bridged or the tracks will pass underneath them. The promoters of the project will build a double track road, of 100 pounds to the yard rails, the heaviest laid on any track, and an automatic block signal system will be introduced the entire length of the road, with signals every two miles, so that an engineer can have his eye on a signal all the time.

There will be no danger of the trolley getting off the wire for either way or trolley wire. The current will be taken from a third rail laid on the roadbed. This system has been in successful operation on a branch of the New York, New Haven & Hartford road for three or four years.

It is proposed to run at the rate of eighty miles an hour. Some persons will say this is an impossible or dangerous speed. That is a question of conditions. It is known that fast trains on the steam roads often reach that speed, but do not maintain it for any great distance on account of the difficulty of supplying steam, or the danger of crossing switches, frogs and the like. It is also known that, even with a trolley wire eighty miles an hour have been made with electrical equipment not built for great speed, and it is further known that from the manner in which the power is applied by an electric motor there is less danger of the breakage of any portion of the apparatus or running gear of the car than by any power applied to a reciprocating motor. So the scheme from the practical side seems perfectly plausible.

It has been suggested that the distance of Gloucester down the river from Philadelphia is too great to permit of a trolley because so much time will be lost on the river; that the steam lines already run trains from Philadelphia to Atlantic City in an hour, including the ferry. The projectors of the electric line answer that they will run their passenger cars on four different points in Philadelphia by modern high speed boats, lighted with electricity and having the very latest improvements, and that what they might lose in time on the river would be more than made up on the rail. Trains will be run at frequent intervals, or as close as may be necessary to accommodate the traffic. It is proposed to run trains of one motor and two passenger cars elegantly upholstered and thoroughly lighted by incandescents.

Two electric locomotives built at the Baldwin Locomotive works for the imperial government of Japan and now on their way "hither," where they will be used in the coal mines, are the first engines of the kind that have ever been exported from America.

While the electric locomotive has not as yet made much headway in supplanting steam locomotives in hauling trains on surface roads it has sent the mine rule to the rear and, in competition with compressed air locomotives, will soon retire him altogether. These locomotives are built for hauling small coal cars from the distant workings, hundreds of feet under ground perhaps, to the base of the shaft, or in bituminous mines to the mine opening. They are necessarily made small to get up the incline. The first of these is a 20-ton machine, built for hauling the current from the roof of the tunnel, the same as a street car.

Some idea of the locomotives on their way to Japan may be gathered from these dimensions: Height, from the rail, six feet; length, 2 feet 10 inches; width, 4 feet 2 inches; length over end bumpers, 11 feet 8 inches; driving wheels, 28 inches diameter; wheel base, 3 feet 8 inches; track gauge, 2 feet 6 inches.

The fifteen horse power single reduction motor geared to each axle. All the apparatus, including the wheels, is enclosed with heavy iron plate. The locomotive complete weighs 12,050 pounds. It is adapted to continuous running under the conditions of a mine service and is capable of eight miles an hour has a capacity of thirty horse power. It has a drawbar pull of 1,500 pounds.

An Electric Fire Wagon. One of the developments which may be anticipated at almost any time, now that posts at the street corners similar to hydrants are proposed for the supply of electric current to automobiles, is the electric fire engine, which will run up to such a hydrant, by its own electric power, couple on to both its source of electric power and the hydrant for its suction, and be instantly ready to begin pumping by electric motor power. Leaving that aside, however, for the present, the municipal fire brigade of Paris has been for some time looking to the substitution of the mechanical for the horse power in the propulsion of fire engines and other vehicles. As France is the home of the gas and oil motors as applied to vehicle propulsion, experiments have naturally been made with those powers. It was found that petroleum motors cannot always be relied upon. The wagon brought out is a four-wheeled affair, the wheels being of the ordinary size and of wood with rubber tires. The vehicle weighs 1,740 kilograms (3,831 pounds) empty and 2,400 kilograms (5,280 pounds) with men, hose, ladders, etc., in place. With a single charge the carriage will run from

BURBANK AS A DICTATOR

His Arbitrary Action Vigorously Denounced by Members of the Committee.

REPUBLICAN PARTY IS NOT HIS SERVANT

County Central Committee Compelled to Say When the Convention Shall Be Held Without His Dictation.

Unbounded indignation is expressed by republicans of all factions on account of the arbitrary conduct of Chairman B. G. Burbank of the county central committee, who is refusing to defer to the expressed wish of an overwhelming majority of the members in regard to calling the committee together. As already stated, last Monday a petition signed by thirty-nine members, nearly two-thirds of the entire committee, was presented to Mr. Burbank, and in this he was respectfully requested to call the committee together on Saturday of this week. Instead of complying with the request, the chairman returned a surly answer saying that he would call the committee when he pleased.

Thereupon the members, who had been actively at work getting the petition, had a paper drawn up by which a meeting of the committee was called at Washington hall at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, and Secretary Tucker of the committee was directed to issue the notices in the name of the committee. After this paper had been signed by a majority of the committee it was handed to Secretary Tucker, who at once mailed notices of the call to each member.

This is the petition on which the secretary acted:

The undersigned members of the Douglas County Central committee, constituting a majority of its membership, hereby call committee to meet in the city of Omaha, at Washington hall at 2 o'clock p. m., Saturday, August 12, 1899, to take necessary action in calling a county convention to nominate candidates for the election in November, 1899, and to take provision for the action of delegating to the state convention, to be held in Omaha, September 21, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the committee.

The secretary of said committee is hereby authorized and instructed to give proper notice to all members of said committee and make suitable provisions for the meeting hereinafter called.

First Ward—P. M. Back, George Cathro, Henry Imman. Second Ward—Charles Kessler, J. Anderson, Fred Bruning. Third Ward—Frank Heckock, Nate Brown, Louis Burmeister. Fourth Ward—Gustave Anderson, Victor Rosewater, J. H. Adams. Sixth Ward—J. L. Jacobsen, I. G. Baright, Ed. A. Taylor. Seventh Ward—A. C. Powers, H. E. Cockran. Eighth Ward—Charles Youngers. Ninth Ward—Henry C. Akin, Charles E. Winter. Clontarf—W. A. Saussey, W. W. Wilde. East Omaha—L. S. Haines, Walter B. Clausen. Jefferson—Peter Mangold. West Omaha—H. T. Leavitt. Waterloo—B. H. Hopper. Valley—H. M. Puffer. Chicago—R. H. McCormick. Elkhorst—W. C. H. Hopper. Clifton—Charles Wittie. Millard—William Von Dohren, John Lemke. Union—L. C. Ducker, W. H. Simpson.

Builds a Back Fire. In order to offset this move Burbank issued the following automatic manifesto and had it inserted in the Omaha World-Herald of Thursday morning. He took good care, however, not to send a copy to the Omaha Bee, which is presumed, at least, to have a few republicans on its subscription list:

The chairman's official call of a meeting of the republican convention of Douglas county, Nebraska, is hereby announced. The republican county central committee of Douglas county, Nebraska, by virtue of the authority vested in me so do, hereby call a meeting of the republican county central committee of Douglas county, Nebraska, for 2 o'clock p. m., August 26, 1899, at Washington hall, Omaha, Nebraska, for the purpose of fixing the time for holding the county convention for the nomination of candidates for the various offices and state officers and naming delegates to the republican state convention.

In witness whereof I have hereunto affixed my hand this 9th day of August, 1899. BYRON G. BURBANK, Chairman of the Republican County Central Committee of Douglas County, Nebraska.

Accompanying this is a manifesto of King Menendez I, to his subjects on the committee. This is signed statement:

OMAHA, Aug. 8. Member Republican County Central Committee: Dear Sir—Petitions have been presented to me purporting to be signed by some members of the republican county central committee, asking that the committee be called together on August 12 for the purpose of holding the next convention.

I am informed, and believe, that the petitions were circulated by persons other than members of our committee, and in one or two instances. No member of our committee nor candidate for nomination has personally asked me to call a meeting of our committee, and I have no authority to call a meeting of our committee for the express purpose of holding an early convention, in order that the present committee may be dissolved, and a new one organized, or for the purpose of organizing a new organization in the interests of those candidates. I have no authority to call a meeting of our committee for the express purpose of holding an early convention, in order that the present committee may be dissolved, and a new one organized, or for the purpose of organizing a new organization in the interests of those candidates.

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APPEAL TO OMAHA PEOPLE

Mayor Moores Asks for Subscription of Five Thousand Dollars.

The generous citizens of Omaha, whose hearts have been tenderly touched by the great catastrophe which befell the fire department Wednesday evening, resulting in the death of four brave, true, loyal fire ladders, are given the opportunity by Mayor Moores to testify in a substantial manner their sympathy and admiration of the men whose lives were sacrificed on the altar of duty. Mayor Moores has addressed an open letter to Omaha people, asking them for a donation of \$5,000.

There will be no self-aggrandizement, no blarney trumpets, no self-laudation on the subscription. It will come from the pockets of the men and women who have been touched by the sad death of Otto Glecke, James Adams, Charles A. Hopper and George J. Hudson, and the money so collected will be tendered to the families of the unfortunate firemen; not as the recompense for the death of kind loving husbands and fathers, and dutiful, affectionate sons, but as a token of the love and esteem in which they are held by their fellow-citizens.

That Omaha will respond grandly to Mayor Moores' request there can be no doubt. It is an opportunity for rich and poor, young and old, alike. The subscriptions will be received with gratitude, regardless of the amount. Mayor Moores' open letter is as follows:

OFFICE OF MAYOR, Omaha, Aug. 10.—To the Citizens of Omaha: A terrible calamity has befallen our city. As is well known to our citizens, four of the best and bravest firemen who ever served the city of Omaha were killed last evening by a conflagration which broke out in the Mercier Chemical company building at the corner of 14th and Franklin streets. The business men of this city should not neglect this opportunity of testifying in a practical way to their appreciation of the bravery and fidelity of these brave firemen. Unhappily there is no way provided whereby the families of these brave men can be cared for out of city funds. A band of thousands of robbers is ravaging the country. Ten junks full of soldiers to head them off were captured, arms taken from the soldiers and the junks burned. Hundreds of natives who resisted the onrush of the enemy were killed, while 2,000 saved their lives by joining the robbers.

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Chiefs of Division in Auditor's Office of Treasury Department Reduced in Salary.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—Assistant Secretary Vanderlip, asked about reports that he had ordered a reduction in salaries of several chiefs and assistant chiefs of division in the office of the auditing department, who had had their offices and found these chiefs and their clerks reading newspapers and loitering during working hours, said that he had for some time been investigating the loitering of clerks in all divisions. He said that he had directed the third auditor's office. Last Saturday morning he went to the third auditor's office, and accompanied by one of the officials, walked into a large room, where he wanted to make an investigation. He found a general state of idleness. Clerks were reading newspapers or gathered in conversation. This was after 9 o'clock. The following Monday morning Mr. Vanderlip again visited the auditor and they went to another division to make an investigation. Mr. Vanderlip says the same state of affairs was again discovered.

Mr. Vanderlip says he decided that the chiefs and assistant chiefs of these divisions were responsible for this state of affairs and at once directed a reduction in their salaries. He thinks that the reduction will be a stimulus to employes under some regulations as to when work should begin and how employes should conduct themselves.

It is said by officials in the Treasury department that had Mr. Vanderlip discovered the same conditions in an office well up in the hierarchy he would probably have said nothing. He was led to take action, it is said, by the fact that the work in the auditor's office is nearly two years behind.

STATISTICS OF MERCHANT MARINE. Number of seamen shipped during the past year.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—Returns of United States shipping commissioners (except Norfolk) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1899, show 75,068 shipments and receipts, and 45,444 discharges, compared with 72,843 shipments and receipts and 45,752 discharges for the previous fiscal year. The increase is chiefly at Boston, San Francisco and Port Townsend. Shipping commissioners at New York and San Francisco have co-operated without extra pay with War department in shipping crews for army transports. Such shipments in New York numbered 7,059. While the work of the service was considerably greater than during the previous year the cost to the government was \$51,727 the last year, compared with \$58,287 for the previous year.

Of 120,520 shipments and discharges 35,627 were at New York, 30,441 at San Francisco, 19,943 at Boston, 10,442 at New Orleans and 9,611 at Philadelphia. Of 75,068 shipments including in many cases repeated voyages of the same seamen, 27,009 were Americans, 15,117 were Scandinavians, 13,772 British, chiefly from British North America, 8,711 Germans and the balance of other nations, including many Portuguese on the Massachusetts coast. Shipments in the deep sea trade across the Atlantic and Pacific were 11,642 on steamships and 7,582 on sailing vessels, leaving to repeated voyages the shipments of steamships, however, represent less than 2,500 individual seamen. Shipment before a commissioner is optional in the coasting trade or trade to British North America, the W. Indies, Mexico and Central America, so the returns give no indication of the number of merchant seamen in these trades.

Boy Drowned in Cut Off Lake. In this afternoon the coroner was notified that a young boy, John Smith, had been drowned near Hammond's ice house at Cut Off lake. The home of the boy and the names of his parents could not be learned. An employe of the ice house was the only one who saw the accident. He saw the boy fall into the lake and as he failed to respond he made a hurried search, and failing to discover any trace of the body, notified the coroner.

International Typographical Union. DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 10.—Most of the delegates to the annual convention of the International Typographical union, which meets in annual session here next Monday, are in the city and an informal discussion of proposed amendments to the constitution is being held here today, but nothing of a decisive nature can be accomplished until the full committee meeting on Wednesday. About 399 delegates present and as many visitors.

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the city in search of a residence. As he found a number of callers among them being Senator Platt, Archbishop Chapelle, Senor Quexada and a number of Cuban and Porto Ricans, who wished to consult him.

Robbers Ravaging China. Soldiers Sent to Capture Them Are Themselves Made Prisoners.

CHICAGO, Aug. 10.—A special to the Tribune from Vancouver, B. C., says: The following mail advices were received by the steamer Empress of Japan: A terrible flood has swept over the subprefecture of War Chow, where 1,850 houses were destroyed and thousands of poor people rendered homeless.

A band of thousands of robbers is ravaging the country. Ten junks full of soldiers to head them off were captured, arms taken from the soldiers and the junks burned. Hundreds of natives who resisted the onrush of the enemy were killed, while 2,000 saved their lives by joining the robbers.

Against Kentucky Distillers. LOUISVILLE, Ky., Aug. 10.—Suit was filed this morning in the United States court by the Kentucky Distillers and Warehouse company, through C. H. Stoll, against a number of Kentucky distillers who, it is alleged, have refused to turn over their distilleries and other property under the terms of a contract made with the United States government for the purpose of extorting higher terms. The suits were filed against the owners of the D. L. Moore distillery in Mercer county, Father Shellen's distillery in Anderson county, and the W. B. Saffell distillery in Lawrenceburg.

The court is asked to issue a subpoena against the contractors and are attorneys to force them to bring their property into the court and fulfill the terms of the contract.

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