

was the reason the roads had not moved the crop. SHIPPING DATES MISSING Freight Agent Ordered to Bring in Bills with Dates Tomorrow. W. J. Costello of Minneapolis, assistant freight agent of the Great Northern railroad, was the first witness called today. He was examined relative to the car records of his department, showing movements of individual cars from various stations, prepared from the way bills.

Mr. Marble started to examine the witness on the bills, but found they mysteriously lacked the shipping dates. "Why is the month of origin left off these bills?" asked the attorney for the commission. "Well, that's the way the clerk has of doing it," replied Mr. Costello. "I'll have to ask you to bring to us, tomorrow morning, records with the month of origin attached to each record of shipment," Mr. Marble said, and the witness stepped down.

EFFECT OF CAR SHORTAGE North Dakota Farmer Shows Up Grain Prices and Coal Conditions. M. S. Blair of Ojata, N. D., a farmer, was called. He is manager and secretary of the Minnesota Farmers' exchange. "What is the effect on wheat prices in North Dakota of the present car shortage?" he was asked. "It has had the effect of wiping out the margin between the local and the terminal points," replied Mr. Blair. "It makes the producer the sufferer. The elevators claim they could not pay a higher margin because they could not deliver grain. All competition has practically been wiped out."

Mr. Blair told of trying to buy coal for the Farmers' exchange, but was refused by the Adams Coal company, the Sullivan and the Pioneer companies. "They told me as we were not dealers we could not be accommodated," he said. "They directed me to the manager of their association. I forget his name. This man would be glad to have us become members of their association and sign their agreement. Part of this agreement was relative to prices. Finally, we bought coal independently of Chicago."

PERCENTAGE OF GRAIN HELD Thirty-eight Percent Shipped from North Dakota, Says Banker. E. J. Wiser, vice president of the First National bank of Fargo, N. D., said he had made inquiries of banks as to the amount of grain held in North Dakota. Over 300 banks replied. "The consensus of these replies," said Mr. Wiser, "was that 38 per cent of the crop has been shipped; 23 per cent is in the hands of the elevators and 39 per cent is in the hands of the farmers. The demand of farmers for loan money has resulted in our sending out \$600,000 of money in the form of deposits of other small banks in the state. Our local banks are in the habit of giving us considerable money at this time of the year. But now they are not giving us any money. They say they cannot make collections."

LOSS TO SHIPPERS Manufacturer Tells of Effects of the Car Shortage. W. P. Cockey of Minneapolis, manufacturer of lime and building material, was called. He presented records of various shipments, from September into November, 1906. "We have had more trouble this year than during the twenty years of my experience," said Mr. Cockey, when asked if his business suffered from the delay of shipments. "The most aggravated cases are on the Northern Pacific and the Soo roads."

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WHAT A BANKER SAW Swanson of Barlow, N. D., Tells of Inability to Get Cars. A. E. Swanson, president of the Security State bank at Barlow, N. D., was called. He said there were five elevators there on the Northern Pacific line. "I have charge of considerable grain that is on the ground, and J. R. Engberg also has some," he said. "Could you get cars?" "No, sir; I have tried since the last part of October."

coal since the middle of November. I have a little supply of coal. I have told some of my neighbors that when they get to suffering to come and get what they can, but none of them has been around yet. NOT ENOUGH CARS Bisbee Banker Tells of Condition in His Town. A. Eglund of Bisbee, N. D., on the Great Northern and Soo lines, a banker, next testified. "Have you had enough cars at Bisbee?" "Enough to keep the elevators open, but not enough to accommodate the farmers and independent shippers. The price has advanced 4 cents lower than it should have been."

GRAIN GEORGE IN BUFFALO Elevators and Ships' Holds Laden as Never Before. Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 18.—An unusually large amount of grain has reached this port during the last few weeks and the total amount of grain in store is now 20,000,000 bushels. Receipts for the forty-eight hours ended last night were 4,136,000 bushels, which is a new record for this port.

WILL DIG CAPE COD CANAL Belmont Decides on Channel Discussed Over Two Hundred Years. New York, Dec. 18.—The construction of a canal across Cape Cod, a project which has been discussed more than two hundred years, has been taken up by August Belmont & Co., to be pushed to completion by that firm and its associates as rapidly as possible. Within three years at the outside, it is declared, the channel will be deep enough to accommodate any ship engaged in the coast trade.

SHIPS WHEN HE CAN Charles McCanna, a North Dakota Shipper of Grain. Charles McCanna of McCanna, N. D., a farmer, was the next witness. "Do you ship grain?" asked Mr. Marble. "Yes, sir, when I get a chance," was the answer. "I have had but one car so far, the one I had orders in for two cars a day for three weeks." He told of demoralization of local business conditions as a result of all elevators being full of grain and there being no market.

GOOD WORD FOR ROADS North Dakotan Says Ayr Has Had Cars for Ten Days. F. H. Dickinson of Ayr, N. D., a farmer, gave some relief to the situation for the past ten days the farmers in his locality have had cars on the Great Northern.

DIED WITHOUT WARNING Special to The Journal. Stillwater, Minn., Dec. 18.—Andrew Magnuson, for thirty years a resident of Stillwater, died at 7 a. m. today of heart disease. He was 62 years old, had a wife and five sons and two daughters.

L. C. C. TAKES UP THE COAL FAMINE will follow the message said, unless fuel is rushed here. To all these towns the commissioner sent the following wire: "The commission, basing statements upon promises made to it by the coal companies and by officers of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific, who have promised immediately to put into movement coal destined for your points, requests you to specify dates of orders and names of firms purchased from, that this business may be given preference."

HOW AUTHORITIES DIFFER Railroad Presidents and Officials Give Ideas of the Reason. Testimony before the interstate commerce commission in Minneapolis and explanations of railroad presidents regarding the coal shortage indicate a wide range of reasons assigned for present conditions. D. M. Pillsbury, who is at the head of affairs for the Great Northern at the head of the lakes, told the commissioners that fewer cars had been moved west this year than usual. He said that the Great Northern of the Northern Pacific both indicated that their roads were themselves short of coal in the very territory where residents are facing winter with insufficient fuel supplies.

STAPLES HAS FIGURES State Commission's Records Show Division of Cars from Grain. Railroad Commissioner C. F. Staples has had compiled the records of the state grain inspection department some figures that bear on the car-shortage investigation. He showed that in 1905, in the months of September, October and November, 105,496 cars of grain were received and inspected at Minneapolis and Duluth. This year, in the same three months, only 84,284 cars came in, a decrease of 21,212 cars.

INQUIRY IN ST. LOUIS, MO Commission Expects to Fix Responsibility for Shortage of Cars. St. Louis, Dec. 18.—The interstate commerce commission today began an investigation into the shortage of freight cars. The hearing is expected to conclude tomorrow afternoon, when the members of the commission will go to Kansas to assume the investigation. Commissioner C. F. Staples, who presided and witnesses were examined by P. J. Farrell, attorney for the commission. Prior to the opening of the session, Commissioner C. F. Staples said: "The interstate commerce commission is here to ascertain, if possible, if the shortage of freight cars is due to a scarcity of engines or improper management of the railroads. We expect to fix the responsibility and then to remedy it."

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NO COAL AT RUSSELL Real Suffering Already Felt in North Dakota Town. Special to The Journal. Russell, N. D., Dec. 18.—This town has not had a coal fire for five days. Coal is at a premium and a famine is here.

WIND IS BLOWING AND BRANCH LINES ARE BEING BLOCKED. Fargo, N. D., Dec. 18.—Branch lines are again being blocked today as the result of a strong south wind, which is drifting the snow badly in many sections of the territory. Main line trains are running greatly behind time and conditions are likely to become serious again over the fuel shortage, and the weather is much warmer. If snow continues to drift coal trains will be laid out.

GIFT FROM OIL KING WAITED BY CHICAGO 'U' Special to The Journal. Chicago, Dec. 18.—University of Chicago students went to their convocation ceremonies this afternoon hopeful of an announcement of the largest Christmas gift ever made to the city. The general idea among the student body was that Rockefeller had given the institution \$1,000,000. Dr. Judson, the acting president of the university, would be of considerable financial importance. It was predicted that the establishment of a school of technology, which was expected to be in the hands of Mr. Rockefeller's appreciation of Dr. Judson's strict regime.

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