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COMPLAINT AGAINST RAILROADS

Traveling Men Address Vigorous Petition to Officials.

A petition to railroad officials and commissioners, complaining of lax methods of bulletining trains on certain roads, and of neglected waiting-rooms in many sections of the country, has been drawn by a committee of commercial travelers, representing New York, Chicago, St. Louis and other large firms. There are more than fifty signers.

The petition relates that owing to carelessness about the bulletining, trains an hour late will be reported as only ten minutes behind, and that the waiting traveler will be unable to gather any further information from the station agent or the petty officials about the small stations where he is delayed.

The conditions of waiting-rooms are said in many places to be unbearable. It is complained that often the water coolers are empty, or not supplied with ice, and that not enough fuel is supplied in the winter months to keep the stove in the waiting-room going.

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ESTIMATE OF WHEAT IN FARMERS' HANDS

Expert Authorities Place the Amount at From 134,000,000 to 158,000,000 Bushels.

VALUE OF MARCH REPORT.

On a Per Capita Basis of Consumption, Four and One-Half Bushels Is Allowed This Year.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, March 9.—In grain and produce circles considerable interest is given to the forthcoming report of the Government Crop Bureau, which will be issued Monday. It will contain an estimate of the holdings of grain in farmers' hands on March last. Numerous estimates have been made on the latter subject, and they have been as varied as there have been complications.

Among the other features which will be treated in the report are the qualities of the crops and estimate of the wheat crop of the world. The March report is one of the most important of the year, and from it are compiled important statistics.

O. K. Lyle, one of the local Produce Exchange statisticians, figures that on March 1, last, the amount of wheat in farmers' hands was 158,000,000 bushels. This is what he says:

Holdings of Grain.

"On March 10, at 4 p. m., the Department of Agriculture will issue a report giving the holdings of grain in farmers' hands, or, in other words, the quantities remaining on March 1 on the farms where produced. As is very generally known, the amounts declared are not arrived at by any stock taking among producers, but by calculations that can be, and usually are, much in error. What has been taken for seeding, export, consumption, visible supply, etc., are deducted from the crop estimates plus reserves and the remainder given as the quantity in primary holding. The method appears a fair one, but, unfortunately, material facts for its application are never well determined. In the first place, all crop estimates have had much criticism, in that the figures of distribution have well indicated them to be under the fact. The elements of uncertainty of determining a crop are the area and the average yield per acre. The cleanliness of a crop and its weight per measured bushel are variable features for consideration.

Crop of 1900 and 1901.

"Taking the season of 1900-1901 and ending July 1, we have 90,000,000 reserves to add to a crop of 522,230,000 bushels averaging 57.5 per bushel. Seed for 45,700,000 acres for crop 1901, or 57,125,000, left the crop 467,105,000, and this reduced to bushels of sixty pounds equals 445,725,000 bushels, to which reserves must be added. Exports took 215,900,000; manufacturers' losses, and so forth, 10,000,000; visible and invisible supplies on July 1, 1901, estimated at 60,000,000, leaves for domestic consumption 249,755,000, or 3.18 bushels per capita. On a per capita consumption of 4½ bushels, the supply is about 104,000,000 too small.

"If we are consuming four and a half bushels per capita per annum, then the three crops of 1898, 1899 and 1900 were underestimated about 280,000,000 bushels. If four bushels is taken, the underestimate is shown as 163,000,000, and if but three and three-quarters, a quantity I think fairly correct, the underestimate is shown as 104,000,000 in the crops, or about 6 per cent.

Estimates Looking for 1902.

Taking up the crop of 1901, ending July 1, 1902, we find that to this time, there has been no declaration of what it has been. Suggestively, it is 675,000,000. Many believe the production greater. Assuming the crop to be 720,000 in measured bushels, it would be about 676,000,000 bushels of sixty pounds. With the reserves of 60,000,000 we have a supply of 736,000,000 that has had eight months of distribution to March 1, 1902. Seeding winter wheat, exports, manufactures, losses, etc., and animal feeding have taken 262,000,000, visible supply 55,000,000, supplies out of farmers' hands and not in visible supply about 45,000,000, and food 240,000,000. This would leave in farmers' hands March 1, 1902, about 124,000,000 bushels, and a supply to July 1 of 234,000,000.

Amount in Farmers' Hands.

"An estimate of demands for four months to come leaves but 25,000,000 remaining on entering the crop of 1902, which I regard as far below the fact. Assuming we have 50,000,000 to carry over in all positions, then farmers' holdings are about 158,000,000. The difference can be in distributing some 24,000,000 bushels more for food and animal feeding than thus absorbed. For this year a consumption of four and one-half bushels is taken because of the high prices and scarcity of all other foods than bread. Part of the visible supply is Canadian wheat, but not enough to make much difference in my conclusions."

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BANQUET OF DRAWING CLASS.

Students at Y. M. C. A. Dine With Instructors and Guests.

The Y. M. C. A. drawing class banqueted Saturday evening with their instructors, Professors Sylvester and Douglas, having as invited guests Professors Holmes, Smith and Wuerpel of Washington University.

Discussion on art subjects occupied the evening, Professor Wuerpel giving his ideas on the best manner of inspecting an exhibition of pictures and statuary. Professor Smith discussed the position of the artist in the interpretation of ideas. Several of the students also gave brief talks.

Among those present were: George O. Hall, E. E. Christopher, H. W. Mikslelk, H. J. Vollmer, W. H. Wollbrinck, W. R. Tubbs, William Hammond, C. D. Burrows, L. C. Henderson, George Elbreder, Jr., Max Magerkord, J. S. Hemphill, G. A. Ruhland, G. F. Roberts, C. C. Littell, T. Swaine, A. Graham, William Cameron, August Langguth, G. Schuler, J. Helnes, G. A. Newcomb, C. Nallan, E. W. Pashon, E. P. Hoebner, P. W. Rosebrough, F. F. Rosebrough, C. L. Evans, John Bentley, W. H. Stites, T. J. Jenneman, G. F. Schwartz, Will Watt, E. Stephens, E. P. Schehord, V. P. Lame, J. W. Caples, Frank Vuch, M. T. Baird, Arthur Torbit, L. K. Henderson, Professor F. O. Sylvester, Professor S. A. Douglass, Professor Holmes Smith, Professor B. H. Wuerpel, M. A. Ebersole.

INCREASE IN LEAD AND ZINC.

Prices Are Firm and No Surplus Has Accumulated.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Joplin, Mo., March 9.—The total output of the ten weeks of this year has reached 50,621 tons of zinc, against 47,325 tons for the same period of last year, a gain of 3,295 tons. The average weekly sales have been 5,062 tons, against an average of 4,732 during the ten weeks of last year. This is an average increase of 330 tons per week, for this period, but is only an average gain of ninety-five tons per week over the average of all of last year, while it is estimated that the increased smelter capacity calls for an average increase of over 300 tons, with a greater prospective increase in the demand during the next three months, and a further increasing demand throughout the year. These figures bear out previous statements made in these columns that the outlook in zinc was particularly bright for the year 1902. Still another feature of the market is that during the unusually protracted cold weather experienced throughout this mining district, the smelters were compelled to use the reserve stock at the works closer than customary, and with the increasing spring demand for ore the smelters are confronted with short ore stocks. The supply of ore has increased during the past two weeks and will continue to increase slowly for several weeks, because the miners could work in the ground during the cold and prepare dirt for hoisting, but there is no likelihood of the output being increased to a point that will permit a reserve stock to accumulate at the mines, to take the place of that wiped out during February. Such a thing as a surplus has not been known in this district for over two years, the stock at no time exceeding one week's output.

Zinc ore sold as high as $31.50 per ton during the past week, and from the fact that one 200-ton lot sold at this price Saturday, it is evident that the price will be firm for this week, with a possible upward tendency. Last week's output was purchased very close, and with purchases for this week's delivery already made, the market is given strength.

Lead sold firm and steady all week at $43.50 per ton.

Following are the sales in pounds from tracts of land owned or controlled by the companies and individuals named for the week ending March 8, 1902:

JOPLIN.

United Zinc Companies	528,840	41,170
Continental Z., L. & S. Co.	451,150	2,250
Granby M. & S. Co.	371,450	80,200
Leonard M. & R. Co.	318,760	74,820
Quaker Mining Co.	167,490	5,130
Missouri L. & Z. Co.	148,900	42,210
Perry Lease M. Co.	128,460	42,060
Roaring Springs L. & M. Co.	128,010	16,320
Massasoit L. & Z. Co.	75,350	116,190
Plymouth Rock M. Co.	66,530	.....
Rex M. & S. Co.	63,760	19,210
Corwin H. Spencer	56,060	.....
Nellie M. Mining Co.	51,740	8,380
Walnut Grove M. Co.	41,300	1,130
Joplin Separating Co.	40,450	.....
Monaska Mining Co.	36,990	.....
Wright Mining Co.	26,700	.....
G. Porter Realty Co.	26,860	5,440
Haggarty Lease	20,660	.....
South Joplin M. Co.	19,120	2,290
Joplin-Owensboro	18,400	.....
Goo Goo Mining Co.	17,870	13,790
Lookout Mining Co.	13,010	16,980
Williams Land	12,970	17,990
Superior Mining Co.	11,200	7,950
R. A. Moore Mining Co.	10,790	.....
North Heights Land	10,590	2,640
Empire Zinc Co.	7,880	1,120
Walker & Love	7,030	.....
Robb Land	6,590	.....
Megargle Land	6,020	.....
Armington Sludge Co.	5,550	.....
Gobbler Mining Co.	.....	14,450
Roh Roy M. Co.	.....	9,930
J. H. Taylor land	.....	7,760
Walker Mining Co.	.....	5,740
Murphy land	.....	4,830
Becky Sharp M. Co.	.....	4,660
Ajax Mining Co.	.....	4,250
Yale & O'Brien	.....	3,310
West Joplin M. Co.	2,830	.....
Binghamton M. Co.	.....	3,180
Yale & Barbee	.....	2,590
Unclassified sales	31,050	3,990
Total sales	2,917,230	585,040

Zinc, $42,760; lead, $12,725. Total, $56,485.

WEBB CITY.

American-Midway	229,600	2,980
Center Creek Mining Co.	224,380	14,740
Gussie K. Mining Co.	82,280	2,250
Parker & Johnson	39,950	5,090
Regan land	22,270	.....
A. W. Hough land	9,870	.....
Total sales	596,050	25,460

Zinc, $7,759; lead, $553. Total, $8,312.

NECK CITY.

Mistletoe (Big Kate)	255,460	.....
Sphinx Mining Co.	177,240	.....
Total sales	432,700	.....

Zinc, $8,491.

ORONOGO.

American-Center Valley	367,880	.....
Granby M. & S. Co. land:		
Oronogo No. 1 Mining Co.	81,410	.....
La Tasca Mining Co.	70,030	.....
Magee Sludge Co.	67,040	.....
Morning Star M. Co.	60,680	.....
Big Circle M. Co.	42,490	980
Little Blanche	40,270	.....
Oronogo No. 2 M. Co.	37,990	.....
Little Circle M. Co.	12,560	.....
Total sales	782,770	980

Zinc, $11,117; lead, $22. Total, $11,138.

CARTHAGE.

Grier Mining Co.	32,960	.....
Kiheka Mining Co.	30,110	.....
Total sales	63,070	.....

Zinc, $938.

CARL JUNCTION.

Oxford Mining Co.	189,230	.....
Ishpeming M. Co.	70,850	.....
Total sales	260,080	.....

Zinc, $3,645.

GALENA-EMPIRE.

Murphy, Friel & Co.	258,620	9,720
Combination	145,230	5,850
Southside	104,460	16,080
Horning & Co.	84,790	.....
Allen Sludge & Co.	76,940	.....
Clay & Shultz	65,720	.....
Galena L. & Z. Co.	64,140	5,230
Commercial	49,520	.....
W. B. Stone	29,540	.....
Union Z. & L. Co.	29,130	.....
American	26,290	12,780
North Empire	24,570	33,850
Clara Louise	19,690	.....
Northeastern	18,350	.....
John Lowe & Co.	14,950	.....
James Murphy	12,540	.....
J. R. Crowe	11,810	8,260
McCann	14,250	.....
Battlefield	11,890	.....
Clement	11,440	8,840
Noblem Donahue & Co.	10,830	670
W. B. Stair	10,540	9,990
White Star	9,960	.....
Templar Mining Co.	.....	11,730
New York Co.	.....	10,590
R. O. Kirby	.....	6,270
Richland	.....	4,700
Wyandotte	.....	4,140
Columbia	.....	3,050
G. C. Monlux	.....	3,620
Williams & Robeson	.....	2,770
Bonanza	.....	2,350
E. L. Arthur	.....	1,300
Unclassified	.....	2,720
Total sales	1,125,340	168,370

Zinc, $13,901; lead, $3,462. Total, $17,363.

ROARING SPRINGS.

Boston-Springfield	103,710	.....
K. C. M. & M. Co.	2,860	.....
Total sales	106,570	.....

Value, $1,172.

CAVE SPRINGS.

Rheeng	150,680	.....
McMillan-Noble	66,130	.....
Bunco	5,450	9,060
Total sales	222,460	9,060

Zinc, $3,584; lead, $390. Total, $3,734.

CENTRAL CITY.

Ground & Irwin	66,810	.....
Thanksgiving	51,710	.....
Rabbit Foot	40,300	.....
Badger State	33,180	.....
Lone Lady	3,010	.....
American	.....	2,550
New Jersey	.....	2,970
Total sales	195,010	6,720

Zinc, $3,220; lead, $146. Total, $3,366.

CARTERVILLE.

American-Cornfield	281,140	114,690
Mo. Zinc Fields Co.	279,350	12,640
Troup Mining Co.	172,610	14,110
Eleventh Hour M. Co.	116,650	25,350
Republic Mining Co.	120,250	1,240
Mount Ararat M. Co.	92,560	.....
Homestead Mining Co.	85,850	.....
Boston Get There M. Co.	81,940	4,790
Katy C. Mining Co.	66,280	.....
Gladstone Mining Co.	61,100	6,320
Porto Rico land	60,270	40,180
Forestal & O'Donald	59,830	.....
Sharpsburg Mining Co.	59,660	21,490
Beckwith-Hall M. Co.	49,270	10,520
St. Anthony Mining Co.	40,820	.....
Blue Wing M. Co.	37,320	6,030
Eldorado Mining Co.	33,020	6,140
Davey & Sons	30,000	8,350
Perry & Co.	.....	27,540
Mo. Blanket Vein Co.	.....	22,450
American-Richland	.....	14,130
Burgner Mining Co.	.....	2,860
Total sales	1,799,170	282,590

Zinc, $22,389; lead, $9,347. Total, $31,736.

AURORA.

Boston-Aurora Zinc Co.	192,200	.....
Sand Ridge M. Co.	119,640	.....
Cleveland-Aurora M. Co.	98,960	1,670
Decatur L. & Z. Co.	72,200	.....
Ozark Range M. Co.	46,820	.....
Kentucky M. Co.	28,600	6,600
Queen City M. Co.	21,260	.....
Brinkerhoff Land	28,380	.....
T. J. Liles Land	26,500	3,650
United Zinc Companies	19,290	8,430
Terre Haute M. Co.	7,800	.....
Willey Land	.....	7,610
Black Lead M. Co.	.....	3,280
Unclassified sales	210,410	4,750
Total sales	884,770	35,810

Zinc, $11,535; lead, $770. Total, $12,305.

SPURGEON.

Sulphide Corporation	188,960	.....
Cora Jeanette M. Co.	62,380	.....
St. Paul Mining Co.	42,470	2,810
Himmel & Co.	16,210	.....
Rainerow M. Co.	4,430	.....
Choimondeley Land	4,040	.....
Easy Street M. Co.	1,550	1,550
Elk Mining Co.	.....	41,930
Shoal Creek M. Co.	.....	4,740
Alta Mining Co.	.....	3,470
Saginaw L. & Z. Co.	.....	1,310
Total sales	282,270	56,550

Zinc, $3,387; lead, $1,274. Total, $4,661.

ZINCITE.

Lincoln Mining Co.	143,370	3,210
Lead Hill Mining Co.	48,960	.....
Freeman L. & M. Co.	40,500	.....
Colonial L. & Z. Co.	40,300	.....
Arkansas Mining Co.	22,110	.....
East Hollow M. Co.	9,740	.....
Ed Mallett	3,650	6,470
Total sales	222,220	9,680

Zinc, $5,107; lead, $110. Total, $5,217.

DUENWEG.

Big Six Development Co.	156,230	.....
M. & B. Mining Co.	101,020	.....
Crown Crest M. Co.	.....	35,290
Duenweg Mining Co.	.....	34,070
Stearn's Lease	.....	18,990
Fisher & Co.	.....	15,070
Total sales	278,250	103,980

Zinc, $4,745; lead, $2,240. Total, $6,985.

GRANBY.

Granby M. & S. Co.	249,000	71,000

Zinc, $2,056; lead, $1,633. Total, $3,689.

STOTTS CITY.

O'Grady Mining Co.	108,160	.....

Zinc, $1,508.

SHERWOOD.

East Sherwood M. Co.	132,290	.....
Bailey & Stickney	41,430	.....
Total sales	174,760	.....

Zinc, $2,447.

PEORIA, I. T.

Total sales	42,580

Lead, $926.

DISTRICT.

Last week	10,840,940	1,500,430

Zinc, $147,801; lead, $22,708. Total, $170,504.

Ten weeks	101,243,200	11,917,430

Zinc, $1,271,632; lead, $255,946. Total, $1,527,577.

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ENGLISH CAPITAL SECURED.

Mr. Swayne of the Hogg-Swayne Syndicate Interviewed Morgan —Orders for New Tank Steamers.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New Orleans, La., March 9.—James W. Swayne of the Hogg-Swayne Beaumont, Tex., oil syndicate passed through New Orleans the other day on his way home from New York. While East Mr. Swayne succeeded in interesting several of Wall street's leading financiers in the deal to build a pipe line between Beaumont and New Orleans. According to Mr. Swayne it will cost $10,000,000 to build this pipe line and equip the pumping plants along the route necessary to force the oil through from Beaumont to New Orleans.

The pipe line is to be laid underground, and the general supposition is that it will skirt the tracks of the Southern Pacific system. Although Mr. Swayne does not come out boldly and state that E. H. Harriman will be interested in the pipe line, he left me to infer as much during a conversation I had with him relative to the matter the other night. Harriman is at the head of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific railway systems. He passed through New Orleans this week on his way to Beaumont.

Swayne Met Morgan.

While in New York Mr. Swayne called on J. Pierpont Morgan and spent a half hour with the King of Wall street. Morgan controls all the great Pennsylvania coal fields. Mr. Swayne conveyed to him the exceedingly pleasant information that it was only a question of time, and a short time, at that, when Texas oil would undersell Pennsylvania coal in the fuel markets of the world so much that it will be a waste of time and capital to mine black diamonds any longer.

"I'm not telling you this for the purpose of selling you some Texas oil lands," said Mr. Swayne to Mr. Morgan, "for the simple reason that my partner, ex-Governor James Hogg, has succeeded in floating a $5,000,000 company in London to develop our Spindle Top property. My only object in trying to get you interested in the Texas oil is to bring unlimited capital into the oil fields. Men of your means will readily provide transportation facilities for marketing the commodity Beaumont has to sell."

Money in Texas Oil.

"I have no doubt but that there is big money in Texas oil," Mr. Morgan is said to have replied, "but just at present I have all I can possibly attend to looking after my banking, railway, coal and steel interests."

The $5,000,000 corporation that Mr. Swayne's partner, ex-Governor Hogg of Texas, has just succeeded in establishing in London is to be known as the Texas Oil and Fuel Company. Lord Deerhurst and Alfred Suart are two of the prominent Englishmen identified with this concern, according to Mr. Swayne. Mr. Suart is the owner of more oil ships than any man in England. He is said to have been the first foreigner that hauled oil away from the celebrated Baku oil fields in Russia.

Mr. Suart had a line of tank steamers running between the Baku fields and England for many years and built up a great fortune in the enterprise. He retired from active business some years ago, but ex-Governor Hogg persuaded him to get back in harness again. Mr. Suart will put in a line of tank steamers between Port Arthur and English ports.

Pipe Line to Port Arthur.

The Texas Fuel Company has a pipe line between Beaumont and Port Arthur. The Hogg-Swayne syndicate has turned over to the Texas Oil and Fuel Company seven and one-eighth acres on Spindle Top. There are five producing wells already established on this property. The Hogg-Swayne originally had fifteen acres on Spindle Top. All together there are about eighty wells on this entire property.

Mr. Swayne states that Mr. Suart has already given out orders for several new tank steamers, each with a capacity of 60,000 barrels and costing $500,000 apiece.

"Suart would never have got back into harness again unless he was thoroughly satisfied that we had the greatest proposition that ever happened," said the enthusiastic Mr. Swayne. "After examining samples of Texas oil he acknowledged that it was better than the Russian oil, and when it comes to quantity the Baku fields or any other oil fields in the history of the world don't begin to compare with Beaumont's. Another thing that impressed Suart favorably was the fact that our Beaumont fields are only fifteen miles from a good seaport, while the Baku fields are located 600 miles inland. The last important sale of property in the Baku oil fields was five acres for something like $9,000,000."

R. J. COLLINS.

SIX NEW OIL GUSHERS IN LESS THAN A WEEK.

March Promises to Break All Former Records in Beaumont Oil Fields.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Beaumont, Tex., March 9.—March promises to be a record-breaker for the bringing in of gushers. Following the addition of four new ones Friday, two more were brought in yesterday, and several others are now being bailed.

The United States Fuel Oil Company brought in its No. 2, located in block 38. Several stockholders of the company were present when the well spouted and were highly pleased with its performance.

The J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company drilled in its McFaddin No. 11 this morning. It is a first-class 6-inch spouter and is located on the McFaddin-Wiess tract.

George A. Burt, who is erecting a big refinery just south of the city, will arrange for the construction of earthen reservoirs sufficient to hold 500,000 barrels of oil as soon as the material can be had for finishing up the interior of the reservoirs. Earthen tanks are becoming quite popular with oil men, and four or five are now in course of construction, in addition to those that have been completed.

Charles Fisher, the fuel man of the Standard Oil Company, spent three days in Beaumont this week, but his presence was known only to those who knew him personally. The object of his visit is not known, further than that the Standard is now pursuing the policy of acquainting itself with just what is being done in this field.

It now appears that Beaumonters may soon have the opportunity of using Spindletop gas, since a company has up a forfeit of $1,000 to begin work on a pipe line from the hill to the city within thirty days. The piping of the gas to the city will be welcomed by householders, since the fuel supply for domestic purposes is far from satisfactory, most people using wet pine mill clippings or paying high prices for oak or other wood when they can get it.

Destructive Prairie Fires.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Wichita, Kas., March 9.—Prairie fires started along the Santa Fe tracks, between Tonkawa and Newkirk, have not as yet been extinguished, and are raging furiously. High winds prevailing over the section have made it impossible to successfully combat the flames. Hundreds of farmers have been fighting the fires. All hay crops on the Chilocco Indian Reservation are said to have been burned.

Frisco Will Have a Banquet.

As soon as the Frisco's new offices in the Commercial building are finished a banquet in celebration will be given. The date had not been decided upon yesterday, but it was thought it would be some time immediately after the company's passenger offices are removed to the same building.

ONLY 3 SHORT WEEKS BEFORE EASTER.

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RAILROAD EARNINGS SHOW IMPROVEMENT

Gain for January, 1902, Over Same Month in 1901 Is $8,537,436.

With the storm embargo removed, railroad earnings for the fourth week of February show decided improvement over the earlier weeks of the month, reports R. G. Dun & Co. For the month gross earnings of all railroads in the United States reporting are $31,977,615, a gain of 1.1 per cent over last year and 14.5 per cent over 1900. Nearly all the large railroad systems of the country have now reported for January, and gross earnings of all United States roads included are $102,495,363, a gain of 8 per cent over last year and 29 per cent over 1900.

Roads reporting embrace three-fourths of the total mileage of the country. Some improvement is noted over the partial statement published earlier in the year, especially on trunk lines, which now include all the big Eastern systems. The increase is 6.1 per cent over last year and reflects a heavy movement of merchandise.

Coal roads report a small loss, but on all other classes earnings are larger. On granger roads traffic earnings are larger, owing to the very heavy movement of merchandise, though the grain tonnage is light.

Central Western, Southern and Southwestern roads report an increase, while Pacific roads report a very large gain. On all roads earnings are very much larger than in 1900. Earnings of roads reporting are compared below with last year:

	January, 1902.	Gain.	Pct.
Trunk	$ 28,221,526	$1,616,892	6.1
Anthracite Coal	10,059,082	*94,602	.9
Other Eastern	1,926,662	121,872	6.5
Central Western	13,844,124	1,694,714	12.3
Grangers	10,569,724	746,113	7.6
Southern	13,942,047	982,797	7.6
Southwestern	15,000,000	862,621	6.1
Pacific	9,859,418	1,551,423	24.5
United States roads	$102,495,363	$7,679,726	8.0
Canadian	2,620,990	539,699	27.8
Mexican	2,172,415	218,009	10.9
Totals	$103,287,781	$8,537,436	8.5

*Loss.

HAS CONTRACTS FOR $6,000,000.

Southern Car and Foundry Company Books Big Orders.

The car orders now on the books of the Southern Car and Foundry Company of Birmingham, Ala., to be built during the year 1902, amount to about $6,000,000, and the company has contracts for bar iron, car castings and miscellaneous forgings for over $1,000,000, says the Manufacturers' Record. The car contracts are as follows: Eight hundred and fifty double-hopper coal cars for Southern Railway Company, 100 double-hopper coal cars for Alabama Great Southern, 150 stock cars for Iowa Central, 500 box cars for Seaboard Air Line, 500 box cars for Cincinnati Southern, 300 furniture cars for Cincinnati Southern, 500 gondolas for Cincinnati Southern, 500 double-hopper coal cars for Cincinnati Southern, 200 gondolas for Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf, 750 double-hopper coal cars for Norfolk and Western, 1,000 box cars for Norfolk and Western, 50 refrigerator cars for Southern Railway Company, 175 fruit cars for Florida East Coast.

TO RESTRICT INTERCHANGEABLES.

Will Be Raised From 2,000 to 3,000 Miles as a Protection.

Chicago, March 9.—A special meeting of the Mileage Bureau Committee of the Western Passenger Association, will be held here next Thursday to consider the proposition to increase the mileage on interchangeable tickets from 2,000 miles to 3,000 miles and also to restrict the use of 2,000 miles individual mileage books to the lines issuing them.

This is to prevent individual roads from issuing interchangeable mileage. The avowed object of raising the interchangeable mileage is to prevent the general public from using these books and confine them solely to large wholesale merchants and jobbers.

Jerry Hunt Has Severe Attack.

Jerry Hunt, city passenger and ticket agent of the Alton in St. Louis, is confined at his home with a severe case of the grip. Mr. Hunt was ill the first three days of the week, but persisted in looking after his friends and the interests of his road until the damp weather overcame him. It was stated at his office yesterday that with special care it was thought his illness would not become serious.

RAILROAD NOTES.

Appointments — Meetings — Rates — Erie Differential.

—The Illinois Southern Railway Company has appointed M. L. Morris engineer of maintenance of way, now effective.

—The St. Louis Railway Club will meet Friday afternoon in the parlors of the Southern Hotel. W. G. Pratt, manager of the Central Car Service Association, will present a paper on "Mileage Versus Per Diem." The same subject treated on from a terminal standpoint is also promised. Discussion will be open on the "Effect of Cylinder Clearance Upon Steam Economy," prepared and read by Ira C. Hubbell at the December meeting, and that by George Hannauer on "Inadequate Freight Terminal Facilities," read at the February meeting.

—The Southwestern Passenger Bureau announces a rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip to the Second District Congressional Convention, Fort Scott, Kas., March 11, within a distance of 100 miles.

—O. L. Mitchell, division passenger agent of the Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific Railway, headquarters at Chattanooga, will resign to become Southern Passenger agent of the Lake Shore, with headquarters at Cincinnati, succeeding John W. Daly, who, on March 1, went to Buffalo as general Eastern agent.

—Travel over the Southern Railway for February showed an increase of 40 per cent over February, 1901.

—President Ingalls of the Big Four, accompanied by Mrs. Ingalls, has gone to Florida, and they will take in Cuba before returning home.

—The Hocking Valley earned gross in February $304,211.18, an increase of $39,060.71.

—Charles H. Hogan, who was at the throttle of engine No. 999 on the New York Central when it made the record of 112¾ miles in an hour, has been made master mechanic of the Mohawk River Division of the West Shore.

—A meeting of freight traffic men of railroads engaged in carrying lake coal will be held in Pittsburg Wednesday, at which the rate for carrying coal from the mines of Pittsburg, West Virginia and Ohio fields to lake ports during the season of navigation will be fixed.

—The Erie wants a differential of $1 on business from Chicago to New York routed via Albany and the Hudson River boats, and wants to apply the same differential from Buffalo to Cincinnati as now applies from Cincinnati to the East through Buffalo. This will be taken up at the meeting of the Central Passenger Association at Chicago Wednesday. The revision of fares in Ohio to conform to a recent decision of the Supreme Court of the State will be considered.

—D. A. Hastings, agent of the Pere Marquette at Petoskey, Mich., will resign, to go into the lime and quarry business. He is a well-known railroad man, having many friends in St. Louis.

—J. C. Dailey, superintendent of the St. Louis division of the Illinois Central, was in St. Louis Saturday.

—J. E. Jones, president of the Jonesboro, Lake City and Eastern, Jonesboro, Ark., was in St. Louis Saturday.

—The Illinois Central had the Shook party through St. Louis Saturday night to Nashville. Charles L. Powell, vice president of the Texas Southern, was in St. Louis Saturday.

—E. S. Jewett, passenger and ticket agent of the Missouri Pacific at Kansas City, and Benton Quick, holding the same position at St. Joseph, were in St. Louis Saturday.

—D. Bowes, assistant general passenger agent of the Alton, has returned from Chicago.

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