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RAILROADS AND REBATE

According to the Kansas City Star, President E. P. Ripley, of the A. T. & S. F. company, when asked about the charges that the management of that railway had given rebates to the Hutchinson Salt company, is reported to have said: "It is a common thing, and the only excuse seems to be that they all do it."

"And yet the proceedings in question were not merely action under the Elkins anti-rebate law, but under an injunction brought against the railroads to give additional force to that law. If those charges are true, then the railway corporation is not only guilty of violating the law, but is also in contempt of court for disregarding the injunction. And yet the only comment of its president is that 'it is a common thing,' and the only excuse seems to be that 'they all do it.'"

"Now it is very hard to enforce a law that the public generally believes to be unjust, but it is a very different matter when merely the class to which legislation is intended to apply finds its burdensome or 'impracticable.' They may 'all do it,' meaning the railways, but they do not all 'stand for it,' meaning the public. It is an evidence of the lack of confidence among the railroads, one toward another, that they follow the rebate system, since the average profit of all would be larger if they all agreed not to give concessions, and lived up to such an agreement.

"But since railroads find it impossible, or undesirable, to enforce fair business methods among themselves, there is nothing left for the people injured by rebate discrimination except to appeal to the law. And it might as well be understood once for all that the law is valueless except in its criminal bearings. If the criminal clause of the Sherman act is enforced and the penalties for contempt of court imposed on railway officials, there will be some traffic managers who will not 'do it,' at least not all the time, for a part of the time they will be behind the bars. One thing the people hope to see as a result of the Roosevelt administration is that the action against railway abuses will result in the assessment of full penalties on those who persist in regarding the law as a joke."

According to the New York World, the railroad mileage of the United States, June 30, 1904, the end of the latest year of official computation, was 297,973. In all the rest of the world there is little more than 300,000 miles of track. There is another detail of railroad report not at all gratifying. In the fiscal year of current note there were 94,201 casualties of the rail, as against 93,393 in 1902-03. Of the 10,046 persons killed 441 were passengers. One passenger was killed in every 1,622,267 carried, as against one in 1,957,441 in 1902-03, and one in 2,153,461 for the year ending June 30, 1901. One grainman in every 120 was killed in the new year of record, one for every nine was injured. In the light of these figures, the fresh report from the interstate commerce commission carries an old lesson and warning. We are paying large attention to railroad promotion and actually falling away from the detail of railway safety.

Work has commenced on the new wing to be added to the Loretto academy at Las Cruces, and when completed this institution, it is said, will possess the finest educational edifices in the southwest. The new wing will be approximately 40x100 feet, running west from the main entrance with an L of the same dimensions extending east. The entire structure will be two stories high, and will be built in the ancient mission style, which is becoming so popular architecturally. The building will be modern throughout and no expense will be spared by the sisters in charge in the general equipment of the entire building, to make it first class in every respect, and in keeping with the high standard of excellence sustained by the faculty. Work will be pushed as rapidly as possible to make room for the new students who will soon be pouring in.

DESERT TO FRUITFULNESS

According to the New Mexican, five years ago the township in which Portales, the county seat of Roosevelt county, is situated, was considered scarcely fit for a cattle range, as it was estimated that it would take the grass from about the fifty acres to sustain one steer for twelve months. It was a part of arid America that was all arid in the true sense of the word.

How great a change man has wrought, may be gathered from the following, taken from a recent issue of the Portales Herald, which says:

"J. P. Hargis took the editor for a drive last Wednesday evening, and we saw some of the richest land and best crops in New Mexico. Mr. Hargis is at the section corner two miles south of Portales, and there he has Indian corn, Kaffir corn, milo maize, cane, pumpkins, melons of all kinds, and sweet and Irish potatoes, and other garden truck in a high state of perfection. He also has locust and cottonwood trees coming on, and a fine well of water sixteen feet deep, and a yard full of chickens. Crops out that way are all good, but this one especially showed the benefit of deep plowing in the spring. The ground was plowed twice very deep in the spring, and is now as soft and mellow as one could wish. His large field of Indian corn looks like it would make forty bushels of corn to the acre, and is about made, and the potatoes, melons, pumpkins, etc., were simply immense. His garden will now supply the Portales market and he will have plenty of fresh stuff coming until frost."

Similar examples of successes are springing up all over the territory. In the future they will multiply more rapidly than in the past.

A Saturday night's telegram from Breslau, Prussia, said that "a society called the Corvaria Sofia has been founded in western Russia and in Poland to advocate the persecution of the Jews. The society has begun work at Biala, where forty Jewish houses and ten others have been burned, making homeless 400 Jews and forty others. Jews in the small towns and villages are terrified." Yet this is the nation, the ignorance, superstition and barbarity of which renders it unable to cope with the little brown man, and which is looking to Europe and America to save it from being reduced to the position of a third rate power, where it so deservedly belongs.

State Insurance Commissioner Wolf has submitted to Governor Pardee of California, his annual report, and in it calls attention to several valuable lessons that have been learned from recent disclosures in the affairs of the Equitable. Chief among these lessons is mentioned that of federal supervision of insurance. The commissioner's report merely refers to the agitation now going on in the eastern states, but he introduces a subject that is destined to be of deep national concern.

More than 30,000 carloads of citrus fruits are shipped annually from California, the railways receiving about \$10,000,000 each year for freight, California therefore is greatly interested in the Interstate Commerce Commission's investigation into the question of private car lines.

Arizona this fall will hold its first territorial fair; New Mexico will hold her twenty-fifth; and yet New Mexico is so far behind Arizona in the elements and evidences of civilization, to hear the Arizonians tell it.

The sensible people, who have looked into the subject of jointure of New Mexico and Arizona, see the truth, that it would be a blessing and not an injury to either of the territories. It is splendid destiny.

Ex-Congressman Kern, now mayor of Belleville, says the officer is a fool who attempt to enforce all of the laws. The mayor of Belleville is no fool, and everybody knows it.—Globe-Democrat.

THE AUGUST DAYS ARE NOW FULL OF HAZE

Byron Williams in Western Publisher

The August days are full of haze, Of dancing sunbeams in a blaze, Of swimming boys and babbling brooks, Of ploasing, paper covered books, Of bees and trees and vasaetes, And fragrance facing with the breeze!

Oh, August days so filled with haze I love to dream beneath your gaze, Just lazy, languid and serene To bask beneath your golden sheen Your mood is food, your attitude With rare contentment is imbued!

Oh, August days replete with mazes Of light and shadow all a-gaze, You calm the fretful, striving song That in man's being runs along, And crown a time of rosy moon That dulls ambition with its tune.

Oh, August days, I hail your lays Of drowsy, droning, halcyon ways, I bask, I dream, I close my eyes And open them in Paradise! Such days, such ways should last always— The lazy, August days of haze!

LARGE SIZED OPERATIONS OF THE AMERICAN HEN

San Francisco Chronicle

According to the Chicago Chronicle, "there are more than twice as many eggs eaten in the United States now as there were ten years ago. The count of the year's laying for 1904 shows 1,335,728,779 dozen. And this is exclusive of eggs which are produced outside the farms—a crop which is conservatively estimated to be about 5 per cent of the total number, and would bring the aggregate in dozens to easily over 2,000,000,000. The value of the farm eggs alone at 30 cents a dozen is \$680,518,633.70. The increase, which is over 75 per cent for the decade, is estimated at a little over 600,000,000 dozen for the last five years. The greatest factor in this increase has been the greater facilities and efficiency of cold storage. Applied in transportation it has worked a great change in business methods. In the early applications of cold storage eggs were stored only as a last resort. There was no selection with cold storage in view and inferior goods were often stored, bringing the method under suspicion. Losses followed, and it was seen that the first consideration of successful cold storage was a judicious selection of products. When this was learned thoroughly cold storage made rapid bounds as a factor in egg raising.

"It is estimated that 4,000,000 cases, each containing thirty dozen eggs, were stored over last winter in the cold storage warehouses of the United States. The space for eggs was estimated at over 375,000,000 cubic feet and was 750 per cent greater than ten years ago. That these quantities are flooded upon the market when the supply of fresh eggs is cut off, and in such amounts that the price does not become exorbitant, is one of the steps in the regulation of prices in which the cold storage has lately proved a balance wheel. The other is that its demands relieve the producer at a time when he has the most trouble in disposing of his product, and consequently his prices are well sustained. As this has gradually become the situation the egg industry has been taken out of the hands of the wives and daughters of farmers, and has become one of the most important of the farm industries. The business has become systematized and organized so closely that under favorable conditions enormous profits, amounting sometimes to 75 and 80 per cent, are realized. The eggs are bargained for and picked up by wagons, which go around for the purpose; they are tested and selected, thus relieving the farmer of all difficulty, and, moreover, the payments are made in cash. The competition which arises also has the effect of keeping up the summer prices, so that the farmer finds it worth while to pay closer attention to the breeds of fowl which lay steadily, and is killing off the undesirable breeds. That this attention to the scientific side is becoming more general is shown by the fact that the last census reported the number of dozens of eggs per chicken, at a little more than five and one-half, while ten years ago the average United States hen produced but a little over three dozen annually.

"These conditions have also had results in a more steady demand during the year, which brings to light another reason for increasing consumption. This is the introduction of European cooking, which is not only applied to the American cuisine in general, but is noticeably used upon eggs in particular. Also is included the apparently irrelevant fact that the habit of making attractiveness a chief feature of dishes served upon American tables is more and more observed. It is not too much to say that the person who has in any sense a varied diet does not eat a meal in which eggs do not appear in some form or other. A decade or so ago, they were known as a breakfast dish only. Now they are put forth as entrees, entremets and pieces de resistance, in which form they appear at luncheon and even for dinner. The growth of vegetarianism has also raised the egg to a popular place as a dinner dish.

"In the United States little is taken into account except hens' eggs. The English habit of considering the plover's egg a delicacy has never been adopted by Americans. In Virginia gulls' eggs are commonly eaten, and in Texas the eggs of terns and herons are gathered along the coast. Turtles' eggs are highly prized in countries where they are abundant, and although once commonly eaten in America, they are now seldom offered. The scarcity of goose and duck eggs is becoming more and more marked. The number of turkeys, ducks and geese reported from all parts of the country has decreased on an average of 30 per cent, except in the west, where large ranges are the rule."

SELECTIONS MADE FROM PRESS OF SOUTHWEST

No Need for Incorporation.

Some of the strong arguments used why we should incorporate the town of Las Cruces, was that we would have electric lights, water works, an ice plant and many other improvements. Colonel Berkey has put in the electric light plant, the water works and will in due time put in the ice plant. Let's patronize him, and pretty soon we will have a street car line that will connect every town in the valley, which will increase every business man's business in Las Cruces one hundred per cent.—Las Cruces Citizen.

Enlargement of Ticket Office.

The Santa Fe office building, upon which work is to be begun at once, will prove of considerable advantage to Las Vegas as well as an enhancement to the depot grounds. The fact that the whole Castaneda will be utilized as a hotel will add considerably to the plan that Las Vegas are working out—namely, to make Las Vegas the most popular tourist section in the southwest.—Las Vegas Optic.

Socorro County's Prosperity.

What's the matter with Socorro county? Her mines are doing better than they ever did before, the prices of her thousands of cattle have an upward tendency and the prices of wool and sheep are still sky high. She's all right.—Socorro Chieftain.

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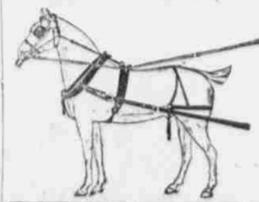
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