

# CAR SITUATION NOW OMINOUS

## Grave Situation is Feared as Result of the Lack of Cars.

"The statistics regarding the freight car situation on August 1, which were issued by the American Railway association this week, are the most ominous that ever were compiled for the first week in August," says the Railway Age Gazette in its current issue. "They indicate clearly that unless there is some unexpected and radical change in commercial, industrial and transportation conditions the railways and the shipping public will have to deal this fall and winter with one of the worst shortages of freight cars in the history of the United States. The gross car shortage reported on August 1, 1916, is the largest, the gross surplus is the smallest and the net surplus is the smallest ever reported on that date since statistics regarding these matters have been kept. The net surplus was only 10,616 cars. The smallest net surplus previously reported on August 1 was that of 1907, which was 27,836 cars,

and in the fall of that year there was a severe car shortage, the net shortage rising on October 30, 1907, to 26,800 cars. "Past experience seems to indicate that whenever the net surplus in the early part of August is less than 100,000 cars there is pretty sure to be a net shortage beginning in October of the early part of November. There were only three years from 1907 to 1915, inclusive, when the net surplus on August 1 was less than this. These were 1907, 1912 and 1913, and in every one of them there was a car shortage in the late fall and early winter. The figures regarding car shortages and surpluses and net surpluses on August 7 for the last ten years are as follows:

Year	Freight Shortages and Surpluses on August 7 for 10 Years.
1916	37,292 47,908 10,616
Aug. 1. Shortage, Surplus, Net Sals.	
1915	888 265,131 264,243
1914	2,333 198,199 195,866
1913	11,281 69,718 58,437
1912	9,394 62,904 53,510
1911	2,045 130,136 128,091
1910	2,783 106,584 103,781
1909	189 207,173 207,004
1908	625 281,921 281,296
1907	18,814 46,650 27,836

In view of the serious condition which these statistics indicate will exist within the next few months unless heroic treatment is applied, it behooves the managers of the railways and the large shippers of the country to take steps at once towards the adoption of some plan of cooperation which will result in the car supply of the country being utilized in the most efficient manner possible. There are enough cars to handle the country's

business if only they shall be handled with care and efficiency. The statistics plainly indicate that unless they are thus handled there is going to be serious trouble. Past experience has shown that a bad car situation may be made much less bad than it otherwise would be by the exercise of foresight and energy on the part of the railways and shippers, and by prompt and friendly cooperation between them."

## MASONIC FUNERAL HELD FOR DR. R. B. FOSTER

### Remains of Prominent Dentist Laid to Rest in Memorial Park Cemetery Yesterday.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon over the remains of Dr. R. B. Foster, for many years a local dentist, who died Saturday night after he had strangled himself Thursday.

Consciousness was never regained after he was released from the cord that was choking him to death. Every possible effort was made to save the life of the dentist, but owing to his poor physical condition, very little hope was entertained for his recovery at any time. His wife, Mrs. R. B. Foster, who has been making her home at Bottineau with her daughter for a short time, arrived in the city early Saturday and together with a brother and sister-in-law of the deceased, Dr. and Mrs. Horace Foster of Lakota, were at the bedside when death came.

A private Masonic funeral was held yesterday from the Ashby, by detaching parlors at 3 o'clock and interment was made in Memorial Park cemetery.

Dr. R. B. Foster was born in Carey, Ohio, August 15, 1866. In 1889 he located in Grand Forks. For several years he was president of the North Dakota Board of Dental Examiners. In 1899 he sold his practice in this city and removed to Bemidji, where he practiced for six years. In 1906 he moved to Fosston, Minn., where he practiced until about three years ago when he returned to this city.

Deceased is survived by his wife, two children, four brothers and two sisters. The children, Eva Lucile, of Bottineau and George Calvert of Akron, Ohio, were unable to attend the funeral.

## Wants New Calendar

"Why not adopt a new calendar?" asks the Rev. H. P. Hames, a Spokane minister. "And to show that it is not an idle question, Mr. Hames has figured it out carefully, and proposes that on January 1, 1922, the world (by common consent of the inhabitants) adopt the one he has made up. His unique proposal calls for 13 months of 28 days each, the unlucky one to be termed 'Holiday' and to be sandwiched in between June and July. That would accommodate 364 days of the year. The extra or 365th day is not counted in any month, but precedes the first day of January as New Year's day."

He also has arranged to take care of the extra day on leap year. He would have this fall in the new month of Holiday, between Saturday, Holiday 14th, and Sunday, Holiday 15th, and he proposes to call it Leap Year day and treat it just as New Year's is treated. Under the Hames perpetual calendar system each month would begin on Sunday and end on Saturday.

Some of the advantages which he ascribes to the scheme are: Each month has the same number of days—like a school month. The same date in each month falls on the same day of the week. A printed civil calendar for each month will not be necessary, as the days of each month are identical with those of the same day of the week. The calendar is good for all time to come, and, like Bill Nye's Railway Guide, "will be just as good two years ago as it will be two years hence." Holidays, anniversaries, etc., are easily fixed or transferred.

It will facilitate business calculations. A month will mean 28 and not 29 or 31 days. Wages by the week, fortnight and month are readily adjusted without even referring to the calendar, which is easily committed to memory.

This calendar could, by general consent, be adopted Sunday, January 1, 1922, without disturbing in the least the present calendar month.

## HONOLULU'S SUBURBAN VOLCANO.

Vaughan McCaughey, of the College of Hawaii, in the Scientific Monthly.

Honolulu, capital of Hawaii and strategic center of the north Pacific ocean, is widely known as a tropical tourist resort, and as a great American naval station. The city has spasmodically expanded from an aboriginal cluster of grass huts to a cosmopolitan metropolis of 60,000 people. It now stretches loosely along eight miles of the narrow coastal plain which lies between the mountains and the sea. The plain is of coral origin and rests upon the submarine flanks of the deeply carved volcanic mass that forms the bulk of the island. Scattered here and there over the plateau are numerous craters that were thrown up by the final convulsions of the plutonic island-builders. These igneous disturbances ceased long ago and apparently are extinct. The silent craters remain as grim testimony of Oahu's prehistoric epoch of fire. Among the best preserved of these crater-hills is old "Punchbowl," a remarkable volcano lying in the very heart of Honolulu and commanding a magnificent view of the city and its lovely environs.

The Hawaiian name for this venerable crater is Pu-u-waina and it has a tragic significance. The original form, from which the modern spell-

ing is abbreviated, was Pu-u-waihoana, literally the hill of offering or sacrifice. The people of primitive Hawaii were dominated by the dreadful tabu system that once ruled all Polynesia. The penalty for any violation of its intricate regulations was death. Pu-u-waina was one of the places near Honolulu where the bodies of the offenders were ceremoniously burned. Near the highest point on the seaward rim is a flat, altar-like ledge. Below this ledge is a crack or orifice, once a volcanic vent. This gave a good draft of air and added to the suitability of the place for a sacrificial altar. Like place names in all parts of the world, Pu-u-waina lingers for generations after the eruptions of the place for which it made it so effective.

In shape and structure Punchbowl

is a fine example of a truncated volcanic hill produced by explosion. By truncated is meant, not that its top was ever blown off, but that it never possessed a sharply conical point or peak. From the time of its formation its top has been a bowl-shaped depression. The crater walls are composed of brown volcanic mud or tufa, which was violently ejected in a single titanic explosion.

Honolulu has steadily encroached upon the once barren slopes of the volcano. In the early days Punchbowl was a remote outskirt, isolated by dry plains from the tiny grass thatched settlement on the beach. Today its base underlies an important residential section in the center of the city. The territorial normal school is located on its seaward slope. The

thrifty Portuguese, skilled in the gardening of Madeira's steep farmsteads, settled as easily and comfortably upon the arid walls of Punchbowl as did the amphibious Chinese upon the marshy ricelands. The small, well-pruned gardens of "Portuguese Town" are crowded with luxuriant trees and shrubbery—figs, pomegranates, citrus and mango trees, grapevines, avocados, papayas, bananas, and other useful and ornamental plants.

INNOCENT, BUT—

"What did the jury do to St. Hawk-ins fer stealin' Bill Bailey's sheep?"

"Found him not guilty, but said that if they was him they'd take the sheep back."—(Browning's Magazine.)

# Theatre Royal

PROGRAM FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 21st

V. L. S. E. or Big 4, Mutual Star, De Luxe and Chaplin

**Monday and Tuesday**  
Mutual Star Features Presents  
**WILLIAM RUSSELL**  
in  
**"SOUL MATES"**  
A Great Picture, Say the Critics. Mr. Russell will be remembered by his great acting in "The Thoroughbred," "The Craving" and "The Striver." Shown at the Royal.  
Also a Beauty Comedy.

**Wednesday and Thursday**  
Vitaphone Presents Through Big 4  
**William Courtenay**  
in  
**"THE ISLAND OF SURPRISE"**  
From the Famous Novel by Cyrus Townsend Brady.  
Also a Cab Comedy With Geo. Ovey.

**Friday Only**  
**"PEG O' THE RING"**  
UNIVERSAL ANIMATED WEEKLY  
Also  
**"Unhand Me Villian"**  
A Two Part L-No Comedy Laughfest.

**Saturday Only**  
Mutual Star Features Presents  
**Florence Turner**  
in  
**"Far from the Madding Crowd"**  
A Magnificent Production. Also a Vogue Comedy Screen.  
Matinee 3 and 4 P. M. Daily. Evenings 7:30 to 11 P. M.  
Prices 5 and 10c at Matinees. Evenings 10c, All Seats

Coming September 4-5-6-7.  
**"God's Country and the Woman"**  
Eight Parts. A Gripping Drama of the Land of the Big Snows, Where Men Fight Hard, Shoot Straight and Love Runs Wild.

**PLANS MADE FOR BOY SCOUTS.**  
Boys' Division of Y. M. C. A. to Head Patrols Formed by Churches.

Plans have been completed by H. B. Frame of the boys' division of the local Y. M. C. A. for the organizing of boy scouts in this city. The various churches will have their separate units as will also the Y. M. C. A. Any boy in the city over 12 years old is eligible to become a member of a patrol.

A Texas preacher writes to the Houston Post that stealing a watermelon is a sin. Great ethical changes have been making their way slowly but steadily in Texas ever since the civil war.

A Minnesota paper argues that if the half-baked persons are not now fully baked the lack needs explanation.

# GRAND THEATRE

Special Added Attraction Week of August 21

## Antonla De La Mora

CORNETIST

Bandmaster of the Twentieth United States Infantry, late bandmaster of the 212th Battery, American Legion H. M. Service, will render a number of cornet selections during the motion picture program.

**No Advance in Prices**

Prof. De La Mora's Medals on Exhibition at the Stone Piano House.

# THE MET

Motion Picture Program  
Week Commencing  
Monday, Aug. 21

**Monday and Tuesday**  
E. K. K. Film Co. Presents America's Most Famous Couple  
**Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Castle**  
IN THE THRILLING PHOTODRAMA ROMANCE  
**"The Whirl Of Life"**  
Story by Vernon Castle—Founded on the incidents in the lives of those well known people  
"THE WHIRL OF LIFE" Played in the Globe Theatre New York City at prices Ranging from 25c to \$1.00  
Matinee Each Day 3:30, Evenings 7:30 & 9:15  
ADMISSION 20c. CHILDREN 10c MATINEE ALL SEATS 10c

**Wednesday & Thursday**  
William A. Brady in association with The World Film Co. presents  
**Ethel Clayton**  
and  
**Carlyle Blackwell**  
in Thompson Buchanan's Social Drama  
**A WOMANS WAY**  
A Viril story of a Wife's Struggle to regain her husband's waning Affections  
Jungle Comedy "In Dutch"  
**ALL SEATS 10 Cents**

**Friday & Saturday**  
William Fox Presents  
**GEORGE WALSH**  
AND  
**ANNA LUTHER**  
IN  
**The Beast**  
Beauty meets the beast. He fights for her and later they meet again  
Billy Van Dusen's Eggspensive adventure Beauty Comedy.  
"Hired and Fired" Vogue Comedy  
**ALL SEATS 10 Cents**

# GRAND THEATRE

WEEK COMMENCING AUG. 21st, 1916

Quality Always in Amusements Presenting Paramount Pictures in a Paramount Way  
NOTE--Vaudeville Season Opens Monday, August 28th

<p><b>Monday, Tuesday</b> Paramount Pictures Corporation and the Lasky Co. Present <b>Mae Murray</b> in <b>"The Dream Girl"</b> TRIANGLE AND KEYSTONE Offer One of Their Famous Comedies.</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, Thursday</b> E. A. Rolf Presents <b>Emily Stevens</b> in the Inspiring Allegorical Study, <b>"Destiny" or "The Soul of a Woman"</b> George Klean's Offer America's Star, <b>MISS BILLIE BURKE</b> in <b>"The Fugitive Witness"</b></p>	<p><b>Friday, Saturday</b> Paramount Pictures Corporation and the Famous Players Present <b>HAZEL DAWN and OWEN MOORE</b> in a Victrolization of the Dramatic Sensation, <b>"Under Cover"</b> TRIANGLE AND KEYSTONE Offer One of Their Famous Comedies.</p>
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Matinees 3 P. M. on Monday, Thursday and Saturday. All Seats 10c  
Evenings at 7:30 and 9:15. Prices, Balcony 10c, Lower Floor 15 Cents