

ADMINISTRATION OF RAILWAYS IS BECOMING MORE PRACTICAL

Old Order Is Changing In Railway Management. From the Ranks Have Risen New Officials.

THE old order is changing in regard to the administration of railroads throughout the United States and is yielding to a new order more in adjustment with the spirit of the times.

A few years ago financiers like E. H. Harriman were battling with each other for possession of strategic lines in order to choke a competitor and build up their own power.

Instead of trying to see how much money they can make with poor service and skillful finance juggling, they

the construction gang, overalls and practical experience.

One of the railroads that has shown the effect of the dawn of the new era is the Southern Pacific, with its allied lines.

Harriman was not a railroad builder. Railroads to him were so many stocks on the market and so many lines on the map.

Then he died, and the heirs and other stockholders put in new men to take his place. Men were chosen from the railroad's own territory to take up the management.



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are making their money by good management and a study of the needs of the people.

One of the men belonging to the new order is Howard Elliott, chief executive officer of the New York, New Haven and Hartford and New England Transportation lines.

The new railroad men know more about railroads than they do about Wall street. They began down in the ranks and worked up to leadership without favoritism.

After years of hard work the Vanderbilts found it easier to let others manage their affairs, and, as a result, a live executive like W. C. Brown came to the helm of the New York Central, and he instituted a new era in the life of that road.

Brown rose from the ranks and was vice president and general manager of



ALFRED H. SMITH, PRESIDENT OF NEW YORK CENTRAL.

regime and was later chief of transportation for the Guggenheim interests. He came to his present position from the presidency of the Wells-Fargo Express company.

When B. F. Bush became head of the Missouri Pacific the road had been deteriorating for years.

Up to a few years ago Bush was practically unknown in the railroad world, but his wonderful ability as a railroad man was soon discovered and his advancement was fast.

Another man who has learned the railroad business from the ground up, is Carl R. Gray, who started as a telegraph operator, and is now the president of the Hill interests.

A conspicuous example of the change from the rule of finance to that of railroad experience is shown in the new management of the Seaboard Air Line in the election of William J. Harahan to its presidency.

The rise of the new men to the leadership of great railroads is due to their attitude toward the road and toward the public. They consider themselves trustees of public property and conduct their business accordingly.

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The Editor Begs to Announce He's Still in the Ring.

NO ROPES ON HIM AS YET.

Though Two Were In Waiting, and He Admits the Boys May Get Him in the End—Downfall of a Great Marksmen—A Social Snub Paid Back.

By M. QUAD.

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LAST week (Monday) a nuke necked up on us on the street and put both hind feet against our waistband, and it was two days before we got our breath back to ask what had happened.

Some one told Colonel Kelson's gang of cowboys that we were going to ride over to Rocky Bar Saturday afternoon.



ENTERED HIS OWN FOOT.

and eight of the boys waited three hours for us on the highway. They had two hanging ropes with them, and one of them had a paper and pencil to take down any dying statement we might wish to make.

The boys may get hold of us sooner or later, but we are not going to worry over it.

Major Bill Jackson, who came here from New Mexico last spring and has been posing as a man of nerve and a great pistol shot, got into a political discussion with George Barnes near the postoffice the other day, and after some hot words had passed George Barnes called him a liar.

Two weeks ago we published an item to the effect that Billy Barnes of the White Swan saloon had been imprisoned in Utah for biting off a man's nose.

We were not at the "at home" given by Mrs. Colonel Powell at her abode on Cochise place last Monday evening. As a rule, nothing of the sort is given in this town without our advice and assistance.

We took the snub in silence, but yesterday an officer arrived here and took the colonel away to Iowa to stand trial for embezzlement.

Oil Field in Beaverhead

Dillon, April 2.—What has all the appearance of a first-class oil field has been located on Big Muddy creek in Sheep Creek canyon, 17 miles west of Dillon.

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the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern railroad when he was selected as president of the New York Central. He brought with him Alfred H. Smith, who had served as general superintendent of the Lake Shore. Just recently Brown retired and Smith succeeded him as president of the New York Central.

Smith started his railroad career at the bottom, first as a messenger boy, then as a workman on a construction gang. He is another of the practical railroad men who are taking the control of American railroads from the Wall street financiers. Most of the great systems have enthroned the worker and the hustler. The way to the presidency of a railway formerly lay through Wall street; now it is via