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IT IS announced from Chicago that the overland railroads contemplate making a new scale of class rates for freight at material advances over the present charges.

Looks Like a Railroad Play for Position
The great bulk of the freight coming and going overland between east and west moves under commodity rates and these are not affected and will probably not be touched pending the conclusion of the controversy now at hearing before the interstate commerce commission.

As far as the proposed action of the transcontinental roads may be construed, it looks like a nominal compliance with the long and short haul clause of the railroad regulation law.

There is no reason to anticipate that the same rule will be applied to commodity rates from the Atlantic or middle west states to the Pacific coast, because these are and always must be subject to water competition.

THE gain to central California consequent upon the opening of the Western Pacific may be illustrated by the case of Oroville, in Butte county, which is experiencing a healthy boom and development of industries through the coming of the new road.

Oroville's Boom Due to Western Pacific
It is safe to say that never in the history of this city has Oroville faced as bright a future as it does now.

How large a part of the Western Pacific pay roll figures in the finances of the city can be seen in the fact that yesterday the company paid out in checks from the local offices approximately \$35,000, representing the month's salary and wage roll for this district.

Oroville is the center of a rich mining and horticultural region and, being on the line of an overland road, is brought in contact with the great lumber regions of the Sierra.

WE may assume that the Panama canal will be fortified and garrisoned at both ends, and it is intimated that Mr. Taft will so recommend in his forthcoming message to congress.

Mr. Taft will renew the assurances that the United States has no design to annex the territory of the Panama republic, and this is not only good diplomacy, but is strictly true as far as national opinion is concerned.

Those Good Old Times



ONCE THE WAYLAD CITIZEN HAD A CHANCE, NOW HE HAS NONE

THE Oakland automobile show gave the people of the bay cities some insight concerning the remarkable growth of this industry and the wide variety of interests concerned therein and dependent thereon.

Table with 3 columns: Industry, 1910, 1905. Rows include Manufacturing concerns, Cars made, Value of cars, Capital, etc.

These statistics tell nothing of the extensive collateral industries that have grown up to vast proportions about this trade, and it may be added that the business is still in its infancy.

Motors will be made to run between the farms and the rails, carrying twice the load at twice the speed of wagons pulled by horses.

THE state convention of fruit growers, to be held in Stockton next week, is a most important event in an industrial sense.

On this subject and the matters to be considered by the convention, Horticultural Commissioner Jeffrey writes:

The success achieved during the last year by the deciduous fruit growers in the northern portions of our state is largely accountable to the widespread influence of the standardization movement which was inaugurated last fall.

NOTE AND COMMENT

Diaz and Uncle Joe Cannon could have some very sympathetic heart to heart talks about insurgent movements in general.
Lillian Russell says her daughter has married again. She wants to keep the championship in the family.

Uncle Walt The Poet Philosopher

When I was digging ditches, I used to long for riches, I thought that I'd be happy if I had coin to burn; I saw the wealthy speeding along the road unheeding; they blew in more for stogies than I knew how to earn.

The Morning Chit-Chat

I AM exceptionally glad tonight that I write this chat. Because it gives me a chance to express some pent up feelings about the person who regards indiscriminate and unconsidered plain speaking as the shining evening star among virtues.

Molly, the little stenographer lady, came to see me yesterday. Molly is one of my favorite heroines, along with Joan of Arc and Marie Antoinette.

NUMBER OF VOTES—A number of correspondents have asked this department to give the exact vote, for and against, cast at the last general election for certain candidates and for propositions calling for the issue of bonds.

CASED—F. G. C. City. What is the meaning of the word "cased," as used by trappers and furriers?
It means that furs that have been prepared have been put in a case.

BARBER'S POLE—J. K. City. What is the meaning of the pole on the barber's pole, and what did the colors stand for originally?
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LOPEZ—M. T. City. What was the date of the capture of Mexico City by General Lopez, who headed an expedition to seize Cuba?
September 1, 1851.

APPOINTMENTS—J. C. City. What was the appointment of the estate left by Class Spreckels and that left by "Lucky" Baldwin?
Spreckels \$9,529,140. Baldwin \$11,000,000.

- PERSONS IN THE NEWS
HERVEY LINDLEY, a capitalist of Seattle who was formerly associated with the Hill interests in the northwest, is at the Palace with Mrs. Lindley.
LOUIS SPITZ of Fairbanks, Alaska, is a recent arrival at the Argonaut.
ROBERT M. WILCOX and wife, Ella Wheeler Wilcox, the writer, are at the Manx. They are registered from New York.

Answers to Queries

TORNADO—Subscriber, City. How far has a tornado carried a house or part of a house?
There is a record that in the tornado of June 4, 1877, at Mount Carmel, Ill. the spire, vane and gilded ball of the Methodist church at that place were carried 15 miles.

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AUTOMATIC PISTOL—L. W. W. Lindsay. Has there ever been an automatic pistol that will empty a magazine by simply pulling the trigger?
Yes, several. Some have a capacity of 103 shots a minute.

RAPID TRANSIT—A. C. J. Bakersfield. Is there a train running out of Washington, D. C., that has a running time of 90 miles an hour?
No.

NUTS—F. H. City. Are nuts nourishing?
Poole, in "Fruits, Etc., says: "Nothing is more full of nutrition than a nut, and if eaten at a proper time there is nothing better as a substitute for animal food.

GOVERNOR—J. B. R. Oakland. What is the name and address of the governor of Arizona?
Richard E. Sloan, Phoenix, Ariz.

REDDING PAPERS—F. R. City. Are there any papers published in Redding, Shasta county, The Courier Free Press and the Searchlight.

FRENCH WORDS—W. K. T. City. What is the meaning of the French phrase, "Jeu de mots"?
Play upon words; juggling with words.

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What's become o' th' standin' broad jump record since th' tounin' car arrived? Haint it hard t' keep from ribbin' in when you hear t' two strangers agreed' on somethin' ther both wrong about?