

RAILROADS GUARD AGAINST HOODOOS

Popular Superstitions Among Men and Employees--One Wreck Brings Two More.

Superstition among railway men is often the food for conversation among travelers, especially while on board of a train.

It is a fact that many of the railway men have their peculiar ideas and that the majority of the men are really superstitious.

The railroads in different sections have their own ways of guarding against the "hoodoo."

The Southern Pacific train dispatchers are very shaky about issuing order No. 13, and on some of the divisions the superintendent will not make any pretense of bidding the fact that he does not want it used.

Engineers are likewise cautious about working certain engines and usually before taking the engine from the roundhouse the engineer will tell the foreman that he knows something is going to happen. It always does.

One general superstition exists among railway men and in this particular example the officials are included, that whenever an engineer occurs they are unanimous in the belief that there will be two more immediately. They figure that there will have to be the third in order to satisfy that "hoodoo."

Some roads carry it to extremes. Up to within a few months ago and even now to a limited extent, the Chicago & Great Western railway made no secret of their intentions to displace any man that seemed to have a streak of bad luck follow him.

Arbitration, the compliance of the rules and the clearing himself from all responsibility in a general sense would not aid the unfortunate man if it appeared that he was the "hoodoo."

RAILROAD WORLD.

Doings of the Roads and Their Employees.

Information is given by local railway men that the Great Northern railway is contemplating the extension of its line from Curlew, Wash., to Midway, B. C. It is probably the intention of James J. Hill to build the Grandy spelter spur and the extension of the main line from Grand Forks, B. C., to Phoenix.

The Southern Pacific, having come to an agreement with its stockholders, are now engaged with the engineers. It is no question that the officials of the Southern Pacific railway are much exercised over their labor troubles and that an effort is being made to come to a fair settlement is already assured by the way the company made concessions to the telegraphers.

The Milwaukee and the Northwestern lines have been very prosperous during the past two years and have had to work their power and equipment to its full capacity. It is therefore agreed upon by both lines to use the surplus funds in making necessary improvements of their respective lines. Instead of reaching for the Pacific coast.

Now that the Chicago & Rock Island & Pacific railway has made an entrance into the coast trade by the El Paso and Sunset route, the Union Pacific with its Oregon Short Line connections and the Southern Pacific with its Shasta route will be able to control the business.

When it is understood that the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific railways are handling the bulk of business on single track lines, it is evident that the business is being handled without much interruption, as they have found it unnecessary to double track their lines only in certain spots for 10 or 15 miles, to overcome some delays occasioned by the lack of yard and terminal facilities.

It is stated in the local offices of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and the Chicago & Northwestern lines that they have no information from headquarters concerning the possibilities of either line extending its route to the Pacific coast.

Traveling Freight and Passenger Agent E. C. Eades of the Alton route, who is now in this territory in the interest of Chicago & Alton railway and who is in a position to know what he is talking about, said: "The building of either line to the coast would necessitate the other road undergoing the same expense, as they would be compelled to offer a competition."

For this reason, said Eades, "an agreement was recently made between the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and the Northwestern lines, which is an ironclad ban, preventing either line building to the coast for a period of 50 years."

E. J. Harriman, president of the Southern Pacific and a director of the Union Pacific railway, being in a state of unrequited over the prospects of a contest with the employees of the Union Pacific railroad, has appointed a board to hold a conference with the men and see just what they want and to decide on what can be conceded, thereby taking the matter out of the hands of the railway officials. A precedent for this is unknown in railway circles.

The railroads have become jointly affected by the gradual tendency on the part of several large lines to treat in a friendly way with their organizations and look upon it as a business proposition.

Much money is being diverted from the dividend purses and sinking funds to the pockets of the employees and for magnificent terminal improvements and construction purposes.

The Pennsylvania railroad was among the first to make concessions and started the list by granting a 10 per cent increase. The New York Central followed with an addition

The last trouble on the Northern Pacific and Great Northern railways occurred only at the occurrence of the third wreck, and each line had its "third" within 48 hours' time.

Thanksgiving day, a day usually ignored by the railway companies, was recognized yesterday in every way.

The various lines gave their engineers, firemen, conductors and brakemen an opportunity to spend the day at home.

"It was impossible," said one of the officials, "to allow all of the men to be absent at the same time, but we did not run anything except important freight and the regular passenger trains."

This is the custom throughout the east, except in South Carolina, where the law forbids the running of anything except passenger trains and stock trains on Sundays and on all legal holidays.

Wisconsin has its fad, which prevents any freight train passing a church which is within hearing distance of the track during the services.

At Oshkosh, Wis., the Wisconsin Central railway passes a church near the tracks and it is not an unusual thing for a freight train to stand still from one to two hours so that the law will be observed and the services not disturbed.

The engineers make a rush to get by this city before the appointed time, knowing that a failure to do so means, according to their way of putting it, that they will be "churched" two hours.

The railways of the city gave a holiday to all of the employees holding clerical positions.

The freight handlers had a half day of nearly \$1,000,000 annually to its payroll.

The Philadelphia & Reading railroad then hastened to announce that the manager was working on new schedules for an increase.

Other lines, both east and west, made similar statements. It is expected that within a day the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern, Erie, Big Four, Wheeling & Lake Erie and Nickel Plate railways will announce their intentions of raising the wages to the standard of the Pennsylvania lines.

The Gould lines are also making up schedules for a 10 per cent increase, which will affect over 150,000 men.

The Pennsylvania railroad has set aside \$200,000,000 for improvements during the next two years. Of this amount \$11,500,000 will be spent in New York city for terminal tunnel, elevation of the tracks and new freight yards.

The Oregon Short Line has voluntarily increased the salaries of 700 men 10 per cent.

Walter Morehead, representing the minority of the stockholders of the Central (now Southern) Pacific, has begun a suit to recover \$100,000 from the estate of Collis P. Huntington, the late president of the Southern Pacific railroad. This is a suit which is considered the biggest ever brought in a United States court.

NEW CUT-OFF.

Northern Pacific to Shorten Its Route.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Nov. 28.—The Northern Pacific is about to begin work on the construction of a cut-off through the Bad Lands, starting at a point one-fourth of a mile east of Bellington and running northwest to the head of Green river, about four and one-half miles north of Fryburg and thence westerly and crossing the high plateau half a mile north of the historic town of Medora.

From the west side of the plateau a narrow bridge will span Little Missouri and the new line will cross the old line to the south of the big McDonald ranch. The new route will do away with the Fryburg hill and will give a good route through the Bad Lands.

BUILD NEW SHOPS.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Nov. 28.—The Southern railway will construct one of the largest shop plants on the great system at North Birmingham, a suburb of Birmingham, and construction work will begin at once. Plans have been drawn for eight large brick buildings, each 100 by 400 feet, and 35 tracks of railroads have been laid out. The shops will build cars as well as repair cars and engines for those divisions of the road in this section of the south.

FOR SEPARATE STATE.

RESIDENTS OF INDIAN TERRITORY DON'T LIKE TO BE ANNEXED.

VINITA, I. T., Nov. 28.—Among those interested in the statehood question in Oklahoma and Indian territories much interest is manifested in the convention of the Five Civilized Tribes in session today at Eufaula. The Five Civilized Tribes are strenuously opposed to the Indian territory being absorbed by Oklahoma or attached to any other state, and the purpose of the convention is to develop plans for the ultimate admission of the Indian territory as a state by itself.

FOLD THEIR TENTS LIKE THE ARABS AND SILENTLY STEAL AWAY.

As a result of Sheriff Doust's tip to the Indians who have been encamped at North Monroe at they have vanquished the town and hit the trail for newer if not greener fields. The sheriff some time ago threatened to use "invigorating" methods if they did not go and some time during Thanksgiving eve they set out for parts afar.

Three lone Indians repose in the city jail and are perhaps the last— for a time at least—of this band, whose carousals, it is stated, were a source of worry to people who live in the neighborhood of the camp.

Tenas Bone, Chessaway and a squaw are in jail charged with drunkenness and are held as witnesses against one J. H. Carice, a laborer who hails from the plains of Kansas.

Officer Parrish made the arrests. He arrested Carice and his partner on a charge of selling whisky to Indians. While the officer was trying to keep track on the three red men the white men made a dash for liberty and both succeeded in getting away. Carice was rearrested later and the evidence against him is said to be conclusive.

ANTI-VICE Platform As Outlined by a Member.

A gentleman prominently associated with the anti-vice movement in conversation with a Press reporter stated last night: "I am not personally in favor of closing up gambling and other vices in the town. But what I do want and what I will work for with every ounce of strength I have is the absolute closing of saloons to all minors, the removal of all houses of ill fame and gambling from the west side of Howard street and the prevention of girls being procured for houses of ill fame."

ENGLISH GOOD WILL.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—A Thanksgiving dinner was held at the Hotel Cecil last night. Ambassador and Mrs. Choate, Rt. Hon. H. H. Asquith, Lord Reay, Lord Fairfax, Lord Roberts, Sir Henry Norman and many other distinguished people were present.

Compliments between Americans and British were numerous.

LITTLE GRISETTE ACTRESS.



POLAIRE.

PARIS, Nov. 28.—Polaire, the most popular of the grisetette category of actresses, who always appears in short skirts, as a little girl, is the daughter of a Montmartre washerwoman, and came before the public in singing popular songs at the music halls of her quarter. Willy hear her one night, and, struck by her temperament, selected her to create his play, "Claudine a L' Ecole." She has since continued the series by "Claudine a Paris," and is now preparing to appear in a new play, "Claudine en Menage."

FORGOT TROUBLES. BRAVE EX-BOERS VISIT WALLA WALLA BOYS ENTER-TAINED AT HIGH SCHOOL.

The Walla Walla boys were entertained last evening at the High school by the boys and girls of that institution.

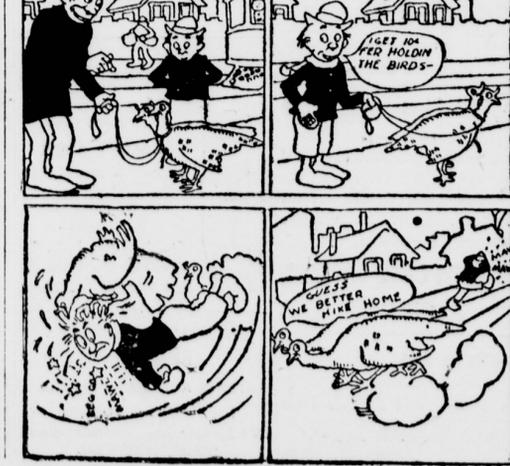
A delightful musical program was rendered as follows: Piano solo, Miss Smith; vocal solo, Miss Weed; recitation, Miss Pearl Eddy; vocal solo, Miss Veta Kesner; piano solo, Miss Alma Marshall. A pleasant surprise not on the bills was given by a group of the boys from both schools introducing themselves as a Coney Island Bum quartet. "Mandy Lee" and several other selections were sung, greatly to the pleasure of the audience.

The social chat following the music was interrupted by the announcement that refreshments would be served in the library. After partaking the young people assembled for a dance, which concluded the festivity at 11 o'clock.

CARD PARTY.

Mrs. D. C. Newman and Mrs. E. L. Powell will entertain their friends at cards this evening at the home of Mrs. Powell, 1917 Riverside ave.

A THANKSGIVING TRAGEDY.



TEXAS TEACHERS. ANNUAL SESSION BEGINS AT DENTON.

DENTON, Texas, Nov. 28.—The North Texas Teachers' association began its annual convention here today under highly auspicious conditions. Nearly every city and town in the territory embraced by the association was represented when the gathering was formally called to order shortly after 9 o'clock this morning. The visitors were cordially greeted by Judge J. T. Bottorf and Dr. W. H. Bruce, and to their addresses response was made on behalf of the delegates by Principal F. B. Hughes of Denton.

These formalities concluded the convention listened to interesting addresses on school topics by W. M. Taylor of Denton, J. G. Tucker of Plano and J. W. Farrell of Greenville.

The program of papers at the afternoon session was as follows: "A Thankless Profession," E. H. Wray of Denton; "What Should the Public Schools Teach the American Laborer?" Superintendent S. M. N. Marrs of Terrell; "The Problem of the Intermediate Grade Teacher," Miss Ida Wingrove of Denton; "The Doctrine of Effort," Superintendent P. W. Horn of Sherman.

President J. S. Kendall of the North Texas Normal school is scheduled to address the convention this evening and the business sessions will be continued and concluded tomorrow.

COLLEGE MEN CONFER.

CLEVELAND, O., Nov. 28.—Taking advantage of the Thanksgiving recess, noted educators from many parts of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana and Michigan are gathering at Western Reserve university to take part in an important conference dealing with matters relating to collegiate and secondary school instruction and management.

It is the third conference of the kind to be held here. The sessions will begin this evening and continue tomorrow. The questions for discussion are: "Problems in Secondary School Administration," "Problems in College Administration," "Professional Training of Secondary School Teachers," and "How can the College Improve Instruction in Secondary Schools?"

DINE MEN.

Ladies Entertain Y. M. C. A. Friends.

About 130 members and friends of the Young Men's Christian Association participated in the Thanksgiving dinner held at the Y. M. C. A. hall last evening from 6 o'clock to 7:30.

The setting and arranging of the tables was in charge of Mrs. Ward and 25 other ladies, which bespoke a successful affair. There were 14 banquet tables, which were heaped with all kinds of good things and were presided over by President E. M. Hightower, J. M. Richards, W. C. Goodspeed, J. Grier Long, W. M. Burns, J. C. Barline and Cyrus Bradley, who were assisted by many others.

After the dinner the following program was rendered: Song, "Shanawee River" chorus; address, "Thanksgiving Day," J. F. Little, Jr.; song, "Old Kentucky Home," chorus; address, "Opportunities," Dr. Allen; song, "My Country 'Tis of Thee," chorus; address, "Development," L. M. Myers, the physical director.

Music was furnished by Messrs. Wilson Kaufman and B. K. Green of the association and was of the order excellent.

Session of Scientists.

COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 28.—The Ohio State Association of Science began its twelfth annual convention in Columbus today with leading educators and scientists in attendance from all parts of the state. The proceedings, which last two days, consist of papers, addresses and discussions on important scientific problems and recent discoveries in the field of science. The presiding officer is William R. Lazebny of Columbus and the secretary of the convention is E. L. Moseley of Sandusky.

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