RAILROADS SEE DANGER IN 6-HOUR DAY LAW PROPOSAL

Railroads of the West have been working since 1880 to solve problems of producers of perishable fruits and vegetables in California and Arizona who ship their products to eastern markets, according to J. R. Hayden, assistant to the president of the Santa Fe Railway.

"Our ability to sell perishable products in eastern markets had its first real test during the decade beginning with 1880 when a few cars of citrus fruits, produced in Southern California, were successfully transported and sold," said Hayden in a recent western radio talk.

"During 1890 some 4,000 cars of California citrus fruit were marketed and planting of commercial orchards on a large scale was well under way. During 1900 approximately 17,000 cars of citrus fruit moved east. A modest tonnage of celery and other vegetables had also begun to move. Since 1900 the production of perishable traffic has reached a scale unparalleled in the history of irrigated agriculture," declared Hayden.

Oppose 6-hour Day

"Since these formative days, rail carriers have brought about many improvements designed to aid the industry. Today the carriers are adequately prepared with equipment and power to meet peak demands, thus terminating one of the problems of the earlier days.

"Happily, the problems of the perishable industry and those of the carriers have always been approached in a spirit of mutual confidence and understanding. If the railroads are not subjected to new and unnecessary legislation, or other influences beyond their control, there is every reason in believing that the industry and the railroads will continue to adjust their differences in the future, as they have in the past."

Reference to new legislation, Hayden pointed out, particularly concerns the so-called six-hour day law which is to be brought before the present session of Congress. If this becomes law the added cost to the railroads of doing business would approximate 25 percent, in other words the total increase in the annual payroll of the railroads may reach $853,000,000, Hayden said.

Cites Rail Tonnage

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STATE PICNICS

MISSOURI REUNION

The annual winter picnic reunion of Missourians will be held all day Friday, Feb. 12, in Sycamore Grove park, Los Angeles. There will be headquarters for each county and registers for enrollment.

COLORADOANS CALLED

The annual picnic for all former residents of Colorado will be held all day Sunday, Feb. 14, in Sycamore Grove park, Los Angeles, with basket dinners at noon. A popular program is planned and county registers and headquarters will be open all day so friends may meet each other.

WISCONSIN RALLY

All who ever lived in Wisconsin are invited to meet for the picnic reunion, all day Saturday, Feb. 13, in Sycamore Grove park. There will be county registers and headquarters so all can find the old neighbors. There will be a brief program opening about 2 o'clock.

City Loses Landmark

MARTINEZ, Calif. (U.P.)—Wreckers here are tearing down the old Blum house which was the first in the city to have a bathtub with running water.

Cheese Thief Named "The Rat"

OROVILLE, Calif. (U.P.)—The police are looking for a burglar they name "The Rat." He stole all the cheese from the refrigerator of a local resident. Nothing else was touched.

Visitor

This candid camera study of Alfred G. Vanderbilt Jr., of the wealthy Eastern family, was taken this week as he chatted in Hollywood after returning from Santa Anita race track, where he has a stable of horses.

Coal Mine Safer Than Home

ST. CLAIRSVILLE, O. (U.P.)—P. V. Wadell, attorney for the state industrial commission, says that working in a coal mine is just twice as safe as staying at home. His figures are based on the number of accidents occurring in mines and homes.

HOMES ARE GOOD INVESTMENT

Have you owners of vacant property in this city studied the possibilities of the National Housing Act loans from an investment standpoint? It is a known fact that there is an acute shortage of properties for rent. Numerous employees working in this district are forced to go outside to find places to rent. This not only works a hardship on the workers themselves, but causes payroll money to be spent outside this community and takes prospective business away from local business houses.

Now is the time for civic-minded property owners to take action. Those owning lots or tracts of land should take advantage of the liberal terms offered by the federal housing administration. Under the National Housing Act you are permitted to build up to and including four residential units on any one piece of property.

Think what this means from an investment standpoint. The Better Housing program has an office in the Chamber of Commerce for your convenience, and those who are interested in title II loans under the National Housing Act may secure information and pamphlets free of charge. The office hours are 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. daily, except Saturday.

20 Arrests Made Here Last Month

Twenty arrests were made by local police during January, according to Capt. John H. Stroh. Disturbance of the peace and intoxication accounted for eight—four each—and the others were: Petty theft, three; drunk driving, two, and one each for obtaining money under false pretenses, hit-and-run driving, aiding hit-and-run, forgery, drunk in auto, reckless driving and excessive number of chickens confined within city limits.

Chess Played By Mail

HARRISBURG, Pa. (U.P.)—Chess, played by correspondence, enables William J. Werner here to match wits with two New Zealand opponents, 12,000 miles distant.

Steels 'Tho Tough, Had Tender Names

Tulip, Daisy, Swan, Drake and many other once highly respected trade names for various makes of iron and steel products which appear in the archives of the American Iron and Steel Institute, are now only memories of a more romantic era. Increasing appreciation of engineering data among both manufacturers and users of iron and steel, together with the industry's progress toward standardization of its products for the benefit of consumers are chiefly responsible for the disappearance of most of the old trade names.

As recently as 35 years ago the trade names of tin plate were more closely allied with botany and zoology than with the steel business. Among the tin plate brands chosen from floriculture were Crocus, Hyacinth, Jonquil, Cornflower, Sweetbrier, Holly Wood, Golden Rod, Moonflower and Star Flower. Zoology contributed the well-known tin plate brand names of Duck, Drake, and Swan.

Trade names still appear in the advertising of steel mill products, but most of them are descriptive of the properties, uses, or composition of the steels, or indicate the name of the manufacturing company. Many stainless and other alloy steels are sold under trade names.

USC Students Hurt by Hit-Run Driver

Two U.S.C. dental college students were injured Wednesday morning when their car was assertedly struck by a hit-and-run driver at 225th and Main street. They were rushed to the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital for treatment and later removed to their homes. The asserted hit-and-run driver was reported arrested later by deputy sheriffs.

The students were Joe Paige, 29, Los Angeles, who was treated for a fractured leg, severe cut on his left ear and abrasions of his left leg; and Buster Oliver Wallace, 23, Long Beach, who had multiple cuts about his face.