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The Car Shortage

Reports from the grain raising districts of the state show that the car shortage is preventing the marketing of wheat. Greensburg, Franklin and Rushville, centers of rich agricultural districts, report that elevators are filled with wheat and that farmers have no facilities for storing the crop.

This situation was foreseen weeks ago by agricultural students, who advised farmers to erect temporary granaries and to perfect arrangements for the storing of the wheat crop. Elevator men also issued warnings of the car shortage.

The blame for the situation, however, does not rest with the farmers. The car shortage has been one of the menacing features of the transportation problem for many months. The coal industry has been wrestling with the question. One authority says a full year's supply of Indiana coal could be mined in seven months if the roads could supply the industry with the requisite number of cars.

The steel industry also is affected by the

lack of transportation facilities. Many mills have thousands of tons of steel in their warehouses which they are unable to move to their destination. Ultimately the result will be the laying off of thousands of men.

The car shortage not only prevents an expeditious movement of foodstuffs and commodities, but also ties up thousands of dollars of capital. If the steel mills cannot move their products, they cannot obtain payment of the orders placed with them. If industries must keep their output in the warehouses instead of delivering them to their customers, they are unable to collect the money tied up in the orders. If farmers and mine owners cannot move their products, it will not be long before industrial stagnation will result.

Transportation plays a vital part in the prosperity of our country, greater than most of us have believed. The railroads themselves were deceived by conditions that followed the conclusion of the war. They believed their equipment, even if not up to standard and unable to meet wartime demands, would be able easily to cope with the needs of the period following the war. They miscalculated in this respect.

Unless changes are quickly brought about in the few months remaining of the open season, intense suffering from lack of food and fuel will follow this winter. The government is making a desperate effort to rush coal north before navigation closes on the Great Lakes so that the northwest will have an adequate supply for the winter. The use of cars for this purpose has interfered somewhat with the supply normally allotted to the transportation of wheat.

Answers to Questions

Old Reader: What is the average fire loss per person in the United States in one year? The Fire Underwriters' association places it at \$3.13 for each man, woman and child in the United States. The average loss in England is 61 cents a year, and the last figures available for Austria, Germany and France show that their record is below that of one of England.

U. W.: Who wrote "Alonso the Brave" and "Three Warnings"? The former was written by Mathew G. Lewis and the latter by Hester T. Pizelle.

Teacher: How many vacancies in schools have been reported for this year and how many graduates from teacher-training institutions are reported?—The vacancies are estimated to be about 110,000 and the graduates of training schools about 30,000.

Readers may obtain answers to questions by writing the Palladium Questions and Answers department. Questions should be written plainly and briefly. Answers will be given briefly.

Oxford Mayor Declines To Be the Whole Show; Miami Summer Term Ends

OXFORD, O., July 31.—A committee appointed by the Oxford Automobile club called on Mayor Hughes yesterday and urged him to enforce the automobile ordinance, particularly the sections relating to speeding, open mufflers and proper turning.

The mayor told the committee frankly that he could do nothing in the matter. "The village marshal will not enforce the ordinance, and council is on record as not desiring it enforced. If I employ extra police, council will refuse to pay the bill. I have upon several occasions in the past acted as arresting officer, prosecuting witness and judge, but I can't do this all the time," the mayor said.

Summer Term Closes.
The first session of Miami university's summer school closed yesterday, and over 700 students left for their homes. Dean H. C. Minnich says this was the best session held in recent years. The second session will open Monday and continue until September 3.

Road Work Progressing.
Rapid progress is now being made in the paving of the Colerain pike southeast of town. Nearly 500 feet of roadway is being paved daily. It is expected that this will be one of the finest roads in Butler county. On top of a six inch cement foundation and a binder of one and one-half inches, a coating of asphalt one and one-half inches thick is being laid.

900-GALLON MOONSHINE STILL SEIZED IN RAID.
ALBANY, Ga., July 31.—What is believed to be the largest moonshine still ever captured in Georgia is in the hands of Federal Prohibition Agent Garnett W. Saye. The still was a combination of two outfits, one of

Masonic Calendar

Monday, Aug. 2.—Richmond Commandery No. 8, K. T., stated convocate.
Tuesday, Aug. 3.—Richmond Lodge No. 196, F. and A. M., stated meeting.

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Today's Talk

By George Matthew Adams

BASEBALL

If you want to study the best book on human nature ever written, go to a baseball park and study the people in the grandstands.

There you will see and hear almost every vent to human emotion.

Out upon the field your hero walks. Immediately the air is rent with the voices of worship. But let that hero fall to live up to all that has been said or thought or imagined about him—and immediately that same crowd as vociferously turns upon him.

It costs to be a hero!
I went to a baseball game the other day and saw a popular idol hit a home-run. It thrilled enough spectators to fill a small city. And I said to myself that it didn't make much difference how much salary that chap was paid, he was worth it.

Just so long as 28,000 people in one city can go to a baseball game in one afternoon, just so long is this republic of ours going to be a safe place in which to live—rumors and counter-rumors to the contrary notwithstanding.

Baseball teaches things, too. It teaches that a man, to reach the top of his game, must know how to keep himself in condition and under control at all times.

No wonder baseball is popular. No wonder it has lasted so long.
Teach your boy to play baseball. You—whether man or woman—become a baseball fan!

Good Evening

By Roy K. Moulton

POLITICS

I once got into politics.
When I was quite a lad.
I think I ran for city clerk.
My memory is bad.

I lived then in a little burg.
My friends, they were a host.
They all knew me and I knew them.
Yes, I knew them—almost.

And every voter in the town
Stepped up and shook my hand
And made an awful lot of fuss.
Some of them hired a band.

The other fellow for the job
They knocked both day and night
And up to noon, election day,
He was nowhere in sight.

My friends stood by me to a man.
A fact I'd like to note.
They all stood by me to a man
Till it was time to vote.

But when the final score was told
There were sixteen for me.
They told me I was beaten by
Nine hundred forty-three.

So since that time I've always walked
Away around the block
When I've observed a heeler who
Is hired to boost or knock.

As to the game of politics,
I would much rather play
Draw poker with the cards all marked
The other fellow's way.

The European woman who won the championship as the homeliest woman of her sex there is coming to New York. She certainly will be conspicuous here.

How quiet it is around here since that chatterbox, Colonel House, left for Europe.

Harry Lauder allows and admits that he has a little Scotch in his constitution. But isn't that unconstitutional now?

Dinner Stories

His father had taken him out to the golf course. That evening he seemed to be ill at ease.

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I guess I must have got some of those golf bugs on me," was Willie's reply.

"How did Blank lose the fingers of his right hand?"

"Put them in the horse's mouth to see how many teeth he had. And the horse closed his mouth to see how many fingers Blank had."

HELEN HAS 41ST BABY:

RECEIVES IT TENDERLY
NEW YORK, July 31.—Helen, a housewife in Central park Friday licked her 41st offspring as affectionately as if the cub were her first born. Her keepers explained this unending maternal affection by saying that her other children, save two which died in infancy, have all been sent away to other popular zoos.

Arkar, the father, roared fiercely when the youngster was born, but later looked upon the event as simply representing one more lion in the world.

NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE IS CONTESTING IN COLORADO
(By Associated Press)

DENVER, July 31.—Robert Higgins of Denver, former state treasurer and James M. Collins, of Weld county, the latter designated by both the non-partisan league and the Farmer-Labor party, for governor, were selected early today as the Democratic candidates for governor by the state assembly here. Their names will go before the voters at the September primary election.

SHIPPING BOARD WITHDRAWS
(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 31.—The shipping board will withdraw October 1 from the national adjustment commission organized during the war to deal with wages and working conditions of longshoremen.

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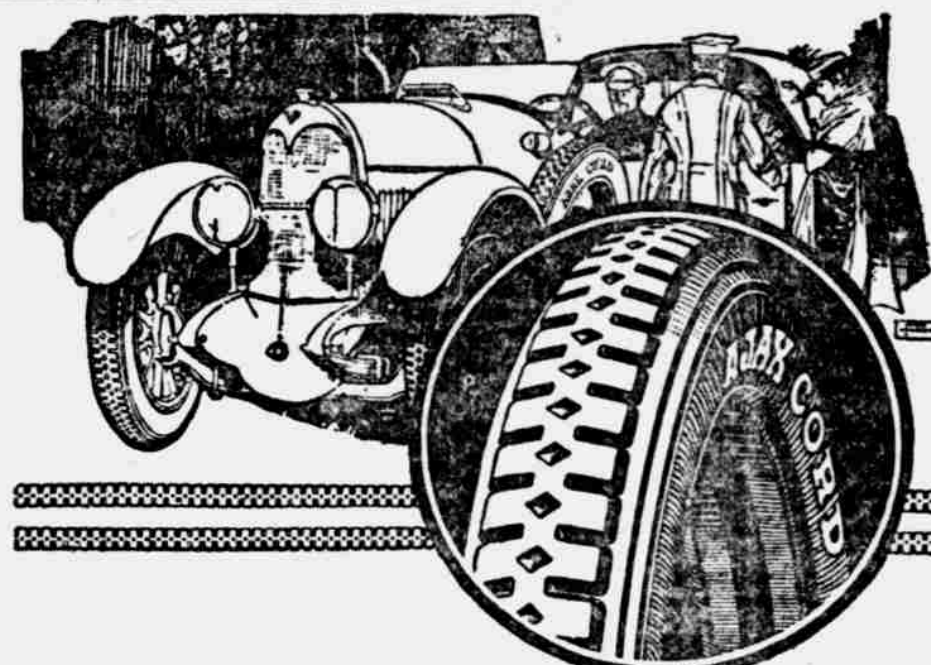
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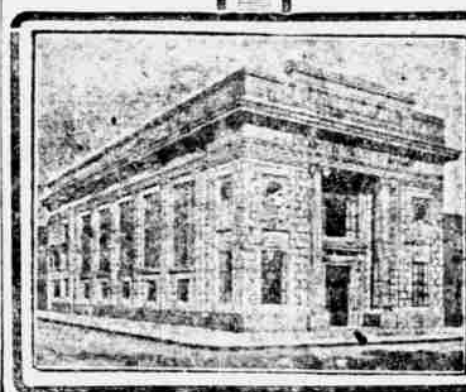
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Memories of Old Days

In This Paper Ten Years Ago Today

A contract was closed with the Richmond City Band to furnish music for the Fall Festival. By Frank L. Waldele, chairman of the music committee. The band consisted of 30 pieces and was to play on each of the three days of the festival.

A form of contract protecting the city in every way, believed to be one which would meet the approval of council in its proposed contract with the Richmond Water Works company, was drawn up by City Attorney A. M. Gardner. The ordinance provided for a certain number of shares of stock to be issued to the city for granting the contract to the company for a certain number of shares to be reserved as treasury stock to be used for making extensions and additions to the plant; that the city should have option on all such treasury stock issued and may elect to take any or all of it and that the city should have the right to take any or all the stock at any time, in case all is taken terminating the contract.

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