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HOW THE UNEMPLOYED INCREASE.

Washington, Aug. 16.—The annual report of the Inter-State Commerce Commission giving the railroad statistics for the year 1904 shows that there were at the end of the year 297,078 miles in the United States, of which 212,248 were single track, 15,824 second track, 1,467 third track, 1,467 fourth track and sidings. The increase in single trackage for the year was 5,927 miles, exceeding the increase for any previous year since 1890.

The number of persons on the pay-rolls of the railways of the United States, as returned for June 30, 1904, was 1,296,121, or 611 per 100 miles of line, a decrease for the year of 16,416, or 28 per 100 miles. The wages and salaries paid for the year amounted to \$817,598,810.

The par value of the amount of railway capital outstanding on June 30, 1904, was \$13,213,124,679, which represents a capitalization of \$64,265 per mile.

Of the total capital stock outstanding, \$2,696,472,010, or 42.53 per cent., paid no dividends. The amount of dividends declared during the year was \$221,941,049, being equivalent to 6.09 per cent. on dividend-paying stock. The gross earnings were \$1,975,174,091, being \$74,327,184 greater than for the previous year. Their operating expenses were \$1,388,896,253, an increase of \$81,357,401. The total number of casualties to persons on the railways was 94,201, of which 10,046 represented the number of persons killed and 84,155 the number injured.

Space and time will not permit a close analysis of this report, but we will call your attention to a few points. While the increase in single trackage alone was nearly 6,000 miles, the decrease in the working force was over 16,000. If the railway employees had been increased in proportion to the increased mileage, the number employed would have been increased to 1,299,781, and the consuming power of the people would have increased proportionately.

According to statistics, one employee in ten owns his home, and while many who own their homes sacrifice them in order to go elsewhere in quest of the work for which they have fitted themselves, we will be moderate in our claim if we estimate the number thus started on the road as tramps at 8,000. There has been no great labor-saving devices put in use in this line of industry during the period covered by this report, and the decrease in employees must be due mainly to enlarging the trains and concentration of business. If such conditions prevail in an expanding and growing industry, what may we expect from other industries of less growth and in which labor-saving devices have more freely entered? Government statistics for last year show a million and a quarter of workers constantly out of employment, and yet our lawmakers all over the land are enacting tramp and vagrancy laws that place the man out of work at once on the criminal list, for he depends on his labor for his living, and without work he has no visible means of support, and his empty pocket constitutes a crime against society which has fleeced him, according to statistics, of four-fifths of the product of his labor when at work.

His empty pocket makes him a fit subject for the chain gang, to be worked on the streets, roads and elsewhere to enhance the value of some peoples' property who, possibly, never did an honest day's work in their lives—who have ever been parasites upon labor.

This report has been published by thousands of papers, and not one in a thousand has made an effort to enable its readers to understand its import. Why? Because the hired editors on the large, influential journals are intellectual prostitutes and the lesser lights are mostly cowardly knaves and chattering parrots.

MEN OR CATTLE.

A case that will prove of much interest to the public generally as to the principals concerned was the centre of attraction in Mayor Boyden's court this morning.

Saturday Mr. John Hearne, who has been employing labor for the Whitney Company, indicted Mr. J. H. Carter, of West Virginia, who is a labor agent and has been securing negro laborers for a West Virginia railroad, charging him with secret assault. At the hearing this evening Mayor Boyden announced that he would send the latter up to the Superior court not only for the judgment in the case of alleged assault, but to determine as well what, if any, rights the city enjoys in the matter of preventing the wholesale deportation of its laborers and the limit to which the agents may go in securing them.

Both Mr. Hearne and Mr. Carter are represented by council.—Post of Monday 21st.

Mr. Carter denies that he is an agent; says that he is a contractor, and hired the men to work for him. If the case is not thrown out of court upon the establishment of Mr. Carter's claim, then the question will be considered from the other point—i. e., as to what extent a man may go in the way of contracting for work with his fellow man; whether workmen have been reduced to the level of cattle, their movements in the labor world to be controlled by the employing class, through state or local officials; or whether they still have the right of private contract, to go when and where they please and in such numbers as they please, regardless of the condition of the local labor markets.

People who believe in competition should object to such proceedings, and should insist that this matter being settled by bidding for the labor. This would be consistent.

Trains No. 27 and 28, running between Charlotte and Rpanoke, will carry mail, beginning about September 1st. This, of course, is another plum that will help to increase the deficit in the postoffice appropriation for the year.

If any of our readers are fond of snipe-hunting, it will afford us unfeigned pleasure to direct them to a locality where they can find a new and choice species—the Bill-Snipes. It takes buckshot to kill this bird, however; but the huntsman will be followed by our earnest prayers for his success in bagging this game.

Items From Faith.

The granite business is on a boom this year. Several quarries are now running on the granite belt near Faith.

George Peeler got badly bruised up by coming in contact with a limb hanging over the road while riding horseback Monday morning. He is not able to be up.

VENUS.

The Mt. Vernon Hotel Changes Hands.

The Mt. Vernon hotel property has been purchased by Land & Jennings, real estate men of Greensboro, at a good price. They deny that they bought the property for the Southern Railway Company.

This is the firm that bought a lot of land in East Spencer and Spencer recently.

Ed. Gaither, who went to Texas six years ago, is visiting here. His father, Dr. Gaither, lives at China Grove.

J. W. Reid, of Virginia, arrested some days ago for peddling without license and jailed in default of bond, paid his \$50 fine Saturday and was released.

Rev. J. L. Vipperman, of Dallas, N. C., is expected to preach at the First Baptist church next Sunday morning and evening.

The Virginia-Carolina Baseball League is no more. It dissolved last Saturday. We don't know whether it was sugar or salt.

Miss Emma, a last-year's graduate of the Asheville Normal and Collegiate Institute, left Saturday for Marshall, where she will serve the public as a teacher.

The trial of the two Packs, father and son, for assaulting Lewis Lyerly, will come off Saturday, if Mr. Lyerly, who is said to be improving rapidly, is able to appear in court that day. Dr. Brown says Mr. Lyerly is entirely out of danger.

Editor Stewart, of the Watchman, was ordered back to the mountain last week by his doctor, and we regret to say he is not making the progress toward recovery we had hoped for. Mrs. Stewart goes to the Black Mountain today where he is staying.

In the matter of CHLES F. STEWART Bankrupt.

PETITION FOR DISCHARGE AND ORDER OF NOTICE THEREON.

WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA.

On this 10th day of August, A. D. 1905 on reading the foregoing petition, it is ordered by the court, that a hearing be had upon the same, on the 31 day of August, A. D. 1905, before said court, at Lexington, in said district, at 2 o'clock, noon; and that notice thereon be published in Salisbury Watchman a newspaper published in said district and that all known creditors and other persons in interest may appear at the said time and place and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petitioner should not be granted.

And it is further ordered by the court that the clerk shall send by mail to all known creditors copies of said petition and this order, addressed to them at their places of residences as stated.

WITNESSES, The Hon. JAMES E. BOYD, Judge of the said court and the seal thereof, at Statesville, in said district on 10th day of August A. D. 1905. A true copy H. C. COWLES, Clerk. (Seal of the court)

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This Sale means more to you and more to us than any Shoe Sale we have ever held—This Store is not going to leave—but the name is,—our Mr. Burt is going to leave this Store and, of course, he'll take his name with him—and we are going to get a big slice of this stock of shoes away via. the "Cut Price Route" before the name of this store gets away—and the Prices we are going to tag on to these Shoes should land every pair of them at their destination within ten days. The NEW NAME wants to start a NEW STORE with a NEW STOCK at the old stand, and in order to do this the Price-Cutting Knife will be plunged deeper than you ever saw it put into Dependable Footwear. This is the "Get Away" season of the year, but don't pack your trunks for your vacation without putting some of these Shoe Bargains in it—it will be too late when you get back.

Just a few of the "GET AWAY" Prices--there are hundreds more!

98c	Women's shoes and childrens—Small Girls	Do you realize what this Sale means for you? Hundreds of pairs of this Season's best shoes for Men, Women and Children at prices from a third to a half less than usual. There are some \$5.00 Shoes in this lot—more \$4.00 ones with a raft of \$3.50 and \$3.00 Shoes—even the still lower priced ones are good and dependable—you can't make a mistake by coming—You'll make a great mistake by staying away.	Men's Shoes and Boys.—Shoes for Dress and Business—also work Shoes. We won't risk our reputation by telling you how much you'll save on these until after you've seen them—then we will, and you'll believe us too, and some of you will take two or three pairs when you see them. They must Get Away at some price or other.	1.19
79c	and Large ones—all leathers in the lot.			1.49
67c	If we were to go into details and describe these Shoes and tell of their real qualities and former prices—well,—we are afraid you wouldn't believe it,—so, come and see for yourself—you'll find plenty worth almost double the price.			1.68
53c				1.89
44c				1.98
1.18				2.24
1.38				2.69
1.69				2.98
1.83				98c
1.98				3.88
2.24				1.39

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