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A LIMIT TO RAILROAD SUPERVISION.

The government's looking into the abuses which are to be found in the management and conduct of many railroads in this country, has prompted President Spencer of the Southern Railway to say:

"If there are abuses, and undoubtedly there have been some, the railroads of this country, I think I may safely say, are a unit in agreeing with the President that such abuses should be controlled."

Correction which may be sought by President Roosevelt, is not that which governs the physical conduct of a railroad, nor any interference as to their management.

The public is not concerned in these, for it is not that direct government supervision of railroads is wanted by the people, but a correction of abuses and a reform in all those particulars, whereby such corporations as the Standard Oil have been built up through rebates and discriminating devices which has made all competition hopeless for those who did not stand in the favor of the railroad which granted rebates, or special privileges.

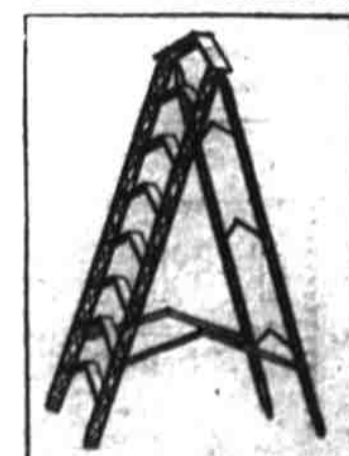
The shipper, the producer and consumer, only ask equal rights for all, then it is possible for competition, then business can be carried on legitimately, which cannot be if there is to be secret understandings with one or two who will receive such railroad rates as to place them beyond competition of those in the same business who do not receive them.

Accepting President Spencer's declaration as representative of the railroads, it proves a readiness on the part of the railroads to assist in a reasonable and proper reform and correction of existing abuses, and this being true, there should be no action taken against them that would injure their business or the communities in which they do business. There is a limit to supervision of the railroads so that it may not be carried beyond what is actually sought to reform, and this supervision can hardly be said to extend to legitimate rates that they may ask for their services.

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A Handy Stepladder. Most every stepladder is collapsible to a certain extent, as the rear supports fold up against the front ones and permit of the device being stood up against the wall or in a corner. The stepladder of the familiar type is of wood and for this reason its folding capacity was more or less limited, but



SAFEST FOLDING. The most recent improvement in this very useful household implement makes use of metal instead of wood and makes the thing to be given a double fold which compresses its bulk down to that of a clothes prop.

Being of metal, the construction is exceedingly light and though very firm in its appearance is exceedingly strong and practically everlasting. After the back legs have been folded against the front ones the sides of the device are drawn together by means of a large joint in the center of each step and in the space of the width of the ladder, and the whole thing collapsed can almost be spanned by the two hands.

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THE POWER OF STEAM.

When James Watt saw the steam raising the kettle lid to jump up and down he said "There must be power in that steam that it can lift such a weight."

O. D. BRADHAM, Special Agt.

STOCKS, COTTON, GRAIN.

Quotations of Yesterday's Markets, furnished by Burrus & Co, Craven Street.

Table with columns for Cotton (Open, High, Low, Close) and Stock prices (Ar. Sugar, Copper, A. N., So. Ry. pf., S. P., S. J., U. S. Steel, Erie, A. C. O., V. C. Chemical, T. C. I., R. I.).

Table with columns for Stocks (Open, Close) and Chicago Grain (Open, Close) prices.

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The soothing and healing properties of this remedy, its pleasant taste and prompt and permanent cures have made it a favorite with people everywhere. It is especially prized by mothers of small children, for colds, croup and whooping cough as it always affords quick relief, and as it contains no opium or other harmful drug, it may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult.

THE MARCH DESIGNER.

It would be difficult to mention an up-to-date garment which THE DESIGNER for March cannot supply, from the lily-like costumes for Confirmation to the fantastic garb which protects the automobile.

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LIST OF LETTERS.

Remaining in the Post Office at New Bern, Craven county, N. C., Feb. 6, 1905.

Men's List: B-Railroad Bill 140 Burn St., James Brock; C-Eddie Chadwick; D-John F. Dawson, d. l.; F-Salvina Frankton, Garier Francis Co, Marcell G. Franch; G-Vindeno Grabbett Bx 612, A. B. Gaskins, Carbons Gibbs, Willie Gibbs, Johnnie G.

Women's List: A-Mgt. Auge, Mary Albritton; B-Carrie Bunting, Mrs. Nettie Bryan; C-Maggie Cobb; D-Mrs. E. J. Davis; F-Manuel Flour or Read, Ida Franks; G-Josephine Forbs, Hattie Fulcher; H-Mattie Gargle, Queen St., Mrs. Louisa Green 35 Burn St.

Persons calling for the above letters will please say advertised and give date of list.

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Here is a typical letter taken from hundreds that bear similar testimony.

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"Three years ago I was stricken with inflammatory rheumatism. During that time I suffered excruciating pain, principally in my lower limbs. My joints were stiff, swollen and inflamed. Rheumacide has done me more good than all the other medicines recommended to me and I began to take it according to directions. In a short time I began to experience the greatest relief. The soreness and stiffness was soon gone and I certainly feel that Rheumacide has done me more good than all the other medicines and doctors' prescriptions which I tried. I found that Rheumacide acted well on the kidneys and bowels, and I believe it will disease. I now have perfect use of my feet, can work and walk as well as ever, and I attribute my cure entirely to the use of RHEUMACIDE. My friends and neighbors marvel at the change in my condition."

I send you this testimonial of my own accord, without solicitation, and will cheerfully recommend your medicine to all who may write or call on me hereafter. I am a widow and the benefit I have received. I am a widow and reside at the address given below.

MARY BATES WEBB, 407 W. Saratoga St. Balto. Md.

Take Cancer in Time. An English specialist declares that "too late" has yet to be said in one-half or three-fourths of the cancer cases when seen by the operating surgeon. A general acceptance of the view that cancer has usually a pre-operative stage and that this stage is the one in which an operation ought to be performed would be the means of saving many lives.

The Amateur Farmer's Success. "There goes a 'book farmer' that relates the stock jobs about what follows they are."

AFRAID OF STRONG MEDICINES. Many people suffer for years from rheumatic pains and prefer to do so rather than take the strong medicine usually given for rheumatism, not knowing that relief could be had by the use of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and without taking any food or drink.

RICK HEADACHE. The distressing ailment results from a disordered condition of the stomach. All that is needed to effect a cure is a dose or two of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. In fact, the attack may be checked off, or greatly relieved by the use of these tablets.

ITCHING ECZEMA

In July, 1883, I began to break out with eczema on my head, legs and arms, and began treatment with local doctors, but did not get much relief. They said the disease had become chronic. I then quit them and tried various ointments and soups for another two years, but as soon as cold weather came I was as bad as ever, so I finally decided to let medicine alone, and for twelve or thirteen years did nothing towards curing the eczema, except bathing. This seemed to do about as much good as anything I had tried.

The head, feet and hands are usually the parts affected, though the disease appears on other parts of the body. While external applications allay the itching and burning temporarily, it is the acids thrown off by the blood that cause the irritation and eruptions upon the skin. The acids must be neutralized and the system cleansed of all humors and poisons before the cure is permanent.

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The Oldest Church.

The oldest Christian church in the world is at Rome. Not far from the great Church of St. Maria Maggiore, in a street bearing the same name, is the much smaller Church of St. Pudentiana, which tradition as well as the opinion of archaeological experts declares to be the most ancient of the Christian edifices of Rome.

About the middle of the first century a certain Roman senator named Pudens had a house on this spot. He was a Christian convert and it is said, a distant relative of Paul, the apostle, who lodged with him from A. D. 41 to 60 and converted his two daughters, Praxedis and Pudentiana. For the religious uses of himself and guests he built a small chapel in this house, and when he died in 90 and his wife a year later his daughter added a baptistry, the plans for which were drawn by Pius, the then bishop of Rome. In course of time a church was erected on the site of the original house of Pudens and consecrated by the bishop in 108 or 145.

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"You Have a Mother's Prayers"

Writes Mrs. JANE PETTY, of Roaring River, N. C., Aug. 12, 1904. "My little boy could not walk a step from RHEUMATISM, and all other remedies had failed to do him any good. Rheumacide has cured him and made him sound and well." Hundreds of other letters give the same testimony.

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