

Data on Transportation by Motor Trucks Prepared by State Railroad Commission

Austin, Texas, March 30.—The Railroad Commission has just completed a special report to the governor and the Legislature on the motor truck regulation as undertaken by the commission in response to the Attorney General's opinion...

The statistical tables showed 264 regular trucks line, 64.38 per cent operating forty miles and less and less, 74.22 per cent fifty miles and less, 75.53 per cent sixty miles and less and 85.59 per cent seventy-five miles and less.

Of 470 operators a total of 848 trucks are owned and all manner of commodities were transported.

It is declared that the rates used are "varied and unstable." Many are made on the spot under competitive bidding, it is asserted.

The appeal of the motor truck is grounded in solid economic demand justified by experience. "The World War probably hastened the day of the shorter distances by the example of its motor transport service, but it was inevitable that that form of transportation would take a permanent place in our general system...

LOOK, BABY CHICKS—Look and read. During February 1927 three different parties at different times visited our Poultry Ranch. They had visited many of the large poultry ranches of Texas, and they decided to buy their foundation stock for their poultry ranch from us.

San Antonio to Put on Festive Program on San Jacinto Day

San Antonio, Texas, March 30.—Dates for the 36th annual Fiesta de San Jacinto celebration at San Antonio will be from April 15 to 23 inclusive, according to Jack Burke, president, who also stated that the usual low rates on all railroads would again apply.

The week of festivities commemorating the battle of San Jacinto at which Texas won its independence, will open on Monday night with the formal entry and crowning of King Antonio IX before the sacred Alamo. Now, my friend, Mr. William G. McAdoo, had framed up a dinner for some sort of a benefit, and of all the 365 nights of the year he had to go and have it the very night I am in their midst.

On Tuesday night the Battle of Flowers Association will present the Battle of Flowers fete, a springtime melody among the flowers.

On Wednesday afternoon the Fiesta Association presents the Parade of Nations, a colorful pageant in which decorated floats representing 15 nations, with the persons in native costumes, will be the big feature.

The Pilgrimage to the Alamo, shrine of Texas liberty, with Gov. Dan Moody at the head of the pilgrimage, will terminate in a memorial for the defenders of the Alamo at 2 p. m. on Thursday, followed at 4 p. m. by a trades display parade featuring San Antonio's business and industrial development.

The Battle of Flowers parade, known throughout the state as the most magnificent of all, will be held on Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock, and will be followed at 6:30 p. m. with the annual dinner at the South Texas club and other family as guests of the Fiesta Association and the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce.

New Type Pullman Has 14 Bed Rooms Replacing Berths Chicago, March 30.—A step forward in Pullman car construction is displayed in the new type ready to be turned over to the Baltimore and Ohio, Michigan Central and Pennsylvania Railroads.

Henry Ford Incurs Boycott Because He Runs General Store

Detroit, Mich., March 30.—Henry Ford's foray into the business of dispensing food and other household necessities has aroused the ire of retail dealers who are declared to be pressing a well organized boycott against wholesalers dealing with the motor manufacturer.

The exact status of the boycott has not as yet been ascertained, but there were reports that it was planned to make it national in scope.

In the meantime, Ford's well stocked markets of high grade produce continue as a magnet for thousands of persons.

The difficulty is said to have arisen over inability of retail grocery and meat merchants to compete with Ford stores, whose system of buying in enormous quantities and selling at slightly above cost, has made big inroads into the trade of competitors, including chain stores.

Persons dealing at the Ford market are said to have been told to reduce their prices to 20 and 40 per cent under the prevailing retail prices.

On the contrary, one market, that at the Highland Park plant of the Ford company, is said to have received more than a million dollars last year. The Highland Park store is the smallest of the Ford group, and has since been enlarged.

The clientele consists of persons in every walk of life, among lines of automobiles and extensive department stores, and includes the latest in second-hand stores.

Government Aid to Farmers Held More Harm Than Benefit Dallas, Texas, March 25.—Dr. J. Parker Willis of New York, editor of the Journal of Commerce and professor of banking statistics in Columbia university, New York, told the 16th annual convention of the Texas Cotton Association here Friday that efforts of the government to aid the farmer through artificial credit and other unsuitable methods have hindered rather than helped.

The convention was called to order by H. G. Safford of Houston, first vice president in the absence of D. C. Reed of Austin, president, who was unable to attend because of illness. The association sent a telegram of regard to Mr. Reed.

Will Rogers Finds He Can't Talk Against Squab That Is Featured at M'Adoo Banquet

By Will Rogers. Well, all I know is what I see as I leap from craig to craig. I hit the old adopted village of Los Angeles week before last and I was to publish a lead on a certain night.

Now there has been whole families brought up on the neck of a chicken. That is where they are allowed to manhandle it. If they keep you strictly to knife and fork rules you can get much out of it.

What I am getting at is you know now why they call "an After Dinner Speeches." That's because they can't be heard. They are talking at you and you are talking at them.

Undercover Agent of Prohibition Unit Now Throws up the Sponge Washington, March 25.—A Bruce Bielski, famous undercover agent of the prohibition department, has resigned.

Waco Man Declines Offer of Place as Prison Supervisor Waco, Tex., March 22.—Dr. J. T. Harrington today announced that he had declined appointment to the Texas prison supervisory board, recently tendered by Governor Moody.

Car of Shingles Is Found to Contain 800 Bottles of Whiskey Abbotsford, British Columbia, March 27.—Inspecting a car load of shingles that was on its way through here to a point in the United States, W. W. Atkins, an official of the British Columbia Electric railway discovered that the car contained 800 bottles of whiskey.

Officer Named to Handle All Claims of Ex-Service Men

Austin, Tex., March 28.—Stayton M. Hankins of Childress, state adjutant of the American Legion, late today was appointed state service officer to handle claims of ex-service men of Texas for compensation.

The appointment was made under authority of a bill passed at the recent session of the legislature and signed today by the governor creating the position of state service officer. His duties will be to aid injured and disabled citizens of this state who served in the world war and their relatives, beneficiaries and dependents to obtain from the United States government the benefits to which they are entitled.

All-Texas Exhibit Train Meets With Hearty Approval

Dallas, Tex., March 28.—Newspapermen, chambers of commerce and railroad officials and representatives of business interests of widely scattered sections of the state gathered in Dallas today to launch plans for an all-Texas products exhibit in the middle west and New England states.

Noted Temperance Worker Dies

Lexington, Ky., March 28.—Colonel George W. Bain, 86, nationally known temperance worker, is dead.

M-K-T Missouri-Kansas-Texas Lines

NEW SERVICE— "11 O'Clock Katy" TO Houston - Galveston Leaves Dallas 11:00 P. M. M. Waco 1:40 A. M. Temple 2:30 A. M. Granger 3:10 A. M. Taylor 3:28 A. M. Smithville 4:55 A. M. Galveston 9:55 A. M.

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