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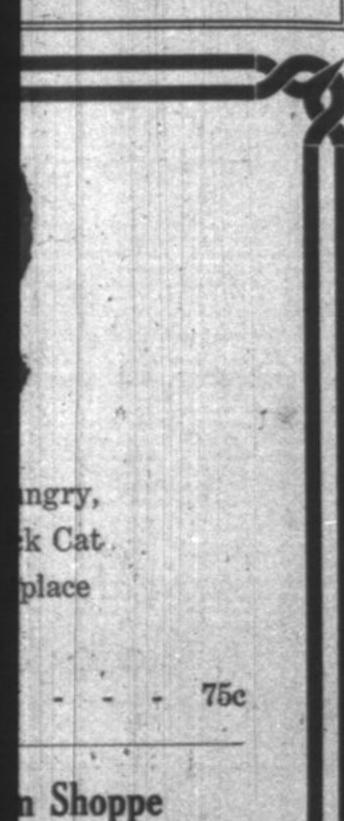
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NOTABLE SAFETY DEVICE

Fewer Accidents Occur to Persons on Trains Than In the Homes, According to Prof. King

versity of Illinois. He explains official starting point. further:

granted that it is all a part of the dealer. intricate task of moving trains and seldom concerns with himself with the details of its operation.

The one who studies the situation carefully, however, and who finds the installation of supplementary oil, that there are fewer accidents occurring to person on trains than in homes, is bound to conclude that the supplies for the desert miles where safety appliances in railway train filling stations are hundreds of miles operate so efficiently on such a large yards. cale. Throughout the country thousands of trains are moving at every hour of day and night, and in proportion to the number of movements the per centage of accidents is very

Use Block Signals Much of the safety in operation is brought about by the use of autom ic block signalling devices that are controlled by the movements of the trains themselves. One type of such equipment for daylight signaling is made by mounting a movable blade on a high post placed at the side of the tracks or on a short post on signal bridge placed above the tracks. The position of this blade conveys to the engineman of the moving train certain information about the loca-

tion and movements of other trains ahead that he can use to governing the running of his own. The track is divided into sections called blocks a mile or more in length and each section is governed by one of these signals stationed at the beginning of that block. Colored lights are used to give signals to the engineman by night and even in some cases by day. A blade in the horizontal position or a light showing red indicates that the block immediately ahead is occupied and that he should stop his train, A blade standing at an angle with the horizontal or a light showing some other color than red is a proceed indication telling the engineman that he may advance his train with caution or at full speed, depending upon the particular angle of the blade or the color of the light. A

Expedite Train Movements While signals serve a very useful purpose in providing safety for train operation they find a more useful purpose in expediting train movements. They permit a more economical movement of trains because to a certain extent they automatically control the intervals between the trains themselves. The eliminate in a large measure the train order with its attendant stops and delays, saving the railroads millions of dollars annually in trani operation.

large majority of these signals are

operated and lighted by electric cur-

rent drawn from batteries or power

The cost of this equipment is comparatively small as railroad expenses go; yet it makes an item of considerable proportions when figures for all the roadway that is operated under block signal control. The cost automatic block signal equipment would probably average a little over \$2500 for a single mile. At this rate the 40,000 miles of track so equipped would total an amount in excess of \$100,000,000. This is for automatic block signaling alone, and does not include the 60,000 miles operated under other forms of block signal control and allows nothing for the vast amount of equipment installed for the protection of railway and highway crossing and for the successful operation of large railway terminals.

MERGED SCHOOLS ARE REPORTED EFFICIENT

Compared With One-Teacher Type in Connecticut Show Better Results

Comparing costs and results of education in consolidated and in oneteacher schools in Connecticut shows that 29 per cent of pupils 14 years of age in one-room schools drop out during the school year, but only 8 per cent in consolidated schools drop out; 41 per cent of those 15 years of age in one-room schools drop out, as compared with 12 per cent in consolidated schools. The percentage of elimination in the fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grades of one-teacher schools is approximately twice as great as in the same grades in consolidated schools. Of the teachers in oneteacher schools, 23 per cent have had two years or more of professional training, compared with 49 per cent in consolidated schools; and teachers in consolidated schools have on the average two years more experience than those in one-teacher schools.

BUICK CAR MAKES TRIP 'ROUND WORLD

Globe-Circling Auto Visits Chicago; Driven In All by 350 Persons

The Buick car which has just completed a trip around the world visited

Chicago Dec. 14 to 18, inclusive. The globe-trotting Buick circled the mechanic. It made the trip in less round-the-world flyers. The car Fewer acidents occur to persons on passed from the hands of one Buick trains than in the homes because of dealer to the next, entirely around its safety factors, says E. E. King, pro- big circle-some 350 persons driving fessor of railway civil engineer, Uni- it before it returned to New York, its Illinois that, on account of legal re-

The car, a standard six touring The average individual who rides model, completed the trip without along in a comfortable coach on one needing repair or replacement of any of our trunk railroads seldom thinks part, tho it had the assurance of or inquires concerning the outlay for Buick authorized service during all of equipment or the expense incurred to its journey. Every one of its nearly safeguard and expedite the move- 20,000 land miles was within the sales ments of that train. He takes it for and service territory of some Buick

The only special preparation for the trip was the installation of two extra spare tires on the running boardsfour spare tires altogether-and then gasoline and water tanks also on the running boards. These were to carry

trip were almost impassable-mere Be it further resolved, that a copy sheep trails. Across the mountains of this resolution be sent to the chairand the Great Victorian desert it held man of the board, the county clerk, to its schedule and arrived on the and the county superintendent of

equal privileges, some men think they ing their husbands.

URGE COMPLETION BOND ISSUE ROADS

State Highway Supts. Show That Original Plan Must First Be Finished

Following is a resolution adopte world without a permanent driver or at a called meeting of the Association of County Superintendents of Hightime than that consumed by the ways held at Springfield December 15,

16, and 17, 1925. Whereas, it has been brought to the attention of the county superintendents of highways of the state of strictions, work on the \$100,000,000 Bond Issue System cannot be started until the roads on the \$60,000,000 Bond Issue System are under con-

Whereas, several counties of the state are not co-operating with the state department in securing right-of way, which must be obtained before contracts can be let, and otherwise helping to complete the \$60,000,000 Bond Issue System, and

Whereas, the rest of the state is suffering by reason of this delay which is depriving the general pub-

Therefore, be it resolved, that we urge the counties that have not secured this necessary right-of-way to service must be well nigh perfect to apart instead of every few hundred by enabling the state to award contracts for the remainder of the \$60,-One of the most difficult parts of 000,000 Bond Issue System, and thus the trip was the long run completely removing the last legal obstacle for across the continent of Australia. the department to start on the \$100,-

in Melbourne, where it took ship highways of each county in the state.

Claimed the legislators enacted too many laws the past year, but they will soon be meeting in the various hould have the privilege of support- capitols to relieve that situation by passing a lot more.

ESTIMATED LOSSES

expected to bring in \$110,000,000. It laneous taxes. is expected that there will be a loss

taxes in 1926 under the new bill would the orators would put out some conmount to \$1,685,425,000, as against densed speeches.

\$1,880,000,000 under the present law. UNDER NEW TAX BILL Other revenue receipts under the new bill would be \$110,000,000 from According to revised estimates, rev. the estate tax \$93,500,000 from the enue losses under the new tax bill, if capital stock tax, \$361,000,000 from passed will be \$325,000,000 in 1926, tobacco taxes, \$21,000,000 from dis-\$335,000,000 in 1927 and \$345,000,- tilled spirits, etc.; \$69,600,000 from 000 in 1928. It is not shown that there automobiles, \$46,000 from stamp will be any loss in revenue in 1926 taxes, \$29,000,000 from admissions under the estate tax and these are and dues, and \$10,239,000 from miscel-

1927 and twenty millions in 1928. densed milk, evaporated fruits, dried Revenue estimated from income vegetables, etc., it would be fine if

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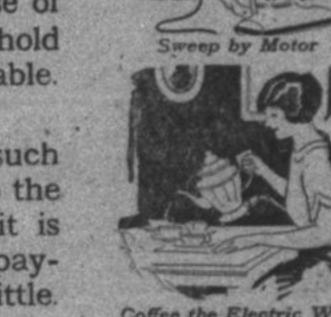


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