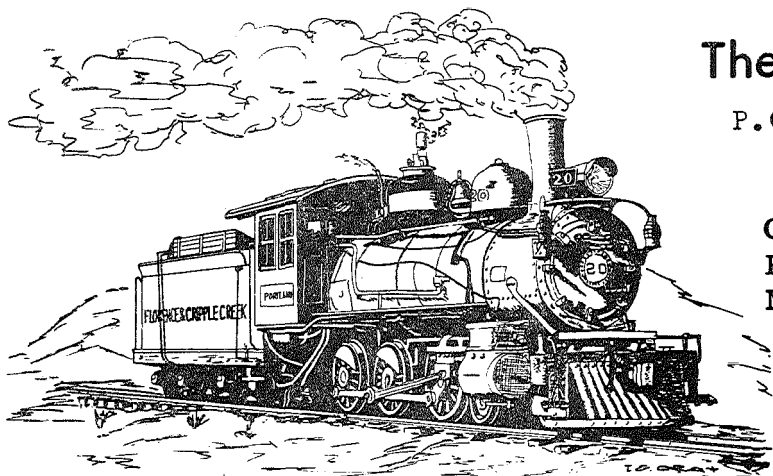


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MEETING NOTICE: The regular meeting on the second Wednesday will not be held in November, as this meeting is replaced by the Annual Dinner on November 2, 1968.

The December meeting will be on December 11, at the usual place and time. Don't forget, the election of officers will be held at the December meeting.

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NEW

A mailing is being completed to all Rocky Mountain Railroad Club members, consisting of a booklet entitled "NEW WAYS TO RUN RAILROADS."

BOOKLET

This interesting booklet about modern railroading was published by Alco Products, Schenectady, New York. It is furnished through the courtesy of the Worthington Corporation and club member I. E. August. In addition, members whose dues were paid by March, 1968 will also receive a pamphlet entitled "Disaster in Fountain, 1888" by Dr. L. L. Williams of Colorado Springs. This is a reprint of an article published by the Westerners a few years ago, and gives the details of a railroad explosion in Colorado back in 1888.

Some members have noted that no Club Roster has appeared this year. We regret the delay, but it was unavoidable, due to a change in style and a complete listing of all "Zip codes." Club member L. W. Ruid has shouldered the major part of the work on this undertaking, and the result will be in the mail before long. The roster has been completely re-set in a new type face by the World Press, and we hope you will be pleased with the result.

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GAS TURBINE

From the Evening Star (Washington, D. C.) of October 15, 1968, a portion of an article by-lined by Stephen M. Aug,

TRAINS?

"Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey will formally accept for the federal government next Monday two new gas turbine trains for experimental High-speed rail passenger operations between New York and Boston - but the sleek trains may remain sidetracked for lack of insurance.

Officials of the bankrupt New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, which is to operate the trains on the northern leg of the Northeast Corridor experimental program, say they're still shopping around for an insurance company willing to sell them what they consider to be sufficient liability insurance to protect the line against lawsuits once the high-speed trains go into service.

Robert Blanchette, New Haven general counsel, said the road has obtained sufficient liability insurance to enable it to begin test runs for crew training and making schedules immediately after the government accepts the trains from United Aircraft Cor. in ceremonies next Monday at New London, Conn., midway point in the northern leg of the high-speed route.

'But New Haven officials believe considerably more insurance coverage is required before the high-speed trains start carrying passengers, and Blanchette added in a telephone interview, 'The question is how much insurance can be purchased in the open market'... 'We're still shopping. We want enough to protect us against any reasonably foreseeable assessment of damages.'

'Blanchette explained that railroad liability insurance is a highly specialized market and there are few companies in the business, 'and it is not a readily obtainable commodity.'''

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SILVERTON From the Silverton Standard of Friday, October 4, 1968,

'Today, Saturday and Sunday will wind up the 1968 season of "The Silverton," Denver and Rio Grande Western narrow gauge between Durango and Silverton. Through Thursday of this week, 85,230 passengers had arrived in Silverton by rail through the summer, nearly 6,000 more than last summer when 79,776 rode the train into Silverton. Last year's runs stopped October 1.

'Early this week, "Union Pacific" motive power moved the historic train into Silverton. Engines 473 and 478, repainted and redecorated in Union Pacific colors (and with numbers switched), have remained decorated until the movies filmed with them last month in the Animas Canyon and east of Durango have all been developed. Coaches have also retained their coloring, with the result that mixed colors have appeared almost every day this week. Tuesday, No. 476 went through its general monthly inspection, and one of the wash-out plugs wasn't properly replaced. The engine spewed steam all over the cab around 36th Street in Durango Wednesday morning, and the train had to back into the depot, where "Union Pacific" No. 478 replaced it and pulled the train into Silverton - an hour and ten minutes late.'

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SWAP 'N SHOP Personal ads are accepted from members for items to be listed for sale or trade or wanted. We cannot enter into correspondence concerning an item, nor will we appraise items to be offered for sale. Send your listing to the Editor by the 20th of the month preceding publication.

Swap - Have the following Colorado Passes to swap for other Colorado Passes. D&RG 1889, Ticket Agents 1892, 1894. C&S. 1899. FT.W&D.C. 1907, R.G.W. 1893, 1900 Blank, MT./F&CC 1909, A.C. 1909 Blank. SIL/SIL. NOR 1911, Colo & NW, 1898 U.P. 1893, 1900, 1914, 1915, 1884. Neb. Div. O.W. RR & N Co. 1915
M. Koch, 41 Old Army Road, Scarsdale, N.Y. 10583

For Sale - The latest of my WESTERN YESTERDAYS series, Volume VI, THOMAS FITZPATRICK, RAILROADMAN. The adventures of this high railroad official, beginning in 1868 at age 16 on the Kansas Pacific construction, including hunting with Buffalo Bill, fights with Indians, white toughs, and blizzards. Stirring times as division roadmaster on the MK&T in the wild Indian Territory, 1877-82, and roadmaster on the narrow gauge D&RG at Leadville, Colorado, during the great silver mining boom. 100 pages, 8 of pictures, with two-page map. Send \$1.95 to WESTERN YESTERDAYS, Box 1433, Boulder, Colorado 80302. Colorado residents please add 3% sales tax. Forest Crossen.

Wanted - Early Texas documents, letters, maps, pamphlets, post card railroad time tables, photos; printers type catalogues.
A. F. Von Blon, 1208 Locust, Muskogee, Oklahoma.

For Sale - Dew, The Jonesboro, Lake City & Eastern RR. The HISTORY of an Arkansas Railroad, 120 ps, ill's, roster of motive power and rolling stock. \$2.65 A. F. Von Blon, 1208 Locust, Muskogee, Okla.

Wanted - D&RGW Rule Book, Late 1950's or current issue. Employee timetables: issued since June 1968 for the D&RGW, C&S, CRI&P, UP, ATSF. Old Employee and Public Timetables 1920-1949 period for D&RGW, C&S.
Lawrence McDonald, 5612 Lydia St., Kansas City, Mo. 64110

For Sale - One copy Cram's Standard American Railway System Atlas for 1905. Large 18"x24" (opens to 3' x 2') leather-bound, 634-page Atlas with map of each state, and countries of the world, showing each railroad in a separate color and listing all electric interurbans for each state. Cover and binding torn, inside contents excellent. Best offer over \$35.00, includes postage. J. C. Thode, 3261 So. University Blvd., Englewood, Colorado 80110