Overhead Specialists

A Line Of Linemen

No, folks, this is not a football team although they are right there with the tackle for handling all equipment you see suspended from the poles in the form of trolley and span wires, for the maintenance of service. They are the Trolley Maintenance and Construction crews of 10th Street.

Here you have twenty-one men, or seven crews, with the seven tower wagons in the background to prove it. Each crew consists of three men, one drive, first and second wiremen, and the wagons are in service twenty-four hours a day, Sundays and holidays included. There are four different shifts of the regular construction crew working from 8 A. M. to 5 P. M., one crew from 7 A. M. to 4 P. M., another crew works the emergency overhead trouble from 5 P. M. to midnight, and another crew relieves at midnight and works until 7 A. M. Two special construction crews take care of all construction work in the downtown congested district that cannot be done in the day time.

The schedule of shifts is so arranged that one crew does not work more than one week on the same shift. The night men work six weeks on their shift and they are then put on the day shift. It falls to the lot of Supervising Foreman R. C. McDevitt to see that the overhead system is kept in good shape, to distribute the work and spread the crews over the city to get the best results.

An inspector turns in all reports of trouble and the foreman arranges the work among the different crews who make renewals of trolley wires, repair broken wire, frogs, crossings, electric switches, etc. It is also arranged that crews call in on the hour and half hour to the Line Department Dispatcher for further assignments.

Tower Wagon No. 56 has an emergency crew available at all times for pick-up work where it would be inconsistent to call a regular crew from their job.

New Schedules on 'H,' 'R' and 'S'

New schedules became effective Sunday, November 27th, on Lines "H," "R" and "S," providing for additional protective time at the west terminals between the hour of 5:20 and 6:20 P. M.

Line "H" has five A. M. and five P. M. two-car trains, an increase of three A. M. and two P. M. Seventeen full runs have been added on this schedule.

The new schedule on Line "S" provides for one additional car and two additional fail runs. There will be eight A. M. and eight P. M. two-car trains, the same as the old schedule.

Going Up!

The stock of Azuride has gone up. Several weeks ago there appeared a story in Two Bells about the circulation of Azuride and an appeal made to the various divisions to send in copies for distribution on the cars.

The responses to this appeal were prompt and the results show that the additional copies put on the cars by the various divisions were taken by the riding public.

On October 1st, before the appeal was made, there were 123,125 Azurides sent out and 2510 returned. On the last issue preceding the appeal, November 1st, there were 149,000 Azurides sent out and 2585 returned, an increase of approximately 10,000 additional copies used by our patrons.

Every trainman will be doing this Company a service by reporting to his Division office when his car is out of Azurides.

Appointed Supervisor

L. T. Stoten, who was injured on duty some time ago and who returned to the platform service after he had fully recuperated from the accident, has been appointed Supervisor by W. B. Adams, Director of Traffic. His friends and co-workers wish him better luck this time.

New Uniforms

Dick Windsor, Manager of the Uniform Department, wishes to announce the arrival of new uniforms under new contract. He states the material, workmanship and style are the best ever.

Don't crowd boys, but be sure to get your order from your Division Superintendent, and doll up for Christmas. "We do not sell service, we give it," is Dick Windsor's slogan.

It Won't Be Long Now

Sherman Beals, Chief District Superintendent, dropped in the general offices the other day to let the boys know he was coming along nicely and would soon be back on the job. Sherman has been suffering from liver trouble for the past two or three weeks.

New Figueroa Schedule

A new schedule on Figueroa Street Motor Coach Line became effective Sunday, November 26th, providing additional service during the evening rush period daily, and also more service during A. M. rush on Saturdays.

We'll See It Through

"This is the season when a 'feller needs a friend," said J. A. Bodley, Chief Dispatcher, commenting on the present indications which point to heavy passenger travel and greater congestion by automobiles during the next thirty days or so. "A schedule to cover the conditions which we will be called on to meet is an impossi-

bility," continued Bodley, "so the re-

sponsibility for service is up to the Line Supervisor, and believe me, he has some job and it is one of the 'fellers who needs a friend."

"Another 'feller' is the dispatcher who also has a big unit in maintaining service. His shortcoming is that he only has the usual number of hands and ears provided a human being.

Then there are the trainmen who will have to overcome exasperating conditions, in other words, 'fight through with a smile.' The effort is worth the price and the majority of the traveling public knows what we are up against and even though we fail to bear them say nice things about us and give us credit for having a wonderful organization, without which we would fail flat, we hope this consideration in that we do not fear flooded track and we know our equipment is not going to fail us."

"How different from the old days, when we had real worries," said Bodley, "We were afraid of the electric power, as it usually played out. Then during Christmas week all retail stores remained open until 9 or 10 P. M., and this meant fourteen to sixteen hour runs without relief. But times have changed and we have traded our problem of those days for the more modern one of today."

"In this day, as in the days gone by, we have no fear of the outcome, as we feel we are equal to the task confronting us and will add another successful year to the history of the Los Angeles Railway."

Cutting Down Hill

Work is being resumed by the Engineering Department in cutting the top off the hill on Temple Street, between Robinson and Hoover Streets, to conform with the new street level.

The old 60-pound rail is being replaced with 72-pound.

At Ease

The examinations which are given to men over the ninety-day period will be temporarily discontinued after Saturday, December 16th, according to a report from Daniel Healy, Chief Instructor. These examinations will start in again on January 5th, 1928.
Thoughts Are Things

Y
ears ago, Carlyle wrote the following:

“... This city, with all its houses, palaces, steam engines, cathedrals and huge, immeasurable traffic and tumult, what is it but a Thought—millions of Thoughts made into one—a huge immeasurable Spirit of a Thought, embodied in brick, in iron, smoke, dust, palaces, parliaments, coaches, docks and the rest of it! Not a brick was made but some man had to think of the making of that brick.”

How many of us have trained our minds and the powers of observation so that we can give each individual brick, which we lay in our records, a thought, or are we obliged to continually make the excuse for ourselves that we did not think.

A recent case wherein a serious accident, which, resulting in loss of position, caused untold suffering of the employe’s family, and coming as it did just a few days before Thanksgiving seemed more distressful than the average of such occurrences, was accounted for only by the statement on the part of the motorman that “I was watching some workmen near the curb and did not think that a truck would be standing on the track where it was.”

Let us realize that we, in this city so aptly described by Carlyle, must think that the element of danger constantly exists, and we must think of every detail which can be observed for rendering observation so that we can give each individual brick, which we lay in our records, a thought, or are we obliged to continually make the excuse for ourselves that we did not think.

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Let us give the necessary thought to the making of every brick.

LARY LAFFS

A priest offered twenty-five cents to the boy who could tell him who was the greatest man in history.

“Christopher Columbus,” answered the Italian boy.

“George Washington,” answered the American lad.

“St. Patrick,” shouted the Jewish boy.

“At the quarter is yours,” said the priest. “But why did you say St. Patrick?”

“Right down in my heart I know it was Moses,” said the Jewish boy, “but business is business.”

The Judge: “You say that the prisoner had a tray of diamonds in his hand. What did you do?”

Officer: “Took it with me club, your honor.”

A colored soldier was walking post his passengers.

“The officer of the day.”

“Advance!”

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An eighty-year-old lad was asked to write what he considered a good dinner bill of fare for Thanksgiving, and here it is:

First Course—Mince Pie.
Second Course—Pumpkin Pie and Turkey.
Third Course—Lemon Pie, Turkey, Cranberries.
Fourth Course—Custard Pie, Apple Pie, Mince Pie, Chocolate Cake, Ice Cream, Plum Pudding.
Dessert.—Pie.

Two gentlemen riding on a train were both very much intoxicated.

First Gent: “What time is it?”
Second Gent (after extracting a match box from his pocket with much exertion and gazing at it intently): “Thursday.”
First Gent: “My heavens, I’ve got to get off here.”

The Bride (inspecting the wedding presents): “They’re awful fine, Willie.”

The Bridegroom: “Ay, but maist o’ them are from folks no’ yet married, Jean.”

Defeated Jockey: “Well, anyhow, I wasn’t the last. There were two horses behind me.”

Dis grunt: “H—l I—m was the first two horses in the next race.”

The Little Things

It’s a little thing to:

For anyone, no matter who, Ought to think.
Take a little time each day From the minutes thrown away.
It’s a little thing to Spare it from your work or play, From the hours of your life. It’s a little thing to Do not think.
You will find that those who Fail Do not think.
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For Conductor A. H. McKeel of Division Four from John H. Gage for his thoughtfulness in helping an elderly man and himself on the car.

For Conductors T. D. Hall, G. R. Perdew and M. Smetana, all of Division Three, from Miss Ella M. Kennedy for their unfailing courtesy.

For Conductors J. C. Phillips and I. E. Gough, also of Division Three, whose pictures do not appear, were also included in Miss Kennedy’s letter, which says: “These trainmen never lose an opportunity to do a quiet act of kindness to anyone who may need it—myself as well as others—and do it—‘Now.’”

For Conductor C. E. Vassar of Division Three from Miss Edith Keyser, who writes: “I wish to thank you for your courteous and general attentive-ness to duty of Conductor 262 of Line L.”

For Motorman M. Knudson of Division Five, whose picture was not obtainable, Mrs. W. A. Austin for his thoughtfulness and courtesy.


For Conductor J. E. Raskel of Division Five from Frank D. Smetana for his extreme kindness in following an invalid woman into the center section of the car and offering her his stool to sit on. Mr. Grace’s letter says in part: “I am an invalid, and such little courtesies are appreciated.”

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For Conductor M. Z. Taylor of Division Two from Mrs. Edyth R. Lee for his uniform courtesy. Mrs. Lee says: “I ride his car each morning at the rush hour, and he is always cheerful and patient under the most trying conditions. He gladly gives assistance to the crippled and aged and no matter how big the crowd, never misses a fare.”

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The Man That’s Wanted

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Legal Question Box

Q. Can a wife separated from her husband have her community rights established without seeking a divorce? W. P.
A. Yes.

Q. Are former wills good when a last will is made, and the last one fails to revoke them? A. They are, except as to such parts of same as are inconsistent with the last one.

Q. Is it legal for a real estate broker to act for both sides and collect commission from each? L. C.
A. Yes, provided both sides are made aware of his receiving double commission.

Q. Can the husband dispose of community personal property without the wife's consent? G. T.
A. He can for a valuable consideration, provided, however, that he cannot sell, convey or encumber the furnishings of the home or the clothing and wearing apparel of the wife or minor children.

Bowen Improving

In this land of wonderful climate, trial marriages and numerous divorces, it seems good to hear of long marriages and matrimonial bliss. We take pleasure in stating the fact that Frank Christy, Supervisor in charge of Flagmen, celebrated his thirty-second wedding anniversary on the 22nd of this month. Frank celebrated the occasion with Mrs. Christy, his two sons and their wives and five grand-children, and we rise to remark that on looking at Frank, anyone can see that married life agrees with him.

Frank is also just getting over the fact that he celebrated his thirty-second anniversary of service with the Company in October last.

Bowen, it will be remembered, was struck by an automobile and seriously injured about ten days ago. His home address is 603 Kensington Road.

Personal Mention

O. T. Elrod, the Joyial Assistant Chief Instructor, has finally finished and moved into his new home at 1137 West 84th Place.

Motor Coach Laundrymen


"Brighten the Corner Where You Are."

Winner Announced

Just to relieve you of the expectancy of the arrival at your home of the new 1928 Buick sedan recently donated by Edward L. Doheny at St. Mary's Parish, J. J. Gallagher, Information Man, wishes to inform all employees that Mrs. M. T. Collins, who lives at Whittier and Euclid Avenues, will be in the machine. Mrs. Collins is the wife of ex-Councilman M. T. Collins.

Newcomer

Introducing Miss Violet Sundt, Reception Room Clerk in the Claim Department.

For Rent

Three-room House, very nicely furnished and clean. 1009 South Alma Street, convenient to "R" Line and Division One. $30 per month. B-119.

For Sale

Brunswick Phonograph, walnut case, thirty records, with Two-Tube Radio Set arranged in phonograph case, good condition; both in working order. Bargain $35. B-150.
TWO BELLS

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Conductor F. W. Bray resigned several months ago to try railroading in Arizona, but reported for duty at Division Two Tuesday. He says the extra board looks very lengthy, but he might not take more than two years to reach the top.

Car 2501 has been put into service on Line "S" and has caused a lot of comment. One man said he wanted 200 cents, and another 50 cents to wear on his pants. Another favorite expression is "All this for a nickel!!" They all seemed to be pleased. The only person not favorably impressed is one who has just touched a match to a perfectly good soft seat and found that the training received on the Los Angeles Railway cars stands them in good stead.

Conductors P. C. Stebbins and H. C. Heinritz, both on leave from this division, trying out for the Police Department, were recent visitors. These boys are all bright, and they would show him just how it was done. The Scribe stood by and saw them in and asked for him, but he had gone around in a hurry and if you have not taken your examinations resolve to watch the bulletin board to find out when he will be here again.

The end of the month is drawing near average, so do the best you can, rest up for the Christmas rush. Have your watch inspected each month, and before he got caught in a snowstorm. Don't forget that on Thursday next, December 31, you are starting out with a clear sheet. Keep that white spot white.

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