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\$106,680 Bonus To Be Paid To 2330 Trainmen

Rules for Merit and Bonus System in 1924-25 Given

WITH another year of discipline under the Merit System having passed with very satisfactory results, the System will be continued for the coming year with practically no changes whatever.

A new classification list will be posted at the Divisions, the only object in making any changes in the list being to make it possible for the classification number to indicate more plainly the nature of the violation, as heretofore several different reasons for assessing demerits have been of necessity grouped under one classification number.

Cancellations Continued

The feature of automatic cancellation of demerits, while not perfect in its operation, has on the whole produced sufficiently good results to warrant its being continued for the coming year. The only modification which will be made in the automatic cancellation will be that when a man is on leave of absence the period covered by the leave will be added to the three months required before demerits not repeated were automatically cancelled, as it is manifestly unjust to the man who is on the job and fighting conditions as they exist today to have someone else take a ninety day leave of absence and on his return find all of his demerits automatically cancelled, and on account of the leave no new ones assessed. Also no automatic cancellation of demerits assessed for proven cases of discourtesy will be made.

Watch the Bulletins

The total number of cases requiring the assessment of demerits for the past year was entirely too large, and it is hoped that all trainmen will profit by the past year and thereby enable us to get through the coming year with a much better showing; and to this end let every man understand that rules as indicated by bulletins or by special articles in "Two Bells" are made because it is desired that improvement in operation be made in accordance with these articles or bulletins. This disregard of such bulletins has resulted in an excessively large number of demerits having been assessed for such things as conductors giving bells too soon, these in some cases leading to automatic dismissal, while a sincere attempt to observe the rule would have cut the demerits down

90 per cent. Too many men seem to feel that they can disregard such bulletins or special articles as not meaning what they say, and therefore, express a feeling of resentment when demerits for violations are assessed, claiming that they should have been cautioned before being demerited, although the notice or bulletin is itself all the caution that is necessary.

Violations Cause Demerits

Also a great many demerits would be unnecessary if the trainman will bear in mind that it is not the intention to repeatedly caution in regard to any one feature of operation but that one or two cautions on a certain point are all that are considered necessary and further violations inevitably bring demerits.

The attention of conductors is especially called to this matter, as for the past year too little attention has been paid by conductors to cautions regarding errors and omissions on trip sheets and register cards. There is not sufficient bookkeeping connected with the proper making out of a trip sheet or a register card to make it impossible for any man of average intelligence to avoid errors, and as we demerit motormen for each individual error made in filling out his card, there is no reason why a conductor should be permitted to make five or ten mistakes on his trip sheets or cards before being demerited.

The bonus will be continued for another year along the same lines as heretofore, and it is hoped that every man will be able to avoid demerits to the extent that he can earn a full bonus.

GEORGE BAKER ANDERSON
Manager of Transportation
Approved, G. J. Kuhrts
General Manager

30 A. M. Cars; 34 P.M. Added to Service

There are no new schedules to be reported in this week's Two Bells. The schedule department has been busy handling the cars that have been fitted into the various lines to meet the increase of travel. Last Friday records showed that since Tuesday thirty morning cars and thirty-four afternoon cars have been added to service.

Mayor George E. Cryer is expected to attend the evening meeting for the awarding of bonus checks, and to participate in the distribution to trainmen. The Mayor has assured the company that he will attend unless emergency matters connected with the city's interests interfere. The Mayor's acceptance of the invitation to be present at this meeting indicates the recognition of street car service as a community asset, and the work of street car men as a public service for the benefit of all citizens.

PAYMENT of the fifth annual Christmas bonus to Los Angeles Railway trainmen Monday, December 15, will mark a record high point in the number of men participating, and the amount of money awarded, with 2330 motormen, conductors and safety car operators. Arrangements have been made for the three meetings in the hall of the Disabled Veterans of the World War, 246 South Hill street, at 10 A.M., 1 P.M. and 8 P.M. Officials of the transportation department will be in charge of the sessions.

The actual distribution of checks will be made by the division superintendents and their assistants. As far as possible, men will be seated according to their divisions. The business of each meeting will be brief, with a few words devoted to a summary of the Merit and Bonus system accomplishments during 1924, and possibilities for the future. It is expected that the largest attendance will be at the 8 P.M. meeting.

Passes \$100,000 Mark

This is the first year in which the amount of bonus paid to trainmen has passed the mark of \$100,000. The high figure stood at \$94,916, which was paid in 1922, but the highest number of men receiving bonus was 1977 at Christmas 1921.

The large number of men receiving checks this year is principally due to the fact that there has been little "turn-over" during the last half of the year. During the period of power shortage no new men were employed and, as in all lines of business, men who had jobs held onto them.

The first estimate of number of men to receive bonus was 2475 and proved to be high, but the final figure of 2330 is still far ahead of previous years.

Top Men Picked

Announcement of the selection of the ten top motormen and conductors of each division, and the ten top safety operators is a feature that arouses keen interest every year. Lengthy conferences were held by the division superintendents and heads of the transportation department in making the selections. While consideration was given to the details of efficiency records as shown on the cards, many other features, such as company loyal-

ty, willingness to help new men, and to assist their divisions in emergency were considered. The extra bonus checks range from one hundred dollars to the top men down to ten dollars extra for the tenth, and are in the following amounts; \$100, \$75, \$60, \$40, \$25, \$15 and four prizes of \$10 each.

The vast majority of trainmen have maintained records of better than 100 per cent. The number closing the year with less than 100 per cent are as follows: Division One, 14; Division Two, 34; Division Three, 35; Division Four, 30; Division Five, 27.

Julius Blum to Quit Auditing Department

Julius Blum, who has been in the auditing department since June 16, 1920, and has been head of the cost accounting department, is leaving the company January 1, to become office manager of the Western Soap and Chemical Company. Mr. Blum through Two Bells wishes to say goodbye to his friends in the company whom he will be unable to see personally before leaving.

*Ruth rode in my new cycle car
On the seat in back of me.
I took a bump at fifty-five
And rode on ruthlessly.*

Air Compressor, Used 20 Years, Overhauled

The air compressor equipment in the truck shop at South Park, which was put in service twenty years ago, is being overhauled. The 75 H.P. motor operating the air compressor is to be changed from two phase 2200 volts to three phase 440 volts without changing the speed or capacity of the motor. The starting apparatus will be changed at the same time to conform to up-to-date standards.

Editorial Comment

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Service Records Make Record Bonus Checks

DURING 1924 new records have been established in good will between trainmen and street car passengers, as indicated in the monthly complaint records. Other reports have been established in such work as procuring names of accident witnesses. Now these which have required a certain amount of effort have led up to the establishment of a new record in the amount of Christmas bonus paid and the number of men participating.

The bonus checks total \$106,680. This is a large amount of money, and requires the collecting of a lot of nickels. Nevertheless, the company feels that it is good business to pay this yearly Christmas bonus. Each year it is emphasized by officials of the company that the bonus checks are not given in the form of Christmas presents, but are special awards for special service as indicated by the efficiency record cards.

A few of the checks to be distributed Monday, December 15, represent only a few cents, and go to men who came under the Merit System regulations just a few days before the records were closed November 30. Other checks range up to \$160.

There is more to the bonus checks than the amount of money represented. There is satisfaction to the individual trainman, for he has met the opportunities placed before him and has discharged his duties in a creditable manner.

Smiling Christmas Service

THE next ten days will put trainmen up against the hardest test of the year. The pre-holiday season brings out a record number of Christmas shoppers who use the street cars, and autoists who use the street car tracks.

This is the time to tackle a big job with a smile. The Christmas season is a season of good will. Those who are shopping are buying presents for their friends and relatives. They are carrying out errands of good will.

Every trainman should catch the spirit of good will that is in the air, and not let the crowds and confusion of traffic interfere with a smile.

Meet the troubles of the heavy Christmas travel with a smile, and they will shrink down to the size which you will find you can handle easily.

Opportunity

*They do me wrong who say I come no more
When once I knock and fail to find you in;
For every day I stand outside your door
And bid you wake, and rise to fight and win.*

*Wail not for precious chances passed away!
Weep not for golden ages on the wane!
Each night I burnt the records of the day—
At sunrise every soul is born again!*

*Dost thou behold thy lost youth all aghast?
Dost reel from righteous Retribution's blow?
Then turn from blotted archives of the past
And find the future's pages white as snow.*

*Art thou a mourner? Rouse thee from thy spell;
Art thou a sinner? Sins may be forgiven;
Each morning gives thee wings to flee from hell,
Each night a star to guide thy feet to heaven.*

*Laugh like a boy at splendors that have sped,
To vanished joys be blind and deaf and dumb
My judgments seal the dead past with its dead,
But never bind a moment yet to come.*

*Though deep in mire, wring not your hands and weep;
I lend my arm to all who say "I can!"
No shame-faced outcast ever sank so deep
But yet might rise and be again a man!*

—Walter Malone, 1866.

BULLETINS

Issued December 15, 1924

BULLETIN NO. 264 Notice to Conductors

The following Firemen's pass books are reported lost:

No. 18072, issued to Fireman Robert M. Dysart.

No. 21484, issued to Fireman Fred J. Kirchner.

If presented for transportation, take up, collect fare, and send to this office with report.

BULLETIN NO. 265 Notice to Conductors

Pass No. 6625, issued to H. F. Safford, Conductor Division Five, is reported lost. If presented for transportation, take up, collect fare, and send to this office with report.

BULLETIN NO. 266 Notice to Trainmen

Trainmen are becoming careless regarding the speed over special track work and the passing under overhead special work at too high rate of speed and without throwing off the power.

Closer attention must be paid to this in the future.

R. B. Hill
Supt. of Operation.

BUS BULLETINS

LOS ANGELES RAILWAY
BUS DIVISION

BULLETIN NO. 181 December 3, 1924.

On Wednesday, December 10, 1924, system of watch inspection will be inaugurated at the Bus Division of the Los Angeles Railway, similar to that now effective on the street car lines of the Los Angeles Railway. You will therefore call on the supervisor for certificates of watch inspection which you will present to any one of the following jewelers:

V. A. Corrigan, 631 South Main St., or
A. P. Tarter, 841 S. Spring St.
Donald Nicolson, 1063 So. Broadway.

After original inspection any one of the above will furnish inspection card which you will carry with you at all times while on duty and will also arrange to call once a month and have your watch inspected.

BULLETIN NO. 182 Dec. 9, 1924.

Below please find portion of the contents of a letter from the Rooker Register Factory, in which they explain the cause of defective registers we sent back to the factory for repairs. The information should be of service. Please read carefully and be governed accordingly:

"Register was misused and abused. Bell guard was dented in and case was also bent in at one of the counters.

"Register had three dimes wedged in chute and also front rocker was broken off. This was caused by collecting too many fares before dumping. This caused it to clog up, then forcing in on the rack lever. Misusing machine.

"Register had 5 dimes wedged in chute. Conductor's fault. Tried to make a bank out of it and blocked it up. Misused."

BULLETIN NO. 184 Dec. 9, 1924.

All runs open for bids will be posted for twenty-four (24) hours before bids will be closed.

Bus operators and conductors, please be governed accordingly.

BULLETIN NO. 183 Dec. 9, 1924.

Complaint is made that some of our bus operators are not waiting for connection between the buses of the Vine St. line and the Wilshire Blvd. line.

Operators and conductors of both lines will be on the look out for passengers at connecting points.

F. VAN VRANKEN
Manager

Steel Poles Replace Wood on Main St.

The 35-foot wooden poles which have been used to support the overhead wires on Main street from Seventh to Eleventh, and Broadway Place from Tenth street to Eleventh, are being replaced with new steel poles.

MAY OPEN DIV. 1 SUB STATION JANUARY 1

Every effort is being exerted to complete the Division One automatic substation by the end of the year. Unless the heavy load on the substations caused by the operation of a large number of cars during the Christmas season causes any of the equipment to burn out, all available men in the electrical construction department will be kept at this work.

The transformer with the 1500 Kilo-watt machine for the Division One station, which has been dried for three weeks was recently filled with 1285 gallons of high-flash and fire-test transformer oil.

EAST TERMINAL OF LINE "R" IMPROVED

Improvement of the east terminal of line "R" is being made by extending the double track to Pasadena avenue. A new shelter station is to be built at the new end of the track.

The track department is preparing to raise the intersection of Sunset Boulevard and Beaudry street six inches. This work is being done in conjunction with the Pacific Electric and the city.

Good progress is being made on the West First street job so that the First and Hill terminal may again be connected with the Sixth and Alvarado terminal.

Praise Given for Transfer Turn-in On Lines 2 and 3

Commendation of the way in which conductors on lines "2" and "3" put up their transfers has been made by the auditor. Observation over a period of weeks shows that the men on these two lines are leading all others in this respect.

The transfers come to the auditing department properly arranged, with the same side and end up throughout. All separate coupons are kept apart in a rubber band, and the contract portion of transfers are kept separate.

Only a few creased transfers are found in those turned in from the two lines, and the envelopes are properly filled out.

The handling of transfers is a big job, as more than one-third of the riders on an ordinary day use the famous "gimmie" slip.

While the auditing department appreciates the fact that a large percentage of conductors turn in the transfers properly arranged and segregated, there is considerable room for improvement.

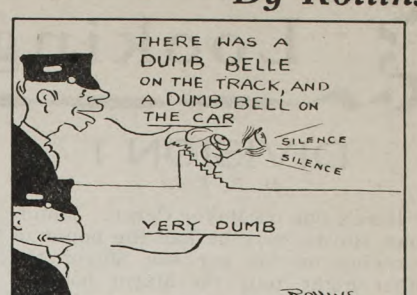
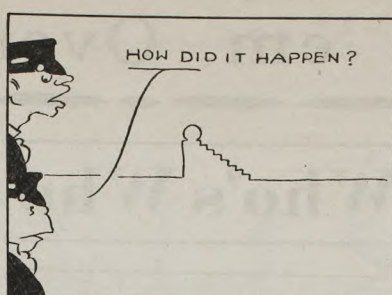
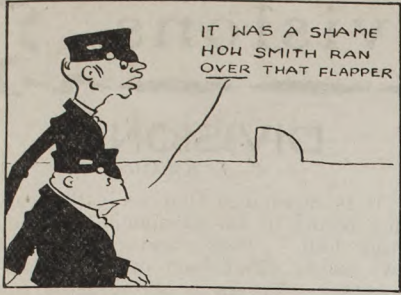
3729 Employees Give To Chest

Final reports on the Community Chest Campaign conducted in the Los Angeles Railway organization showed that subscriptions were made by 3729 employees, and the total amount subscribed was \$8,621.

This is considered a very creditable showing. The full quota for the city has been subscribed, but it is essential that payments be made as promptly as possible, so that the charity and welfare work to be financed by the chest budget will not have to be curtailed.

Conductor Ding and Motorman Ding Ding

By Rollins



Bouquets And Things (Hand Picked)

For Condr. Wm. A. Walsh, Div. 5
For Mtr. C. H. Spurlock, Div. 5

Los Angeles Railway Co.
Gentlemen:

I was riding on a line "E" car Friday, August 8, and I wish to say that the conductor whose number was 2932 is a very polite young man.

On my way out to Eagle Rock City several passengers asked him questions and directions, and he was very nice and polite in answering and giving them directions.

Also the motorman whose number I think was 1135, was so kind as to wait several times for passengers running to catching the car. It gives me pleasure to write this concerning these two men.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) MRS. J. M. PERCIVAL,
Eagle Rock City.

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For Condr. H. Kelley, Div. 5

Los Angeles Railway,
Gentlemen:

Sunday afternoon, August 31, as I was returning home from church I lost my beaded bag on Moneta car No. 116. In it was a gold watch, diamond ring, purse with door key and calling cards, white pearl handled knife, two handkerchiefs and lead pencil.

Wednesday morning I called at the office to claim it if it had been turned in.

I found it had been turned in with everything intact, just as I had lost it, to say that I was grateful is not half telling it. My appreciation is beyond words.

The young man who found and turned it in has shown himself to be honest and upright, and honesty should be rewarded wherever it is found, so I pray that L. A. Railway Company will do their best for this young man. I am proud of a railway with such honorable employees.

Respectfully,

(Signed) MRS. H. BRIGHT.

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For Condr. B. E. Pittenger, Div. 2

Los Angeles Railway,
Gentlemen:

Once more I am taking pleasure to report to you the helpfulness and politeness of Conductor 1270 on the "H" line. I assure you that only a small percentage call the streets, and especially at night strangers find it difficult. Many of the conductors, when we ask them to stop at a given street, which we do not know, shake or bend the head, consequently we are in doubt if they have heard. These may seem small matters, but they are important to the vast throng of strangers coming and going.

Yours,

MRS. M. F. B. JOSLYN,
264 South Coronado

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For Condr. F. C. Leon, Div. 3

Los Angeles Railway,
Gentlemen:

A combination of circumstances prevented me writing you at once, as I intended.

I understand from a circular I read, your men receive credits for courteous treatment given to passengers. On Monday, August 23, two other ladies and myself were saved much annoyance from an embarrassing situation through the courtesy of Conductor No. 2364.

Respectfully yours,

MRS. H. KLINGER,
361 Leslie Way,
Highland Park, L. A.

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For Condr. R. A. Fairbrother, Div. 1

Los Angeles Railway,
Gentlemen:

May I congratulate you upon having in your employ such men as Conductor No. 1376 on the "J" line.

I noticed him when on the West Ninth

Girls Complete Writing of Checks for Trainmen



From the noise and confusion of traffic on downtown streets to book-keeping machines in the auditing department, extends the scope of the Merit and Bonus System. Although trainmen are the ones who actually participate in the bonus, there is much work to be done at the main offices throughout the year in keeping up the records of efficiency percentages and the amount of bonus money earned.

A corps in the office of the supervisor of the Merit System keep up the record cards during the year. After the last credits and demerits are assessed November 30, the amounts of the various bonus checks are sent to the auditing department, and there the checks are prepared.

In the picture above Miss Margerite Hasenfang (left), and Mrs. Ethel Gorman are shown with the collection of bonus checks, totaling \$106,680.

BOWLERS NEARING TOP OF LEAGUE

F. R. Hoffman, captain of the Los Angeles Railway bowling team, which is competing with seven other teams in the Inter-city League, was all smiles Saturday because the team came out victorious over the strong Knights of Pythias team. This places the team within one point of the leadership of the league. F. R. wishes to thank the Division 2 boys who turned out Friday for their support, as they cheered the boys considerably. If they continue to turn out he promises to deliver a championship team, which he intends to take to San Francisco in May to compete in the Pacific Coast championship.

These boys defray all of their own expenses, and loss of time is checked against them, so give them a couple of hours of your spare time on Friday nights after 8:30 P.M., which is the time they start bowling.

—F. R. C.

line and always he is so kind and courteous to old and young—rich and poor. So many of the men are so cross and hateful one feels compelled to speak of such an exception.

GERTRUDE V. GIBSON,
914 South Alvarado

POWERFUL HOIST TO BE OVERHAULED

The Brown hoist which works out of Vernon Yards lifting heavy lines of rail and anything else that has to be moved, is being overhauled. The brake rigging will be rearranged and a more modern electrical control apparatus installed.

Six work cars are to be overhauled, and will be equipped with under-floor line breakers, to eliminate the trouble that has resulted in the cabs by the blowing of overhead breakers.

SEATING PLAN ON CAR 271 APPROVED

A "postcard vote" of passengers who road car 271 on line "V" for several trips indicates that the changed seating arrangement finds public favor. Cross seats are placed inside and longitudinal seats outside.

Stamped and addressed postcards were handed to passengers as they boarded. On the cards was the following statement:

"The arrangement of seats on this car is intended to provide more space

On The Back End

(Contributed)

"Just got a three dollar bill," remarked Cashier Sutherland. "Lemme see," says I rather curious, so he showed me one from his grocer.

YOU HAVE NOT WASTED

- the courtesy you have shown a customer.
- the time you spent in worship.
- the effort invested in training talent.
- the strength spent in lifting another's burden.
- the praise you give a faithful associate.

—Oklahoma City Times.

Conductor Schroeder took his Big Ben down town for repairs last Wednesday. At Third and Spring the alarm went off and balled up the traffic.

Doctor: "Gargle your throat twice a day with peroxide."
Sweet Young Thing: "But, doctor, why should a brunette like me have blonde tonsils?"

The reason some people don't recognize opportunity when they see it is because it usually goes around looking like hard work.

Conductor R. M. Knourek saw a man fall over fifty feet without getting hurt, last Tuesday. It happened on a "P" car at 5:30 p. m.

WEDDING BELLS

Another one gone "west" boys. You Division Five fellows probably noticed that Ed. Tyler has been missing from the little window where you get your trippers, night runs, day runs, show ups, etc., since Tuesday, last. Ed. was quietly married to Miss Hazel R. Criswell, who is connected with the Underwood Typewriter Company, on Thursday, December 11, and is now honeymooning. He won't say where he is going to spend his honeymoon except that he is just going to wander around. That's the stuff, Ed.—it's the last chance you'll have to wander around, so make the most of it. Good luck to you and may all your troubles come in pairs.

Mason.

on the end platforms and facilitate boarding and alighting. We want to know if you think it is an improvement. Please write your opinion below and drop the card in the mail."

Of 185 replies, 152 favored the re-arrangement.

Among the postcards received were some written in foreign languages by some of the intellectuals of the University of California, southern branch. With the help of foreman of the track construction gangs the cards were interpreted as favoring the car.

Looking 'em Over at the Divisions

DIVISION 1

D. B. Kohl

Here's one on Mayor Cryer: Motorman Hoydic says he had the honor of carrying on his car the Mayor the other night, only the Mayor boarded his "D" car thinking it was a "U" car so he had to walk back from Loomis street to Sixth and Figueroa.

Letter received from Conductor Peters who is on sick leave at the present time reads as follows: "Just a line to let you know that I am improving in health and hope to be back with all the boys soon. Please give all the boys at the division my best regards." Conductor Peters is now staying at Gilroy, Calif.

Some Division One weather bird says: A sure sign that Christmas is about here is that the L. A. Gas and Sou. Calif. Telephone Company have started excavating on 7th street. Not a bad sign at that.

Here's one by Cond. Slattery entitled, "Ten cents worth of salesman-ship."

Old Lady: "Where does this car go?"

Cond. "Up Second and down Spring."

O. L. "That won't do."

Cond. "I'll take you up Third on Traction out to 8th and Harvard, how is that?"

O. L. "That's better."

Cond. "Say, where do you want to go?"

O. L. "Why, to the end of the line. I have two hours to stay in L. A. and want to see all that I can for a dime."

Speaking of hard jobs: Just try breaking off with your best girl about now. It can't be done for she knows her onions.

When Conductor Gerhardt and Conductor Slattery with about ten other conductors started at this division, Slat got a start of 1 point, as the other ten dropped out Slat claims he has gained six points on Gerhardt in five years. Both have 4-c runs with Slat finishing 6 minutes earlier every night than Gerhardt. Now both are holding the same kind of jobs off the cars and are getting a rest from the Christmas rush.

To the great delight of the pool sharks of this division, the pool tables have all been recovered and repaired and some new cues ordered. The only thing the Company asks is that you go easy with them and in this way show your appreciation for the free amusement they afford.

Famous First Words: "Clerk, put my name down for Christmas off."

Famous Last Words: "Clerk: "No, you can't get off the P.M. Part of your run, today."

DIVISION 2

H. T. Hansen

There is a little difficulty in digging up real news this week. Owing to the Christmas rush the men are so busy taking care of the crowds that they forget to turn in all the interesting and amusing things that happen. We want everyone to co-operate in making the column a source of mutual interest. Let's show as much speed in news-gathering as we do in the Christmas rush.

She—"How did you lose your eye-sight—through an accident?"

He—"No! Through a key hole!"

UNNECESSARY CONVERSATION

Newcomer from Iowa—"Why does a black cow who eats green grass give

Who's Who



Thomas J. Dessert, conductor of Division 5, was told to take an "E" car out to Eagle Rock. This he did, and brought back a bride. Of course romance does not always move as fast as the first sentence might suggest, for Tom has been with the company more than five years. Recently he announced the arrival of a young son in the family home, and he is still working on line "E," which is dear to his heart. Tom was born in Missouri, and like other famous Missourians, he put in some of the early years of his life on a farm, working for his dad.

He is rated as one of the most dependable men of Division 5, and is well liked by his fellow trainmen.

white milk that makes yellow butter?" Clerk J. A. Madigan says, for the same reason that black berries are red when they are green!"

Motorman A. H. Garrett, is back on the front end after spending sixty days trying out another line of endeavor. Says he is glad to be back again.

We regret to hear of the death of Mrs. M. J. Grisham, mother of Motorman R. W. Grisham. Grisham resigned a few days ago in order to be with his aged father in Arkansas City.

Conductor C. E. Bower returned to duty after spending 90 days visiting relatives in the East.

DIVISION 5

F. J. Mason

Courtesy Almost Disastrous

The other night while working the Owl in the wee small hours I reached out to help an attractive young lady on the car—giving her my hand and the customary Division 5 smile. Her escort, whom I didn't notice at the time, took offense, thinking possibly that I was overdoing my stuff and but for the fact that he recognized me as a brother in good standing I probably would have been delayed the next morning making out a miscellaneous telling about it.

J. T. O'Hara.

"My, what a sweet little girl you are—and how old are you?"

Sweet little girl: "I'm six at home and five on the street cars."

A Scotchman and an Irishman were badly in need of a drink but only had 5c between them. Their thirst became so intense however, that the Irishman suggested that they go in to a bar for a drink and he would fix it up. In they went and the Irishman called for the drinks. The bartender, who was very busy satisfying thirsty throats, served them their drinks and

DIVISION 3

Dan Hanley

"Hey! Be careful Myrtle," shouted Conductor Orndorff. "You got your waist in my soup."

"That's all right," replied Myrtle, "this is an old one."

"Don't drop the slugs in the fare box" Was the conductor's plea.

"For a slug is not a nickel, And it isn't fare to me."

Leather makes the best shoes but banana skins make good slippers.

Motorman Runyon just drove up and said his sister had a new baby at their house and it sure was a scream.

Never go around with a married woman, unless you can go two with her husband.

We use to have a Conductor here by the name of I. J. Moa and he resigned and now we have no Moa.

Myrtle says: "Hash isn't made, it accumulates."

When you take your girl roller skating never ask her where she did most of her skating while learning, is the advice of Conductor Garrett.

"Let's take in a show, dear," said Motorman Naggie to his wife the other night.

"But I haven't a thing to wear," she replied.

"That's all right," said Naggie, not thinking, "we will use the closed car."

Golden State Hospital Bulletin says Naggie is much better today.

No use reminding you fellows to not forget the Bonus Day, so I won't mention it.

Conductor Millican took his young son to have his first tailor made suit.

"Shall I pad the shoulders," asked the tailor.

"No," replied young Millican, "pad the pants."

Passengers to Conductor Ford, "Will this car stop at East Lake?"

C. F. to P., "If it doesn't there will be a grand splash."

Just got a ticket to attend a lecture on appendicitis, so I think I'll go, as I just love these organ recitals.

asked for their money. The Irishman replied, "Begorra, I paid you when I ordered," and the bartender, thinking maybe that he was mistaken, let it go at that.

They went out and on approaching another bar, and felling in need of another drink, the Scotchman suggested that they go in and that he would fix it this time. In they went and the Scotchman called for the drinks. They knocked off their liquor and the Scotchman, noticing the bartender waiting around, asked him what he was waiting for. "I'm waiting to be paid," said the bartender. "Waiting to be paid h—," replied the Scotchman, "I'm waiting for my change."

He tried to cross the street car track Before a two-car train.

They put the pieces in a sack, But couldn't find the brain.

I take back all I said about Tommy Maitland regarding his ability as a fisherman. He and Commodore Conklin drove in one afternoon last week with fish all over the floor and piled all up on the back seat of his Ford sedan. Commodore was in the back seat.

Household Hints—Take all your old victrola records that have been scratch-

DIVISION 4

C. J. Knittle

It is incidental that we will receive our bonus in the Disabled War Veterans hall. "Vets" and "Bonus" are two words which have often been seen together. Theirs is an adjusted compensation but ours is "honestugawd" side jack.

Who said people don't read signs? A prominent auditorium was filled to the doors last Monday evening. "Mieczyslaw Munz" was playing. Maybe the signs on the cars are too complicated.

Believe it or not a man shivered himself into a sweat waiting for a car at Fourth and Mateo last Wednesday night.

When Motorman Z. P. Dempsey was in Texas a short time ago a farmer was showing him his stock. "How many sheep would you guess were in that flock?" he asked.

"About 300," answered Dempsey. "Absolutely correctly," declared the farmer, "how did you guess it?"

"Well," replied Dempsey, "I just counted the legs and divided the number by four."

We blame the following anonymous wheeze on Motorman Jack Mesquit because he can speak Spanish and once was a sailor:

A pretty thing from the Bahamas Went swimming in her silk pajamas;

When they got full of water Her mother said, "daughter, Vaya tu por la casa, quick! vamos!"

Old timers on the "back end" are familiar with the fact that colored folks are very helpful to strangers of their race than any other class.

The other evening, in an "F" car, a feeble old colored man had a bad soughing spell.

A young colored lady across the aisle wrote something on a slip of paper.

"This'll help yo' cold," she said, holding it toward him.

"Beg pardon, miss?" replied the aged one, holding his hand to his ear.

"I say—this'll help yo' cold," she repeated louder.

"Oh yes, yes!" he answered, "it's quite chilly."

Conductor Frank Deuber rushed up to the meat counter in the Central Market and announced he wanted a chicken.

"Do you want a pullet?" asked the butcher.

"No," answered Frank, "I want a carry it."

Motorman 1691 of "M" line has a most unique way of chasing women off the track on Broadway. He opens the window and yells, "Shoo! Shoo!"

When Christmas comes we are not going to hang up our socks. We will just take them off and they'll stand up.

Take the car behind, folks. We have to turn back.

ed, dust them off with a very light brush—then hit them with a heavy sledge hammer.

Pertaining to Pocket-books Christmas comes but once a year, And when it comes, it hits you here.

A sweet little school girl named Kate, For her street car she always was late, The conductor he smiled, But Katie got riled, When she slipped and busted her slate.

Congeniality personified—Heine inviting Ed. Link down for Christmas dinner.

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