

Gossip of Railwaymen

JOHAN WINIFRED CHAPMAN, traffic manager for the Pacific hardware and steel company, contemplates entering the percolator industry. Besides being a booster for the interstate commerce commission and attending to his arduous duties as traffic manager he has been studying the manufacture of percolators and has perfected several new ideas.

In introducing the percolators to the public he decided to present several of them to his women friends, feeling that if they were found satisfactory they would be recommended to others and the demand stimulated.

The scheme was a success until one of his young friends sent a percolator to her mother. An interesting note must have accompanied the percolator, for about a week later the young woman received a letter from her mother telling her that the percolator was waiting for her at the express office, and that she shouldn't think of marrying a man who catered to such contrivances, as the percolator burned up more coffee in one day than a coffee pot did in a week.

General Agent Zac T. George of the Wabash is around boasting about a remarkable run by a train of 20 cars of Sun-kist oranges from Colton to Buffalo, the trip being made in nine days. The train left Colton February 10 and arrived at Buffalo on the 19th. The Wabash took the shipment at Hammond, Ind., on the afternoon of February 18 and reached Buffalo with it at midnight, February 19. Considering the snow and rough weather usually encountered in the east at this time of the year this is considered a marvelous performance.

Hale Holden, for several years general attorney for the Burlington, has been promoted to the position of assistant to the president.

The Erie company has spent much money the last year on both engines and cars and is receiving from the Baldwin locomotive works a freight engine nearly every day on an order of 50 placed last fall to be delivered in January and February. Despite the unfavorable weather in January the Erie handled 579,344 loaded and empty cars, an increase of 72,224, of which increase 70,879 were loaded cars.

J. A. Brereton, who has filled the position of tariff and rate clerk in the general freight and passenger office of the Western Pacific at Salt Lake City since the eastern division opened for traffic, has resigned to accept the chief clerkship in the Denver and Rio Grande freight office at Salt Lake City.

An honest taxicab driver found three coupon books of the Transportation club in his machine the other morning about 3 o'clock. Although this column is not generally given to advertising lost and found articles, the owner can secure the return of the books by properly identifying them. Apply to V. H. Smith.

P. Sorenson has been appointed assistant superintendent of the Montana division of the Oregon Short Line, with headquarters at Pocatello, vice T. W. Jackman, assigned to other duties.

A. G. Little, traveling freight and passenger agent of the Union Pacific at Kansas City, has been appointed division freight and passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, with offices at Lake Charles, La. Julian Nance, traveling freight agent at Kansas City,

succeeds Little, and W. W. Johnson, soliciting freight agent at Kansas City, succeeds Nance.

The Missouri, Kansas and Texas raised its passenger rates in Oklahoma from 2 cents a mile to 3 cents, February 23. This followed the issuance of an injunction by Judge Hook of the federal court, restraining the officers of the state from enforcing the 2 cent fare provision of the state constitution. It is understood that the Santa Fe is now revising its tariffs and will advance its fares as soon as the revision is done.

A. H. Westfall has been appointed general superintendent of the Alton-Clover Leaf line, effective today. This change follows the resignation of P. H. Houlahan as general manager of the system. The office of general manager is abolished.

A meeting of the official classification committee to consider pending applications for changes in classification will be held March 29 at the committee's rooms, 143 Liberty street, New York. A preliminary hearing for the benefit of the western shippers will be held in Chicago, at the rooms of the Central freight association, The Rookery, Tuesday, March 15, at 10 o'clock a. m., at which time applicants for changes in classifications will be given an opportunity to present oral arguments in support of their applications.

A. Gates Little, for the last nine years with the Union Pacific in Kansas City, and for several years the company's traveling freight and passenger agent in the Kansas City territory, has been promoted to the position of division freight and passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, with headquarters at Lake Charles, La. Little will have charge of the freight and passenger interests of his company in the state of Louisiana. The appointment took effect March 1.

J. R. Holcombs, general agent of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient, has returned from Los Angeles, where he has been for several days.