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AUTOMATIC COUPLER LAW IS NOW IN EFFECT.

Roads Entering Scranton Have for Some Time Been Getting Into Shape to Meet the New Requirements—Pig Iron Output of the United States for First Half of the Year—Review of the Iron Market. Make-up of the D., L. & W. Board for Today.

At 12 o'clock last night the law requiring all railroad cars to be equipped with automatic couplers and all trains to have air brakes enough to control it, went into effect, after having laid inoperative for nearly seven years.

The act was passed by congress in 1893 with the proviso that it should take effect Jan. 1, 1898. When this time approached the railroads of the country pooled issues and succeeded in inducing the interstate commerce commission to allow a two years' extension for meeting the requirements of the law, the argument used being that the business depression had left many railroads financially unable to meet the large outlay required and further, that even if this was not so, it would be impossible to comply with the act, as the manufacturers of the various patented parts that go into the construction of the couplers could not in the specified time turn out all the orders that would be consequent upon a general compliance.

Jan. 1, 1898, approached and many of the railroads were still without the prescribed equipment. Another extension of a year was asked for, but the commissioners declined to grant it, but, after some hesitancy, agreed to allow another six months' grace.

The six months were up last night at midnight and, according to local railroad men, every road in the United States is in a position to strictly obey the law.

Some roads were not as aggressive as they might be expected to be in making good the assurances given the commissioners at the time of the last extension, but these were brought to time by the action of the larger of the complying railroads in serving notice that after July 31 they would refuse to handle any cars not equipped with automatic couplers.

Some cars, of course, are still wanting the prescribed safety device, but they will not be thus for any great length of time.

Most of the roads are represented in the Master Car Builders' association and through this association an agreement was reached that any company encountering a car not supplied with the automatic coupler should treat it as a "damaged car," supply it with the prescribed coupler and charge the expense to the owner. Any company not entering into this agreement had the alternative of having its cars returned to it empty.

The roads entering Scranton have all been shaped to meet the full requirements of the law for some time past. The Lackawanna, on account of its several heavy grades, met the "air brake" requirement of the law long before the act became operative. Chief Clerk Poore, of General Superintendent Russell's office, said yesterday that his road could report itself "100 per cent" equipped according to the demands of the act, and far more than 100 per cent, in the matter of air brakes.

The law was designed to protect train men against "coupling" accidents. The result, as will be shown in interstate commerce commissioners' statistics a year hence, will be awaited with interest.

Pig Iron Output.

The American Iron and Steel association has just collected from the manufacturers complete statistics of the production of all kinds of pig iron in the United States in the first half of 1899, amounting to 7,642,569 gross tons, against 6,298,167 tons in the first half of 1898 and 7,331,536 tons in the second half. The increased production in the first half of 1899 over the second half of 1898 was 1,344,402 tons, and the first half of 1899 aggregated 14,974,105 tons. The enormous production of the first half of 1899 will not be continued in the second half, as demand has slackened. A check in production began in June, when some furnaces were banked and others were blown out.

The production of Bessemer pig iron in the first half of 1899 was 4,481,291 gross tons, against 3,788,907 tons in the first half of 1898, and 4,413,871 tons in the second half. The production of basic pig iron in the first half of 1899, all made with coke or mixed anthracite coal and coke as fuel, was 581,868 gross tons, against 82,259 tons in the first half of 1898, and 592,644 tons in the second half.

The production of charcoal pig iron in the first half of 1899 was 167,146 gross tons, against 128,485 tons in the first half of 1898, and 156,251 tons in the second half. In addition there were produced in the first six months of this year 25,942 tons of pig iron with mixed charcoal and coke.

The production of spiegel-eisen and ferromanganese in the first half of 1899 was 148,192 gross tons, against 104,496 tons in the first half of 1898, and 115,772 tons in the second half. The stocks of pig iron which were unsold in the hands of manufacturers or their agents on June 30 amounted to 538,953 tons, against 63,429 tons on December 31, 1898, and 81,220 tons on June 30, 1899. These figures of unsold stocks do not include pig iron sold and not removed from the furnace bank, or in the hands of creditors or manufacturers by rolling mill owners for their own use, or in the hands of consumers.

In addition to the stocks of pig iron above noted there should be added 4554 tons in the yards of the American Pig Iron Storage Warrant company, which had passed out of the hands of the makers, making 34,907 tons, which may be said to have been on the market on June 30, 1899, against 68,309 tons similarly held on December 31, 1898, and 127,193 tons on June 30, 1899.

The Iron Market Reviewed.

The iron market shows little change from the previous week. There has been some increase in buying of raw material, both pig iron and steel billets, by concerns which have exhausted their stocks; but these purchases are chiefly in lots of moderate size for immediate delivery. Prices are still uncertain, and there is a tendency to hold back for a further fall. There are many opinions about the volume of fall trade, but most of

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them are to the effect that a considerable volume of business may be expected.

Inquiries for export continue to come in, but most of them are based on prices lower than makers are yet ready to consider. There seems to be a general opinion abroad that the iron trade here has gone to pieces, and that any offers will be welcomed. Our makers are hardly ready to trade on that basis; especially as there is so far no great surplus to be disposed of.

A conference of steel makers has been called to be held at the office of the Federal Steel company in Chicago to consider the situation.—Engineering and Mining Journal.

The D., L. and W. Board.

The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western board for today follows:

Tuesday, July 31. WILD CATS, SOUTH. 6 p. m.—C. Bartholomew. 8:20 p. m.—Ketchum. 10:20 p. m.—M. Fitzpatrick. 11:20 p. m.—Hammit.

WILD CATS, NORTH. 12:20 a. m.—Bennett. 1 a. m.—Wall. 2 a. m.—McConnell. 3 a. m.—Stevens. 4 a. m.—Balfour. 5 a. m.—Hallett. 6 a. m.—Pekins. 7 a. m.—Steen. 8:30 p. m.—D. Wallace. 10:45 p. m.—Bidding.

SUMMITS. 7:30 a. m., north—G. Frountelker. 9 a. m., north—Schicht. 1 p. m., north—McLane. PULLERS. 10 a. m.—M. Stack.

PUSHERS. 8 a. m.—Houser. 11 a. m.—Barber. 7 p. m.—Murphy. 9 p. m.—Cavanaugh. PASSENGER ENGINE. 6:30 p. m.—Magovern.

WILD CATS, NORTH. 5 a. m.—Madigan. 6 a. m.—Randolph. 8 a. m.—E. M. Hallett. 10 a. m.—J. Gerrity. 1 p. m.—Kinsley. 2 p. m.—Larkin. 3 p. m.—M. J. Hennigan. 4 p. m.—J. H. Hallett. 5 p. m.—Carrigan, with Masters' men. 7 p. m.—O'Hara. 8 p. m.—John Galagan. 9 p. m.—R. Castner.

NOTICE. Passenger Engine 600 Class leave Scranton for Montrose at 2:30 a. m., with Conductor W. D. Warfel and crew and an engine with its train. Passenger Engine, at 1 a. m., Conductor J. J. Duffy and crew, to handle special train coaches Scranton to Portland, and special from Portland to Nolan's Point, Aug. 1. A. C. Salisbury, Supt.

This and That. Engine No. 820, which was wrecked at Cresco and afterwards sank into the bog, was raised yesterday and brought back to this city last night. It will be placed in the shops and repaired for service.

Organizer Dilcher and Secretary Dempsey, of the United Mine Workers of America, have opened district headquarters at 215 Lackawanna avenue, where the business pertaining to district No. 1 will be transacted. Station Master McCann was yesterday.

day presented with an illuminated address by his friends around the Lackawanna station. He distinguished himself by finding a lady's purse containing a large sum of money, stopped the train and returned the purse to its rightful owner. The United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America will hold their annual convention in this city in September. Two hundred delegates are expected to participate. The sessions will open on Monday, Sept. 17, and continue several days. A. C. Cattermull, of Chicago, is here making arrangements for the convention.

ADVERTISED LETTER LIST.

List of letters remaining uncalled for at the Scranton postoffice, Lackawanna county, Pa. Persons calling for these letters will please say advertised and give date of list, Aug. 1, 1900.

Eva H. Ripple, postmaster. James F. Anderson, Thomas Adamson. Albert Braze, Patrick Burke (president Division 41), W. J. Blair, Miss Mary Butler, Joseph Beninick, Hattie Bush, Adelaide Bunkeroff, J. H. Broaden, Richard Banks. J. C. Coons, Miss C. Coyle, Honoria Corley, Miss Mary Davies, 230 Lackawanna avenue; Miss Davis, L. Davis, Clemis J. Dunn, Miss Mary A. Doherty. Richard Evans. Lewis Franklin, Miss C. Freil, Samuel R. Furlingham. John Gibson, Mr. Gould, James Gaseck, Mr. Green, Mrs. Isabel Monroe Hardy Gibson, T. Gros.

William Hilbert, Mrs. Frances I. Holgate, Mary Healey, Mrs. William Hogan, W. M. Harlin, Christine Frederick Heist, Nellie Hart. Charles H. Johnston. S. K. Koshler, Mr. Klime (Druggist), Peter R. Klum. Jeremiah Lancelo, John Leiper, Rev. George Loeck. Katie McLaughlin, Grace McGlone, John H. Moon, Nellie Marra, Mary L. Murphy, Katie Muldoon. Jefferson Nomm, Miss N. Nolan. Mrs. Ella Patterson, Henrietta Pihle. Henry Richards, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Rice, Mrs. William Riehl, Harry Riffe, N. W. Ross, Ethel Road. Colonel Oliver C. Sabin, Miss Maude Smith, Mrs. Leonard Sherman, John Shea (contractor), Jan Smith, Mr. Sprague, Milton Swinch, Oscar Sigafos, J. Solide. Mrs. Alfred Turner, Mrs. Jennie Thomas. Miss Yvonne S. Thompson, George F. Thomas. Dr. A. M. Underwood. Mr. Watson D. L. & W.), M. J. Wilson, Rev. J. T. Wright, H. G. Wells, Miss Catherine Watson, Mr. August Walter, Mrs. N. J. Weber, N. J. Webber, E. D. Wormser.

WEST SCRANTON STATION. Mrs. Ella Patterson, Henrietta Pihle. Henry Richards, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Rice, Mrs. William Riehl, Harry Riffe, N. W. Ross, Ethel Road. Colonel Oliver C. Sabin, Miss Maude Smith, Mrs. Leonard Sherman, John Shea (contractor), Jan Smith, Mr. Sprague, Milton Swinch, Oscar Sigafos, J. Solide. Mrs. Alfred Turner, Mrs. Jennie Thomas. Miss Yvonne S. Thompson, George F. Thomas. Dr. A. M. Underwood. Mr. Watson D. L. & W.), M. J. Wilson, Rev. J. T. Wright, H. G. Wells, Miss Catherine Watson, Mr. August Walter, Mrs. N. J. Weber, N. J. Webber, E. D. Wormser.

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