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Tell Everyone Everything About Development Plans.

Newspapers along the Frisco have for some time contained notices of the work which the Department of Development is conducting in establishing demonstration farms whereupon products will be grown which are suitable to the place and climate and from which the farmers can derive the greatest commercial benefit.

The Department of Development also has other plans in view, such as a market bureau, to assist the farmer in obtaining the best prices for his products.

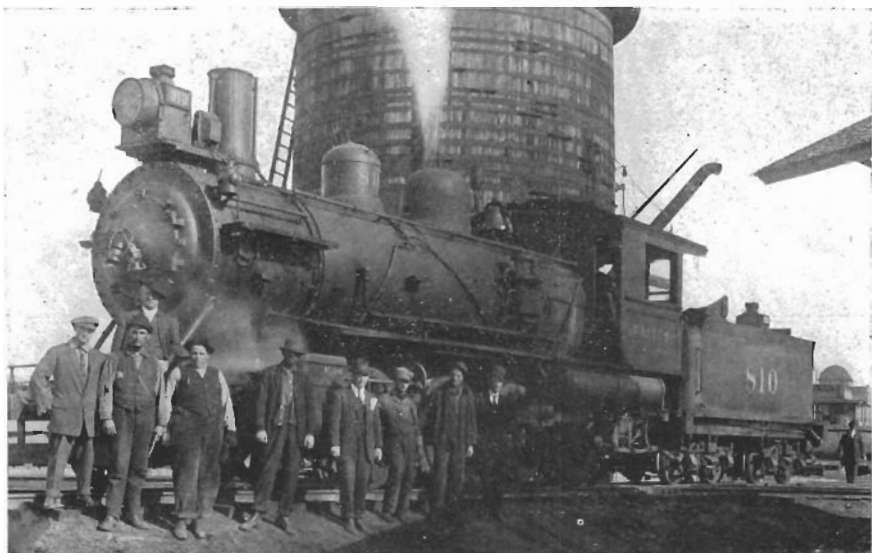
It is obvious that this work means the betterment of conditions in the Frisco's territory and it is equally clear that all public-spirited citizens will co-operate.

At the same time, it is essential that the details be laid before everyone as lucidly as possible in order that they may have a clear understanding of what is being done and in this work the local agents can be of great assistance.

The editor of the local newspaper should be fully informed upon this matter and it is essential that his earnest co-operation should be secured.

This letter is addressed to all agents and other employes of the Frisco with request that they will lose no opportunity of bringing the plans of the Department of Development before everyone in their community.

Better farming methods plus better market facilities is a slogan of vital interest in all Frisco communities.



Hugo. Yards Switch Engine and Crew. Left to right: Charlie Griffith, clerk in agent's office; Ed. Simpson, switchman; Ed Miles, way master; Charles McDaniels, switchman; Ben

Grady, switchman; Charels Gearhart, yard master; H. Powell, fireman; A. T. Butler, engineer; and F. T. Coffin, agent.

S. F. at Sapulpa.

Sixty-five employes of the Southwestern and Red River Divisions attended an informal meeting at the Y. M. C. A., Sapulpa, Okla., February 18, at 2:30 P. M.

Chairman W. J. Wallace, who presided, stated that the object of the meeting was to give every man attending an opportunity to express his views regarding Safety First, the idea being to draw the fire from any who had objections to the movement, also to discuss methods of furthering the Safety First cause.

A number of speeches were made in favor of the movement, but no opposition was in evidence.

In the evening 250 men and a number of ladies gathered at the Y. M. C. A. for a general Safety First rally. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Engineer J. A. Counts, followed by speeches by Superintendent Hopkins, Master Mechanic Long, G. E. McElveny, assistant superintendent freight loss and damage claims; Conductor C. C. Mills, W. J. Wallace, and others.

The Y. M. C. A. has been co-operating with the Safety First movement since its introduction on the Frisco and has tendered the use of the building for future meetings of the committees.

Christen It.

A new club, not yet christened, which has for its chief purpose the promotion of efficiency and good fellowship, has just been organized by employes of the Frisco's South Texas lines.

The first meeting of the club was held Tuesday afternoon, March 4, in the office of Vice-President J. S. Pyeatt, with representatives of several branches present.

Superintendent C. O. Yoakum, of the N. O., T. & M., was elected temporary chairman; E. L. Clark, chief clerk in the fuel department, was made temporary secretary. A committee was appointed to draft by-laws.

Invitations are to be extended to all members of the St. Louis, Brownsville & Mexico Railroad to become members of the organization, and everyone connected with the club is to do all in his power to promote its interests.

The employes of the general offices are enthusiastic over the organization and feel that it will result in much good, both to the company and its employes.

It is planned to have the club somewhat along the lines of the Frisco Office Efficiency Association, organized at Springfield, Mo., some time ago, and in speaking of the benefits to be derived from the association, J. E. Anderson, chief clerk to Vice-President Pyeatt, said:

"By bringing the employes together in this organization we will become better acquainted with each other, as individuals, and be brought in closer touch as we would not be simply in the discharge of our respective duties of routine work.

"We want to cultivate the social relationship and to a greater extent wipe out the aloofness between superiors and subordinates. While this will not to any extent lead to insubordination, it will, on the other hand, create a

better feeling between the men at the heads of the various departments and the employes along down the line that will infuse greater interest into the work.

"There is many a good idea locked up in the mind of some clerk who feels that it would be presumptuous for him to suggest it, which might be the solution to some more difficult way that is being practiced of doing a thing. In the meetings of the club free speech will prevail and the advancement of new ideas and greater familiarity with approved methods will be freely discussed.

"The officials will know their men better and the men will come to find out that there is not that imaginary chasm between themselves and the officials which is often a barrier to the best service."

Some Class to This.

"The Governor," running from Muskogee to Oklahoma City and return, has made the best record of any train on the Frisco during 1912 according to reports recently compiled. During the 366 days of 1912, the train was late only twice and these delays were unavoidable.

Well Worth Seeing.

The National Railway Appliance Association will hold an exhibition at Chicago, Ills., March 15 to 21.

At this will be exhibited railway supplies of all characters and it will unquestionably be well worth visiting by many in the operating service of the Frisco.

This will be the Fifth Annual Railway Exhibition and will be at the Coliseum and Armory, as before stated, March 15 to 21.

Mr. A. P. Van Schaick is president; Mr. Tom R. Wyles, vice-president, and John M. Reynolds, of the Railway Age Gazette, treasurer.

A Story With a Moral.

He was only a brakeman, but loyal to the company from which came his daily bread.

His crew had finished a hard run, arriving at the terminal on a dark cold night. The brakeman was tired and hungry after his hard trip and was anxious to turn in for some needed rest.

As he made preparations to leave the caboose, an elderly stockman from Texas, who had made the trip with this crew in charge of a car of blooded horses, asked the brakeman if he could direct him to some one who would assist him in opening the car to see that the horses were all right.

“Sure,” the brakeman would be glad to go himself and he proceeded to pilot the stockman to the car, helped him open it and see that the horses were in good shape.

This done the stockman inquired where he could get supper and a bed. After supper at the Harvey House, the pair headed for the R. R. Y. M. C. A., and were assigned to a bed.

As the stockman made ready to proceed on his journey the next morning he was heard to say, “These Frisco fellows are the most accommodating lot I ever ran across. The Frisco for me hereafter when I have freight to ship.”

Moral.—Frisco men, “go thou and do likewise.”