

## Practical Diplomacy.

"Papa," inquired a young hopeful of some seven summers, as he looked up from a book he was reading, "there's a word here which puzzles me—diplomacy?" The *Pittsburg Telegraph* tells the story.

"Diplomacy, my son," and the old man smiled paternally as he said it, "means this: Doing or saying precisely the right thing at precisely the right time."

"Ah!" retorted the young hopeful, "then I guess I exercised diplomacy last night."

"How, my boy?" inquired the fond parent.

"Why, I rolled Johnny over into my place just before ma came in with the castor oil, and then back again just before she came to the other side."

## Mrs. Flanagan's Change of Air.

This Irish colloquy comes from the *Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph*:

Flanagan sat on his front doorstep enjoying the balmy freshness of the spring evening.

Presently his neighbor Murphy paused by the fence for a chat.

"A foine av'nin," said he, pleasantly. "But, why isn't Mrs. Flanagan wid ye enj'yin' the air?"

"Sure, Mike," replied Flanagan, "the missus has gone for a change av air."

"I has she, now?" replied Murphy, interested. "And Oi hope the change will do her good. And where was she after goin'?" "Brighton, Oi suppose?"

"Then ye suppose wrong," Flanagan informed him. "Sure, an' isn't she seated at this moment on the back doorstep?"

## She Usually Is.

The Merry One—Cheer up, old man! Why don't you drown your sorrow?

The Sad One—Because she's stronger than I am; and besides, it would be murder.—*Passing Show.*

## Incompatibility.

A young man named Older knew an old man named Younger.

Old man Younger had a son younger than Older and another Younger older.

The older Younger liked the younger Older, and the older Younger's elder was pleased.

But the younger Younger disliked the older Older simply because he was younger and the other was older.

Friction grew between the older Younger, the elder Younger and the younger Older through his dislike of the younger Younger, and to this day the Olders and Youngers do not mingle.—

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The accompanying photo shows Warrior River Pump Station near Cardova, Ala., showing Pumper L. L. Smith and wife, and their grandchildren.

Mr. Smith is a veteran pumper and has been at this station since July 3, 1913.



## ST. LOUIS TERMINALS COMMITTEE.

Meeting was called to order in the office of Superintendent Terminals, Tower Grove, 9:00 A. M., January 10, by Chairman P. W. Conley. The following members were present: P. W. Conley, chairman; H. M. Robinson, agent, Seventh Street; J. B. Gilliam, general foreman car department; J. S. McGuigan, division roadmaster; E. J. Slattery, yard clerk, 7th St., and George Kinsey, section foreman. Visitors present: Frank A. Wightman, superintendent of safety; David Smith, safety inspector, and E. M. Alvard, representative A. R. A.

First matter taken up was the postal cards received since the last meeting. There were a large number of these, and each was taken up and properly passed upon.

Both Mr. Wightman and Mr. Alvard made short and interesting talks.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 P. M.

## FAYETTEVILLE COMMITTEE.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman W. P. McNair at 2:00 P. M., January 6, with the following members present: W. M. McNair, agent; Ree Alley, cashier; Cleve Goff, switchman; R. P. McRoy, warehouse foreman; J. H. Goodin, roadmaster; Jas. Keough, roadmaster; J. R. Pearce, division foreman; C. E. Fugate, section foreman, and J. W. Robinson, car foreman.

Chairman McNair opened meeting with a speech, calling attention to the fact that every member of the committee was present, this being the first time since the organization of the committee. He also spoke along safety first lines, upon results of the campaign, etc.

A large number of cards were received,

and suggestions made. All were acted upon. Meeting adjourned at 3:20 P. M.

## TUPELO SUB-DIVISION MEETING.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman M. D. Ross at 2:00 P. M., January 6, at Amory, Miss. Those present were: J. R. Buchanan, O. E. Bradway, J. F. Thornton, M. P. Reed, J. A. Rollen, W. S. Carver, H. A. Orr.

A number of suggestions were made and proper action taken on them.

Mr. W. S. Carver read a paper in the interest of Safety First, in which some good points were brought out.

Mr. H. A. Orr was appointed to prepare a paper to be read at the next meeting.

Several other subjects were brought up and discussed for the benefit of the service and advancement of Safety First.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:15 P. M.

## MONETT TERMINAL COMMITTEE.

Meeting called to order by Chairman W. J. Mills, at 7:30 P. M., January 5. The following members were present: W. J. Mills, agent; E. P. Hogan, general yardmaster; B. E. Williams, machinist, and M. L. Guinney, chief clerk.

Cards received since last meeting were taken up and discussed, and properly acted upon.

After a short talk by Mr. Hogan on Safety First for the good of the traveling public, the meeting adjourned.

## CAPE GIRARDEAU MEETING.

Meeting called to order by Chairman C. R. Jordan, December 27, 2:00 P. M. The following members were present: J. F. Neal, ticket agent; A. A. Campbell, roadmasters' clerk; W. M. French, yard foreman; E. O. Brown, general car foreman;

C. S. Simpson, car foreman; M. E. Dale, conductor; R. S. Edwards, engineer; R. F. Thompson, boiler maker foreman and R. E. West, passenger brakeman.

All suggestions with reference to safety measures, were given thorough attention, and acted upon properly.

The meeting was closed by Mr. Jordan in a talk in which he urged all members to turn in as many cards as possible for the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 P. M.

## FORT SMITH COMMITTEE.

Chairman C. H. Baltzell called the meeting to order at 1:30 P. M., December 23, with the following members present: W. H. Bevans, assistant superintendent; G. W. Green, general agent; A. Scherry, roadmaster; J. A. Johnson, special agent; N. M. Ray, assistant special agent; T. L. Titten, yardmaster, and R. D. Mansc, section foreman.

A number of suggestions were made, and proper action taken, and meeting was adjourned.

## NORTHERN DIVISION MEETING.

Meeting called to order by acting Chairman C. F. Hesser, December 16, at Fort Scott, Kans. Members present: J. J. Cummins, assistant superintendent; C. D. Toler, assistant superintendent L. P.; E. E. Dix, general agent; W. A. Johnston, general car foreman; W. I. Elliott, roadmaster, and Tom Hall, roadmaster.

A number of SF-1 reports were received, and each matter was taken up and thoroughly discussed, and proper action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 P. M.

## FAYETTEVILLE COMMITTEE.

Chairman W. P. McNair called meeting to order at 2:15 P. M., December 16, with the following members present: J. H. Goodin, Jas. Keough, C. B. Fugate, J. W. Robinson, Cleve Goff, and Ree Alley.

Meeting opened with short address by Chairman McNair, after which all cards turned in since last meeting were taken up, and proper action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 P. M.

## SALEM COMMITTEE.

Meeting called to order by Chairman A. McCormick, at 8:00 P. M., December 15. The following members were present: E. M. Frew, agent; A. McCormick, foreman; T. H. Houston, engineer; Percy Pelton, roundhouse man; E. B. Lutzenberger, brakeman; T. R. Judd, car repairer; Joe Norton, cashier, and J. L. Bangert, clerk. Visitors present: Henry Mayberry, brakeman, and Ray Johnson, warehouse man.

Chairman read letters from J. F. Simms of December 3, and also from F. A. Wightman, regarding time meetings should be held.

A number of suggestions were made, and proper action taken, and meeting adjourned.

## NEODESHA COMMITTEE.

Chairman E. E. Carter called the meeting to order at 10:00 A. M., December 9. The following members were present: E. E. Carter, chairman; R. Holland, roadmaster; M. D. Gibbs, B. & B. foreman; Jas. Kiely, roundhouse foreman; R. B. Oliver, agent; William Bumgardner, section foreman; S. E. Scherman, foreman water service, and S. J. Bates, car foreman.

Visitors present: A. Love, engineer; B. Stephens, fireman; F. S. Holbert, engineer; G. A. Ermatinger, assistant superintendent; C. S. Havens, yardmaster; J. Allen, caller, and Mr. Freeman, engineer.

A number of suggestions were made, and action taken. Meeting adjourned.

## SPRINGFIELD WOMEN'S LEAGUE.

The Springfield Women's Safety League held their regularly monthly meeting at

the home of Mrs. Frank A. Wightman, with Mrs. M. Shannahan, vice-president, presiding, on account of the illness of Mrs. J. Beckerleg, president.

Frank A. Wightman, Superintendent of Safety, was present and talked on the proposed anti-trespass law, which was heartily approved by the league.

George Wilhelm, secretary of the Railroad Y. M. C. A. at Monett, also made an address, his subject being "Safety First in the Public Schools."

Mrs. G. M. Bear was chosen a delegate to attend a meeting of the City Federation of Women's clubs and to explain the safety bills described by Mr. Wightman.

## H. C. of L.

A very interesting poem on the H. C. C. of L. (High cost of Living) by Mrs. G. M. Bear of Springfield, has been handed to the Frisco-Man, but for lack of space, it cannot be used in this issue.

## ST. LOUIS LEAGUE.

The St. Louis Frisco Women's Safety League held an enthusiastic meeting in the Grand-Leader Tea Room Thursday, January 11. The meeting was called to order at 3 p. m. by the President.

The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, and minutes of various other Leagues from the Frisco-Man.

The only Committee Report was given by Mrs. McGuigan, who is our representative on the Conservation Committee of the State Federation of Clubs. She gave a very interesting report, and requested the President to put as a motion the endorsement by the League of the Good Roads Movement. This was carried and Mr. H. B. Hawes will be written of our endorsement.

Mrs. Chivvis, President of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, was introduced and she gave the ladies a most interesting and lengthy talk on the purpose, workings, and visible results of the State Federation.

Mrs. Newland, our Supervisor, gave a very interesting talk, and encourages the ladies to furthering their work.

At a meeting of the Northern Division Safety First Committee, Joplin District, Joplin, Missouri, Saturday, January 6 the following members were present:

J. F. Liston, assistant superintendent; G. A. Ermatinger, assistant superintendent L. P.; L. A. Henshaw, general yardmaster; G. L. Seanor, round house foreman; C. E. Lindsey, car foreman; H. J. Conley, general agent; O. E. Hackworth, warehouse foreman; D. I. Kunce, section foreman.

The meeting was an exceptionally interesting one; forty cards were turned in and each condition reported was acted upon.

Mr. Conley will prepare paper to be read at the next meeting.

## Vapor Regulators.

On cars equipped with the Chicago Car Heating Co's. Vapor System the outlets of the heating system are called Vapor Regulators instead of Steam Traps.

The difference between the two devices is that a steam trap shuts off the outlet while the vapor regulator shuts off the inlet.

In the case of a steam trap with the outlet shut off, by escaping steam, the train pipe pressure is contained in the radiating pipes and this may be high or low pressure according to what is supplied from the locomotive.

With the vapor regulator the outlet is never closed. When this regulator becomes hot, the inlet valve is closed. There can never be, therefore, any pressure whatever in the radiating pipes regardless of what pressure is supplied to the train line.

This is described fully in the instruction books furnished by the manufacturers which are sent free on request. —*Adv.*

## SEVERAL KINDS OF SAFETY FIRST.

*A. M. Olree, Luxora, Ark.*

It is always Safety First to give every one you meet a pleasant smile and a kind good morning.

It is always Safety First to help that old couple get their baggage on the train, and speak a cheery word to them. Remember we will all be old some day.

It is always Safety First to speak kindly to the men working under you, when you instruct them to do a thing.

It is always Safety First for a section foreman to gain the friendship of all the farmers and business men along his section.

It is always Safety First to wave a kind greeting to all train crews, as their train passes where you are working. Such a greeting means, "All is well with me, I hope the same is so of you."

It is always Safety First to assist the depot agent, when he has some heavy freight to handle; it might save your employer some money to get that heavy box inside.

It is always Safety First to examine those frogs and switches in the morning as we go out; a bolt might have worked loose in one of them during the night, which, if not repaired, would cause a derailment.

It is always Safety First to take five minutes to go around that curve, with a whole skin, when you might make it in one minute, and get yourself or your men killed or crippled for your hurry.

It is always Safety First to stop and take that piece of old iron out of the track; some boy might come along and lay it on the rail and wreck a train.

In fact, it is always Safety First to be careful at all times, no matter where you are or what you are doing—be considerate of the interests and feelings of others, and you will find that others will take an interest in your well being. As Shakespeare says, "Stand firm and strong on the summit of the whitest truth," and again, "be sure you are right, then go ahead."