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Railroads Ask Repeal of Burdensome Law

SO-CALLED FULL CREW REGULATION IS COSTLY TO THE PUBLIC

TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND:

The undersigned Railroad Companies, all operating in the State of Maryland, join in a petition to your honorable body to act favorably on Senate Bill No. 74 introduced by Hon. Walter Mitchell which repeals the so-called full crew law enacted in 1908. This burdensome and wholly unnecessary law requires railroads to man all freight trains of 30 or more cars with crews of six men; viz: 1 Engineer, 1 Fireman, 1 Conductor and 2 Brakemen and 1 Flagman (3 Brakemen). This crew comprises one more Brakeman than the railroads need.

The petitioners respectfully urge the abolition of this extra Brakeman

BECAUSE, the employment of this useless Brakeman is an unnecessary burden on the railroads, and therefore, on the public, which after all "pays the bill." In 1919 the cost was $314,904, in 1920 $496,890, in 1921 (a year of business depression) $3[illegible]7,282, a total, during the past three years, of $1,179,076. During the last ten years this law has cost the Railroads operating in Maryland approximately TWO AND ONE-HALF MILLION DOLLARS, without a single cent in return compensation.

BECAUSE, the extra Brakeman is not needed in the operation of trains. The Federal Government requires automatic couplers and air brakes on all cars and prohibits the use of hand brakes on trains. Two brakemen are sufficient. Then why a third Brakeman?

BECAUSE, the railroads are vitally interested in the safe and economic operation of trains, and are fully qualified to decide upon the size of the crews.

BECAUSE, this law places an unnecessary burden on the railroads and leads to high passenger and freight rates, in which the public is vitally interested. Industry and trade must be revived, which is possible only by removing unnecessary burdens and lessening of overhead charges. The stringency of the times will be partially relieved by the repeal of this law. This repeal does not mean more unemployment; it does mean the transfer of men from useless to useful occupations in other departments, where the money paid them will be more profitably expended in repairing locomotives, cars, tracks, etc.

BECAUSE, Pennsylvania and other states have repealed similar laws. The West Virginia Legislature refused to pass a bill enacting such a law. Virginia and Delaware are without such a law. Therefore, Maryland, alone in this group of States, is hampered by a full crew law.

We, therefore, appeal to your honorable body to repeal this burdensome and unnecessary law.

THE BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD CO.
THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY
WESTERN MARYLAND RAILWAY COMPANY
E. W. Scheer,
General Manager,
Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Co.,
Chairman.

ORPHANS COURT

At the regular session of the Orphans' Court on Tuesday there were present their honors, Judges West, Harper and Shawn, and the following business was transacted:

In the absence of the court on application the Register of Wills granted letters of administration on the personal estate of Georgia Downing, deceased, to Ira J. Downing and W. Brewster Deen. Bond filed and approved, notice to creditors ordered and Philetus Jefferson and John N. Wright were named as appraisers.

In the absence of the court, on application the Register of Wills granter letters of administration on the personal estate of Charles W. Andrews, deceased, to Effie L. Hignutt. Bond filed and approved, notice to creditors ordered and O. G. Hignutt and Harry Richardson were named as appraisers.

In the absence of the court, the Register of Wills granted letters testamentary on the personal estate of Joseph W. Long, deceased, to Mary Elizabeth Long. Bond filed and approved and Harry W. Davis and Wilmer S. Noble were named as appraisers.

Ira J. Downing and W. Brewster Deen, administrators of Georgia A. Downing, deceased, filed an inventory and appraisment of the personal property which was aproved by the court.

Henry R. Lewis and J. Owen Knotts, administrators of Howard L. Thomas, deceased, filed an account of sales of the personal property which was approved by the court.

John W. Stowell, administrator of the personal estate of Henry F. Stowell, deceased, filed an interest account, a list of sperate debts, a list of desperate debts, a first and partial administration account, a dividend, and a second and final administration account.

HILLSBORO

Mrs. Charles Jarrell entertained the Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church on Thursday afternoon of last week.

Mrs. J. Tyson Heather of Marydel spent the week end with her aunt, Mrs. W. B. Sparks.

Mrs. Elizabeth Evans is visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Peacock, Mt. Airy, Md.

Mr. W. A. Holt has returned to his home very much improved in health.

Mrs. E. T. Messick and Mrs. J. A. Waller of Wilmington were week end guests of the Misses Virginia and Ethel Holt.

Mrs. H. Lay Beaven and Mrs. G. L. Wilson were hostesses to the Community Club on Monday night. After a very interesting programme they served cake and hot chocolate.

Miss Alma Baker has returned from Blue Ridge Summit where she attended the Institute held by the Reformed Church.

Rev. S. N. Pilchard who has been very sick with a stubborn cold, has so far recovered as to go to Sudlersville on Saturday and give the congregation of the Calvary M. E. Church service both morning and evening.

Mr. Kemp Stewart is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stewart, where he is confined with a severe cold.

The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. Church will hold a Valentine Social in the Community Hall on the evening of February 14.

The Ladies Guild of the P. E. Church will hold a Saturday market in Community Hall this Saturday afternoon.

WILLISTON

Mrs. O. G. Hignutt and her mother, Mrs. Allen of Denton, are in Philadelphia this week attending the funeral of Mrs. Allen's sister-in-law, Mrs. Ella Robinson. Mr. Robinson was in Denton last week when his sister, Mrs. Isaac Fleetwood, was buried. At that time Mrs. Robinson was not well, although she was not regarded as seriously ill.

The League of Women Voters of the Third District expect to hold a meeting in the Denton Court House next Saturday, February 11. Those who have given their names as members are earnestly requested to be present at 2:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Louis McNeal and little daughter, of Denton, have spent some time with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Crane, as Mr. Crane is still quite ill.

Mrs. W. C. Todd and little Dorothy Neal are also on the sick list.

No man can be provident of his time who is not prudent in his choice of company.—Taylor.

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Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 12

ELISHA AND THE SHUNAMMITE WOMAN

LESSON TEXT—II Kings 4:8-37.

GOLDEN TEXT—Verily, verily, I say unto you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and they that hear shall live.—John 5:25.

REFERENCE MATERIAL—John 11: 1-46.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Elisha Brings a Boy to Life.

JUNIOR TOPIC—How Elisha Brought a Boy to Life.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Elisha Helping in a Home.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Our Ministry of Comfort and Help.

1. The Shunammite's Hospitality to Elisha (vv. 8-11).

1. Its occasion (v. 8). A wealthy woman of Shunem, observing that Elisha passed continually by her house in his journeys, was moved with compassion toward him. She determined according to her ability to supply his needs.

2. Its nature (vv. 8-11). "She constrained him to eat bread" (vv. 8,-9). As a result of her earnest entreaty, as often as he passed by her house he turned in to eat bread. She received a prophet in the name of a prophet.

II. Elisha Endeavors to Repay Her Kindness (vv. 12-17).

1. He offers to ask a favor from the king or head of the army (v. 13). This offer implies that Elisha had influence at the royal court. The woman's reply shows her truly to be a great woman. She did not desire to change the calm and quiet of her home for a place even in the royal court. Her answer also shows that her motive in extending generosity to the prophet was entirely unselfish, purely because he was God's prophet.

2. Elisha announces the giving of a son to her (vv. 16, 17). Through inquiry of Gehazi it was discovered that this woman was childless. So the prophet made known to her that in about a year from that time she should experience the joy of a mother.

III. The Coming of Sorrow to the Shunammite's Home (vv. 18-21).

The child which brought joy to her home was suddenly taken away. How many homes are like this! Scarcely do we begin to enjoy life until death enters and snatches away some loved one. The cause of his death was probably sunstroke, for the heat of the sun at harvest time in this country is very intense. When the boy complained of his head, the father sent him home to his mother. By noon the child died and the mother laid him upon the bed of the man of God. Faith prompted her to do this. She did not make preparation for burial, but for restoration to life (Heb. 11:35).

IV. The Mother Goes to Elisha (vv. 22-28).

When one is in trouble or sorrow the best place to go is to the man of God who is able to give counsel and comfort. Happy is the one who in the days of prosperity and sunshine has so related himself to God and His prophets that he can have help and sympathy in time of trouble.

1. She took hold of Elisha's feet (v. 27). This was the eastern way of enforcing a petition. She passed by Gehazi. She would not be content with the servant when the master could be reached.

2. She chided the prophet (v. 28). "Did I desire a son?" This implies that it would have been better not to have had a child than to have lost him so soon.

V. The Child Restored (vv. 29-37).

1. Gehazi's fruitless errand (vv. 29-31). He hurried away and placed the prophet's staff upon the child's face, but it did not revive. Perhaps the fault lay in Gehazi—his lack of faith. The woman seemed to perceive his lack; she would not trust him. She would not go until Elisha was willing to go along. This fruitless errand of Gehazi shows the worthlessness of the forms of religion when used by those who have no faith in them.

2. Elisha's efficient service (vv. 32-37). He went to the house where the dead child was. (1) He prayed (v. 33). He knew that no one but God could help, so he closed the door, shutting all others out. Our service to men should be preceded by prayer. (2) He stretched himself upon the child (v. 34). He brought his warm body into touch with the cold body of the child. God blesses and saves through the warm touch of those who are in touch with Him. After we pray we should get into actual touch with those dead in trespasses and sin. God's method of saving the world is through the ministry of saved men and women.

A Daily Prayer.

Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me; then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my Redeemer. —Psalm 19:13-14.

Wickedness As a Fire.

Wickedness burneth as a fire; it shall devour the briers and thorns.—Isaiah 9:18.

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