

TRAIN TRIPS DISCLOSE MANY-SIDED AMERICA

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Washington.—One thing to be said in favor of our national conventions. They're vastly educational. At least they offer a wonderful educational opportunity. How generally the conventional delegates profit by it I don't know. They have the chance, anyway. Each of the various sections of this country, in reality, is a country by itself—a big country, too.

New England, the more southerly group of eastern states, the easterly and westerly groups of middle commonwealths, the Pacific coast, the southeast and the southwest, differ from one another in most physical characteristics, and in their populations, as well as in any equivalent number of European countries and people do.

A union of states—a union of nations is what we are.

Houston is at least as unlike Kansas City as Madrid is unlike Amsterdam. They're far more unlike one another than Rio de Janeiro is unlike Buenos Aires. Rio de Janeiro is hardly more different from Buenos Aires than Spanish than "K. C." crisp western accent is different from Houston's soft southern drawl.

A Texan's outlook on life no more resembles a Vermonter's than an Italian's resembles a Swede's.

I met in Houston, an old friend from Iowa, who had moved to the

Lone Star State, dabbling in oil. He was as keen to his environment as he'd have been in the Caucasus.

In only a few superficial aspects are Kansas City and Houston alike.

They have a good many municipal problems in common—so have Nine and Cape Town. Both have the skyscraper craze—with all out doors to expand in, they pride. Both budge with civic pride.

The similarities are many, I think.

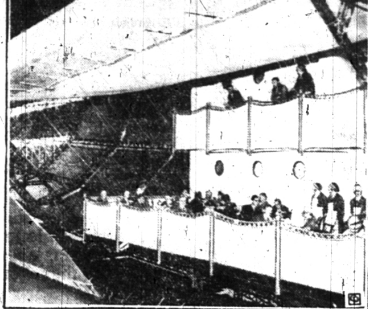
Essentially, you could no more confuse "K. C." and Houston than you could confuse Vladivostok and Kalamazoo.

Grand Rapids, De Moines, Fort Wayne, Peoria, Youngstown—all more or less in the same grand division, having seen "em in rapid succession, you might have trouble in remembering where was which. But Kansas City and Houston—by no possibility—could the most casual visitor ever get 'em mixed.

You take a train out of Houston for Washington upon a 48-hour ride about a ride beginning in the United States and ending in the United States. You can cross half a dozen European countries—some of them quite important—in the same time.

You board your sleeper at Houston in the tropics, pausing waving in friendly good-byes, and away you go. You're whisked away, over a single-track line. Texas railroads are all single

TEA ABOARD AN OCEAN DIRIGIBLE UNIQUE FEATURE IS ADDED TO NEW BAPTIST CHURCH



Members of the British parliament and their friends snapped while enjoying an unusual afternoon tea aboard the English dirigible, B-10, now nearing completion at Bowden, England, and which is designed for transoceanic travel. The new airship has a capacity of 5,000,000 cubic feet of gas and is as luxurious as an ocean liner.

A unique feat of building for Birmingham and a magnificent feature of the new First Baptist Church, now under construction on Bates street, is the use of an entire Douglas fir timber for the beams.

According to Fred D. Farrar, architect for the church, the use of wooden beams is unparalleled. In practically all the modern churches and other similar edifices, these sections are constructed of steel. The wood is in no wise any less strong, but it provides a Gothic touch to the church.

"Even the old Gothic churches of the Middle Ages were not as magnificent a feat of construction as the Baptist Church will be," he said. "If you look at pictures of any of them, you will see that they are all very narrow, particularly in the nave. Most of them did not exceed 24 feet, though some did go up to 30. The span of the First Baptist Church will be 20 feet across.

Sections of the great hand-hewn timbers are as big as 14x28 inches. They have been left with two marks, cracks, and knots, on them and stained to give an antique effect.

The only steel arch in the structure is one which will be concealed in the arch dividing the auditorium from the platform. The church seats 600 persons.

Rafter across the ceiling will be rested on the great arches and brackets constructed of the Douglas fir. The rafters will run the width of the building and longer pieces will run the length, dividing the ceiling into rectangles.

TROY CLERK WILL REGISTER ELECTORS

Garner W. Miller, clerk for Troy Township, announced that he will be at the Pontiac Bureau office at the corner of Woodward and Kuffner, Saturday, August 11, and Saturday, August 18, for the purpose of registering any citizens of Troy township who live in South Birmingham.

Mr. Miller made a personal house-to-house canvass of this territory, 9 a. m. to 8 p. m., are being made for those whom he missed who were "not home, or who have not registered for some other reason.

Herbert Scales of Winslow, Ariz., escaped from an asylum in Indiana and roamed over the north three days and nights before he was captured.

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Mrs. Floyd Facer, Franklin: "I want to commend Rev. E. M. Thompson on his fine article which appeared in last week's Eccentric. Rev. Thompson is well known in and about Franklin, and his article was widely read and enjoyed by those who knew him well. The Eccentric is to be praised for its series of articles by Birmingham and local pastors.

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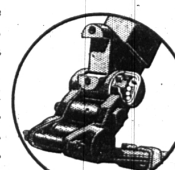
In these new cars a patented invention at last solves a problem that has long baffled automotive engineers.

Every motorist knows the importance of spring shackles—those joints or hinges which form the connecting link between body and axles. Engineers have sought to reduce friction to a minimum at these vital joints—to make them flexible yet firm and uniform in action—to make them noiseless—to reduce the necessity for frequent lubrication. All these objectives have now been attained in Studebaker cars.

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STERNAL GIVES ADVICE ON TIRES

Local Goodyear Dealer Says Manufacturer Needs Consumer's Needs

"There are a great many motorists who, feeling that they cannot afford to buy the best tire on the market, seek out a tire that will more nearly fit their pocketbook," declared F. E. Sternal, of the F. E. Sternal Goodyear service station located at Woodward and Duane.

"As a result of their desire to get a low or medium priced tire, many do not get the best tire for the money, regardless of the price they pay for it—because they buy a tire that is not of standard brand that does not give them the service they expect and deserve.

"In our years of experience in the tire business," he said, "we have learned that the great majority of automobile and truck owners want the best in tire equipment—but many feel that they cannot afford to buy the best.

"To this class of customer we have a message. Goodyear manufactures tires in every price range, built to outwear lesser known brands.

"Of course, we recommend the Goodyear All-Weather balloons to all customers, because we believe it to be the best tire ever constructed, but to those who feel they do not wish to invest in such a tire, we offer the Goodyear Pathfinder—which we claim is the best tire for the price on the market—equally, if not surpassing in value, first-quality tires of conceivably as well as or as favorably known as Goodyear.

"Goodyear has been making tires for years. It has proved its merits to such an extent that many motorists throughout the country use the Pathfinder on their cars and trucks. The Pathfinder is stamped with the Goodyear brand, indicating that the company that makes it, and we as dealers, stand back of it.

"The same high quality of materials and workmanship that has made the Goodyear All-Weather tire famous, also go into the Pathfinder tires. Super-tread fabric, the patented Goodyear product that is mainly responsible for the long-wearing qualities of Goodyear tires, is used in the construction of these tires.

"Super-tread gives Pathfinders,