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CLINKERS AND SPARKS

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Living as we do in between two very nice live steam trains, this summer should prove to be lots of fun. I speak of the Roaring Camp and Big Trees Narrow Gauge RR at Felton and the Camino Cable at Placerville.

All of us are also very much excited over the "new look" of the Skunk line between Fort Bragg and Willits which has added a live steam engine called the Super Skunk. We understand that the unusually picturesque name of this line arose out of the not so fragrant odor of the early diesel engine.

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Santa Rosa Convention was lots of fun for those who were luck enough to attend. Among those folk there were people from California, Nevada and Arizona. Everyone was treated to some terrific exhibits and movies, to say nothing of enjoying a fine banquet. Let's hope that Calif. will again play host to another such convention.

From Paul Franke, vice-president of PCR

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First prize at the Walnut Creek Show was won by Dwight Johns for his beautiful LaBell 1890 Shortie Business Car, which boasts super detailing. This includes an observation platform on one end, a galley area, dining room, pulman section, desk and chair, coach seats and 8 parlor car seats. In addition we see a pot-belly stove, coal scuttle, walls lined with wood-grained shelf paper, and drapes fashioned of red and gold Christmas paper.

Red Christmas card velour is used for carpeting the floors. Dwight has also included cal scale air hoses, central valley trucks, and some 15 or 16 german made figures to occupy the car. The lights are Walthers. On the program for the future are old time lights for the car, dry transfers, tool storage box under the center (usually seen on cabooses only) and a gold framed mirror to be cut from a christmas card. Last but not least are included a wash stand, urinal, folding curtains, and a separate coach and parlor section.

Our warmest congratulations to Dwight for a job well done.

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This is a special one-page edition. However there will be more to come in the following months. The Editor's heart is in the right place even if his pen isn't

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