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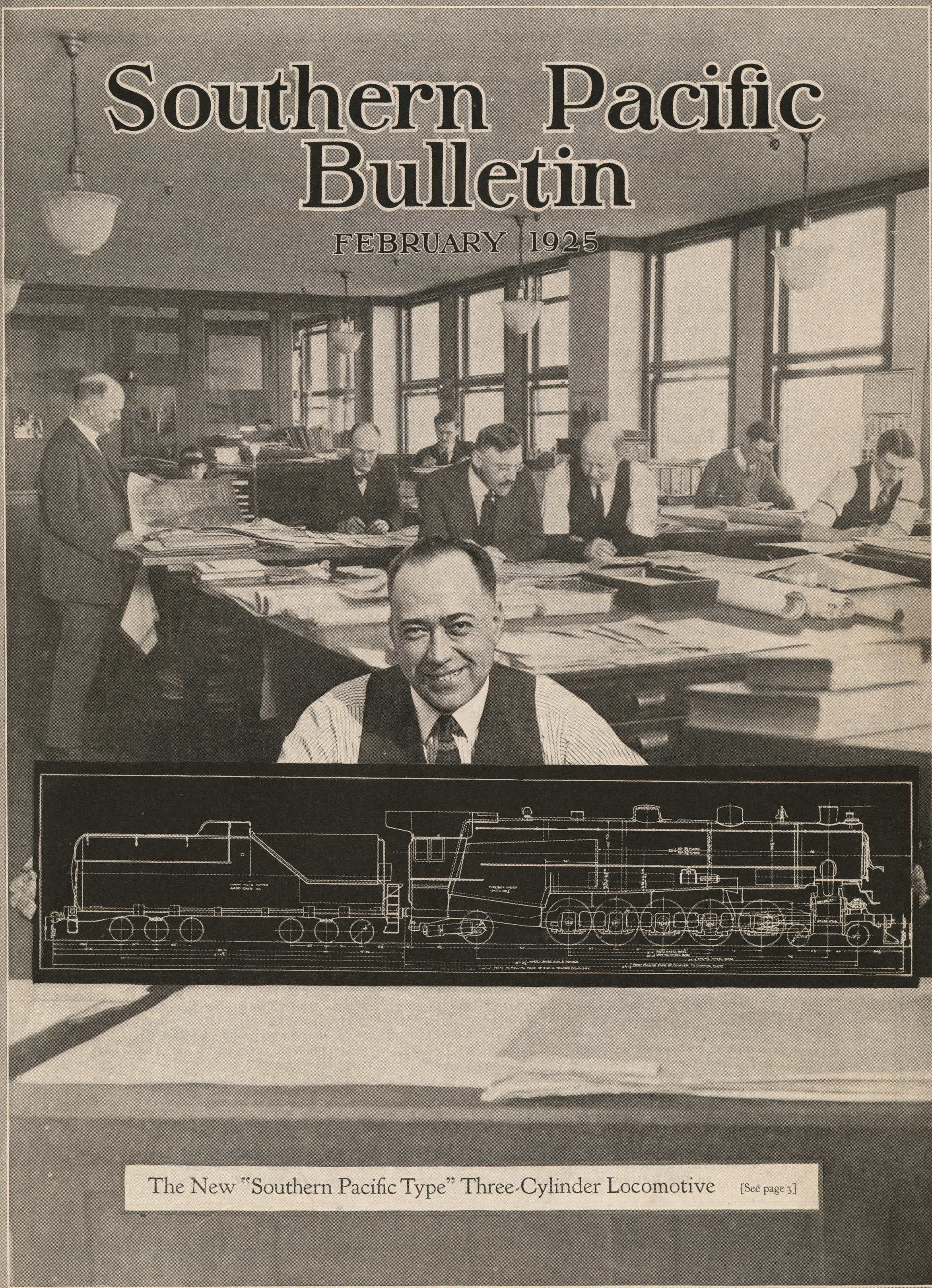

The New "Southern Pacific Type" Three-Cylinder Locomotive [See page 3]

S. P. Dining Cars Advertising Pacific Coast

Fruits and Vegetables, Fresh from Western Orchards and Gardens, Make Winter Travelers Feel Advantages of Living in Western States

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FRESH green vegetables, right from the fields where they are grown, are now available to winter residents and travelers in the western states served by Southern Pacific.

Fresh berries, too, may be had virtually all the year round, together with many western grown fruits.

The rapid development of winter farming in western states served by Southern Pacific Lines now is producing a constant supply of fresh vegetables, berries and fruits all the year round.

While farms east of the Rocky Mountains are blanketed with snow and the moderate temperatures of spring are awaited before cultivation is begun, those in the West, in ever increasing numbers, are producing foodstuff in all seasons.

Winter Farming

During the last two years the development of winter farming in our favored valleys has made almost unbelievable strides. These winter products of the West are bringing good prices and their fame is spreading throughout the country.

Travelers served in dining cars of our trains aid materially in spreading the fame of products grown in the territory along Southern Pacific lines. For this reason unusual care is taken to place before them the finest fresh foods obtainable, prepared by our famous chefs.

Our buyers are constantly out over the territory personally searching western markets for the finest products available. In this connection, the point may well be emphasized that our department is entirely one of service, and not of profit. Dining car financial reports always show a deficit and the cars are operated at great expense.

We now are buying and serving to passengers fresh green peas from the Imperial and Pismo valleys that have a sugar content not even excelled by June peas. The development of winter peas during the last two years truly has been remarkable.

Western travelers are delighted, too, with Kentucky Wonder string beans received from the Indio district, in the Coachella Valley, and also from the Sacramento Valley. They are tender and of fine quality in all respects.

Lettuce on a par with that grown anywhere is being received this winter from the Guadalupe section, in addition to that now famous throughout the country from Arizona and the Imperial Valley.

Exceptionally fine cabbage and cauliflower is being obtained from Oregon. The cabbage is firm, tender and sweet. Farmers in the Roseburg district have developed an excellent variety of broccoli (cauliflower).

The Ogden district in Utah is noted for its tender winter celery. The winter farmers near Portland, Ore., have produced a winter celery that well may be compared with that from Utah.

Artichokes are obtained from Half Moon Bay, near San Francisco, while cucumbers from Imperial Valley tempt the traveler. Asparagus is grown in the Sacramento delta region.

Eggplant supplied the diners from farms in the Imperial Valley is large and well polished, showing the effects of sunshine and moisture. Ranchers in the Indio district now are growing a species of Spanish onion of a quality that can not be excelled.

Early Berries

Early berries are received for our trains from the Watsonville district and also from Los Angeles and the Imperial Valley.

Apples of uniform size are specially packed at the orchards in Oregon and California for Southern Pacific dining cars. Travelers frequently comment upon their good flavor.

Every effort is being made to obtain from the different growing districts the finest quality grapefruit. Early in the season supplies are drawn from the Tulare, Riverside and San Bernardino districts, followed by those from Arizona and the Imperial Valley. Exceptionally fine grapefruit now is coming from the Yuma district.

These examples of winter products available for use by the public furnish concrete evidence of the rapid strides in progress being made by our farmers.

When an eastern resident eats such foods on our dining cars in winter and learns they are fresh from our ranches he can not help but wish he had a home out here and his own garden.

This is a corner of one of the stock rooms at the West Oakland Commissary, showing Jack Ganich, left, and Harry McCarty checking fresh winter vegetables preparatory to their being sent out for use on Southern Pacific dining cars.

S. P. MAN ALMOST "STEALS" HONORS FROM ROCKNE

D. R. Owen, traveling agent with headquarters at Ogden, Utah, was greeted with much acclaim recently when he stepped off the Overland Limited at Ogden. Newspaper representatives and citizens crowded around to shake his hand and offer congratulations on his great "victory," and all was going fine, with Mr. Owen wondering what it was all about, until he took off his hat. His brilliant locks were displayed and then the crowd knew some one had erred. Just about this time the real objects of the demonstration appeared on the scene in the personages of Coach Rockne and his famous Notre Dame football team. Seems that Coach Rockne and Mr. Owen resemble each other in practically every respect except that the coach has quite a "high forehead."