

The Guest Writer

The Fast Mail Train

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THE DECLINE in the efficiency of the United States mails is a matter of considerable concern.

It has resulted in a reorganization of the old Post Office Department. But the mails still are slow.

You may not have noticed but this decline coincided with the decline in rail service. Back when we had passenger trains the trains carried mail cars. They were traveling post offices. These trains covered the land. At places too small to stop the mail bag was thrown off. At these same places outgoing mail was collected by a sort of artificial arm which grabbed a suspended mail-sack as the train sped through.

Trains disappeared. Service declined. Perhaps there is a connection.

Someone thinks so. The word is that a special train soon will operate daily between Chicago and the West Coast in order to speed up parcel post and bulk mail deliveries.

Remember the Fast Mail thundering through the towns of America? Well, it's coming back, in a way. No passengers, no first-class letter mail. But it's a beginning.

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