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## COVER

The informality of short line operations. Agent Lumber Co. #6 an 1891 Baldwin 2-6-0 pauses for water in the early 1950s. Courtesy Americana Slides.

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# ROBERT'S RAMBLINGS

This is the first "special" issue of *The Gazette*. From time to time material becomes available which can best be presented in one special issue. Bob Sloan has been gathering material on the American Hoist & Derrick ditcher for several years. The material gathered has been prodigious. A. H. & D. cooperated with Bob and much new information has been uncovered. Some of you may feel that devoting so much space to one topic may not take in the interests of all. However, we have found that in the long run it is fair. The special issues of FL and SGN were always good sellers and very popular. The excellent issue on the M of W equipment of the D&RGW by the SGN is sought after and I like to think the special issues of FL are valued.

We hope that if you have a special interest you will consider making up material for use in *The Gazette*. Do you have a special railroad that would interest the readers? Or do you have a special piece of equipment? Look what Bob Sloan unearthed for us. We hope you enjoy this issue and that we can publish additional special issues in the future.

As to the future. We have plans to have an issue heavy with layouts and scenes in September. So if you have been holding back that track plan or photo of your layout get it in to us before the first of August.

We also have plans to do a Climax issue in the near future. We need plans and photos on the Climax locomotive. Have you built one of these locos? Do

you have information to share? We have the Climax color cover ready to go but need just a bit more material to fill out an issue.

Another example of a special interest will be Ken Schmelzer's new series on logging articulated locomotives. This series of photos will start in the September issue. Ken has prepared an introductory article and then will see to it that we are supplied with logging articulated photos and information for many issues. This is the type of material that is of such interest to all of us.

We have had good response to Gene Deimling's article on the Q&TL rock car in the first issue of *The Gazette*. Also Bruce Cheever's article on his On2 passenger car has caused good comment. We need construction articles like these. I know they are hard to put together but they are so worth while. Try one, you'll like it.

We were happy to see so many of you at the PCR Convention in Sacramento, California last May. We will all be in Dayton for the National Convention and hope you will stop by our display and say hello.

*Bob Brown*

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