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Minot Man Wants Train Pushed Instead of Pulled.

Minot, N. D., July 27.—An unique invention which may revolutionize passenger service on the American railroads has been evolved by G. D. Shaft of Minot, who is employed at Warren's fruit store. Mr. Shaft has recently made a trip to Washington to get his device patented and is now in St. Paul, where he will confer Saturday with railroad men regarding the patent.

It is understood that R. F. Warren proprietor of the store, is interested in the invention.

The engine is placed in the rear of the train instead of at the head, and the "push" principle as against the "pull" principle, is used.

It is said that a load of cars can be operated with less power when they are pushed instead of pulled by an engine, and that one advantage in Mr. Shaft's invention is found in this fact.

Mr. Shaft's device consists of a combination observation car, with a vestibule in the front end for the pilot. This is equipped with signals connected with the engine crew, so that the "pilot" or "lookout" man can instantly inform the engineer of danger. In fact, he would have nothing else to do except watch the track and be on the alert for signals, etc.

"In my device," says Mr. Shaft, "the engine would be utilized in the rear of the train. One great feature of this method of train operation would be that the intense annoyance caused by cinders, dust, etc., would be overcome. With the engine in the rear, there would be little trouble if any, from this source. This would tend to decrease accidents."—Fargo Forum.