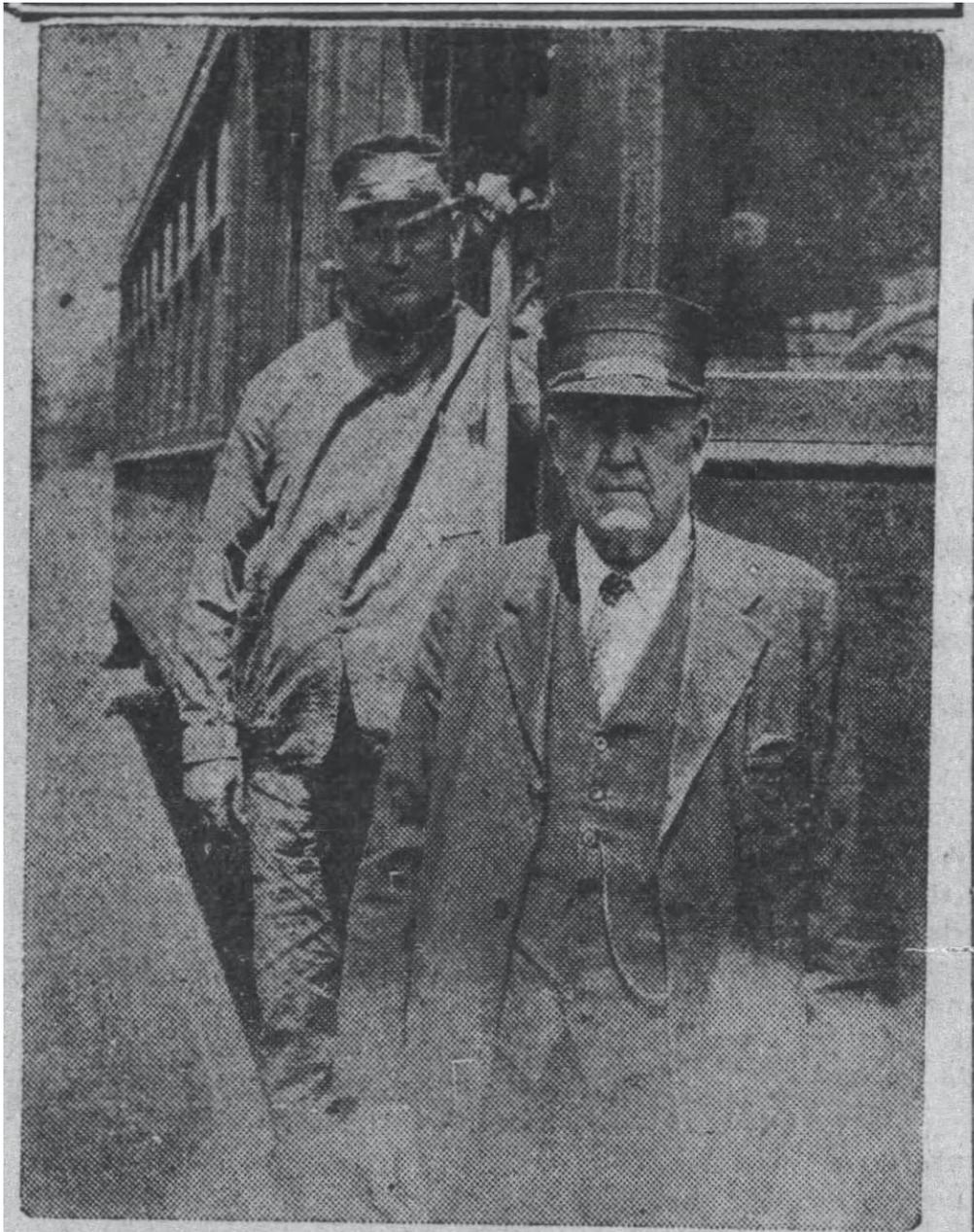


**Conductor on Lancaster-B.I.S. Car
Has Traveled 852,424 Miles in 26
Years' Service on Six Mile Line**



—Courtesy Columbus Dispatch.

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Front—Conductor Nutter; Rear—Motorman McGinnis

(Lancaster Eagle-Gazette, May 8, 1931) – Traveling milage enough to have circled the globe more than 35 times, but never getting farther than six miles from home, has been the lot of Charles Nutter, 643 E. Wheeling St., who for the past 26 years has been conductor of the trolley car that plies between Lancaster and the Boys’ Industrial School, six miles south of Lancaster.

Back in the ‘90’s Nutter drove a horse car for the street railways of Lancaster, but gave that up to become an officer in the Lancaster police department four years as marshal and four on the force and then he returned to the rails and has been on the B. I. S. line ever since.

So complete is his employers’ trust in him that this conductor has always kept his receipts in his own pocket and made change there from. No register has ever been installed on the cars on which Nutter has been conductor, nor has he ever given out receipts to passengers. He has never been victim of a hold-up

Government mail is carried on three of the six daily trips between the city and school. Many varied loads are those transported in the passenger, mail and freight combination coach, which is divided into three compartments. Crated livestock of all kinds, such as pigs, sheep, calves and poultry are readily accepted for freight transportation.

Highest revenue comes from hauling regulation railway cars loaded with coal, building supplies, road materials, hay, straw and grain for the institution. These cars are switched directly from the railroad yards through which the traction line passes.

The car stops “any place.” It is not uncommon on the line to see a farmer’s wife coming thru the field carrying a basket of eggs on one arm and live poultry on the other, signaling with difficulty to motorman Charles H. McGinnis, another veteran traction employee, who immediately brings the car to halt and waits for his passenger.

Few have been the accidents, Nutter recalls, in the 852,424 miles he has traveled on the line as conductor. The worst occurred five years ago, when the car, hauling two loaded coal cars, went thru the Hocking river bridge and conductor Nutter suffered severe injuries to this knee.

Red letter days were when drill and dress parade at the B. I. S. was held on Sundays, instead of Saturdays as now. Twelve round trips were made on those Sundays and hundreds of passengers carried.

McGinnis, the motorman, has been connected with the Lancaster Traction Co., which owns the B. I. S. line, for 26 years, in various capacities. More than half of that time he has been a motorman.

Mr. H.B. Peters is president of the Lancaster Traction Co. and Mr. Jas. R. Smith, 1011 N. Columbus St. is the superintendent.
