

FIRST FREIGHT FROM COLUMBUS

Over Columbus-Marion Traction Lines Arrive

(**The Bucyrus Evening Telegraph, September 27, 1918**) – Columbus, Delaware & Marion freight car No. 301, with trailer No. 72, arrived in Bucyrus Friday morning having left Columbus Thursday, being at Marion overnight and coming up here. It had on its initial trip, about six tons of miscellaneous freight from Columbus to Bucyrus.

In its unloading here it taxed the capacity of the local freight platform, and the outside platform was strewn with boxes and barrels unloaded from the two cars.

George H. Whysall, manager of the Marion-Bucyrus line came up with the car on its initial trip, and stated that at present it was the intention of the two companies to operate a freight service out of Columbus on Monday and Wednesday, and a freight service between Bucyrus and Columbus on Tuesday and Friday, and that the success of this freight service would be entirely with the local merchants having their freight removed from the freight house promptly. That with the double service of daily freight on the Southwestern and twice a week service on the Marion - Columbus line, it would be an easy matter, if the local shippers did not see to it that their freight was removed promptly to clog the local freight house, which is but of limited capacity, and delay the service, which has been instituted on the demand of the merchants for prompt deliveries.

If the local shippers will, now that the service has been inaugurated, do their share and remove their incoming freight promptly, and avoid clogging the freight house all will go well with the new service, but that it will take a few weeks to get it to operating smoothly and all the kinks ironed out of it. This too will be experienced with the inauguration of the southwestern through service on the 15th of October.