

There is an 1830 start for Jeff, Mike, Mark S, John S & Tony S after the 1870X20 report (page 9). Next time I will start a 5 player 1856 with Graham L, Mark H & Don S plus 2. The other two players waiting are John S & Tony S – but they’ve just had a start so anyone else wanting an 1856 should tell me and the first two will get into this new game. Also please see the question on page 9 and advise if you care.

1830P18 finishes on page 4. John Webley overtakes Mark Stretch to win. David Roffey also overtakes Mark to be second and would win if the game had lasted just a little longer. As ever timing is everything.

This makes it 7 wins for John. But that’s not what I thought in Minstrel 286. What happened is that I finally wrote a new “modern” program to manage the 18xx UK Postal Archive. In the process I was embarrassed to find that too many games did not have their results entered – including various Minstrel games. So I’ve been trawling for those missing details. Especial thanks to Steve Thomas and Keith Thomasson for their prompt and comprehensive help. There are still games where I need to either confirm that they were abandoned or track down the result – I may be in contact with you. I have a friend that plans to write the code to make the archive contents available over the web for all to peruse – so even more reason to tighten up. Snippets – I now have David Smith at 25 wins out of 35 finished games (rating 6.94), Tony Osborne has not won two of his games (rating 7.19), Graham Lee has won 11 out of 15 (rating 6.91). Don Smith has completed 99 games. The only person with more recorded finishes is Keith Loveys – and his win total is now updated to a final tally of 36.

OUTPOST M6

ROUND 9

The Scientists attracted the most pre-round interest but David silenced it with a single bid. Two more for next time but still no sign of even one Laboratory ...

Player Action

John Auctioned an Ecoplants. Mick joined & dropped out at 38. John got it for 38 (w:4,9 t:12,13).
 John Bought one Population Unit (w:5).
 John Auctioned a Warehouse and got it for 25 reduced to 20 after HE discounts (o:4 w:9 t:8).
 David Auctioned a Scientists and got it for 83 reduced to 53 after DL discounts (o:1 w:6,8,8,30).
 Mick Bought two Titanium Factories (o:3,4 w:30 t:11,12).
 Jeff Auctioned a Heavy Equipment and got it for 30 (o:1,3,3,3,5 w:4,4,7).
 Mark Bought one Titanium Factory (w:30).
 Steve Bought one Population Unit (o:1,4 w:5).
 Mike Auctioned a Warehouse and got it for 25 (o:2,4 w:9,10).
 Lyndon Auctioned an Outpost and got it for 100 (o:5 w:5,30,30,30) plus a free Titanium Factory.

Pos	Player	Factories	Operators	Colony Cards	Production	Total	VPs
1	John	2o,3w,3t	8p (8,0)	WH, HE, Nod, Eco	2o,3w,3t	(57,15)	20 (110)
2	David	2o,5w	5p,1r (5,5)	DL, DL, DL, Sci, Rob	1o,1w,1W,1r	(53,10)	14 (135)
3	Mick	2o,4w,4t	7p (8,0)	HE, Nod	3w,1t,1T	(75,10)	14 (55)
4	Lyndon	2o,6w,1t	5p (10,0)	WH, OP	1w,1W,1t	(47,20)	12 (125)
5	Jeff	2o,6w	8p (8,0)	WH, HE, Nod	2o,4w,2W	(94,15)	12 (80)
6	Mark	2o,4w,2t	5p (5,0)	DL, DL, HE	3o,4w,3t	(67,10)	10 (60)
7	Steve	2o,5w	7p (8,0)	WH, Nod	2o,5w,2W	(101,15)	10 (50)
8	Mike	2o,7w	7p (8,0)	WH, Nod	4w,2W	(88,15)	10 (50)
On Offer		Warehouse	0 (sold out)	Robots	2 (2 more)		
		Heavy Equipment	1 (none left)	Laboratory	0 (5 more)		
		Scientists	2 (2 more)	Ecoplants	0 (4 more)		
		Orbital Lab	1 (4 more)	Outpost	2 (2 more)		

OUTPOST M6 : EXPERT : STANDARD CARDS : PHASE 2

NEXT TIME - ROUND 10

WAITING	1829 South	Jeff E, Mike R, John S, Tony B
	1835	Don S, David R, John S, John W, Mark S, Tony S
	1856	Graham L, John S, Don S, Mark H, Tony S
	1870	John S, Lyndon G ⁵⁴ , Don Smith
	OUTPOST	Dane M
	RAILWAY RIVALS	Tony B, Mike R, John W

DEADLINE

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A Reader Wrote Last Time and now Other Readers Comment ...

Steve Thomas The Lawson Manoeuvre. It has always been the case that 18xx orders are not usually crafted carefully enough to cope with unfolding events. As you observe, the most obvious symptom of this is that companies frequently fail to lay track when they could and should, because some earlier-running companies have blocked (or laid!) their stated choice or choices. I think that Lyndon isn't complaining about this. Rather, it's that some players are taking actions that couldn't hope to succeed amongst sane opponents face to face, in the hope (usually well founded) that the other players' orders will not be crafted carefully enough to cope.

A few years ago, Chris Lawson tried the experiment of buying six shares in a company, selling down to just the presidency, and then buying six shares in another. His expectation that nobody would take the first company off him proved justified. One of the other players was less than ecstatic, and moaned a lot. (That player was incapable of writing dealing round orders that did what he meant even in the absence of complications induced by other players, and I suspect would have been in favour of limiting each session in a dealing round to one turn for each player.) I did a survey of my players, and got a relatively large turn-out--about three or four others, I think. All, apart from that original complainer, were in favour of leaving matters as they were. The critical issue was, for me, the difficulty of deciding, in advance, just what constituted a turn of events justifying a break in the round. For others, it was that there is nothing stopping players from writing careful orders to take advantage of attempted Lawson Manoeuvres by others.

Not that anyone ever does.

Graham Lee I'd like to respond to 'A Reader' in last issue. It is true that postal 18xx play is different from face-to-face (like Postal Chess and Internet Poker differ from their face-to-face equivalents). However there is nothing to stop players writing conditional orders, and I certainly don't agree that it's 'unfair' to players who don't.

I have seen mistakes made in face-to-face play, including not laying track and not buying trains. One memorable moment was in an 1830 game where most companies had built up masses of credits, while there was one 4 train still to be bought. The game appeared to be finishing slowly, when a player announced he would buy the 4 train with his remaining credits. There was an audible gasp from everyone else! In the next operating round, when the player ran his company, the Diesels were out and the player went bankrupt.

So I fully support allowing 'manoeuvres' and I think we will all be better players for it.

Even if a game does prohibit 'manoeuvres' here are some difficulties. The game could be interrupted in the middle of a round (if a player sells certain shares, or a company disposes of its credits in a particular way). This could slow the game down a LOT, especially if two players act similarly in one round. I don't think taking 3 months to complete one OR is going to be popular! Also you're going to need precise definitions of what causes a halt. This sort of thing is usually a real pain for the Editor. You could simply prohibit the use of 'if' or other 'conditionals' in orders. Mind you, I'm sure this would make order writing tricky!

Jeff Edmunds I think it's best to leave things as they are. After all if players regularly derive an advantage from some tricky manoeuvre then we shall have to get smarter about writing conditional orders to counteract these ploys. There would have to be some highly specific definitions to cover the situations that would call for a halt to proceedings as you rightly observe.

Thanks for that "relatively large turn-out" (to use Steve's yardstick). And mostly thank you to Lyndon for sparking the increased use of prose in Minstrel. He can write pretty canny orders but was no doubt taken by surprise by Roger's recent "manoeuvre" and was moved to write the note that sparked this exchange. The summary is that postal games are different from face to face games and that they give more scope for manoeuvres - but defining when a manoeuvre is a manoeuvre too far is beyond our practical limits.

Another different way to play 18xx is online a turn at a time – meaning that each set of orders covers the operations of a single company or a single turn in a dealing round. Brother Keith is currently running 1825, 1830, 1856 & 1870 that way on www.fwtwr.com. In this mode you have no need for conditional orders and you have the same information that you would have in a face to face game.

The difference is that you have more time to think about and analyse your position and your options – both before your turn anticipating what might be the situation and then when your turn comes. The idea is that the game moves forwards quickly – but an elapsed 24 hours to ponder (when necessary or advantageous) is not viewed as anti-social in the same way that extended thinking face to face could be. BTW this is not a prompt for more Dr. Jones stories as per recently in the 18xx Yahoo forum.

This gives a third flavour to playing 18xx – one with an increased danger of paralysis by analysis. All the same game underneath but variations in the execution vary the experience. The common factor is that each execution gives plenty of scope for those "oh bugger I did not see that coming" moments.

Pretty much run for the hills but Peter does prepare to have the WGB makes it operational debut ...

Operating Round 15

	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
LPS	MS				230	Y	275B	28	5	
TGB	JW	63:J13:1	[15]		340	Y	200A	53	6	
CPR	JW				280	Y	175B	256	5	
CGR	JS	57:M6:1	[4]		870	Y	125A	364	D	
BBG	MS				320	Y	125A	160	6	
CV	TS	44:M8:1	[20]	L15	610	Y	110E	151	D	A
CA	TS	8:H9:2		C14	240	Y	90F	202	5	B
WGB	PJ						60C	93		
THB	PJ	14:N3:5	[57]		550	N	55E	974	D	

Operating Round 16

	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
LPS	MS				230	Y	300B	28	5	
TGB	JW				300	Y	225A	53	6	
CPR	JW				280	Y	200B	284	5	
CGR	JS	6:N9:6	[58]		790	Y	150A	404	D	
BBG	MS				320	Y	150A	160	6	
CV	TS	58:J9:2		M4	630	Y	125E	51	D	B
CA	TS	24:C16:1	[8]		240	Y	100E	250	5	
WGB	PJ	9:I10:3					55D	93		
THB	PJ	8:O4:6			550	N	50E	424	D +D	C

Notes A \$40 to the Bank for a garrison C \$1,100 to the Bank for a D Train
 B \$100 to the Bank for a garrison

Tiles

1/1	2/1	3/3	4/2	5/1	6/1	7/6	8/8	9/2	14/1	15/1	16/1	17/1	18/1	19/1
20/1	23/3	24/2	25/0	26/1	27/1	28/0	29/1	39/1	40/0	41/3	42/3	43/1	44/0	45/2
46/2	47/2	55/1	56/0	57/2	58/1	59/2	63/0	64/0	65/1	66/1	67/1	68/1	69/0	70/1
120/1	121/1	122/1	123/0	124/0	125/0	126/0	127/1							

Trains D/5(\$1,100)

Cash Flow	Start	OR15	OR16	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 15
John Webley	539	717	671	1,927	5,802	29.3	15.0 - 15.0	
Peter Jenkins	51	76	72	199	1,074	5.4	5.5 - 10.5	
Mark Stretch	541	538	538	1,617	5,092	25.7	15.0 - 15.0	
John Shelley	24	628	586	1,238	4,038	20.4	11.0 - 12.0	
Tony Sait	205	629	633	1,467	3,817	19.3	14.0 - 15.0	

Portfolios	LPS	TGB	CPR	CGR	BBG	CV	CA	WGB	THB
John Webley	1	6P	6P	6	-	1	-	-	-
Peter Jenkins	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	5P	6P
Mark Stretch	6P	1	1	-	6P	2	1	-	-
John Shelley	2	1	1	10P	-	1	1	-	1
Tony Sait *	1	2	1	-	-	6P	6P	-	1
Bank New	-	-	-	2	3	-	-	4	2
Par	80	90	100	110	100	75	65	100	80
Bank Pool	-	-	1	1	-	-	2	1	-
Quote	300B	225A	200B	150A	150A	125E	100E	55D	50E
Credit	\$28	\$53	\$284	\$404	\$160	\$51	\$250	\$93	\$424

The OR17 operating order is - LPS, TGB, CPR, CGR, BBG, CV, CA, WGB, THB.

1830P18 / 19
OR18, OR19 & OR20 [END]

The C&O value doesn't increase and Mark is indeed overtaken by John but the fastest riser is David ... but John just hangs on to take first place. As we always say – timing is everything. Comments?

Lays by the PRR only - one per OR – 23:G3:1, 57:F4:2 & 15:F4:5. No new bases. Runs same in each OR except for the PRR. Runs & Final values were – C&O 250~350A, B&M 210~350A, NYC 470~280B, Erie 260~260B, B&O 530~200B, CPR 200~155C, NYNH 230~90E, PRR 210/210/240~70G.

Final Cash Flow	Start	OR18	OR19	OR20	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 13
John Webley	1,996	470	470	485	3,421	7,711	23.1	17 - 17	
David Roffey	2,207	566	566	572	3,911	7,686	23.0	15 - 15	
Mark Stretch	2,729	435	435	438	4,037	7,487	22.4	14 - 14	
Tony Sait	1,703	579	579	585	3,446	6,801	20.4	15 - 15	
Don Smith	56	310	310	310	986	3,666	11.0	11 - 11	

1830P18 : STANDARD GAME : PHASE 6 : BANK - BROKEN WON BY JOHN FROM DAVID & MARK

1829K19 / 14
OR15 & SDR10

Tony earns that little bit more and closes in on Mike that little bit ...

OR15	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Token	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
LNWR	DR			K8 - G10	120	N	180	340	(3) +4	A
GWR	MB			E7 - E6	240	N	100	560	5 (5)	
Mid	TO	20:F7:6	[9]	K9 - L9	310	Y	160	20	5 3	
LSWR	DR	7:D10:5		D10 - D8			38	10	[+3]	B
GNR	MR	47:I9:2	[23]	L8 - K9	350	Y	112	0	5 4	
LBSC	DR	5:H7:1		H7 - G7	180	N	82	190	4 +3	C
GER	TO	12:H7:1	[5]	K8 - K7	420	Y	90	100	4 4 3	
GCR	JS	31:D10:5	[7]	E11 - F11	330	Y	82	0	5 3	
L&YR	MB	3:G8:6		G8 - M5 =S	130	N	47	10	3 +5	D + £40 Base
SECR	JS	41:D10:1	[31]	C12 - D12	150	N	38	160	3	

Notes A £10 to the LSWR for a 4 Train C £10 to the LSWR for a 3 Train
B £180 to the LNWR for a 3 Train D £270 to the GWR for a 5 Train

Tiles	1/1	2/2	3/1	4/6	5/4	6/4	7/4	8/3	9/9	10/3	12/2	13/3	14/0	15/0	16/1
	17/1	18/1	19/2	20/1	21/1	22/1	23/2	24/4	25/2	26/2	27/2	28/0	29/0	30/1	31/1
	32/0	33/0	34/0	35/0	36/0	37/1	38/0	39/1	40/0	41/1	42/2	43/0	44/1	45/0	46/0
Trains	7/4(£720)														

Share Dealing Round 10

* share from the pool

Tony Osborne	Martin Butcher	John Shelley	Mike Ruffhead	David Roffey
-SECR,+GWR*	+GWR*	-LNWR,+SECR*	-GCR,+GWR*	-LSWR,+LNWR*
-SECR,+GCR*	~	~	~	-LSWR,+LNWR*

Cash Flow	Start	OR15	SDR10	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 17
David Roffey	350	0	-284	66	2,172	16.2	17 - 17	
Tony Osborne	1,080	561	-106	1,535	3,590	26.7	17 - 17	
Martin Butcher	153	5	-100	58	1,225	9.1	17 - 17	
John Shelley	607	330	142	1,079	2,792	20.8	17 - 17	
Mike Ruffhead	1,328	529	-18	1,839	3,643	27.1	17 - 17	

Portfolios	Privates	LNWR	GWR	Mid	LSWR	GNR	LBSC	GER	GCR	L&YR	SECR
David Roffey	-	7D	-	-	5D	-	8D	-	-	-	-
Tony Osborne *	-	-	1	5D	-	2	1	8D	1	1	-
Martin Butcher	S&M	-	6D	-	3	-	-	-	-	9D	-
John Shelley	C&HP	-	2	5	-	-	-	-	5D	-	6D
Mike Ruffhead	-	1	1	-	-	8D	1	2	4	-	1
Bank New	Hull	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Bank Pool	C&W	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1

1829K19 : SOUTH GAME, MSK1, PC RULE : PHASE 3 : BANK - £15,423

NEXT - OR16

George – I suspect that the 23 lay on F20 was not what you wanted. But you did not specify an orientation (despite late time's request) and the one you got is the only legal orientation (for the SxE).

Lyndon – I suspect that your request for an MsE run of 170M in OR10 depends on using C13 without using the track to side 2. I think the track to side 2 has to be used for the station to be used – but I've never had this come up before so I may be wrong. If that turns out to be the case then the MsE runs for more in OR10 & OR11. If not you may alter the amount paid to the BaE in OR11 below for the 3+3 train.

Martin – I had to take your "cheapest share" order to mean "cheapest certificate".

Objections to any of the above to the usual address – with documentary evidence (pictures preferred).

Share Round 8

* share from the pool

David Roffey	George Lucas	Graham Lee	Martin Butcher	Lyndon Gurr
+PrE/5(144) [from Lyndon]	+WtE/10*(90)	-PrE/5(96),+BaE/10*(90)	+MsE/10(80)	+MsE/10(80)
+PrE/10(288) [from Graham]	+WtE/20(270) [from Graham]	+SxE/10*(138)	+MsE/10(80)	+MsE/10(80)
~	~	+SxE/10*(138)	+PrE/5*(96)	+BaE/20(270) [from Graham]
~	~	+SxE/10*(138)	~	+MsE/10(120) [from Martin]
~	~	~	+SxE/10*(138)	+MsE/10(120) [from Martin]
~	~	~	+OIE/20(160)	[loco]

Operating Round 11

	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes					
PrE	DR	217:G3:5	[210]		510	Y	236C	409	3 5 3						
ByE	MB	8:K13:6			230	Y	172D	86	4 3						
SxE	GL	23:F20:4	[9]		300	Y	170C	133	4 3						
HeE	GL	216:J8:5			410	Y	120B	189	4+4 3+3	50M River					
WtE	GL	41:F20:4	[23]		470	Y	102D	61	5+5 3+3						
BaE	LG	208:I3:3	[202]		320	Y	102D	696	4 (3+3)						
MsE	LG	58:B16:4			160	Y	88D	0	5 +3+3	320M to BaE					
Tiles	1/1	2/1	3/2	4/2	5/2	6/3	7/8	8/5	9/1	12/1	13/2	14/1	15/1	16/2	18/1
	19/2	20/1	23/2	24/1	25/3	26/2	27/2	28/2	29/2	39/1	40/1	41/1	42/2	43/1	44/2
	45/1	46/2	47/2	55/1	56/-	57/2	58/1	63/3	69/3	70/1	87/-	88/-	201/2	202/2	203/1
	204/1	205/-	206/-	207/1	208/1	209/1	210/1	211/1	212/1	213/-	214/-	215/1	216/1	217/1	218/1
	219/2	220/-	221/-												

Trains 6/2(600M) then 6+6/4(720M)

Cash Flow	Start	SR8	OR11	End	Value	%	Certs	Max
Lyndon Gurr	556	-526	448	478	2,276	15.5	14	14
David Roffey	517	-432	478	562	2,966	20.2	12	13
George Lucas	833	-360	650	1,123	3,163	21.6	13	13
Graham Lee	1,139	420	568	2,127	4,173	28.4	13	13
Martin Butcher	380	-314	258	324	2,096	14.3	10	12

Portfolios	PrE	ByE	SxE	BaE	WtE	HeE	MsE	OIE
Lyndon Gurr *	-	-	-	90/7	-	-	100/7	-
David Roffey	80/9	30/3	-	-	-	-	-	-
George Lucas	-	-	60/5	-	100/8	-	-	-
Graham Lee	15/2	-	30/3	10/1	-	90/7	-	-
Martin Butcher	5/1	70/6	10/1	-	-	10/1	-	20/1
Bank New	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	80/6
Bank Pool	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quote	236C	172D	170C	102D	102D	120B	88D	80E
Credit	409M	86M	133M	696M	61M	189M	0M	

The OR12 operating order is - PrE, ByE, SxE, HeE, WtE, BaE, MsE.

Okay, so the CGR does get formed and it ends up with \$86 credit, one 5 train and two 4 trains.

Operating Round 8

	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	[Loan]	Trains	Notes
CPR	GL	19:M8:3	[9]		180	Y	110E	2	[600]	(4) 3	A
LPS	LG	125:C14:6	[14]		330	Y	110E	10	[300]	4 3	
GW	JW				330	Y	100E	262	[400]	4 3	
GT	MB	6:K8:2			120	Y	100E	12	[600]	3 +5	B C
BBG	RK	8:116:2					65D	0	[200]	+4	D E
CV	GL	9:M12:2			160	Y	75D	81	[0]	5 +4	F
CA	RK	126:F15:1	[121]		190	N	60C	40	[0]	5 +6	G H I

- Notes**
- A Run reduced by \$60 to pay loan interest
 - B GT reaches its destination
 - C \$550 to the Bank for a 5 Train
 - D Government Loan secured
 - E \$620 to the CA for a 4 Train
 - F \$1 to the CPR for a 4 Train
 - G \$700 to the Bank for a 6 Train
 - H 6 Train purchase starts Phase 5
 - I Government Loan redeemed

Tiles

1/0	2/1	3/3	4/3	5/1	6/1	7/6	8/9	9/6	14/3	15/3	16/1	17/1	18/1	19/0
20/1	23/4	24/3	25/1	26/0	27/1	28/1	29/1	39/1	40/1	41/3	42/3	43/2	44/1	45/2
46/2	47/2	55/1	56/1	57/0	58/1	59/2	63/4	64/1	65/1	66/1	67/1	68/1	69/1	70/1
120/0	121/1	122/1	123/1	124/1	125/3	126/0	127/1							

Trains 4/1(\$350) 6/1(\$700) D/9(\$1,100)

Cash Flow	Start	OR8	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 11
John Webley	228	216	444	834	18.6	2.5 - 2.5	
Roger Krueger	39	33	72	482	10.8	4.5 - 4.5	
Lyndon Gurr	265	279	544	1,094	24.4	2.5 - 2.5	
Martin Butcher	237	207	444	994	22.2	2.5 - 2.5	
George Lucas	202	187	389	1,079	24.1	5.5 - 5.5	

Portfolios	CGR	CV	CA	TGB	THB	WR	WGB
John Webley	3	-	1	-	-	-	-
Roger Krueger	1	-	5P	-	-	-	-
Lyndon Gurr *	5P	-	-	-	-	-	-
Martin Butcher	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
George Lucas	3	4P	1	-	-	-	-
Bank New	1	4	2	10P	10P	10P	10P
Par	110	100	100				
Bank Pool	2	2	1	-	-	-	-
Quote	110A	75D	60C				
Credit	\$86	\$81	\$40	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

The OR9 operating order is - CGR, CV, CA - unless changed by SR6.

1856X19 : STANDARD GAME : PHASE 5 : BANK - \$9,900

NEXT TIME - SR6

Okay, no fuss, some profit-taking, two new companies and onwards and outwards ...

Stock Round 5

* share from the pool

John W	George L	Tony Bromley	David Roffey	Don Smith
+CA(90)	+CV(90)	+CA(90)	+CA(90)	-LPS/2(150),+BBG/P(180)
~	+CV(90)	-CA(125),+GT(80)	+CA(90)	+BBG(90)
~	+CV(90)	-GT(110),+GW(70)	+CA(90)	+BBG(90)
~	~	+GW(70)	-CA/3(330),+THB/P(200)	~
~	~	+LPS(65)	+THB(100)	~
~	~	+CV(90)	+THB(100)	[Priority]

Cash Flow	Start	SR5	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 13
Tony Bromley	294	-230	64	774	23.7	7 - 7	
David Roffey	363	-340	23	663	20.3	5 - 5	
Don Smith	210	-210	0	640	19.6	6 - 6	
John Webley	152	-90	62	562	17.2	5 - 5	
George Lucas	291	-270	21	621	19.0	5 - 5	

Portfolios	Privates	GT	CV	THB	GW	BBG	CA	LPS	CPR	TGB	WR	WGB
Tony Bromley	-	-	1	-	6P	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
David Roffey	-	-	-	4P	-	-	3P	-	-	-	-	-
Don Smith *	-	-	-	-	-	4P	-	4P	-	-	-	-
John Webley	TCC	3P	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
George Lucas	-	-	6P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bank New	-	6	3	6	4	6	2	1	10P	10P	10P	10P
Par	-	80	90	100	70	90	90	65	-	-	-	-
Bank Pool	-	1	-	-	-	-	4	3	-	-	-	-
Quote		100D	100B	100A	90E	90B	80F	70G				
Credit		\$175	\$180	\$400	\$175	\$360	\$260	\$401	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Trains		3 2	3 2		3 2		2 2	3 2				

Tiles 1/0 2/0 3/3 4/2 5/2 6/2 7/7 8/10 9/9 14/1 15/3 16/1 17/1 18/1 19/1
 20/1 23/4 24/4 25/1 26/1 27/1 28/1 29/1 55/1 56/1 57/2 58/3 59/2 69/1 120/0
 121/2
 Trains 3/1(\$225) then 4/4(\$350) 5/3(\$550) 6/2(\$700) D/9(\$1,100)

The OR6 operating order is - GT, CV, THB, GW, BBG, CA, LPS.

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NEXT TIME - OR6

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OR7

There go the 5 trains and it seems the first 6 will go next time without making any company trainless ...

Operating Round 7

	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
NYC	JS	8:D12:3			110	Y	126B	851	3	
B&O	JW	57:J14:2					90A	170	+4 +5	A B C D E F
C&O	GL	67:H18:2	[59]		140	Y	90E	32	3 +5	D
NYNH	AM	62:G19:4	[54]		130	N	69G	394	3 [+5]	D
B&M	AM	53:E23:2			80	N	65F	1	3 +5	G
PRR	DR	18:H14:6	[9]		310	Y	68H	252	4 3	H
CPR	JS	7:B18:1			100	Y	71F	326	4	A
Erie	DR	66:E11:2	[59]				55E	161	4	

Notes
 A \$80 to Bank for a river
 B \$300 to the Bank for a 4 Train
 C Train purchase closes the B&O Private
 D \$450 to the Bank for a 5 Train
 E 5 Train purchase starts Phase 4
 F 5 Train purchase closes the Privates
 G \$223 to the NYNH for a 5 Train
 H Train limit is now two per company

Tiles 1/0 2/0 3/2 4/2 7/2 8/5 9/4 14/1 15/1 16/1 18/0 19/1 20/1 23/2 24/2
 25/0 26/1 27/1 28/1 29/1 39/1 40/1 41/2 42/2 43/2 44/1 45/2 46/2 47/1 53/1
 54/1 55/1 56/1 57/2 58/1 59/2 61/2 62/0 63/3 64/1 65/1 66/0 67/0 68/1 69/0
 70/1

Trains 6/2(\$630) then D/6(\$1,100)

Cash Flow	Start	OR7	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 13
John Webley	33	44	77	776	15.4	7 - 7	
John Shelley	56	105	161	1,146	22.7	8 - 8	
David Roffey	23	186	209	947	18.8	5 - 10	
George Lucas	64	136	200	1,229	24.3	11 - 11	
Andy Muir	9	11	20	950	18.8	11 - 11	

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Portfolios	Privates	NYC	C&O	B&O	CPR	NYNH	PRR	B&M	Erie
John Webley	-	-	1	6P	-	1	-	-	-
John Shelley	-	5P	-	-	5P	-	-	-	-
David Roffey	-	-	-	-	-	-	6P	-	6P
George Lucas	-	1	6P	1	1	1	1	1	-
Andy Muir *	-	1	-	-	-	6P	-	6P	-
Bank New	-	2	-	3	3	1	-	3	3
Par	-	100	71	100	76	67	82	67	76
Bank Pool	-	1	3	-	1	1	3	-	1
Quote	-	126B	90E	90A	71F	69G	68H	65F	55E

The OR8 operating order is - NYC, C&O, B&O, CPR, NYNH, PRR, B&M, Erie.

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A quick scamper through the 3 trains and the first 4 train sees to the end of the 2 trains ...

Operating Round 4

	Dir	Lay	[Rep]	Base	Run	Pay	Quote	Credit	Trains	Notes
B&O	JW	57:J14:2					90A	740	+3	A B C
NYNH	DS	15:E19:4	[57]	E19	50	Y	82E	475	(2) +3	D B
B&M	MB	57:F22:3					71D	40	+3	A B E F
C&O	PJ	55:G7:1			110	Y	75F	431	(2 2) +3	B
NYC	MR	9:F18:2					67E	410	+3	G
PRR	MR	59:H18:6		H16	120	Y	69G	108	(2 2 2) +4	D H I

- Notes**
- A \$80 to Bank for a river
 - B \$180 to the Bank for a 3 Train
 - C Train purchase closes the B&O Private
 - D \$40 to the Bank for a garrison
 - E \$320 to Martin B for the C&A
 - F \$140 to Martin B for the D&H
 - G \$350 to the PRR for a 3 Train
 - H \$300 to the Bank for a 4 Train
 - I 4 Train purchase starts Phase 3

Tiles 1/1 2/1 3/2 4/2 7/4 8/6 9/5 14/3 15/1 16/1 18/1 19/1 20/1 23/3 24/3
 25/1 26/1 27/1 28/1 29/1 53/2 54/1 55/0 56/1 57/0 58/2 59/1 69/0

Trains 4/3(\$300) then 5/3(\$450) 6/2(\$630) D/6(\$1,100)

Cash Flow	Start	OR4	End	Value	%	Certs	Max 13
Don Smith	8	41	49	616	17.4	6 - 6	
Peter Jenkins	35	83	118	657	18.5	7 - 7	
John Webley	30	30	60	600	16.9	5 - 5	
Mike Ruffhead	16	50	66	736	20.8	8 - 8	
Martin Butcher	7	500	507	933	26.3	5 - 5	

Portfolios	Privates	B&O	NYNH	C&O	B&M	PRR	NYC	CPR	Erie
Don Smith	-	-	6P	1	-	-	-	-	-
Peter Jenkins	SVR	-	-	6P	-	1	-	-	-
John Webley	-	6P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mike Ruffhead	CStL	-	1	1	-	2P	5P	-	-
Martin Butcher *	-	-	-	-	6P	-	-	-	-
Bank New	-	4	-	1	4	3	4	10P	10P
Par	-	100	76	76	76	67	76	-	-
Bank Pool	-	-	3	1	-	4	1	-	-
Quote	-	90A	82E	75F	71D	69G	67E	-	-

The OR5 operating order is - B&O, NYNH, C&O, B&M, PRR, NYC.

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Those who could start a company did do so – or took one over. We will stop after SR2 if any presidency changes hands or if a fourth company is floated.

Stock Round 1 (Completion)

Jeff Edmunds	David Smith	Martin Butcher	Mike Ruffhead
+MP/P(136)	+MP(68)	~	+SP/P(144)
+MP(68)	+SLSF(100)	~	+SP(72)
+MP(68)	+SLSF(100)	~	+SP(72)
+MP(68)	+SLSF(100)	~	+SP(72)
+MP(68)	+SP(72)	[Priority]	

Cash Flow	Start	SR1	End	Value	%	Certs Max 16
Mike Ruffhead	445	-360	85	525	25.0	5 - 5
Jeff Edmunds	475	-408	67	515	24.5	6 - 6
David Smith	505	-440	65	525	25.0	5 - 5
Martin Butcher	125	0	125	535	25.5	4 - 5

Portfolios	Privates	SLSF	SP	MP	GMO	ATSF	FW	IC	MKT	SSW	TP
Mike R	GSC	-	5P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jeff E	MRBC	-	-	6P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
David S	GRSC	3P	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Martin B *	SCC, MKT	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Bank New	-	5	4	3	10P	10P	10P	10P	9P	10P	10P
Par	-	100	72	68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Pool	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quote	-	100A	72E	68F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tiles	1/1 2/1 3/3 4/6	5/2 6/2 7/9 8/22 9/23 55/1 56/1 57/5 58/4									
Trains	2/7(\$80)	then 3/6(\$180)	4/5(\$300)	5/4(\$450)							

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NEXT TIME - OR1, SR2, OR2 & SR3

You are ... in dealing order ... Mark Stretch, Mike Ruffhead, Jeff Edmunds, John Shelley, Tony Sait

Next time we start with the privates. Orders on what to do with your initial \$300 please.

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NEXT TIME – SR1 (PRIVATES)

For a few issues now the 1829, 1830, 1856 & 1870 reports have been created by my new adjudication program. I've just realised that this presents the share companies in the portfolios in the current operating order left to right. Previously (and still for 1835) the companies were listed in a standard and unchanging order. So when present the text "The ORx operating order is ..." is now just a repetition of the share company order in the portfolio table above it.

Do you prefer to have the companies in a standard order (with the operating order message underneath) or it is your preference to have the companies listed in operating order?

If you have any feelings on the subject then please let me know.

We will not do the Workers & Buildings together in Round 2 – comments varied from “yes – try and do them together” through “it depends” to “please don’t”. They will remain separate unless experience shows that we can cope with those phases combined.

It was a bit cryptic, but the first player in each phase is indicated in the rightmost column of the Summary table. So David is first to go below for the Aristocrats in Round 1 and Jeff gets the first crack at the Trading Cards.

I’ve updated the list of Cards in Hand to include the [Cost-Ruble Income-VP Income] of each card for our convenience. The income value for the cards bought is given in the Summary table below the cards – even so I decided to add the [Ruble Income-VP Income] information in the list of cards bought. It will be useful when trading up.

Jeff – I wasn’t sure whether to play your Pub based on your orders so I left it in hand – I think no disadvantage if you play it in the next phase but advise if a problem.

Aristocrats

David Smith	Keith Thomasson	Jeff Edmunds	Mike Ruffhead
Buy Controller (14)	Buy Author (4)	Buy Secretary (12)	Buy Warehouse Mgr (10)
Administrator Into Hand	~	~	~

The Card Rows (Upper only – the Lower is of course empty)



Cards Bought

Jeff E	Lumberjack [3-0], Ship Builder [3-0], Secretary [2-0]
Mike R	Lumberjack [3-0], Fur Trapper [3-0], Pub [2>1], Warehouse, Warehouse Manager [3-0]
David S	Gold Miner [3-0], Czar & Carpenter [3-0], Controller [4-1]
Keith T	Shepherd [3-0], Ship Builder [3-0], Firehouse [0-3], Author [1-0]

Summary

Player [Hand Cap]	Ruble s	VPs	Cards In Hand	Income per Phase – Rubles + VPs			Starts Phase [Cards Left]
				Workers	Buildings	Aristocrats	
Jeff E [3]	13	0	Pub [1-2>1]	6r + 0v	0r + 0v	4r + 0v	Trading [31]
Mike R [4]	12	0	-	6r + 0v	0r + 0v	3r + 0v	Buildings [23]
David S [3]	9	1	Market [5-0-1], Administrator [7-2-0]	6r + 0v	0r + 0v	4r + 1v	Aristocrats [25]
Keith T [3]	5	3	-	6r + 0v	0r + 3v	1r + 0v	Workers [23]