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Subject: Theft From Railroad Trains

Dear Editor,

No one condones theft, be it from trains, shops or homes. But Union Pacific Railroad ("UP") must be extremely stupid to park trains unattended with millions of dollars of merchandise on board. Imagine a trucker leaving a loaded trailer in a dark alley overnight. Furthermore the trailer doors are often only locked with thin wire seals, easily broken.

More to the point, UP and the other big carriers have taken to running ever longer trains in the interest of greater profit. These trains take hours to put together and so are stationary and vulnerable for much longer periods. They should go back to running shorter, more frequent trains and keep their customers merchandise moving and out of harm's way.

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