

INCREASE IN RATES ASKED BY RAILROAD

Officials of O.-W. Are in Pendleton
Conferring with Business Men.

Pendleton, June 9—(Special)—William Bollons, division superintendent of the O.-W. for this section of the system, with H. W. Hicks, freight and passenger agent, was here Wednesday taking up with Pendleton business men and shippers the request of the railroad for an increase in the freight rates. A 15 per cent increase is asked, to be come effective on July 1.

"Such an increase will only partly compensate the railroad for the amount that is now being expended in increased costs of labor and equipment," Mr. Bollons explained. "Recent reports will show an increase in the

gross revenues but this increase is more than offset by the increased cost of operation. This cost for the past year on the O.-W. will represent at least 25 per cent of the gross freight revenue. If the request of the company is granted and the rates raised 15 per cent, there will still remain 10 per cent of this increased cost, a matter of a billion, three hundred millions in money, to be borne by the railroads. This amount must be absorbed by the company or offset by economies such as reduced train service, curtailment of betterments and improvements and restricted expansion of the property to meet the needs of the country's development.

Not Seeking Additional Profit.
"In asking for this increase, the companies are not seeking additional profit. They are merely trying to meet the needs of the times. They are receiving no more for their service now than before the general increase in expenses but are paying much more for what they buy than

ever before in the history of the road. They ask the shipper to bear a reasonable increase in rates in order that the roads may take care of his business in time of industrial activity."

As an instance of the way in which costs have piled up during the past year alone, Mr. Bollons showed that locomotives have increased 90 per cent in cost; freight cars, 50 per cent; passenger cars 50 per cent; taxes, 15 to 20 per cent; wages and labor, 17 1-2 per cent. There has been \$12,426,587 allotted for the purchase of freight cars on the Union Pacific system this year. For locomotives the sum of \$5,525,618 is set aside. The sums at first glance seem large but a second's thought will reveal the fact that 50 per cent of the first sum and 90 per cent of the latter will go in increased costs.

New Equipment Coming.
This division will receive as its portion of the new equipment six freight locomotives and two passenger engines. Three thousand freight cars have been put on the Union Pacific lines just recently and there hangs a tale that has made railroad history. The cars were ordered in the east. Free transportation was offered by the connecting railroads on the condition that the cars should be moved wset loaded. The Union Pacific system needed those cars for its own business and rather than accept the offer of the connecting lines and take the loaded cars, trusting to luck as to the time when they would be available, \$17.50 freight toll was paid on every car from the factory to the eastern terminus of the Union Pacific lines in order that the cars might be available for the shippers of the U. P. system immediately.

upon them to help supply the money to sustain those Sons.

The purpose of the Liberty Loan is to give funds to the government so that it can conduct this war for Liberty and Democracy in an efficient manner. The quicker this money is supplied, the quicker will come the end of the war with its consequent saving of human life. The denominations of the bonds are as low as \$50 and the payments are easy. A subscriber can pay cash if she wants to, but she does not have to. A Liberty Bond should be in every home.

Because so far we have been remote from the scene of war, we are inclined, like the foolish ostrich, to hide our heads in the sand, not realizing, not believing, closing our eyes to the actual threats of danger that are here. No man liveth to himself alone and the time is here when no nation liveth to itself alone. We are bound up in the warp and woof of nations, a part of the fabric. The welfare of one is the welfare of all.

The gigantic struggle that has been going on in Europe for almost three years is not a struggle to settle boundaries, not to gain revenge for old disputes. It is a war to establish the right to life and liberty. It is a war against awfulness. It is a war against the creed of hate. It is a war in defense of weak people. It is a protest against the savagery that sent the Lusitania to the bottom.

It is our notice served upon the world that the high seas are free to the world. It is a notice to the world that we and our neighbors in this hemisphere will not tolerate that the oppressor's foot be set upon our shores. It is for the honor and safety of our women. It is for a safe and free home for our children. The only nation under the sun which was born a democracy is carrying her doctrine of democracy to the uttermost parts of the earth.

As women have always helped, they must help now. Their first great task is lending out of their fullness that the war of righteousness upon which America is now emerged shall result in a glorious past and a glorious freedom and that the generations that come after us may indeed call us blessed. Every woman's first duty is to buy a Liberty Loan Bond. If a woman cannot buy a bond, it is her duty to persuade some other woman who can do so.

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LIBERTY LOAN MESSAGE TO AMERICAN WOMEN

PURPOSE OF LIBERTY LOAN IS
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THE WAR SOONER.

BY MRS. ANTOINETTE FUNK,
(Vice Chairman of the Woman's Liberty Loan Committee.)

Washington, June 9.—(United Press)—Since the government has called upon the Women to give their Sons for Our Country's Life, the Woman's Loan Committee dare to call

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ALICEL NEWS ITEMS.

Epworth League Convention Closes—
Farewell Reception Given Mr. and Mrs. Christenson—Alicel School Has Picnic—Alicel Girls Attend La Grande Conference.

Alicel, Ore., June 7.—(Special)—The Epworth League convention closed Tuesday and was successful all along. Dan Brummitt was a special attraction and the house was crowded at each of his four addresses. A committee has been appointed to decide where and when to hold the next convention.

A farewell reception was given Mr. and Mrs. Christenson by the Epworthian Friday evening; and a general reception Tuesday evening, where they were presented with a large rocking chair by the people of the community.

The Alicel school went to Riverside Parke June 1, it being the last school day of the term.

Mr. and Mrs. Christenson moved their goods to Imbler Wednesday. Mrs. Christenson will leave for the east soon and Mr. Christenson will attend summer school at Eugene, Oregon.

Giles Van Housen has purchased a motorcycle, and Jas. Moss a new automobile.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION CAMP AT OAK RIDGE

Portland, June 8.—(Special)—The Eugene Branch National Association of physical Education has just taken out a special use permit for a tract of land near Oak Ridge, Oregon, on the Cascade National Forest, to be used as a summer camp for the boys and girls of Eugene and vicinity, according to the announcement of District Forest Geo. H. Cecil, Portland, Oregon.

The plans call for the erection of a log lodge and sleeping tents with permanent floors. An athletic field for various outdoor sports will be constructed. Timber for building purposes and for fuel will be granted free of charge by the Forest Service. Part of the summer the camp will be occupied by groups of girls and at other times by groups of boys, under competent leaders who have had experience in social work.

Use of National Forest land for municipal and organization camps is increasing, according to Mr. Cecil. The boys' department of the Portland Y. M. C. A. maintains a summer camp at Spirit Lake, on the Columbia National Forest, where the boys enjoy wonderful outings in the mountains. The city of Los Angeles has spent \$8,000 developing a municipal campsite on the Angeles Forest in California. A ten-day trip to this camp from Los Angeles can be made at a cost so small as to be within the reach of almost every one.

The Physical Education association summer camp at Oak Ridge will be the first camp of this sort in Oregon.

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