



SHIPPERS ARE ROADS FRIENDS

Railroads Find That Fruit and Vegetable Shippers Are Among the Road's Best Friends.

Frank but friendly discussion between the railroads and fruit and vegetable shippers has brought gratifying results in the settlement of mutual differences and problems. Wm. C. Fitch, freight claim agent for the Southern Pacific company and the members of the American Fruit and Vegetable Shippers' association at their convention, just concluded in Chicago, Fitch is chairman of the freight claim division of the American Railway association.

"Speaking for the railroads," said Fitch, "I may say to you that they are coming to realize more and more in these days of restriction and limitation and interference with the activities and prosperity of the transportation lines and of threatened settling of traffic conditions, that the best friends they have are the shippers and receivers of freight."

"You have not hesitated to call our attention to your needs and to ask for our cooperation in the end that your business may be profitable to those who are engaged in it. We have not hesitated to ask for your assistance in connection with these matters that we believe material to our own interests and the result has been gratifying."

Fitch said that the fruit and vegetable shippers were engaged in a difficult and precarious business and that in the operation of their business they have to take some of the commodities handled are "perishable," and that the margin of profit is small.

"And yet," said Fitch, "you have built up a business that does return a reasonable profit to you and has added to the enjoyment and the prosperity of the nation."

"You gather the products of the Pacific coast, the Pacific northwest, of the southwest and of Florida and the northeast, and pay for their transportation across the continent to the great markets of the country—and you should receive your reward. But you have not done this alone—without the real cooperation of the railroads the merchants and the people in the remote districts of our country would still be undeveloped and the business in which you are engaged would be as nothing. The railroads have fostered your industry, given you expedited schedules, provided wonderful refrigeration services for the preservation of the commodities that you handle, and have made every effort that is humanly possible to add to your success."

"Despite the percentage of rate increase that is represented by the claims you present, or at least by the claims

that they pay, the record of performance on your business from year to year indicates unquestionably that it is on the whole remarkably well done."

"Insofar as carriers can control conditions the conditions are controlled to your advantage, and in those instances where the carriers function improperly they reflect you of the losses that result. To a greater extent than in most other lines, your is speculative business, and yet in some respects the hazards of speculation are not so great because you have learned to look upon the carriers in the light of insurers."

MOVE MADE TO STOP KILLING OF BIRDS

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—A stronger movement to prevent the slaughter of birds has been launched by the Michigan Audubon Society with the organization of a crime prevention committee, known as the "Birds of the Year" committee. The committee, headed by Attorney Joe Deane, of Chicago, credited with being the original advocate of "game" fourth of July in Chicago, has accepted the chairmanship of the new committee as well as the chairmanship of the outdoor exhibit of bird houses to be established by the Michigan society on the West Michigan pier.

"The first work of this crime prevention committee should be to help break the gun totes' conspiracy against our friends, the birds," said Mr. Deane, in notifying Mrs. Edith C. Deane, of Hart, Mich., president of the Michigan Audubon Society, of his acceptance.

DOG SHOW IN PORTLAND

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 10.—More than 200 dog owners of the Pacific Northwest plan to enter pedigreed animals at a show to be given here on March 28, 29 and 31, under the auspices of the Oregon State Kennel club with a license from the American Kennel club. This is the first dog show planned for Portland in ten years.

Any dog registered by the American Kennel club may be exhibited. A hundred silver trophy cups are to be given. The Oregon State Kennel club launched last December has a membership of 128. D. L. Clough is president, Dr. J. H. Held, vice president, Mrs. M. S. Vance, secretary, and Mrs. C. Hansen, treasurer.

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WOMAN MAKES RAPID RAISE

(By Associated Press)
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 10.—Thirty years ago Mary Rantz Schwab, then 4 years old, with her parents and two younger brothers, landed in New York from Russia, a sick and poverty-stricken little immigrant, having barely escaped with her life during a wholesale massacre of the Jews. The other day, in the presence of city officials, representatives of the Bar Association and members of civic and fraternal organizations, Mary Rantz Schwab was sworn in by Mayor James Rolph as an assistant city attorney of San Francisco, the first woman to hold that position here.

The thirty years that lay between failure and success were years of hardship and tragedy for the immigrant girl. In the old country her father had been wealthy, but upon his arrival he was able to gain employment only as a laborer, and long before the girl reached her teens, she was working ten hours a day

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In the interval between her first job and her admission to the bar, two years ago, Miss Schwab's occupations were many and varied. She sold newspapers, worked in several factories, learned stenography and then worked in offices. She got into the labor movement and was paid secretary of the Auto Bus Operators' union of San Francisco, which organization she represented as a delegate to the San Francisco Labor Council. Eventually she took up the study of law, was graduated from law school, was admitted to the bar and had built up quite a lucrative practice by the time of her appointment to her present position by City Attorney George Lull. Her parents both died before her work reached fruition.

Modern justice seems to function in accordance with the theory that only those without blemish should cast the first stone.

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