

**PLAN TO RESUME
RAILWAY INQUIRY
AFTER MARCH 4TH**

**Postponement Forced by Press
of Congressional Business.**

COUNTRY DEMANDS ACTION

Shippers, Investors and Representatives of All Branches of Business Demand Unification of System of Railway Regulation—Roads Ask Fewer Masters.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The Congressional Joint Committee on Interstate Commerce, which has been conducting the inquiry into government regulation and control of transportation, last week decided to suspend its hearings on the subject and adjourned, subject to the call of the chairman, because of the pressure of other work before Congress. According to the resolution creating the committee, it is required to submit a report by January 8th next. It is understood that before that time the committee will ask for an extension of time and that the hearings will be resumed at a later date, when some of those who already have appeared before the committee will be questioned further and a great many others will be heard. It is probable, however, that the hearings will not be resumed until after adjournment of Congress on March 4th. In addition to regular routine business the commerce committees of the two houses are charged with the important duty of preparing and presenting the legislation asked for by President Wilson to make impossible a railroad strike without previous investigation. This will leave little or no time for the consideration of the general questions of railway regulation.

Country Wants Something Done.
Members of Congress and others who are interested in the inquiry undertaken by the Newlands Committee insist that there is no intention of abandoning it.

It seems doubtful, indeed, if the country would permit the matter to be dropped if there were evidence of a desire on the part of Congress to do so. The nation-wide evidence of interest evoked by the initiation of the Newlands inquiry shows that the people of the country—shippers, consumers and investors, as well as railway men themselves—are alive to the fact that the railway situation is highly unsatisfactory and that steps must be taken without unnecessary delay to meet the growing needs of the nation.

From reports received here it seems as though almost every commercial organization and business interest in the country were engaged in studying the railroad question. The Chamber of Commerce of the United States has been conducting an elaborate inquiry into various phases of the subject for many months past. Many local and state commercial bodies in every part of the country have committees engaged in study of the problem and have indicated a desire to come here and present their views. National organizations of manufacturers, lumbermen, coal operators, wholesale and retail dealers, have expressed through resolutions their desire for the unification of the system of railway regulation. The National Industrial Traffic League, speaking from the viewpoint of shippers using the railways, has endorsed exclusive federal regulation providing it is accomplished in such a way as to give full protection and prompt adjustment in matters relating to transportation within the states.

Many Interests Studying Problem.
All these organizations represent primarily the shippers of the country, but they are not the only ones who are taking a hand in the discussion. The investors of the nation, through their own associations and through committees representing the savings banks and other financial organizations, are preparing to show the necessity of improving railroad credit and protecting the rights of those whose money is invested in railway securities. Finally the railroads themselves, being vitally concerned in the improvement of existing conditions, are planning to submit their views through their executives, operating officials and traffic experts and to assert their willingness to accept far-reaching federal regulation along lines that will enable them to attract capital and to provide the facilities needed for the prompt and efficient handling of the country's transportation business.

Main Trouble is Too Many Masters.
Not all of these interests are in accord as to the remedies that should be adopted. There seems to be a general agreement, however, that many of the difficulties which confront the railroads and which make it impossible for them to meet the requirements of the nation's commerce promptly and satisfactorily arise from the haphazard and often conflicting measures of regulation that have been adopted from time to time by the federal government and the forty-eight states and that what is needed is a well ordered, systematic scheme of federal regulation that shall cover the whole country and make it possible for the railroads to provide the extensions and improved facilities so badly needed, while at the same time protecting fully the public interests.

West Stayton

Mrs. A. Fery and daughter Mabel, left Monday for Corvallis for a visit with friends.

R. W. VanNuys, wife and son Earl, Mrs. Clarke, and Roy Porter and family, spent Sunday at the J. H. Porter home.

C. F. Loose and wife were entertained at the Leonard Walker home Sunday.

Mrs. Hunter and Mrs. Loose were Salem visitors Wednesday.

Mrs. Kaplinger and son and Miss Viola Sheperd of Mill City, visited at the Councilman home the first of the week.

Mrs. Loose and Mrs. Guntsaules visited at the Weigands home last Tuesday.

E. Forrette and wife and J. P. Funk and wife, spent Saturday at the Forrette ranch.

Ellen Condit visited with her friends in Salem last week.

Wes. Gentry and wife are reported to be both on the sick list.

Union Hill

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Tate and family took New Years dinner at the W. D. Hurt home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilmour and daughters, Edyth and Bernice spent Sunday at the Walter Heater home.

Tea party given at the Chas. Peters home Thursday eve in honor of their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Brock, was a grand success.

Miss Elizabeth Frank, who is attending school at Sublimity, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank.

Miss Bertha Oliver returned home from Salem Monday eve, and started in with her school work Tuesday morning.

Wm. Tate has purchased a new Maxwell car.

Mrs. H. A. Thomas is on the sick list.

Wm. Stevely bought a manure spreader last week.

The Misses Stella and Letha Gilmour spent Sunday with their grandmother, Mrs. J. King.

Clifford Thomas, who has been spending the holidays with home folks went back to his work near Salem Monday.

Rock Point

Philip Schmidt and wife of Portland visited at the Jos. Hendricks home his week.

Miss Isola Hill of Spokane, Wash. spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Hill.

Miss Maybelle Wagner visited at the J. T. Hunt home several days this week.

C. P. Darst went to Salem Monday for jury duty.

Mrs. B. F. Simpson of Aumsville spent the week-end at the Henry Frank home.

W. H. Downing and wife are spending several days at Newport.

A. Hassler of Sublimity was a caller at the E. C. Downing home Friday afternoon.

F. M. Fresh spent the week-end at the Eisenhart home in Stayton.

Cole School

School opened again on Tuesday the 2nd, with almost full force. The day being stormy a few of the small children were absent, and one or two were not home from their vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Leffler and family, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Montgomery and family, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Leffler and family, and Mr. and Mrs. John Leffler

Guaranteed Silverware

We Give Free With Every

The Farmer's Store Of Quality
EVERY DAY IS BARGAIN DAY AT
OUR BIG STORE
Special for this week is our
Dress Goods Sale

We Buy Your Produce

Cash Purchase A

COUPON FOR ROGERS

Good Goods

A. W. SCHRUNK,
Aumsville, - - Oregon

Good Goods

spent New Year's day at the home of grandpa and grandma Leffler, at Scio.

Mrs. Kircher and little daughter Helen of Lebanon, spent a week's vacation at the home of Paul Limbeck.

Rev. McGee preached at the Cole school house Sunday, Dec. 31st.

Wilbur Dart is on the sick list.

A crowd of about thirty people were present at the home of O. S. Lyons Sunday evening. Games and dancing were the order of the evening until midnight, when they watched the old year out and the New Year in.

Mt. Pleasant

Mrs. M. F. Ryan returned Sunday from Aberdeen, Wash., after spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Fred McIntyre, of Salem, accompanied her.

Henry Senz and wife and Mrs. Peter Fiedler were week end visitors at Albany.

Mrs. Ada and Mabel Thayer of Scio, were week end visitors at Floyd Shelton's.

Frank Lambert, Lou Geiber and Earnest Knapp were Salem visitors Wednesday.

Percy Thomas made a pleasant call at P. H. Lamberts, Wednesday.

Miss Roxana Shank spent the past week at H. R. Shank's.

Mrs. Peter Jungwirth and son were week-end visitors at Wm. Brotherton's at Jordan.

Leslie Townes and wife and Lum Kates called at Lee Downings on New Year's Eve.

Tony Giesler and B. Topher called at H. R. Shank's Saturday.

Herman Foltz is employed at Jungwirth Bros.' sawmill.

Miss Mabel Townes called at P. H. Lamberts Saturday.

Dave Aegerter Jr., David Montgomery, Harry Shank, John Huber, Joni Flick, and K. Giesler were entertained at the Tony Giesler home Wednesday.

The Misses Grace, Bessie, Verona and Crystal Shank, Frank Lambert and Melvin Shank called at P. H. Lambert's Wed. eve.

Joe Schwindt called at the Mrs. Roxie Shank home Tuesday.

Tony Minten visited with the Jungwirth Bros. Monday.

Joe Burton and wife of Lacombe are visiting at G. H. Rays.

The Farmers' Union met on Thursday eve and elected officers for the coming year. They are: Geo. Sandner, Pres; J. H. Kloer, Sec-Treas; H. R. Shank, Ass't. Sec-Treas. Frank Hottinger, doorkeeper; Arthur McKenzie, conductor. We all think that much good will be accomplished thru the Farmers' Union in the near future.

Miss Zona Ray returned home after several days visit in Scio.

North Santiam

Albert Kiethly's returned to their home in Mill City after a week's visit with their folks and friends here.

Wiley Angel is on the Lagrip list.

Mr. Layton Davis' brother of Halfway, Ore. is visiting at the Davis home.

John Schofield, who is attending school in Salem, spent the holidays at home.

A representative of the Salem Statesman canvassed the neighborhood this week.

The newly-weds at the McCormick home were serenaded Saturday night.

H. A. Chance is clearing up some new ground for a spring crop.

Jos. Zellars of Linn County visited relatives here this week.

Lyons and Fox Valley

Snow on the ground, but not enough for sleighing. A white Christmas and New Year, something rare in Oregon.

The Xmas program had to be given up on account of the Grip. Everyone is getting better now.

Mrs. Woodworth and family spent Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Wheatman of Aumsville.

Mrs. Alva Grimes spent Xmas with her parents in Lyons.

Frank and Jack Johnston went to Stayton Saturday after a load of feed.

W. E. Simons and family spent Xmas with his parents at Salem.

W. E. Simons has been confined to the house for the last few days with the grip.

Raymond Grimes has been home from Gooch where he has been working in the mill, laid off by King Grip.

Frank Berry's family is nearly all down with the grip.

Arthur Vaughn and Miss Elsie Pruner were married last week and came to Lyons New Year's Eve, where the boys gave them a rousing welcome with everything that would make a noise.

Kingston Kinks

Rudolph Henkel was a Stayton visitor Tuesday.

Miss Ethel Walker returned to Salem Monday, after spending the Holidays with home folks.

Otto and Ralph Cole of Jordan ate dinner at the Curtis Cole home Tuesday.

Mrs. T. O. Archer has been on the sick list the last week.

Miss Hazel Price of Salem visited Sunday and Monday at the Curtis Cole home.

N. Geymer and O. M. Baker were in Stayton Tuesday.

A very jolly crowd attended the meeting at the Kingston church. Several Stayton people were present. The following program was rendered: A reading by Linden Leavitt, "Appeal to Jerry, Dad says so Anyway." Recitations by Mabel Weddle, Alma Nendel, Miss Schaefer, Mildred Clayton, Edna Crabtree, Miss Smith, Miss Brachan, a song by Mrs. Geymer and a duet by Margaret and Bertha Schaefer. Games and luncheon kept the crowd amused while they watched the Old Year Out and the New Year In.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Thomas of Stayton called at the G. F. Harold home Sunday afternoon.

Marcella Baker has the grip.

Marie Henkel was a week-end visitor at the J. S. Steinberger home.

School Notes

The Chante Club began work anew on the operetta, entitled,

"Polished Pebbles," which they are going to give on the evening of Jan. 19, in the high school auditorium.

Lois Bracken had the misfortune to break her ankle at the skating rink Tuesday afternoon. This will cause her absence from the Sophomore class for several weeks.

All the teachers have returned after spending their vacation in various places. Miss Poley went to Ashland, Miss Hollister to Salem, Miss Crabtree to Forest Grove, Miss Bassett to Newberg, Miss Marshall to Gervais, Mrs. Pratt to Portland.

The Teague family has left Stayton for Mill City. This leaves a vacancy in the high school as well as the grades.

Mrs. Lee Tate gave a reception in honor of her son, Ralph, to his class and teacher, Miss Crabtree, at which they presented Ralph with a beautiful bouquet of carnations and a little gift. A very enjoyable time was had by all. Later in the evening before the class departed, Mrs. Tate served a delicious luncheon which was especially enjoyed.

All the rooms were put in good condition by the janitors during the holidays, which made it pleasant to begin work again on Monday morning. A new drinking fountain was installed on the grounds.

The 7th grade also had a social during the holidays, which was held at the Nendel home on the evening of Dec. 26. A taffy pull was the main feature of the evening.

The 6th grade began the study of the products of the Southern states. As Miss Marshall is very familiar with this subject, it will no doubt be interesting to the pupils. She has already sent for samples of cotton.

The attendance in all the grades combined Wednesday, morning was 138.

Miss Marshall is reading "The Captivity of the Oatman Girls" to her pupils.

The classes in Mrs. Pratt's room came back with new vim and energy. One pupil has resolved to learn the constitution of the U. S.