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In some instances the local increases proposed run to 100 per cent.

From Seattle to Portland the class rate increase is from 37 1/2 to 50 1/2.

Seattle and Tacoma representatives are expected to enter vigorous protest.

The railroads will be required to produce testimony justifying the increase.

RAIL INCREASES FAVORED

California Commissioner Discusses  
Attitude on New Tariff.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 6.—President E. O. Edgerton of the railroad commission announced today that the commission's attitude toward the application of California rail and water carriers for higher freight and passenger rates in the state probably would be to grant increases to correspond with the interstate commerce commission.

The increases asked by the carriers amount to 25 per cent for freight and 20 per cent for passenger fares.

Although denying the petition of carrying and lumber interests for an investigation of freight rates on those commodities, saying that specific rates would not be taken up at this time, President Edgerton said that the case would be left open so shippers could ask adjustments from the commission in case they were unable to get prompt relief from the carriers.

In answer to a question from President Edgerton as to whether the railroads and boat lines would make reactive adjustments where there were inequalities in rates, H. C. Booth, representing the carriers, said the line expected to stand by the interstate commerce commission decision on that point.

"Then you mean no," replied Mr. Edgerton.

Mr. Booth did not respond.

RISE ON APPLES PROTESTED

Fruit Shippers of Wenatchee District Oppose Ruling.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 6.—(Special.)—Fruit shippers of the Wenatchee district are protesting against the recent ruling of the interstate commerce commission which increases the freight rates on apples from 25 to 35 per cent.

If the proposed increase goes into effect it will mean that fruit growers in this district will have to pay from \$1,250,000 to \$1,875,000 more in freight rates this year than last, it was said.

A protest is pending before the interstate commerce commission on a freight rate increase of 25 per cent which went into effect two years ago.

It is probable the commission will pass on both protests at one time and fix a final rate for apples from this territory to the east.

Many Wenatchee shippers are making preparations to obtain space in refrigerated steamships from Seattle to New York via the Panama canal.

In case the full increase granted to the railroads stays in effect, it is said, apples can be shipped more cheaply by steamship through the canal than by rail.

President Wade and Manager Smith of the Wenatchee Valley Traffic association have gone to Washington to look after a final decision on rates.

NEW RATES DUE SHORTLY

Railroads Get Permission to File  
Blanket Schedules.

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The roads are required to file completed freight tariffs within three months from September 1.

The commission's decision authorizing higher freight rates provides that the new schedules are to be effective five days after filing with the commission.

Information as to when the roads would be able to file the schedules, but announcement has been made that the new rates would go into effect August 25.

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Smallpox Claims Former University Instructor as Victim.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 6.—(Special.)—Professor P. L. Barker, for a number of years professor in the science department of the University of Oregon, died at Tientsin, China, a few days ago from smallpox, according to word just received by friends of the family here.

He is survived by his wife.

SOLDIERS WRECK HOUSES

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DUBLIN, Aug. 6.—Two hundred soldiers today raided and wrecked six houses in the village of Doon, according to a dispatch from Dublin.

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