STATES ORDERED TO PUT UP RAIL RATES

Arkansas and Minnesota Are Told to Get in Line.

U. S. AUTHORITY ASSERTED

Federal Commission in Issuing Order Declares States Are Discriminating in Traffic.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—State railway commissioners of Arkansas and Minnesota were ordered today by the interstate commerce commission to increase state passenger rates and excess baggage charges to the level now prevailing in interstate commerce. The commission held that the present charges in the two states amounted to a discrimination against interstate traffic.

Both Arkansas and Minnesota are numbered among the 17 states that refused to grant a 20 per cent increase in passenger fares last August to conform with the increase in interstate traffic, and the decisions today mark the first action to be taken by the commission since hearings were given seven states here recently. The commission previously ruled against the state commissions of New York and Wisconsin and those cases are now being fought in the courts.

The state commissions of Arkansas and Minnesota granted an increase in freight rates but, due to existing state laws, claimed they were powerless to raise rates on passenger fares and excess baggage.

In Minnesota the state rate for passenger fares was set at 2 cents a mile by the legislature, but the carriers obtained an injunction at the end of the federal control period, which prevented the state commission putting pre-war rates into effect. In Arkansas the maximum rate also was 2 cents a mile.

The interstate commerce commission quoted the transportation act as its authority to raise rates in opposition to state laws made by legislatures.

Changes in the Arkansas rates must be made by February 15 and in Minnesota by February 1, the interstate commerce commission ruled.

In the Arkansas case Commissioner Eastman dissented, but the Minnesota decision was unanimous.

CALL NOT YET ACCEPTED

REV. MR. LONG UNCERTAIN AS TO SALEM INVITATION.

Work at Forbes Presbyterian Is Entirely Satisfactory, Says Portland Minister.

Rev. Ward Willis Long, pastor of Forbes Presbyterian chuch, announced yesterday that he had not reached a decision regarding acceptance of a unanimous call to the pastorate of First Presbyterian church of Salem.

"I deeply appreciate the honor given me by the members of First Presbyterian church of Salem," said Rev. Mr. Long, "but I cannot as yet commit myself on my future plans. The Salem church is much larger than my present pastorate, but I feel that I owe the highest consideration to my people here.

"The invitation came as a complete surprise. I have not sought a change of pastorate, for I am thoroughly satisfied with my work in Portland."

Rev. Mr. Long came to Portland in June, 1919, to become pastor of Forbes Presbyterian church, and has enlarged the membership, built up the Sunday school ,and conducted mission study courses in the church. He also has been an instructor in the Portland training school for church workers. He was graduated from Princeton seminary in 1918, and before coming to Portland, was assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Akron.

If the call from Salem is accepted, Rev. Mr. Long will assume his duties there May 1, 1921.

CITY HOLDS DOWN BIDS

NO CONTRACTS AWARDED WHEN ESTIMATES EXCEEDED.

New Plan One of Many Others to Lower Cost of Public Improvements.

No municipal contracts will be awarded to private contractors by the city in the future when bids are in excess of the estimates prepared by the city engineer's office.

Upon recommendation of City Commissioner Barbur, in charge of the department of public works, the city council yesterday adopted a resolution defining its future policy along this line. Heretofore contracts were issued when bids were not more than 10 per cent higher than the estimates.

The new plan, Commissioner Barbur explains, is but a part of future policies which he will advocate to bring down the costs of public improvements. He is of the belief that under the provisions of the resolution adopted by the council private contractors will trim their bids to the very lowest possible cost, plus a reasonable profit, in order that such bids will not exceed the estimates prepared by the city engineer.

Provision is made that in event of error in the estimates of the city engineer, the council will readvertise for bids based on new estimates.

Commissioner Barbur is holding up all estimates for work proposed for 1921, so that investigation might be made to determine if the assessed value of the property affected by the improvements can afford the estimated cost of the improvements. Several instances where improvements have been installed by the city in the midst of vacant property assessed at figures far below the cost of the improvement assessed against such property have been revealed in the last few weeks.

Commissioner Barbur is planning to guard against repetiton of such actions by careful check of property affected by any improvement project.

Another change in policy proposed by Commissioner Barbur, if carried out, will prevent any contractor from receiving awards of more work than can be concluded in the year.

LIQUOR IS BOYCOTTED

MARINE WORKERS REFUSE TO HANDLE ALCOHOL.

Labor Federation at Antofagasta Passes Resolution Favoring Action by Drys.

VALPARAISO, Chile, Dec. 22.—The Maritime Workers' federation of Antofagasta today adopted a resolution, effective January 1, declaring that marine workers would not participate in the loading or unloading of liquor and wines, whether of home or foreign manufacture.

The resolution invites other labor organizations to join the movement and attacks alcoholism. Agitation in favor of stricter enforcement of the present law regulation for the sales of liquors and wines has been growing recently, particularly among the workers.

It is known President-elect Alessandri will support the movement. A committee of senators and deputies has been appointed to study the problem and recommend new measures of control.

LAWMAKERS AT LUNCHEON

Linn County Legislators Guests of Honor at Albany Function.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Frank H. Porter of Halsey, state senator from Linn county, and Charles Childs and W. C. Templeton, both of Brownsville, representatives from Linn county, were guests of honor at the regular weekly luncheon of the Albany Chamber of commerce in the community house here yesterday.

The legislators spoke briefly and among the other speakers at the luncheon were three former members of the legislature from this county, E. D. Cusick of Albany, former joint senator; Samuel M. Garland of Lebanon, former state senator, and L. G. Lewelling of Albany, former representative. Gale S. Hill of Albany, district attorney of Linn county, was chairman at the luncheon.

DANCING IS REGULATED

Salem Council Adopts Portland Ordinance in Its Entirety.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The Salem city council has approved in its entirety the ordinance now in effect in Portland for the conduct of dance halls. With the exception of Aldermen Vandevort and Moore, all members of the council voted for the passage of the ordinance.

Under the new ordinance all dance halls conducted in Salem are at all times subject to police inspection and must be closed before 12 o'clock midnight unless given permission in writing by municipal officials to operate longer. The position of dancers when in action also is set out in the ordinance.

FACTORY TO BE BUILT

Dairymen' at Banks Subscribe Funds for New Structure.

BANKS, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Two hundred dairymen of this district subscribed $11,800 Monday for the erection of a creamery and cheese factory in this city. Work on the plant probably will be started in the near future.

The subscriptions followed an address by Alma D. Katz, president of the Oregon Dairymen's league. Mr. Katz spoke on general dairy conditions, and on questions relating to the operation of creameries and cheese factories.

Destroyer Graham Wins Cup.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—Governor Coolidge today presented to the signalling crew of the destroyer Graham a silver cup which he had offered to the destroyer of the United States navy showing the greatest attainment in radio and visual signalling during the year. The Graham is now at Norfolk.

Teacher's Certificate Revoked.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The teachers' certificate of Donald G. Galey, manual training instructor in the Albany high school, has been revoked because he failed to attend the teachers' institute held here recently. A report that he had failed to comply with the law and attend the insitute was made by Mrs. Ida Maxwell Cummings, county school superintendent, to J. A. Churchill, state superintendent, and the latter has revoked the certificate.

Junior League Entertains.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—A packed high schol auditorium greeted the first patriotic programme effort of the Junior American league, an auxiliary of the local American Legion post, last night. A musical programme was given and a costume play of the period of the Pilgrims. Costumes were made by the domestic science pupils and scenery by the classes in manual training. An entertainment will be given each month.

Kelso Grange Elects.

KELSO, Wash., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Catlin grange of this city elected the following officers for the ensuing year at their meeting yesterday: Master, Mrs. Plinny Shepardson; overseer, James Downing; lecturer, Mrs. C. T. Williams; secretary, C. W. Marsh; treasurer, G. H. Kerr; chaplain, Mrs. Anna K. Larson; steward, B. Smith; assistant steward, C. E Libby; gatekeeper, Herman Dykstra; Ceres, Mrs. N. B. Marsh; Pomona, Mrs. G. H. Kerr; Flora, Mrs. James Downing; assistant lady steward, Mrs. R. S. Thompson.

Centralia Mail Breaks Record.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The receipts at the Centralia post office Monday were the greatest in the history of the office, according to William Grafton, assistant postmaster. This morning's incoming mail, which totaled 80 sacks, set a new record for the office. Extra help has been secured to handle the rush of Christmas mail. Local merchants report an excellent Christmas trade. The stores will remain open tomorrow and Friday nights.

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$ 7.50 Mufflers now $5.65
$12.50 Mufflers now $9.40

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