### ROADS TO CONFER WITH SWITCHMEN!

Negotiations for Ending of Strike to Be Begun in Chicago Monday.

FULL CARS MOVE SLOWLY

Coal Dealers Say Fuel Famine Is Threatened, but Companies Retort With Figures Showing Freight Is Moving

CHICAGO, Dec. 11 .- Negotiations between the railroads conference committee, representing the General Managers' Association, and the switchmen's committee will begin in Chicago on Monday, according to an unauthorized statement Issued here today by the General Managers' Association.

It is expected the points at issue between the railroads and the employes will be discussed.

Interstate Commerce Commissioner Knapp and Labor Commissioner Neill on Monday will take up also the dispute between the Illinois Central Rail road and its telegraphers, who have asked for an increase of 10 per cent in wages. The demands of the telegraphers were dealed by the road and the dispute was referred to the media-tion of the Federal commissioners.

BAUM EXPLAINS ERDMAN LAW

Provisions for Arbitration of Difficulties Set Forth.

Before the recent strike was called by the switchmen against the 13 North-ern Railroad systems, the average citizen was not aware there was such a statute as the Erdman law, to say nothing of the provisions of that measure. That the public might have a better understanding of this measure, which was enacted by Congress in 1898, Charles W. Bunn, gen-eral counsel for the Northern Pacific Railway Company, has prepared the fol-

congress in 1896, Charles W. Bunn, general counsel for the Northern Pacific Railway Company, has prepared the following synopsis of its provisions:

Whenever a controversy arises concerning wages, hours of labor or conditions of employment, seriously interrupting or threatening to interrupt the business of the carriers, the chairman of the Interstate Commission and the Commissioner of Labor are required, upon request of either the carrier or the enripoyes, to use their best efforts, by mediation and conciliation, amicably to settle the same.

The next section of the law says that if their mediation fails the controversy may be settled by arbitration (note that this requires consent of both parties), that the carrier chall select one arbitrator, the labor organization one, and the two thus chosen shall select a third; if the first two arbitrators fail to select a third within five days, he is to be chosen by the commissioners above mentioned. A majority of the beard thus chosen is empowered to settle the dispute. The board is required by the next section of the law to commence its hearings within 10 days and to make an award within 30 days. The sort make an award within 30 days. The sort provides that pending the arbitration the status before existing shall not be changed, but provided that no employe shall be compelled to render personal service without his consent. The award and with and conclusive upon both parties, unless set aside for error of law apparent on the recoords. The law next says that the award shall be faithfully carried out by the parties and thus the law carefully provides that no injunction or other process shall issue to compel an employer is only morally so on the employe. The award whilst perfectly binding on the employer is only morally so on the employe. The act next says that employes disantished with the award shall not the capture of the unique of such disantished with the award shall not warrance within three months without 30 days notice. The enounty section is limited the right of

continues the effect of the award during one year.

The act distinctly (4th section) limits the right of either party to take the controversy into court "except for matter of law apparent on the record." Upon such questions alone is any appeal to court given. No appeal therefore lies on questions of fact, on questions of the reasonableness of wages or of any of the terms of service. The questions of law which give the right to either party to appeal to the courts are such as; that the arbitrators did not hear the parties; or that they did not take an oath as the statute requires. Clearly this very restricted right to appeal to the courts is not important or material.

COAL DEALERS ORY FAMINE

Railroads Report They Have Furnished Fuel in Plenty.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 11 .- For the first time in the history of Minneapolis, with the possible exception of the anthracite coal strike, dealers in this city say they are without coal. "The situation is dark," said Secretary Reaves, of the Northwestern Coal Dealers' Association. "Minneapolis is not the only city facing this dilemma, Dozens of other towns are appealing

for help."
General Manager Goodell, of the Northern Pacific Rallway, when told of the statements of the Minneapolis coal

dealers, said:
"I know that is not true, for I per-sonally saw 17 cars of coal in the yards sonally saw 17 cars of coal in the yards there last night and 24 cars this morning. We had 300 loads of coal out of Staples, Minn., yesterday, destined for Western points. We have not had one complaint of shortage of coal."

J. M. Gruber, manager of the Great Northern, said:

"We hauled 21 cars of coal into the Twin Cities, varies yesterday. About

Twin Cities' yards yesterday. About one-half of that went to connecting lines for delivery and the rest to local

A. L. Flynn and Charles Watson, agents of the State Railroad and Warehouse Commission, sent out to investigate the freight traffic situation in the Twin Cities yards affected by the strike, reported to the Commission to-

"From the investigation made," the report says, "we are of the opinion that the companies are making every effort to keep the less-than-carload merchandise shipments moving with fairly good results, but the amount of carload freight handled is much curtailed. Receivers of freight are having more or less difficulty in baying such more or less difficulty in having such carload freight as may be brought into this terminal properly placed for unloading, but a careful inspection of the records shows that conditions are gradually improved by the record. ually improving in this respect.

TRAINMEN VIOLATED ORDERS

Brotherhood Official Says if Protected They Should Return.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 11.—Robert Mc-Intyre, vice-president of the Brother-hood of Railway Trainmen, conferred today with business men and striking witchmen here.

McIntyre stated that the trainmen walked out in violation of orders, and that, if guaranteed protection, they

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GRANGE LECTURER PROPOSES REMEDY FOR OREGON.

Johnson Argues That Separation of County and State Levies Would Be More Equitable.

J. J. Johnson, State Lecturer of the Patrons of Husbandry, told Lents Grange yesterday afternoon, in his ad-dress on "Taxation Methods," that there could be no uniform or equitable taxation in this state until state and county taxation should be separated, and argued that the two constitutional amendments proposed by the State Grange, to be voted on next November, will bring this about. Johnson insisted that the first step

in taxation reform is the removal of constitutional limitations, and the next is the separation of the sources of state and local revenue. He poined out that and local revenue. He poined out that each Assessor for the counties assessed differently and largely for the purpose of reducing the demand of the state for revenue, although he is bound under his oath to assess at a cash value.

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rich framers of the constitution, he said, "thought they had provided for equitable taxation, but they would find now that every foot of real estate on the tax-roll is assessed at 75 and 100 per cent of its full value; that while Revision of State Tax Roll Completed the amount of cash on deposit in the banks was \$74,000,000, the amount of money returned for the year by the Assessors was only \$16,300,000; that in 1905 railroad property, the real value at \$15,000,000, and this year pays on

less than \$40,000,000."

Mr. Johnson contended that the present method of taxation is unfair and unjust, and he urged every member of the order to study the constitutional amendments proposed by the State Grange. The amendments are as fol-lows, which are now being circulated among all the Granges in the state:

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Article 1 section 32. No tax or duty shall be imposed without the consent of the people or their representatives in the Legislative Assumbly. Taxes shall be levied and collected for public purposes only, and the power of texation shall never be surrendered, suspended or contracted away.

Article 2, section 1. The Legislative Assembly shall, and the people through the initiative may, provide by law a uniform rule of texation, except on property spe-

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clifically taxed. Taxes shall be levied on such property as shall be prescribed by law. The legislature, or the people through the initiative, may provide for the levy and collection of taxes for state purposes, upon different classes of property, and may provide for the ascertainment, determination and application of an average rate of levy and taxasion upon property taxed for the apportioning of any state tax among the several counties as county obligations to the state by reasonable and equitable rules.

At the conclusion of Mr. Johnson's

At the conclusion of Mr. Johnson's address, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Master, T. J. Krueger; overseer, Mrs. H. A. Darnall; lecturer, A. F. Miller; steward-chaplain, Mrs. A. F. Miller; treasurer-secretary, Mrs. W. L. Hotchkiss; gatekeeper, Victor Hotchkiss; Ceres, Lillian Thomas; Flora, Lelia Lance; Pomona, Adah McCullom; lay assistant steward, Mrs. Amanda Hayworth.

by Commissioners.

of the state at \$694.725,737.90, an increase of \$96,591,774.90, or 16.149 per cent over last been endeavoring to avoid him for months, both he and his mother insist that they had been sweethearts for

The valuation of Hood River County, according to the official figures, is \$7,459,689, an increase of \$4,589,387. Jackson County, with a valuation of \$35,438,666, gets into the decrease column to the amount of \$246,583. The largest percentage of decrease is shown by Curry County, with a failing off of 6.38 per cent. The largest percentage of increase is shown by Harney County, with 168,39. Hood River is next with 169,89 per cent, Union follows with 137,08 per cent. Multnomah is near the bottom of the list in percentage of gain, showing only 6.43 per cent over 1908. Clatsop County's increase is 1.12 per cent.

LILL WILL NOT PROSECUTE AMBITIOUS YOUTH CALLED

Had Been Sweethearts. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11. - (Spe-

cial.) - Henry Lill, baggagemaster at

insisted on forcing his attentions upon her when they were not wanted; that he frequently attacked her and on numerous occasions destroyed her wearing apparel. She will appear in the police court again next Friday for arraignment.

Insists He and Agnes Fairweather F. F. Blanchard, O. A. C. Student, Dies After Long Illness.

PORTLAND, Dec. 11.-(To the Editor.) ARMY TEST NOT ABOLISHED -Fred Floyd Blanchard, the son of Mr. the Fairmont Hotel, who was shot by and Mrs. C. H. Blanchard, was born in Agnes Fairweather, the 18-year-old Hillsboro, Washington County, Or., April SALEM. Or., Dec. II.—(Special.)—The final official summaries of the state, received of the 34 counties of the state and valuation of the assessable property

SALEM. Or., Dec. II.—(Special.)—The final official summaries of the taxrolls no desire to prosecute the girl. The wound is superficial.

Despite the denial of the girl that total valuation of the assessable property

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Methodist Church, on the Powell Valley wound is superficial.

The submarine cables of the submarine cables of the world cover mined Army officers are to procure a total of 278,208 miles. Three fourths of this total mileage is owned by private companies.

electrical engineer. In September, 1908, he entered O. A. C., but failing health compelled him to leave in April, 1909. For eight months he was a constant sufferer, but bore all with patience. He was that they had been sweethearts for three years and that no longer ago than Thanksgiving day Agnes Fair-weather was a guest at her home, ate Thanksgiving dinner with them and was considered one of the family. Miss Fairweather and her friends still insist that Lill annoyed her and thatled on forcing his attentions upon converted in the Cloverdale United Breth-ren Church, February, 1907, and united with the Laurelwood Methodist Episcopal Church, March 10, of the same year. From boyhood he lived a clean life. Since entering the church he was an active worker of great influence. The church sustains a great loss, as it loses a young man endowed with rich gifts, actuated by high ideals. He loaves a father, mother, sister, with other rela-tives and a host of friends to mourn his

> The funeral was held in the Laurelwood Methodist Episcopal Church, De-cember 7. The sermon was preached by Bishop Barclay, of the United Brethren Interment was made nomah Cemetery.

General Bell Recommends Modifica-

He announces that modifications of the system, "suggested by experience," shortly will be made to the Secretary of War. No increase in the strength of the Army is recommended at this time. New Push Club Organized. The Ivanhoe Improvement Club has just been organized in the Ivanhoe district. embracing the territory adjacent to Powell Valley road, with the following officers: President. R. M. Bodley; secretary, L. W. Nelson; corresponding secretary, T. Lessourd; treasurer, W. H. Hawksley. Some of the working committees have

been appointed. The club will work in harmony with the other organizations of the Seventh Ward, particularly for electric lights, water supply, street improve-ments and sewers. It has more than 50 charter members and much interest is manifested in the new club. The next meeting will be held the first Tuesday in January, in the Clinton Kelly Memorial

report of General Franklin J. Bell. chief of staff.

should not be abolished," says he, "but conditions connected therewith can un-doubtedly be improved."

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