

NEW COAL RATES NOT ALL ADVANCES

Railroad Manager Says Equalization Means More Reductions Than Advances.

TRAFFIC DENSITY VARIES

Business Is Not so Attractive in West as in East—Fuel Not Now Paying Proper Share of Costs on Some Lines.

CHICAGO, April 3.—More reductions than advances in freight rates on soft coal would result from the Western railroads' proposed readjustment of the rates on certain commodities, according to testimony before the Interstate Commerce Commission's hearing of the Western railroad cases today by B. J. Rowe, manager of the Illinois Central Railroad.

Mr. Rowe said that, although the 41 Western railroad systems were seeking an advance generally of 5 cents a ton on soft coal shipped from Illinois and Indiana mines to Central and Southern Wisconsin and 10 cents a ton to points on the west bank of the Mississippi River and west thereof in Iowa, Missouri, Minnesota and part of North and South Dakota, the proposed equalization would cause reductions. This would be done, he said, to place all the rates on a proportionate basis.

Some Rates Would Be Reduced. "In Northern Minnesota and part of North Dakota many points would enjoy reductions from the present rates," said Mr. Rowe. "The rates to certain points would be increased, however, on the reason that rates to other points would be increased—that is, to equalize them."

"Taking the Western territory as a whole, our proposed increase would average 7.35 cents a ton. Coal-hauling in the West is not as attractive to the railroads as in the East, where the Interstate Commerce Commission has approved higher rates."

"A rate of \$1.60 a ton prevails for a 321-mile haul from Pittsburg to Fort Wayne, Ind. For the same distance in the West the increase proposed would make the rate only \$1.54.

Coal certainly does not, under the present rates, pay its proper share of the cost of transportation in the West. This is accentuated by the greater density of traffic in the East. The freight earnings a mile of the Eastern bituminous coal roads average \$2.25 a year, while in the West the earnings are only \$2.00.

Traffic Density Varies. "The Norfolk and Western, a typical Eastern coal road, enjoys a traffic density of 4,500,000 tons a mile of line, while the Pittsburg and Lake Erie reached 9,900,000. In the West the Chicago and Eastern Illinois, with 1,700,000 tons, and the Illinois Central, with 1,633,000 tons, were the extreme, while the St. Louis and San Francisco had but 613,000.

The proposed rates to St. Paul and Minneapolis are depressed on account of water competition to Duluth and Superior and will remain considerably lower than the general rates in the Western territory, and this low rate must be applied to intermediate points far down the line into Iowa."

CHICAGO CAMPAIGN HOT

MAJORITY FIGHT IS MOST BITTER IN YEARS.

Herd of Elephants, Clowns and Bands in Parades, Which End in Small Riot, Which Police Quell.

CHICAGO, April 3.—The most bitter majority campaign in many years came to a close here today with two parades, which in size and interest compared with any which, in other years, have attended Presidential elections.

An afternoon parade, with a herd of elephants, clowns and many bands, was given in the interests of William Hale Thompson, the Republican candidate. A similar parade, which tonight brought the campaign of the Democratic candidate, Robert M. Sweitzer, to a close.

In the course of the Thompson parade several men attacked the occupants of automobiles in the procession and tore banners from the cars. The fight that followed assumed the proportions of a riot and the police were forced to use their clubs before order was restored.

Women will vote in the Majority election Tuesday for the first time in Chicago. At the last registration, March 16, 236,624 women and 502,417 men registered, a total of 739,041.

BIG JITNEY FORCED OUT

Man on St. Johns Run Admits There Are Too Many "In It Now."

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 3.—(Special.)—That the jitney business in Portland is outdone and that there are so many cars on some runs that there is no money in it for any of them, is the opinion of one of the jitney men who had a large truckcar on the St. Johns run, and who was forced to quit on account of so many other cars cutting in and taking some of the profits. When this driver went on the run a month ago there were only three or four cars. He did very well then, but others saw he was making money, so got on the route. When there were 13 cars where there had been but four he was forced out, so came to the north bank of the Columbia River, trying to find a good summer run.

Garibaldi Depot Going Up.

RAYOCEAN, April 3.—(Special.)—A depot is in course of erection at Garibaldi by the Pacific Railway & Navigation Company and will be ready for use in a few weeks. It is expected that a passenger, freight and express agent will be employed soon. These accommodations will be a special convenience for patrons of the Bayocean ferry, for which transfer is made at this point. The depot is located convenient to the entrance to the ferry dock.

Farmers to Have Horse-Show Day.

DAYTON, Wash., April 3.—It has been decided by the farmers of Columbia County to resume its annual horse show day, which, for a year or two, has not taken place as usual. April 19 is the date set, as that time is thought late enough to insure settled weather. The events of the day will feature the past, present and future of rural travel, and will be represented by saddle horses, carriage horses and lastly, a pageant of automobiles.

PHILADELPHIA SOCIETY BELLE IS TO BE WED ON APRIL 28 TO ANGLER B. DUKE.



—Photo Copyright by Underwood & Underwood. MISS CORDELIA DREXEL BIDDLE.

FORTUNES TO BE ONE

New York Man to Wed Social Belle of Philadelphia.

CEREMONY TO BE APRIL 28

Angler B. Duke, Son of American Tobacco Company Official, to Take Miss Cordelia Drexel Biddle for His Bride.

PHILADELPHIA, April 3.—(Special.)—At one of the most interesting inter-city weddings this Spring in Philadelphia, Miss Cordelia Drexel Biddle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Drexel Biddle, will become the bride of Angler B. Duke, of New York, on April 28.

Miss Biddle, who is only 17, inherits her father's love of sports and never is happier than when active in some branch of athletics.

She was not to have made her debut for several seasons, but because of the war she was forced to abandon her plans to pass two years abroad in study. Accordingly, she was included in the season's list of debutantes at the last minute.

The wedding, which will unite two well-known American names and two fortunes, will be one of the most auspicious social events of the season here. Miss Biddle is one of the most popular and attractive girls in Philadelphia's social world.

Recently Mr. Duke, accompanied by his fiancée, took part in the wedding of a prominent St. Louis couple.

Mr. Duke is the son of James B. Duke, who organized and long was president of the American Tobacco Company. The elder Duke now is chairman of the board of directors of the British-American Tobacco Company, and his fortune is estimated in the millions. His son is rapidly succeeding his father in his varied interests, which include other tobacco companies, banks, trust, cotton, oil and iron and steel corporations.

With Development of California and Florida Citrus Industry, Foreign-Grown Oranges Take Drop.

FRUIT, NUT TRADE GROWS

FOREIGN BUSINESS MORE THAN DOUBLE IN TEN YEARS.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—With a grand total of \$92,840,172, the foreign trade of the United States in fruits and nuts during the calendar year 1914 was double that of ten years ago, according to the Department of Commerce. Imports aggregated \$50,231,254 in value and exports \$33,608,918, which included the trade with Hawaii, Porto Rico, Alaska and the Philippines. Bananas valued at \$16,000,000 were brought into the United States in 1914, while lemons totaled \$5,250,000; olives, \$2,250,000; grapes, \$1,500,000; pineapples, \$1,333,233; currants, \$1,550,000; preserved fruits, \$1,000,000, and figs, nearly \$1,000,000.

Nut imports included coconuts, copra, etc., valued at \$5,250,000; walnuts, \$3,500,000; almonds, \$2,500,000; peanuts, about \$2,000,000, and filberts \$1,000,000.

With the development of the California and Florida citrus fruit industry, foreign-grown oranges gradually are being excluded from the domestic market and American-grown fruit is being exported in larger quantities. In ten years, from 1904 to 1914, exports have quintupled, last year totaling \$423,981.

France has shown a big gain, while apricots and preserved fruits have doubled during the decade.

SCHOOL TRUSTEE INDICTED

Member of St. Louis Board of Education Accused of Sale Graft.

ST. LOUIS, April 3.—August H. Kuhs, a member of the St. Louis Board of Education, was indicted by the grand jury today on a charge connected with the sale of a high school site to the Board.

The sale was negotiated by John Shephard, a real estate dealer, who has a desk room in Mr. Kuhs' office. In an investigation by the Board, A. J. Kuhs, son of the Board member and

his partner in the real estate business, received a large share of the \$11,000 netted in the sale of the high school site. It is understood that much of the evidence brought out in the Board's investigation was presented to the grand jury.

FRAUD DEVICES BURIED

San Francisco Holds Funeral for Short Weights and Measures.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 3.—Mock funeral services were conducted today by Mayor Rolph and other officials over 25,000 short weight and short measure devices confiscated by the city bureau of weights and measures.

Sixty wagon loads of the scales, measures and milk bottles were taken through the city, loaded on barges and dumped in San Francisco Bay.

Normal School Vacation Begun.

MONMOUTH, Or., April 3.—(Special.)—School closed Wednesday noon this week at the Oregon Normal School for the Easter vacation for the first time. The plan is to grant a short intermission in the Spring each year with a clean continuation of sessions at mid-year in order that the work of the two semesters will not be broken. Classes will resume Tuesday, April 6.

She Stopped Her Son From Drinking

A St. Louis Woman Stopped Her Son From Drinking With a Simple Home Recipe That She Gave Secretly.

She Tells What She Gave.

A well-known resident of St. Louis, whose son had used liquor to excess for years, broke him of the habit by using a simple home recipe which she gave secretly. In reply to the question as to what she used she made the following statement: "I used a simple prescription which I mixed at home and it is as follows: To 3 oz. of water add 20 grains of muriate of ammonia, a small box of Varlex Compound and 10 grains of pepsin. I gave a teaspoonful three times a day in his coffee. Any druggist can mix it for you, or supply these ingredients at very little cost. This recipe can be given secretly in coffee, tea or milk, or in the food, as it has no taste, color or smell and is perfectly harmless. I believe any mother or wife can do as I have and rid their dear ones of this awful habit."—Adv.

SMILE, BE HAPPY! TAKE CASCARETS

Cheer Up! Remove the Winter's Poison From Your Liver and Bowels.

Enjoy Life! Don't Stay Bilious, Sick, Headachy and Constipated.



Spend 10 cents—feel grand! Tonight take Cascarets to live your liver and clean your bowels. Stop the headaches, bilious spells, sourness, gases, coated tongue, bad breath, slowness and constipation—Take Cascarets and enjoy the nicest, gentlest "inside cleansing" you ever experienced. Wake up feeling fine. Cascarets is best cathartic for children.

A Complete Assortment of New **DRESS SHIELDS**

- 50c Naiad Bolero Shields at 39c
- No. 2 Naiad Shields at 16c
- No. 3 Naiad Shields at 19c
- No. 4 Naiad Shields at 23c
- 50c Omo Zouave Shields at 39c
- Omo Satin Coat Shields at 35c
- No. 2 Omo Shields at 16c
- No. 3 Omo Shields at 19c
- No. 4 Omo Shields at 23c
- No. 5 Omo Shields at 29c
- No. 6 Omo Shields at 33c
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An April Sale New Spring Merchandise

With eyes wide open to the fact that each year our annual April Sale must be better than its predecessor, we have gone wider and wider afield for the merchandise embraced in the sale for 1915. It is made up of specials—new stocks ordered in great quantities to bring down the prices, and every item will be sold at a distinct saving in price.

Regular \$1.25 Silk Nets Priced This Sale at 98c Yd.

A splendid line of Silk Nets in 40-inch width. They come in all the latest and best colors and in a heavy mesh. Regular \$1.25 quality at, yard..... 98c

Women's Handsome Silk Poplin Suits

Incomparable in Style, Quality and Workmanship—Suits Regularly Sold at \$22.50—This Sale at Only \$15.00

One thing to be remarked—and with emphasis—if it had not been for a very unusual and fortunate trade event we could not now offer these handsome Silk Poplin Suits at less than twenty-two fifty—the difference between this amount and fifteen dollars is the positive saving to you made possible by this sale. They are shown in beautiful models, with coats in the fashionable twenty-nine-inch length and in belted and sheered effects and the skirts are plain in yoke effects. They are skillfully tailored, perfectly finished suits of the finest silk poplins. All sizes in the best colors, navy, putty, Hague blue, etc. It is the season's best suit opportunity. Be sure that you profit thereby. Come tomorrow \$15.00 and secure a \$22.50 suit at.....

Silk Dresses at \$12.50 Regular \$16.50 Values

Three attractive new models in silk crepe de chine and Canton crepe—simple, charming Dresses. They come with low neck, long sleeves and full skirt sheered at waist line and with buttons, collar and cuffs of maize messaline silk. They come in navy, Copenhagen, sand, green, black, white, etc. Regular \$16.00 values at. \$12.50

Silk Petticoats at \$1.98 For Values to \$2.98

A special sale of Women's Fine All Messaline Silk and Jersey-Top Petticoats, with messaline flounce. They are perfect-fitting, extra well finished Petticoats, shown in most any wanted color—black, navy, green, Copenhagen, putty, sand, gray, etc. This season's goods in values to \$2.98. Your choice tomorrow at. \$1.98

An Advance Sale of Summer Style

Lace Curtains and Curtain Materials

To Make the Cheery Home Still More Cheerful

It is always well to let the sunlight into the home, but that doesn't necessarily mean bare windows. There are so many light, bright, beautiful and inexpensive Curtains and Curtain Materials this year that it's no effort at all to select something that will subdue the glare while adding to the decorative, summery effect. This "advance sale" has been arranged to induce an early inspection and selection from our splendid new stocks.

Two Fine Lots of Bobbinet Curtains

AT \$1.69 PAIR AT \$1.98 PAIR

\$2.25 and \$2.50 Grades \$2.50 and \$3.00 Grades

An extensive variety of Ecru Bobbinet Curtains with Bonaz and Marie Antoinette trimmings. They come in desirable widths and in 2½-yard lengths—the kind regularly sold at \$2.25 and \$2.50 a pair. \$1.69 This sale only \$1.98

Unusually fine Bobbinet Curtains in ecru, shown in pretty Marie Antoinette and cluny lace trimmings. They come in desirable widths and 2½ yards long—the kind regularly sold at \$2.50 and \$3 a pair. \$1.98 This sale only \$1.98

Both Ecru and White Bobbinet Curtains in \$3.75 and \$4.00 Quality on Sale at \$2.98 Pair

Curtains of extra fine quality, shown in both ecru and white and in extra heavy net. They come in good widths and lengths and in various styles, with Battenberg braid, Marie Antoinette or Bonaz trimmings. Our regular \$3.75 and \$4.00 lines \$2.98 priced for this sale at.....

Curtain Scrims at 25c Yard

Both plain and fancy Curtain Scrims in white, cream and ecru. They come full 38 inches wide and in a great variety. They are the best values we have ever been able to offer at 25c

New Cretonnes at 20c and 25c Yard

An unlimited assortment of new Cretonnes—neat and attractive patterns in medium and light colors—the best possible values to be had anywhere at 20c and 25c a yard.

MODISH AND DURABLE Spring Hosiery

For Women Most Moderately Priced

At no time has the season's opening found us so well prepared with Hosiery of such high standard qualities—in such broad assortments—rich, lustrous and finely-dyed Hosiery at moderate prices.

Silk Boot Hose at 50c Pair

A splendid-wearing, perfect-fitting Stocking, made with pure silk boot, with reinforced heel and toe and fine lisle top. All sizes in black, white and in shades of tan—a most reliable Stocking at, pair..... 50c

The Phoenix Silk Hose at 75c Pair

The Phoenix Silk Hose have long been known for their perfect fit and wearing quality. They are strictly high-grade Stockings, shown in all sizes in black and in all colors—a stocking of unsurpassed value at, pair..... 75c

Cinderella Silk Hose at \$1.00 Pair

The Cinderella is a pure thread silk Stocking of perfect fit and finish. Comes in all sizes in black and in colors. It is without doubt the best-wearing and finest appearing Silk Stocking sold at, a pair \$1.00

Sale of R. & S. Corsets

A very opportune sale coming as it does right at a time when most women are considering a new corset for Spring and Summer wear. It is a sale of the celebrated R. & S. Corsets in models especially adapted for average figures. They come with medium high bust and long skirt. They are made of fine imported fancy coutil or batiste and are trimmed with fine embroideries. All sizes, 19 to 26, in regular \$2.00 grade. Priced this \$1.29 sale at.....

Complete New Line of Silk and Kid Gloves

Shown in All Leading Shades

The La France Glove, made of high-grade French lambskin. Shown in all the best shades as well as black and white. All sizes in two-clasp style. Priced at..... \$1.00

The Eudora Glove, made of fine French kid and shown in all colors, also black and white. All sizes in two-clasp style. Priced at..... \$1.50

Reynier Suede Glove, made with either pique or overseam. Shown in all the best shades. Priced at..... \$1.50

Pique Sewn Gloves, shown with Paris point or embroidered back. Good, serviceable Gloves. Priced at..... \$1.50

Short Silk Gloves, made with double tipped fingers in two-clasp style. They are shown in all the best shades, as well as black and white. Price \$1.00

Short Silk Gloves, made with double-tipped fingers. They are of extra fine quality; shown in white and black. Priced at..... 75c and \$1.00

16-Button Silk Gloves, made with double-tipped fingers in all the best shades, also black and white. Priced at..... \$1.00

16-Button Silk Gloves, made with double-tipped fingers, extra heavy grade. Shown in black and white. Priced at..... \$1.50