

RAILROADS ASK FOR STILL HIGHER FARE

New Passenger Tariffs With Increases Declared Insufficient for Needs.

FIGURES ARE DECEIVING

Showing of Gains Based on Comparison With Period of Utmost Depression—Labor Expected to Renew Demands.

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—(Special).—Western railroads are engaged in the preparation of new tariffs covering increased passenger rates recently approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

It is estimated that the increases allowed in all the states embraced in the Commission's order will afford the railroads an additional annual revenue of \$7,000,000 to \$8,000,000.

Further Increases Desired. While the railroads are glad to get anything in the way of increased revenue at the hands of the various regulatory bodies under whose supervision they operate, there are many officials who argue that inasmuch as the passenger business has been operated at a loss for years, further increases in rates in the shape of increases in intra-state passenger rates is imperative to enable the carriers to make a better showing on their passenger business.

While earnings have made satisfactory showing during the last few months, it is pointed out by many of the carriers that the corresponding months of 1914, when the depression was acute, so that the increases which at first glance seem large are not so significant as if a normal period were taken as a basis of comparison.

Clouds of Uncertainty Seen. After this avenue of revenue is pretty well exhausted, the roads must depend for their earnings on the general improvement in business, and unless this is of goodly proportions earnings will suffer.

Despite the enhancement in revenue, there appear clouds of uncertainty on the railroad horizon which cannot be ignored. Labor is becoming restless and growing more impatient with the carriers as they are confronted with the likelihood of serious difficulty because of demands for an eight-hour day, and from all indications there is disposition on the part of the men to arbitrate their differences of opinion.

In the event of an enforced suspension as a result of labor troubles the increased earnings of the carriers of the last few months would be only a drop in the bucket to the losses which would be incurred.

BANK MAY PAY IN FULL

GOOD ASSETS ARE REVEALED IN KALAMA INVESTIGATION.

Sale of Properties Involved Would More Than Meet Debts Due to Bank, It is Asserted.

KALAMA, Wash., Jan. 8.—(Special).—Assets discovered in the investigation of the Cowlitz County Bank by the State Bank Examiner indicate that the institution will pay depositors dollar for dollar on their accounts.

Among these assets are securities for notes, signed by large land holders, whose properties are worth, even in times of depression, much more than the amounts loaned by the bank. It is expected that these notes, even in face of a falling market, could be collected from sale of properties which they insure. For example, the J. B. Hill Lumber Company's mill shows an investment of \$40,000 for the bank, rated at a value of at least \$100,000.

SEWER TO RUN WITH BEER

Brewery to Empty 7200 Gallons It Can Neither Sell Nor Give.

BAKER, Or., Jan. 8.—(Special).—The equivalent of 200 barrels of bottled beer, now stored in bulk in the plant of the American Brewing & Crystal Ice Company, of this city, amounting to 7200 gallons, in all probability will be emptied into the sewer whenever a revenue officer puts in an appearance in Baker, according to Charles Beaudou, manager of the plant.

\$5000 GIFT ANNOUNCED

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William T. Neill, A. F. McKinley, Fletcher Linn, R. K. Terry, Frank M. Taylor, C. E. Cleveland, Kenneth A. J. Mackenzie, L. R. Alderman, John Veatch, Dean T. Goodman, J. C. Veale, Oliver B. Huston, F. D. Carruth, W. C. Nicholas, W. G. Dunlap, Chester Moore and Franklin S. Allen.

BOARD WORKS IN SECRET

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service as Commissioner of Corporations and will be become chairman of the Trade Commission. There was fre-

quent complaint in Congress that supervision of corporations whose officials are heavy contributors to political funds has been committed to a member of the Democratic National committee.

Republicans Not Represented. Vice-Chairman Hurley is another prominent Democratic politician. He raised \$40,000 for the Wilson campaign and was otherwise active round-up of the support of business men for the President.

LIQUOR BAR DWINDLES

WASHINGTON RULES BOTH BEER AND WHISKY ARE ALLOWED.

Thurston Official Agrees With View of Attorney-General Tanner and Extends Import Limits.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 8.—(Special).—Under an interpretation of the new liquor law made by Attorney-General W. V. Tanner today, a person may have two quarts of whisky and 12 quarts of beer in his possession at the same time without liability to prosecution.

The Attorney-General says there is nothing in the law to warrant an opportunity of the amount of liquor of each class an individual may possess.

Any other interpretation, he declares, would lead to absurd results as a person might be held guilty of crime for having a pint of whisky and 12 quarts of beer. The intent of the law is construed as not to apportion the amount of each class of liquor permitted except as to the maximum quantity of each.

CORVALLIS MAN HONORED

John E. Watt Named County Agriculturist in Wyoming.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Jan. 8.—(Special).—John E. Watt, last year a student at the Oregon Agricultural College, was notified this week of his appointment as county agriculturist for Lincoln County, Wyoming.

Mr. Watt was graduated from the veterinary school of the Kansas Agricultural College, and came to the Oregon Agricultural College for advanced work in dairying and animal husbandry. He received the degree of master of science last June at Lincoln County, Wyoming, is in the heart of a livestock section, and Mr. Watt's training at the Oregon Agricultural College is considered especially applicable to his work there.

COOS BAY WORK TO WAIT

Engineers Will Determine Permanency of Channel.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 8.—Representative Hawley was today advised by the Chief of Engineers that no new project for the improvement of Coos Bay will be recommended to Congress until the local engineer can determine the permanency of the channel dredged during the past season.

The engineers report that the dredge work of last summer gave Coos Bay a wider and deeper channel than it ever had before, and if this can be reasonably maintained in the face of severe winter storms, it is intimated that future appropriations for Coos Bay will be for jetty construction. It will be several months before a Coos Bay report can be submitted to Congress.

APPLE EXPORT HAS SPURT

Hood River Newtowns Promise to Be Cleaned Up Early.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Jan. 8.—(Special).—While space on trans-Atlantic liners has been reserved on dates as late as the middle of March, it is likely that all the Hood River crop of 1915 carloads of Newtown apples will be cleaned up before that time.

"During the past week," says William H. Hays, president of the association, "we have been exporting from 15 to 20 carloads daily."

The Apple Growers' Association has made a record this year for the excellent condition in which fruit has been delivered. Out of the approximate 450,000 boxes that have so far been handled, not a single box has reached the purchaser in poor condition.

WOMAN GETS IRON CROSS

Kaiser Bestows Honor for Disclosing Spies' Bomb Plot.

BERLIN, Jan. 8.—(By wireless to Stavitz, N. Y.).—Emperor William has conferred the iron cross on Frau Skellik, of Glatz, for disclosing a bomb plot, the work of spies.

This is the first time that a woman has received the iron cross.

ASSETS \$9,400,000.00

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COMPULSION HELD BEST

GARRISON GIVES VIEWS OF MILITARY SERVICE BASIS.

Secretary's Utterance Before Committee Regarded as Significant of Congressional Army's Aim.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Secretary Garrison told the House military committee at a hearing today that compulsory service was a really adequate basis on which to construct a military policy compatible with the idea of Democratic government.

The Secretary made the assertion merely as an expression of personal sentiment, he said, and did not elaborate on it. His statement was regarded as significant, however, in view of the known belief of many Army officers and War Department officials that the continental Army proposal in the Administration preparedness program naturally tends towards ultimate universal service.

Representative Shallenberger asked Secretary Garrison if a universal military obligation did not make it possible for nations to be drawn into war despite the wishes of the majority of the people.

"I do not think France or Germany would be waging war if the majority of their peoples did not favor it," replied the Secretary. "No nation ever is at war at the majority of its people."

"Do you think this Nation was behind the landing of troops in Mexico?" asked Mr. Shallenberger.

Secretary Garrison declined to discuss that, saying he was not in the diplomatic service and his part in the Vera Cruz incident was merely that of an agent.

Judge Back Has New Son.

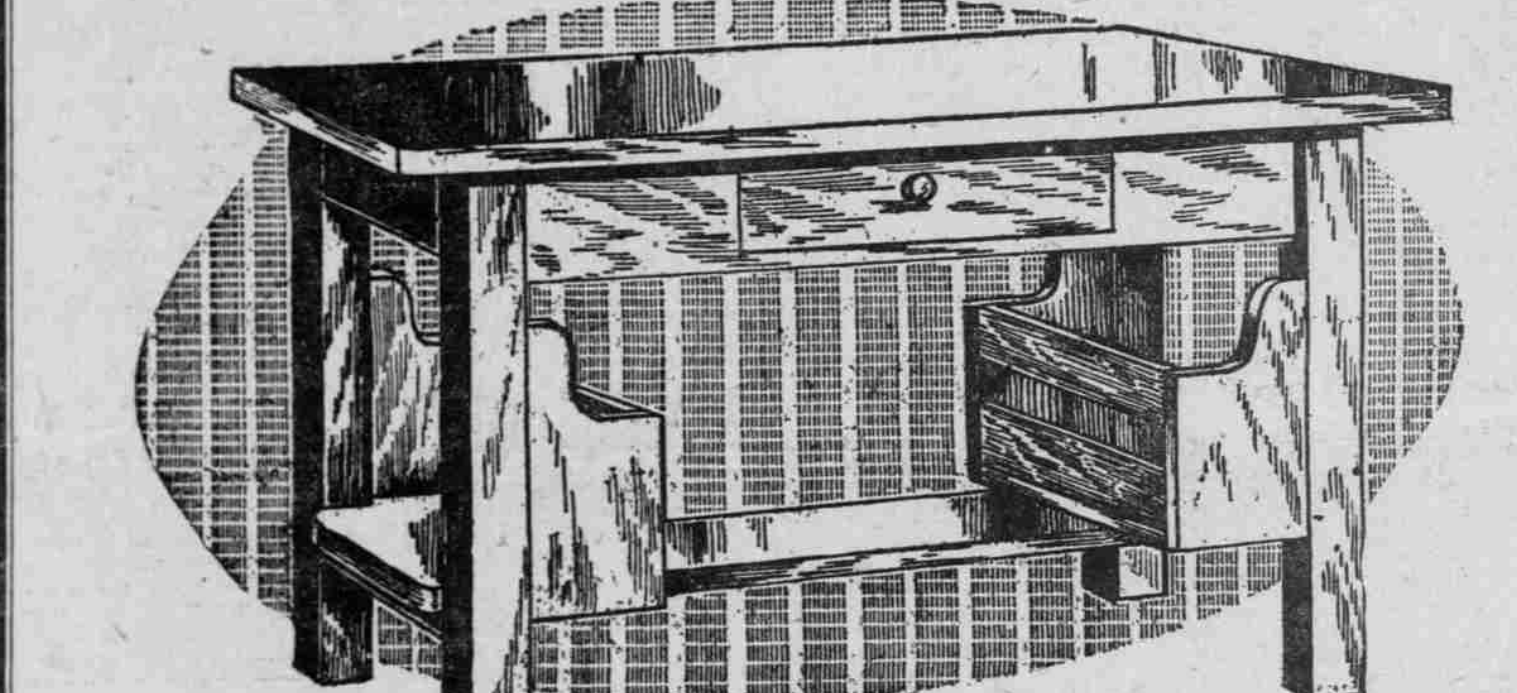
VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 8.—(Special).—Judge Back, of the Superior Court of Clark County, and Mrs. Back, are receiving congratulations upon the arrival of a 16-pound son at their home, 510 East Eighteenth street.

Owego Plant to Open Soon.

ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 8.—(Special).—That the plant of the Portland Cement Company, at Owego, is to be placed in operation at an early date has been announced today by Aman Moore, president of the company. Mr. Moore came here today to bring about a settlement of a controversy regarding

rights-of-way for the railroad which to build from Carnes, six miles south of the Portland Cement Company proposed Roseburg, to its cement quarries. As soon as the road is completed Mr. Moore from Roseburg to Owego for treatment. The raw material will be shipped ment.

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Furnished with massive Two-Inch-Post Iron Bed, with full inch filling rods, \$30.00; All-Steel Link Spring, guaranteed not to sag, \$25.00; 40-pound Layer-Felt Mattress in fancy art ticking, \$8.50; Hardwood Dresser, either in dull or polished finish, \$11.50; Bedroom Table to match at \$3.75; Bedroom Chair, \$1.75; Rocker, \$2.25; and one 8-1/2x10 Wool Fiber Rug, pattern and color may be selected from our large stock, \$10.00.

Living-Room \$61.30 \$6 Cash—\$5 Monthly Including large size 9x15 Beautiful Axminster Rug, \$22.50; Library Table, size of top 36 inches by 43 inches, \$11.50; Solid Oak Arm Chair and Rocker to match, upholstered with best grade brown imitation Spanish leather, at \$6.90 each; Solid Oak Reclining-Back Morris Chair, with reversible cushions, upholstered same as rocker, \$12.50; Pretty Little 30-inch Pedestal in waxed golden oak, \$3.

Dining-Room \$43.65 \$5 Cash—\$4 Monthly including solid oak six-foot waxed extension table, \$15; four mission oak dining chairs to match, \$2.35 each; one oak arm rocker, as shown in illustration, \$4.25; one 9x10.6 seamless Brussels rug in Oriental or small conventional design, \$15.00.

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