

APPLE RATES TO BE LOWERED NEAR FUTURE, IS WORD

Director Prouty Informs Public Service Commission Announcement Will Be Forthcoming.

STONE RATES TO BE CUT

Readjustment on Rates on Wood, Especially on Short Hauls, Also Expected From Directors.

Salem, Oct. 3.—That a reduction in freight rates on apples, which is needed if apple-growers in Oregon are to be saved from serious loss, will be announced by the federal railroad administration in the near future, in the assurance given by Charles A. Prouty, director of the division of public service and accounting, in a letter to Senator McNary.

Senator McNary took the matter up with the railroad administration at the request of Public Service Commissioner Buchtel, who presented information to show the injury which a 25 per cent increase in freight rates will work upon apple-growers and also upon other lines of business. A copy of Prouty's letter was received by Buchtel today.

Director Prouty says similar complaints have poured into his office from all parts of the country and attention is being given them as rapidly as possible. He gave assurances of relief.

Speaking of apple rates, he says that the local traffic committee and general traffic committee both have recommended a reduction.

That matter is now under consideration by Director Chambers and myself and some conclusion will be reached in the near future," he says.

It is probable that some reduction will be made but do not care to indicate the extent of that reduction.

He said also he believed a reduction would be made in the rate on stone, especially on short hauls so that the work on Yaquina Bay jetty may be continued.

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"Let every worker continue solicitation with undiminished energy."

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Contrasts are the withdrawal of Austro-German troops from Bulgaria within four weeks.

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Registrants Qualified for Service and Who Have Aptitude for Mechanics Wanted.

Auxiliary Schooner Ashore Off Key West

According to word received yesterday by A. O. Anderson & Co., steamship brokers, the five-masted auxiliary schooner General Pershing is ashore on a reef at the west entrance to Key West harbor, with two masts gone and a heavy sea running. Naval vessels are standing by to render assistance. The General Pershing was launched at Olympia, Wash., this year, and is owned by the Olympia Shipbuilding company, represented in this city by A. O. Anderson & Co.

The schooner is 260 feet long and of 4000 ton capacity. The General Pershing was engaged in government service and was on its way from Port Arthur to Baltimore with a cargo of pitch.

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