Telegram to J. P. O'Brien, Federal Manager of Roads in State, Says Rise Inexpedient.

LONG EXPLANATION GIVEN

Declares Administration Has No Legal Right to Raise Charge to Benefit Private Interests.

That increased railroad rates are not expedient for the railroad administration, and that there is neither a legal nor a moral obligation resting upon federal control to make increases during government operation for the exclusive benefit of the rallroad under private management, is the decision reached by Walker D. Hines, director general of railroads.

Announcement of this statement was received in telegram form by J. P. O'Brien, federal manager of the railreads in Oregon, Saturday afternoon. It is a reply to the resolution recently adopted by the Association of Railroad Executives objecting to the position taken by the director general of railroads to the effect that the administration ought not to undertake to increase railroad rates. The message follows: RIGHT TO CHANGE DISPUTED

"The suggestion of the railroad executives that the railroad administration make increases in rates can mean only one thing, and that is that the railroad administration shall make these increases during federal control for the sole and exclusive benefit of the railroads under private management, after the end of federal control. This is true, because the conclusion has been reached with the approval of the president that it is not in the public interest to make an immediate increase in rates for the purpose of increasing the revenues of the railroad administration during federal control.

"A fundamentally wrong conception is involved in the claim that the president ought to exercise the emergency ratemaking power conferred upon him for the purpose of deciding as between the railroads and the public what the former shall charge and what the latter shall pay after federal control shall end. LET LINES CARE FOR THEMSELVES "The theory of the federal control was

that the government would guarantee a rental during federal control, but not afterward. The idea, of course, was that after federal control the permanent statutory revisions and procedure would be looked to by the railroad com-panies to secure for themselves ad-equate compensation. The resolution of the railroad executives, in effect, takes the position that they are not willing to resort to the permanent statbut instead they want the president to use his emergency power so as to provide for their compensation after federal control, in addition to having guaranteed them their return during dederal control.

"There is no duty whatever, either legal or moral, resting upon the rail-road administration to initiate for the benefit of the railroad corporations rates which it believes to be inexpedient to initiate for its own benefit. ADEQUATE POWER GRANTED

"On the contrary, the railroad companies have the power to protect their interests in the matter just as fully as they have had in the past, and they ought to resort to it, unless they choose to stand on the rates as they are. Withregard to the position suggested by the railway executives that the railroad administration ought to increase the rates because of the railroad administration's action in increasing the expense, this could not be true as to increases in expenses which would have taken place if the railroad administration had not been

"In view of the extraordinary increases in expenses of all forms of in-dustry under private management, there is no basis for demonstrating that the increases in expenses of the railroad administration were due to any cause other than that which affected all forms of industry, and hence no basis for claiming that a temporary emergency power of rate making during federal control should be employed for the ex-

clusive purpose of meeting them after federal control shall have ended. "If the railroad administration deemed it expedient to increase rates for its own benefit, it would still be true that the increases it would make in order to defray expenses of unified operation of all the railroads in the country might be very different from the increases which would be necessary to protect the sep-arate railroads or separate territorial groups of railroads in different parts of the country."

Old Man Walks Far To Find Aged Wife

Figin, Ill., Oct. 18. — With his feet horribly blistered, John Jorgensen, aged 65, entered the state insane asylum here. He was looking for his wife and had walked more than a hundred miles from walked more than a hundred miles from Clinton. Wis., in search of her. Hospital attendants located Mrs. Jorgensen as an inmate and a reunion followed. She was committed in 1918 from Rockford, where the Jorgensens lived at the time. After the commitment Jorgensen went to live with his son-in-law at Clinton. Becoming lonesome for his wife Jorgensen asked his son-in-law for assistance to go in search for her. Reassistance to go in search for her. fused, he started out and walked the distance. After meeting his wife and explaining his predicament, hospital offi-cials found employment for Jorgensen in the institution so he could remain

Nabbed for Speeding, Judge Fines Himself

Wabash, Ind., Oct. 18.—Arrested for speeding, John H. Sayre, justice of the peace, had his case transferred to his own court, swore out an affidavit against himself, had his own constable against himself, had his own constable serve the warrant and agreed to appear in court before nimself. He said he would levy a fine of \$10 and costs against himself and pay it to himself. A part of the fine and costs paid by defendant Sayre would then revert to Justice Sayre, as he will collect a fee for hearing his own case. He admitted he believes in keeping the fines in his own family.

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Interesting News From the Home Furnishings Sections

GOOD FURNITURE

Is a Great Pleasure to Own

66TT IS often possible for one piece of furniture to establish the atmosphere of an entire room," rather tritely says House and Garden. In this age of building, when so many people take delight in planning their own homes from first to last, the problem of the right furniture is very important.

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Some of it is shown against the charming background of the rooms of the new

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This week the Furniture Gallery, eighth floor, will feature its wide collection of period chairs which repeat the motifs of the best English, French and Italian specimens. They are plain or richly carved. Some are upholstered in tapestry or velour. Others are done in sateen or denim so that they can be upholstered in whatever materials the purchaser

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\$68,00, was \$85.00, a walnut

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\$182, was \$226.00, set of ma-

hogany finish dresser with hang-

ing mirror, together with 2

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\$18.75, was \$27.00, ivery

\$24.50, was \$33.00, ivo'ry enamel chiffonier with mirror. \$31.25, was \$40.50, ivory bed,

\$31.50, was \$39.00, ivory enamel dressing table. \$32.50, was \$39.00, birdseye maple chiffonier.

any finish dressing table, three mirrors.

\$39.85, was \$48.00, ivory enamel dresser with cane in-\$43.75, was \$53.50, birdseye

maple chiffonier.

\$47.50, was \$59.00, mahogany veneer dressing table. \$51.50, was \$63.00, mahogany veneer chiffonier.

\$186, was \$247.00, set of mahogany finish dresser and chif-\$52.50, was \$83.00, mahogany veneer dressing table. mirror. \$62.50, was \$83.50, wainut

\$195, was \$246.00, set of walnut dresser, chiffonier and dressing table.

\$218, was \$287.00, set of mahogany finish chiffonier- dressing table, 2 single beds and

\$232, was \$293.00, set of walnut chest of drawers with 2 single beds.

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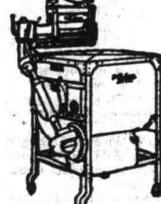
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