
 Producers of fresh fruits and vegetables decsare they are
fighting to osave the industries from destruction and the only hope is reduction of the present rail rate. Amendments to the
transportation act of 1920, which cuased the last raise of 331.3
per cent in then cent assailed act guarantees a net net anuual earning of 6 per
Tupent upon the vaiue of combined railrond properties in the
United States. United States.
C. . Teaue president of the California Fruit Growers
Fixchange, says that ty this act the interstate commerce commission is charged with fixising rates on the shippersm orce the com-
ef State
ed Stats which will produce an earning on billions of dollars of worthless property-railroads which, he asserts, shouid never
have been built, will be kept out of the receiver's the 6 peen cent they obtain on their holdingser At the same time
the growers of California orranized to tatile the legislation the rrowers of the northwest, including to orezeno the legislation, the
Idaho, and the produchington and Idaho, and the producens of Arizona and Texas, were starting

pecause ceach crop of fruit shipped to eastern markets under
the present rail the present rail rates means a dead loss to the growers, is the
tatement of the California Fruit Growers Exchange. Thirteen hundred cars of apples are in storage at Yakima,
the producers refusing to ship at a total loss, according to $0 . \mathrm{C}$. Soots, secretary of the Yakima Commercial Club.
That the vegetable acreage of California will decrease 50 per cent this season because stiling railroad rates have made
it imposible for growers to operate except at a loss, is the as
sertion of Thomas O Neill, president of the Culifornia Vegetable Potato and onion growers of Oregon. Washington, Tdaho and
California recently notified all rairoad \$stems that they were acing bankruptey because of the rates now in effect.
Fruit and truck growers in Texas gill not be able to ship Chis year's crop because freight charges exceed the value of the
roroucts, declares Ben E. Keith, of the International Apple Shippers Association and the Western Fruit Jobbers' Associa-
ion. ${ }^{\text {ithree }}$ Three thousand cars of vegetables have gone to waste in the Rio Grande Valley this year because they could not be ship
ned at existing rates, anserts. E . S. Pawkett of the Rio Grande
Vallev. Growers Asocintion When the freight rate on a product etceeds the value of that
roduct, some times many times over. it is time for the produce to take notiee. There are fauls in our transportation sysyem selcom dweit on either by railroad managers or union labo
fficials is the use of expensive coat when the northwest has latent hy dro electric power awaiting developments.

## A  <br>  thould be invited to stay for breakfast <br> Having gotten the separate peace treaty through the senate he administration now seems to want it held up indefinitely in the house. It is a trifle hard to keep up with our present day The East Oregonian knows of one mother who was enter- tained so much by her children yesterday that before the day $\xrightarrow[\text { Was finished she wished it was an "ordinary day." }]{\text { 28YEARSACO }}$

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