

CHANGES ASKED RAILROAD LAWS IN REPORT I.C.C.

Broader Power Sought Over Consolidations — Joint Through Rates Canada Mexico Urged — Passenger Traffic Declines.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—A lengthy list of both major and minor changes in the federal law relating to railroad regulation is asked of Congress by the Interstate Commerce commission in submitting today its annual report.

Broader and more specific powers to control and direct the consolidation of existing systems of railroad into larger units for the commission itself was among the points touched upon. In addition, citing the continual growth in the variety and volume of work before its members, the commission asked for legal power to delegate duties in regard to hearings and decisions to its individual members and employees.

In the direction of limiting its own authority, the commission asked Congress to exempt completely from its jurisdiction the operation of electric railways, except such as interchange standard freight equipment with steam railways and participate in their interstate freight rates with such carriers.

The report also proposed that railroads in the United States be permitted by law to make joint through rates with Canadian and Mexican lines; and suggested amendments to the penal code to make workable sections applying fines to shippers who misstate goods to avoid paying freight rates. Former proposals were repeated by the commission that wooden passenger cars should be eliminated by law from general railroad service.

Control Sought.
After the frequent mention in its report of the recent trend toward uniting the steam carriers of the country into larger units, and after reviewing the status of individual projects before it looking that direction, the commission summed up its suggestions for changes in the railroad consolidation law. To cope with the trend toward consolidation the commission asked Congress to make it impossible for one carrier to gain control of another in any manner whatsoever, except with their specific approval and authorization. It sought also power to require a grouping of carriers to include other railroad systems within their scheme.

"A method of effecting dominance in the affairs of competing carriers that may seriously effect the maintenance of competition and other relations among carriers," the commission said, "in discussing the consolidation situation," is the acquisition by individuals or groups of individuals of control of two or more such carriers. Whether such financial or other relations can or should be prevented under existing law is a question to which we have not heretofore had occasion to give consideration. The first instance of such individual acquisitions of relatively large railroads have only recently been brought to our attention."

Railroads continue to extend the length of present lines and build into new territory, the report indicated in estimating that the commission last year had approved projects for the construction of 717 miles of new line. At the same time, it allowed the abandonment of 587 miles of line which operating corporations no longer found profitable. Reviewing general statistics the commission concluded that, while general railroad freight business has been satisfactory, steam rail carriage of passengers showed a continued decline from the competition of motor vehicles and other methods of transportation.

**TANKER EXPLOSION IS
FATAL TO THREE MEN**

PORT ARTHUR, Tex., Dec. 8.—(AP)—Three unidentified men were killed and at least three injured in an explosion on the Gulf Breeze company tanker Guffland at 6:30 a. m. today. The bodies of the three men killed were so badly burned that identification was impossible until ship's papers were checked.

Fire which broke out after the explosion was checked shortly after 8 o'clock. The cause of the explosion, which occurred in the pump room of the vessel, has not been determined. The bodies of the dead were burned beyond recognition.

Applause Recorder
COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 8.—(AP)—A device made at Ohio State University measures the applause of an audience. Contest won't use it. Some of the applause indicated by parentheses in the contest record never would register on the machine.

No Luncheon Clubs
DAVID CITY, Neb. (AP)—David City has no luncheon clubs. It has a commercial club. However, that shows a yearly profit on its activities. "We just tell luncheon clubs we don't want 'em," says Hugh Hahn, club secretary.

DAN KAY AWARDED WINDY WINDOW DISPLAY TROPHY, ASHLAND

ASHLAND, Dec. 8.—(Special)—For the third time in succession Dan Kay, proprietor of the Automotive Shop in Ashland, has won the prize for the best decorated window in the annual Christmas window opening.

The motif for the winning display was a miniature reproduction of the new dam in Reeder Gulch up Ashland Creek canyon. Since Mr. Kay has won the cup for three successive years, he now becomes permanent owner of the trophy, which was offered as a first prize.

In the Christmas window opening just held Hardy Brothers were awarded second place, J. H. McGee took third place and the East Side Pharmacy fourth. Provo Brothers received honors for arranging the most unique display. The committee on awards was composed by Mrs. Judith Payne, Miss Imogene Stout and Miss Helen Smith.

Miss Helen Smith, the committee says that many of the displays that did not receive places were worthy of praise for their effectiveness.

A fire alarm was sounded at four o'clock Thursday morning after the discovery of a fire, which started in a closet off the hotel corridor at the Ashland hotel. Guests at the time gathered quickly in the lobby, after being aroused by the night clerk, in a great variety of night garb. The blaze was extinguished before any serious damage was done.

Miss Elizabeth Wilson, third grade teacher of the Lincoln school, who was recently called home to Roseburg on account of the serious illness of her mother, is expected to return to Ashland on Sunday to resume her work. Miss Wilson's mother is reported to be improving slowly.

"A. C. Strange, of the Southern Oregon Normal school, will go to Gold Hill today to speak before a county educational conference on individual instruction.

Dr. D. Miller, of Miller's Tannery, has been visiting in Medford for several days past, but is said to be improving.

R. G. Taylor, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific company, was visiting in Ashland with A. S. Rosenbaum, southern Oregon representative of the company, on Wednesday.

Mrs. B. L. Wardle and daughter Pearl, were visiting in Medford the first of the week.

Mrs. Dean Scott has a position in Johnson's jewelry store during the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Beagle and Burnell Kearns drove to Grants Pass Tuesday evening to see the Christmas window opening. Some of the windows were quite distinctive and indicated great care in preparation.

Dr. McFadden of Talent, now retired on his splendid fruit ranch where he makes his home, was in Ashland for a short time Tuesday.

Mrs. Fred Taylor of the Plaza Cafe and confectionery is said to be recovering from a spell of pneumonia.

J. W. McCoy, of the First National bank and W. M. Poley, of the Citizens' bank, visited some of the Medford bankers the first of the week for a discussion of some banking problems of the valley.

Mrs. Guy Carey and Mrs. Jack Powell were in Medford this week on business and to visit friends.

E. G. Harlan, secretary of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce, is home from Portland, where he was engaged in special work for several weeks.

Mrs. John Daugherty is confined to her home on B street with an attack of influenza.

that have been presented to the city of Ashland through the past few years. Among these he mentioned the Carter Memorial fountain in the Plaza opposite the postoffice which was erected in 1910 at a cost of \$1200 by the children of the late Henry B. and Harriet H. Carter. The Atkinson memorial bridge in Lithia park across Ashland creek was erected in 1912 by Mrs. Eugenia L. Atkinson in memory of her husband, W. H. Atkinson at a cost of \$800. The E. K. Anderson bequest of \$2500 for Chautauqua activities is still partly unexpended. The Bitter-Peruzzi fountain above the band stand in Lithia park was erected in 1915 by S. Butler and D. Peruzzi at a cost of \$3300. A splendid statue of Abraham Lincoln on a slope of Lithia park, erected in 1916 by the city and was placed in 1916 at a cost of \$1900. Mr. Butler also gave and dedicated to the pioneers of southern Oregon a fine log cabin on Winburn way which was built at a cost of \$2150. A two-story cement building in the Chautauqua grounds was donated by Mrs. Elizabeth Smith to the Chautauqua association, having been built at a cost of about \$5000. Later it was acquired by the city. The late Mrs. Victoria Mickelson bequeathed her entire estate to the city of Ashland for the erection of a fountain perpetuating the Mickelson name. The estate is estimated to be worth about \$4000. Ben F. Evans, a single man who came to Ashland about 1922, left his entire estate "to assist the needy children of Ashland and vicinity" in securing educations. The net amount available for the purpose is said to be about \$35,000. Jesse Whurn of New York City, assisted in the completion of the Civic club house and its furnishings in an amount said to be about \$20,000. Also he purchased a building on the corner of the Community hospital and turned the property over to the city of Ashland. Besides these gifts other smaller ones were made and, while it is impossible to state the exact total it is presumed to be in the neighborhood of \$50,000, all told. The estates of C. W. and Virginia Root have purchased lands which have been donated to the city for hospital purposes. The cost of these, together with a balance yet to be expended for a memorial and one or two other donations, will reach a total of about \$22,500.

SAMS VALLEY IS GRIEVED BY DEATH OF MRS. EDINGTON

SAMS VALLEY, Ore., Dec. 8.—(Special)—A shadow of gloom was cast over our valley by the sad news of the death of Mrs. W. W. Edington, who succumbed Tuesday night, after suffering ten days from bronchial pneumonia. Everything possible was done by the faithful ones for her recovery, but to no avail, as other complications set in at the last stages, making the battle with death an impossible victory. The passing of Mrs. Edington takes from the valley one of its most highly respected citizens and leaves to mourn her loss a faithful, devoted husband and children, who were present before and at the time of death.

The deceased was a resident of Sams Valley for the past 25 years, where she won many true friends and admirers of her wonderful traits of character. The neighborhood's sympathies go out to the family, with deep regret for their sorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Tredman visited the last week end with relatives at Kerby.

The following officers were elected at the last meeting of the Grange Saturday: Albert Straus, master; H. E. Nealon, overseer; Ruth Frink, lecturer; Mrs. Joy Frink, chaplain; S. S. Abbott, steward; Hershal Harper, assistant steward; Eva Frink, lady assistant; M. A. Schulz, gatekeeper; George McDonough, secretary; Paul McKinis, treasurer; the grange—Misses Rosie Schulz and Pearl Hughes and Mrs. Donna Straus; executive committee—Dick Straus, Cloa McDonough, Mrs. O. T. Wilson, and H. E. C. chairman, Cloa McDonough.

The Thanksgiving program given by the school November 29, was highly enjoyed by a good sized audience. Creditable numbers were put on by all rooms. The primary room, conducted by Miss Kenstray, took the prize for the most fetching numbers.

A carload of fat hogs was shipped to Portland last week by E. B. Day.

Teachers and students who spent Thanksgiving vacation with home folks were Misses Frances Fitzgerald, Naomi Magruder, Grace and Ruth Bigham.

H. Van Hoevering, who is president of the Rogue River Valley Fruit Growers' league, attended the meeting of the officers at Medford Wednesday, where the principal work was the forming of an outline for the work of the coming year.

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Miss Letha Tredman of Kerby is visiting relatives here this week.

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COLUMBIA RIVER HIGHWAY ICE IS ACCIDENT CAUSE

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Dec. 8.—(AP) Glare ice on the Columbia river highway in this section, and on the pavements and sidewalks of Hood River resulted in more than 20 minor accidents last night and early today, and caused automobiles to cavort like cars in a comic motion picture.

A drizzle of rain yesterday afternoon, followed by a freeze, covered the highway with ice from Rowena Loops to the Multnomah county line. Many cars skidded off the pavement, some lost wheels and others suffered various kinds of damage.

Traffic officers patrolled the highway all night, giving aid, and crews were busy spreading sand.

One large truck bound to Pendleton with a load of merchandise ran off the pavement in Hood River and came within three feet of colliding with the house of L. S. Boyd. The driver was able to stop in time and to get the truck back onto the street where it turned over.

Several members of the Rebekah lodge of Jacksonville attended the Southern Oregon Rebekah conference held at Medford Monday. There was an all-day session. A basket banquet at noon and a banquet at 6 o'clock were very much enjoyed by all present. Members from this lodge who attended were Mrs. E. S. Severance, Mrs. Zola Fick, Mr. and Mrs. John Norris, Mrs. Fletch Chapman and Mrs. Alice Ulrich. Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Andrews and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Walton attended the evening. The Klamath lodge put on the evening work.

The Gold Hill lodge, assisted by Rogue River, will entertain the convention next year.

Cars driven by Dr. W. Holt of Medford and Jim Kent of Forest Creek collided Thursday noon in front of Dorothy's confectionery at the intersection of Main street. The accident was due to the thick fog. The only one injured was the two-year-old daughter of Jim Kent. She sustained several cuts about the face. Dr. Holt gave first aid to the injured child, who was then taken to the Sacred Heart hospital. The two cars were badly damaged.

Mrs. Alpha Hartman is quite ill at her home here.

Ed Severance has been on the sick list with an attack of the flu. He is now able to be around again. L. McIntyre, who has been quite ill, is some improved.

Mrs. Oscar Knox was a Medford shopper Wednesday.

Mrs. Elmer Adams and Mrs. Vivian Wilson were recent Medford visitors.

OFFICERS CHOSEN BY EASTERN STAR AT JACKSONVILLE

JACKSONVILLE, Ore., Dec. 8.—(Special)—Added Chapter No. 3, O. E. S., held the annual election Thursday night. The following officers were elected: Kenneth Merrifield, worthy patron; Mrs. Myrtle Merrifield, worthy matron; Mrs. Luella Dominick, associate matron; Mrs. Ida Wilson, secretary; Mrs. Anna Landley, treasurer; Mrs. Nell Fiddy, conductress; and Mrs. Florence Seaverance, associate conductress.

Mrs. Jack Kimball of Klamath Falls and Miss Blanche Micks of Ashland were visiting relatives in Jacksonville Tuesday.

Mrs. Frank Lindley of Medford was in our city Monday in the interest of the Christmas seal sale. She reported Mr. Lindley quite ill with the mumps.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Childers of Oakland, Cal., were visiting relatives in Medford and Jacksonville last week, returning home Sunday. Mrs. Childers is a sister of Mrs. Sam Randles and Mrs. Alice Ulrich of our city.

Mrs. G. R. Chapman of Gold Hill was calling on relatives in town Sunday.

Mrs. Lee Smith and Mrs. Ray Coleman were business visitors in Medford Monday.

Mrs. Arthur Lewis and sisters, Misses Nannie and Mattie Matney, spent Sunday on Applegate.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Martin made a business trip to Roseburg Saturday.

Mrs. Frank Randle of the Klamath orchards was calling on her sister, Mrs. Sam Randles, Wednesday.

Remember Patients
CLEVELAND, Dec. 8.—(AP) Billings patients at Charity hospital, where he was chief of staff, were remembered in the will of the late Dr. Frank Billings, noted physician, filed for probate here. A \$50,000 trust fund was established with directions that the income be used to buy artificial limbs for deserving patients.

KERR PICKS MEN REPRESENT EAST IN CHARITY GAME

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 8.—(AP)—Selection of the eastern team which will meet a western squad in the annual east-west charity game here December 29 has been practically completed by Andy Kerr, Washington and Jefferson coach, who will act in that capacity for the eastern forces. Kerr notified officials here that he had picked 20 of the 22 players to be chosen. They are: Ends, Haycraft, Minnesota; Barrabee, New York university; Tackles—Getto, Pittsburgh; Pommerening, Michigan; Nowack, Illinois; Raskowski, Ohio State; Wagner, Wisconsin; Guards—Gibson, Minnesota; Thompson, Lafayette; McMullen, Nebraska; Fox, Pittsburgh; Center—Aschman, Washington and Jefferson; Quarterbacks—Harper, Carnegie Tech; Liverson, Northwestern; Halfbacks—Strong, New York U.; Weston, Boston College; Bennett, Indiana; Fullbacks—Guest, Lafayette; Holmer, Northwestern; Howell, Nebraska.

JURORS IN MOORE CASE DISCHARGED

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 8.—(AP)—Deadlocked, the jury which tried Roy A. Moore and seven co-defendants on liquor conspiracy charges, reported today it could not agree and was discharged by Federal Judge H. S. Bean. The jury was out 21 1/2 hours. New trial was set for January 28.

Moore was charged by the government with having manufactured illicit liquor on a large scale in Oregon and southern Washington. Witnesses who admitted they were moonshiners and bootleggers testified for the government.

Defendants were Moore, his wife Elizabeth, Elwood Roy, C. S. Kerr, John Andrews, Clarence Cornell, Verne Hillyard and Harry H. Hurst.

Mrs. G. W. Godward has been on the sick list but is improving now. The annual Christmas seal sale for the prevention of tuberculosis is being launched in our city and county. If the school children miss anyone wanting seals, call at our city drug store.

Howard Lewis is spending the week on Applegate.

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STUDENT REBELLION ENDS VICTORIOUSLY

EUREKA, Ill., Dec. 8.—(AP) A battle but victorious week of rebellion had ended today for 300 students of Eureka college.

Bert Wilson had resigned as president in response to student clamor against his faculty changes; the board of trustees, faced by a student strike, finally had accepted Wilson's resignation.

A crisis in the school's affairs came when students rebelled at the trustees' refusal to accept Wilson's resignation. Less than a dozen attended classes this week after the Thanksgiving recess; professors lectured to empty classrooms. The trustees last night ended the impasse by voting to allow Wilson to quit.

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NIGHT MARAUDERS KILL OHIO COUPLE

EATON, O., Dec. 8.—(AP)—Mrs. Lora Silver, 58, was killed and her husband, Dr. Horatio Silver, 55, prominent physician here, was wounded fatally by two burglars who entered their home early today. Mrs. Silver was killed instantly, a bullet piercing her heart, while her husband, with a bullet wound in his abdomen, died in a Dayton hospital five hours later, following an operation performed in an effort to save his life.

The burglars ransacked the home before they were detected, but the exact amount of loot obtained could not be determined.

Anna Mary Silver, 13, daughter of the couple, aroused by the shots, saw the burglars flee and called for help.

FATHER SHOTS SON IN 'SCARE' ATTEMPT

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 8.—(AP) Edward L. Lehnner, 69, cashier of the Carpenter Ice Cream company, today related how he fired a shot last night to "scare" his son Walter, 35, and unintentionally killed him at their home in University City, a suburb.

His account was corroborated by his wife, Charlotte, and by Mrs. Edith Behrman Lehnner, widow of his son. All said the younger Lehnner had been drinking and quarrelsome, and had struck his father and mother before the father tried to "scare" him.

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Counting Machines

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Many marvelous machines that count are shown at a mechanical engineering exposition. One counts drops of falling water, another registers the number of times a finger is pointed at it. A third could run 19 years before all the dials would return to zero. Paper money and lines of print can be counted by machine.

Broken Heart

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—(AP) Mrs. Edmund Edmundson died last night virtually of grief over the death of her husband earlier in the day, and they will be buried at a double funeral Monday. Friends said the widow went to bed in agony of sorrow immediately after Edmundson's death. A mechanic died at the age of 65.