

## Amendments to the Rate Bill

The senate and house conference committee agreed on rate bill amendments. The Associated Press says that the senate receded from six amendments, two of which merely change the number of sections, while twenty-eight of its amendments were retained verbatim and the remaining seventeen were redrafted and retained under different phraseology.

Senator Tillman, chairman of the senate conference, gave notice that he will urge prompt action in the senate.

The disposition of the amendments in the order in which they appear in the bill follows:

The first amendment to the bill is that making pipe lines common carriers. It was stricken out and included in the amendment making express companies common carriers, sleeping car companies having been eliminated so that the amendment now reads:

"The term, 'common carrier,' as used in this act shall include express companies and all persons or corporations engaged in the transportation of oil by pipe lines, or partly by pipe lines and partly by water."

The next amendment is that prohibiting passes. It was entirely redrafted and made much more stringent, all excepted classes being eliminated and either to issue or receive free transportation was made a misdemeanor. The amendment is as follows:

"No carrier subject to the provisions of this act shall, after January 1, 1907, directly or indirectly issue or give any interstate free ticket, free pass or free transportation for passage. Any carrier violating this provision shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not exceeding \$1,000, and any person who uses, solicits or accepts for himself or for another any such interstate free ticket, free pass or free

transportation shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be subject to a like penalty."

The Elkins commodity amendment was retained practically in the form originally agreed upon and the provisions inserted later regulating timber and the manufactured products thereof was stricken out. As agreed to the amendment provides that after May 1, 1908, it shall be unlawful for any common carrier to transport any article or commodity, manufactured, mined or produced by it or produced under its authority or which it may own in whole or in part or in which it may have an interest, direct or indirect, except in such articles or commodities which may be necessary and intended for its own use in the conduct of its own business.

The requirement that common carriers shall upon application of any shipper construct and operate switch connections with outside tracks was amended to include the application of lateral or branch lines of railroads. This provision was offered in the senate, but was not adopted and the statement was made that it would be objected to when the conference report reaches the senate.

The senate receded from the "jim crow" amendment which declared that equally good service and accommodations should be given to all persons paying the same compensation for interstate transportation of passengers. The provision was stricken out.

The several senate amendments (twenty in number) relating to the publication of schedules of rates and charges of all kinds were agreed to and to the provision relating to joint rates was added the following:

"If no joint rate over the through rate has been established the several carriers in such through rate shall file, print and keep open to public inspection as aforesaid the separately established rates, fares and charges applied to the through transportation."

### THE FAITHFUL DOG

It is hard to conceive that creatures in the form of men could have perpetrated the atrocity charged against residents of Bassett Station by the Kenosha Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The allegation is that the Bassett Station defendants were "celebrating," last Saturday, and that as a feature of their "celebration" they poured turpentine on a large dog belonging to a neighbor, set fire to the poor animal, and burned him to death. A dog can feel pain as keenly as a man. Men who could thus barbarously inflict torture on a dog are degraded specimens of their kind. It is fair to say that dogs treat men better than men treat dogs. How often men destroy the lives of dogs! How often dogs preserve the lives of men!

The dog as a guardian of human life is frequently in evidence. The latest instance occurred on a farm near New Milford, Connecticut, a week ago yesterday, and is reported as follows by the New Milford Gazette, which is edited by Philip Wells, a well-known former Milwaukeean:

"But for the alertness and sagacity of John C. Curtis's faithful dog the burning of the Mark Curtis farmhouse in the town of Sherman would inevitably have resulted in a fatality. About 3 o'clock Monday morning, John C. Curtis, son of Mark Curtis, was sound asleep in bed in his room on the first floor, when his dog jumped on the bed and began to growl savagely and persistently until Mr. Curtis awoke and found his room full of smoke and increasing heat. He gathered up his wearing apparel, and, calling his dog, got out of the house without delay and dressed in the yard.

E'er he had finished dressing the second story floor fell in, and covered with flaming coals the bed where he lay asleep a short time before. Mr. Mark Curtis was away when the fire broke out. "My dog saved me," said J. C. Curtis. "I was sleeping with my head under the clothes when he began to growl."

In all the brute creation man has no better friend than the intelligent and faithful dog.—Milwaukee Wisconsin.

### GREAT VARIETY

"So you were shipwrecked on a barren island?" interrogated the marine reporter.

"Yes, mate," replied South Sea Sam, "and shiver me timbers, but it was a lucky thing for us that we had a French chef along instead of the ordinary sea cook."

"Did he furnish much variety in the food line?"

"I should say so. Why, he knew how to make twenty-eight different dishes out of the skipper's old boots."—Columbus Dispatch.

### THE WELCOME HOME

Billions, the trust magnate, had come back to his native village, the little, lonely burg among the hills.

The old squire was among the first to shake the returned wanderer by the hand.

"Aha, Squire!" Billion: jovially cried: "I thought you said I'd never be rich. You lost out on that prophecy, didn't you?"

"I never said you wouldn't be rich," the squire retorted. "I said you'd never have any money of your own, and by crinus I still say so."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

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