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FREIGHT RATES REDUCED

State Railway Commission Orders Cut of About 19 Per Cent.

AFFECTS THE JOBBING CENTERS

Schedule Covers Ten Thousand Items and Will Save Shippers Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand Annually.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Aug. 5.—The State Railway commission this morning handed down a modified order in the freight rate cases which make a reduction on intrastate freight traffic of 19 per cent.

It is estimated by Rate Expert Powell that the reduction will amount to about \$1,000,000 annually. It is also estimated that the total reduction on interstate and intrastate charges will amount to about \$2,500,000.

The new schedule is a distance tariff placing the jobbing towns of the state upon an equalized basis. The rates cover about 10,000 items, including all merchandise, groceries, agricultural implements and many of the manufactured products. The tonnage effect is about 15 per cent of the total intrastate traffic and the savings from this class amount to 30 per cent of the whole. The new rate will be in effect September 1.

Commission Explains. In its voluminous report covering hundreds of pages the commission issues its order in the rate making proposition upon which they have been working for many months. In a shorter article covering the order the commission says:

After seven years of investigation, research, conferences and litigation, the State Railway commission announced its new class freight rate schedule today. The new schedule reduces the class rates on intrastate traffic 19 per cent. A careful compilation prepared by Rate Expert Powell shows that the reduction on intrastate traffic will aggregate \$1,000,000 annually. There will also be a substantial reduction in the interstate rates, the amount of which it is impossible to estimate, but it is probable that the total reduction will approximate \$2,500,000 annually. The new schedule is distance tariff, the jobbing towns of the state are placed upon an equalized basis, the purpose of the commission being to preserve present commercial conditions so far as it is possible to do so without continuing present inequality or abuses. The rates apply to that part of the traffic which moves under the classification and cover about 10,000 items, including all merchandise, groceries, agricultural implements and many manufactured products. The tonnage affected is about 15 per cent of the total intrastate traffic, but the savings from this class of freight amount to 30 per cent of the whole.

Method Used by Board. In pointing out the method used in arriving at the construction of the distance schedule the commission says:

Three elements are always used in the construction of "distance tariff" schedules: (1) Mileage rate of progression, or same rate zones. (2) Money rate of progression for the increased distance. (3) Percentage relationship of each class to the first class or base rate.

(a) The mileage rate of progression carries in different "distance tariffs" and usually there is a difference in the mileage progression in the same tariff; that is, the first one or two hundred miles may be divided in five-mile rates or progression, then beyond two hundred miles the rate of progression may be stated for each ten or twenty miles. The idea being to divide the distance for which the tariff is made up so that the rates will be reasonably uniform and without sudden raises in the rates which would tend to give one of two neighboring towns the advantage over another in the transportation charge on any commodity or article of commerce.

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Let us assume that the "distance tariff" promulgated in this order was made up in 100-mile rates of progression; then in that case the first class rate would be stated thus:

From 1 to 100 miles, 25 cents per cwt. 100 to 200 miles, 50 cents per cwt. 200 to 300 miles, 75 cents per cwt. 300 to 400 miles, 100 cents per cwt. 400 to 500 miles, 125 cents per cwt.

Matter of Competition.

From the above it will readily be seen that two towns located say, one, 100 miles from a wholesale or jobbing city, the other located 100 miles from the same jobbing city, could not compete for business on a fair basis. The town located 100 miles away would have a 25 cent per hundredweight advantage on first class rate over the other in the transportation charge. The average distance between all stations in Nebraska is approximately seven miles. In the eastern and central portion of the state the average distance between stations is less than in the western part of the state. For this reason, the first 200 miles of the "distance tariff" herein promulgated is stated in five-mile rates of progression, and beyond 200 miles in ten-mile rates. The charge for first class freight is always used as the basis of action on which the intermediate rates schedule is constructed and the amount of the first class charge is always, or at least should be, based on the mileage rate of progression. Manifestly, the charge for five miles should not be the same as for 100 miles in a tariff constructed for the purpose of distributing merchandise, so that if it is determined by the rate-making commission that the mileage rate of progression is a reasonable and just charge for a haul of 100 miles, the question in a tariff constructed for such five miles from one to 100 miles becomes important.

In all properly constructed "distance tariffs" the intermediate rates should be an initial charge for the service rendered by the carrier at the two terminals, i. e., the amount of the mileage rate of progression and terminal charge should be arrived at without regard to how far the shipment is to be transported.

Investigation of Costs.

This commission's investigation of terminal costs has been most extensive and will be made up of again later on in this report. The question of what items of cost of performing the service should be included in the terminal charge and what items should be considered in the haulage costs, is a much debated question and is at present time being carefully considered by the commission. After the two-terminal cost has been determined, the amount of the mileage rate of progression added to the terminal charge as a haulage cost becomes important and should be made up of again later on in this report. A haulage charge should be included in a mountainous territory than in a level or nonmountainous country. In the distance tariff herein adopted these questions have been carefully considered by the commission.

(b) This question will be more fully explained in other portions of this opinion. In formulating a correctly constructed distance tariff this question is very important and possibly the hardest of a correct and scientific solution. The relationship of the less than load and carload traffic is so close, being frequently carried under the same class in the "classification," that the question becomes very complex.

As to Jobbing Centers.

The proposition of equalization of the different jobbing centers, which was one of the main controversies in the hearings before the commission, is explained and the Iowa commission quoted in justification of this action taken by this commission. The commission finds: That the settlement against the establishment of a rigid "distance tariff" was almost entirely and unjustly based to that effect from representatives of Beatrice, Grand Island, Fremont, Kearney, Lincoln and Omaha. As a fitting comment on the operation of the Iowa distance tariff in Iowa, the opinion of the commission of that state, expressed in a rate case, is quoted. It inflexible rule of distance forbids the commission from considering the question of that a reasonable rate to be applied

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to every mile of railroad in Iowa, regardless of conditions. No other state except Iowa is so fettered by its distance tariff. The commission is unanimous in its opinion that to establish a rigid maximum and minimum distance tariff would be disastrous to the jobbing and manufacturers' interests of the state, in which millions of dollars have been invested, and years of labor consumed in development. It would tend to restrict the territory of these industries and to the extent of the restriction would reduce competition, with no benefit to the ultimate consumer.

The commission admits that it is possible that it may have failed to include some towns or cities entitled to specific consideration, or that it may have erred in some particulars in the rates determined for the towns included, but it expresses a willingness to give prompt consideration and such relief as the facts and conditions may justify to any complaint properly submitted, and in conclusion says:

"We do not maintain that the distance schedule adopted is the last word, or a minimum word, in the matter of rates. Experience will undoubtedly disclose wherein we have failed to reach that which is desired. It is to be hoped, however, that the carriers will exercise the same spirit of fairness which has characterized the commission throughout the course of this investigation, and accept the schedules herein established without delay. It is to be shown what the difference will be under the new order as compared with the L. C. L. rates from Omaha, the following table is given on the first four classes:

Table with 4 columns: Miles, old-new, old-new, old-new. Rows for Havelsack, Exter, Hastings, and a final row with values 152, 51, 42, 6.5, 25.7, 38, 29.4, 30, 36.2.

STATE ASSESSMENT BOARD FINALLY HOLDS MEETING

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Aug. 5.—(Special.)—After a week or more of watchful waiting for the chairman of the board to find time to attend a meeting, the State Board of Assessment met this morning to take up the matter of assessments of the different counties and the corporations of the state.

R. D. Pollard of the Burlington railroad, A. W. Scribner of the Union Pacific, tax commissioners for their several roads, and R. W. McGinnis of the North-Nebraska, appeared before the board. Neither had very much of a kick to register, most of their objections covering minor assessments in some of the small towns.

J. M. Fitzgerald, tax commissioner of South Omaha, has been notified to appear before the board Saturday and show why he has rated values on railroad property in South Omaha. County Assessor H. G. Cousman of Douglas county will also be called to appear to show why there is a reduction in the average value of land in Douglas county. He will also be required to appear Saturday.

David City Boosters Tour.

DAVID CITY, Neb., Aug. 5.—(Special.)—The fourteenth annual session of the David City chautauque, which opens Tuesday was observed as "Boosters' day" of the most successful sessions yet held. Tuesday was observed as "Boosters' day" in David City, and at 8:30 about 100 chautauque boosters started out in automobiles, visiting Octavia, Bellwood, Hines City, Shelby, Greetham, Surprise, Miller, and Garrison, creating much enthusiasm for the chautauque at all points visited. The program will open on Thursday at 2:30 p. m.

BLUFFS HOME APPEALS CASE

Takes Case Involving Legacy to the State Supreme Court.

INCREASE IN THE WHEAT CROP

State Board of Agriculture Shows Average Increase in Number of Bushels from Fifty-Four Counties Reporting.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Aug. 5.—(Special.)—The Council Bluffs Home for the Friendless has appealed to the supreme court from a decree of the Douglas county court involving the matter of the sum of \$1,800 left to that institution by the will of Seth F. Winch. After making several bequests to different relatives he left to his housekeeper formerly Miranda J. Mitchell, and later Miranda J. Winch, the sum of \$50 a month for her life. The \$1,000 left to the home was to be paid after all other bequests had been settled. The home went into court to get the amount due, but it was claimed that the bequest to Mrs. Winch, whose name is now Miranda J. Steen, should be paid first and the lower court so held. Consequently the Council Bluffs institution appeals the case.

Charter to Minden Bank. The Minden State bank has been granted a charter by the state banking board. The institution has a capital of \$40,000 and the officers are Andrew Jensen, president; Hans P. Peterson, vice president, and Val Jensen, cashier.

Hollenbeck Files.

Judge Conrad Hollenbeck of Fremont is a candidate for the office of chief justice of the supreme court, the petition bearing 1,130 names coming from sixty-four counties having been filed in his behalf with the secretary of state this morning. Judge Hollenbeck is and has been for many years judge of the district court of the Sixth judicial district. He is a democrat.

Increase in Wheat Crop.

According to reports prepared by the State Board of Agriculture the increase in the wheat crop of the state over that of 1913 is 1,864,844 bushels in twenty-five counties reporting and a decrease of 4,381,370 in twenty-nine counties reporting, making a total increase of 6,102,974 bushels in the fifty-four counties reporting. Kearney county has the largest increase, 1,706,189, while Polk county had the largest decrease, 1,068,746 bushels.

Governor's Dates.

Governor Morehead will speak at a picnic at Pleasant Dale at noon next Saturday and at another picnic at 3 o'clock at Hickman.

Notes from Beatrice.

BEATRICE, Neb., Aug. 5.—(Special.)—Jack Anderson, who was found guilty recently in the district court of robbing a Burlington box car in this city last May, was sentenced Tuesday by Judge Pemberton to from one to ten years in the penitentiary. Clarence Cain was sentenced to the county jail for sixty days for complicity in the robbery. Anderson was taken to Lincoln today by Sheriff Schick to begin serving his sentence. Rene A. Auman filed suit for divorce in the district court Tuesday against Elizabeth Auman. The petition sets forth that defendant deserted the plaintiff at Victoria, Tex.

Newton K. Floyd of this city and Miss Grace Helen West of Hiawatha, Kan., were married Tuesday by County Judge Walden. They will make their home in Beatrice.

H. T. Weston, one of the owners of the Nebraska corn mills, which was destroyed

by fire here last week, says that during the last ten years he has owned three mills which were all destroyed by fire on the same day of the week—Thursday.

MOREHEAD, HAMMOND AND ANNES SPEAK AT DUNBAR

DUNBAR, Neb., Aug. 5.—(Special.)—The biggest attended annual picnic was held here today. It is estimated 5,000 people were on the grounds. Governor John H. Morehead delivered a strong and forceful address and was the guest of honor. Wilbur V. Anness, republican candidate for congress, was master of ceremonies and preceded the governor with an address of welcome. Attractions of the clean type were numerous. Ball games were between Julian, Palmyra and Dunbar. The Nebraska City band furnished the music. Clowns, acrobats, balloon ascensions were on the program, but the hit of the day was the ladies' band of Palmyra, with Will E. Vaughan major domo. They played on German instruments and were repeatedly encored. Ross Hammond arrived in the evening and was briefly introduced by Mr. Anness to the big crowd. Mr. Hammond predicts the nomination of Morehead and Ross Hammond.

EUSTIS WILL HAVE THREE DAYS' BASE BALL TOURNEY

EUSTIS, Neb., Aug. 5.—(Special.)—Everybody, business men and base ball fans, are optimistic concerning the outlook for the three-day base ball tourney which is to be held here August 12, 13 and 14. A larger attendance than ever before is looked for by the management. The ball diamond is in excellent shape, having been worked until it is as level as a pool table. The fence along the first base line and the grandstand have been strengthened. Everything possible has been done to take care of the enormous crowd that is expected. The management has given out that it will endeavor to restrain betting of any kind on the grounds during the games.

Madison Teachers Talk Shop.

MADISON, Neb., Aug. 5.—(Special.)—The Madison County institute opened its annual session at the Madison High school Monday. The attendance reached 100 the first day, and before the week ends approximately 150 teachers will have enrolled. The work is in charge of Superintendent N. A. Houel, assisted by M. E. Croser, superintendent of the Norfolk schools; Dr. J. A. Beattie of Cotner university, and Reese Seligson of Fremont. The institute sessions occur in the morning, thus permitting the teachers to attend the chautauque in the afternoon and evening. A public reception, under the auspices of the Madison Commercial club, will be given the teachers in the parlors of the Presbyterian church.

State Bank for Hartington.

HARTINGTON, Neb., Aug. 5.—C. N. and V. C. Herbert of this city will open a state bank here in the near future. The new bank will be located in the Habel building, opposite the Grand hotel.

Strengthens Weak Kidneys.

Electric Bitters will more than surprise you after the first bottle. Get a bottle today. Safe and sure. 50c and \$1.—All druggists.—Advertisement.

Twenty-One Spies Arrested.

LONDON, Aug. 5.—Reginald McKenna, the home secretary, announced today that twenty-one spies had been arrested in the British Isles during the last twenty-four hours, chiefly in important naval centers.

August Reduction Sale Bargains

ARE KEEPING THE STORE CROWDED EVERY DAY

Only a few of the many here mentioned. Hundreds of others shown Thursday.



In Cloak Department--2d Floor

Women's and Misses' Tailored Suits to \$15.00 values, serges, linens, novelty cloth, etc., 100 of them at \$3.95. Women's and Misses' Summer Coats, to \$15.00 values, silks, linens and novelty cloths, at \$3.95. Summer Dresses, worth to \$5.00, at \$1.69. Summer Dresses, worth to \$15.00, at \$3.95. Pretty Wash Waists, regular \$1.50 values, at 79c. Long Crepe Kimonos, \$1.50 values in all colors and sizes, big assortment at \$1.95.

In Corset Department--Main Floor

\$2.50 Corsets, standard makes, broken lots, to close, at pair \$1.19. Net Brassieres, with or without shields, to 75c vals. 35c. \$5.00 Binner Corsets, at just half \$2.50. 35c Sanitary Aprons 19c. 39c Rust Ruffles at 25c.

In Linen Department Main Floor

15c Linen Crash or Glass Toweling, at yard 10c. \$5.00 Pattern Table Cloths, bleached, pure flax, \$2.90. 29c Table Padding, off the bolt, 54 in. wide, yard 21c. \$4.25 Bed Spreads, full size, cut corners, Marseilles, at each \$2.75. 50c Webbs Irish Linen Huck Towels, hemstitched .35c. Many Other Specials.

Rousing Bargains in Domestic Room

Burton Bros.' New Cloth, regular 25c yard values, 50 pieces, all colors, at yard 10c. Duponnie Silk, heavy silk filling and mercerized warp, regular 25c yard fabric, at yard 12 1/2c. 12 1/2c Manchester Percales, 10c Percales, best colors, all 36 inches wide best colors, at 7 1/2c. Scores of Other Items of Equal Merit.

Fruit Jars Sale Crockery Dept. Fourth Floor

Atlas E. Z. Fruit Jars—Pints, regular 75c, at, dozen 59c. Quarts, regular 85c, at, dozen 65c. Two quarts, regular \$1.00, at, dozen 80c. Atlas Fruit Jar Caps, Thursday, at, per dozen 15c. 20c Santa Mason Fruit Jar Caps, per dozen 10c. 35c White Crown Mason Fruit Jar Caps, dozen 19c. Jar Rubbers, regular 5c doz. values 3 dozen for 5c.

TO BUY GROCERIES HERE MEANS SAVINGS—CERTAINLY WORTH WHILE

A Special Carload California Eliberta Freestone Peaches Thursday. The California Peach season will soon close. If you want this delicious fruit buy now! Thursday, crate 65c. Buy Flour Now. The market is strong. 48-lb sacks best high grade Diamond E Flour—nothing finer for bread, pies or cakes—at per sack \$1.10. Lenox or Laundry Queen White Laundry Soap for 25c. 6 lbs. choice Japan Rice 25c. 4 lbs. fancy Japan Rice, 19c quality for 25c. The best hand pick Navy Beans, at per pound 5c. Tall cans Alaska Salmon 10c. The best Soda Crackers, 10c. Corn Flakes, pkg. 10c. 22-oz. jar pure Fruit Preserves 25c. 6 cans Oil Sardines 25c. Yeast Foam, pkg. 5c. The best Domestic Macaroni, Vericelli or Spaghetti, pkg. 7 1/2c. Golden Santos Coffee, lb. 50c. The Butter, Egg and Cheese Market For the People of Omaha. Fancy No. 1 Creamery Butter, 27c.

IT PAYS TRY HAYDEN'S FIRST IT PAYS

Low Cuts Must Go!

How are your low cuts? Can you use another pair? Here is your last opportunity. There's months of low cut weather ahead of us, and we make our great clean-up sale while the buyer has time to get full value out of his investment.

BUY LOW CUTS NOW

Table with columns: FOR WOMEN, FOR MEN. Rows listing shoe types and prices: \$6.00 Colonials and Pumps at \$4.45, \$5.00 Colonials and Pumps at \$3.75, \$4.50 Colonials and button oxfords at \$2.95, \$3.50 Pumps and button oxfords at \$2.45, \$8.00 Oxfords, at \$4.45, \$5.00 Oxfords, at \$3.75, \$4.50 Oxfords, at \$2.95, \$3.50 Oxfords, at \$2.45, Small sizes Ladies, \$4.00 Oxfords, patent and tan, at 95c, Small sizes men's \$4.00 Oxfords, gun metal and patent at 95c.

ERY SHOE CO. 16TH & DOUGLAS

Brandeis Annual Sale of Shoes Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The event that thousands of our customers have been waiting for—better than at any previous time. Our shoe buyer has been preparing for this for several months, searching the nation's markets for surplus stocks and sample lines, demanding always good styles and thoroughly reliable qualities at prices far below factory cost. You can have new shoes at less than cost to half sole your old ones. 10,000 Pairs of Shoes, Oxfords, Pumps \$1 for Men, Women and Children, \$2.50 to \$4 Values, for. Women's Colonials in dull and patent leathers. Girls' Mary Jane Pumps in dull and patent leathers. Women's soft kidskin oxfords. Women's brown buckskin lace oxfords. Women's one-strap brown kidskin pumps. Women's 5-button tan calf oxfords. Women's English walking boots of black buckskin. Women's soft kidskin house slippers. Boys' dull calf lace or button oxfords. Men's patent or gun metal oxfords. Boys' dull calfskin dress shoes. Women's Juliet house slippers. Women's tan calf pumps. Women's dull calf two-strap pumps. Women's and misses' baby doll boots in tan Russia calf. Women's dull calfskin boots with gray whipcord tops. Women's satin oxfords, button style with covered heels. Women's and misses' patent leather dress oxfords. Women's white canvas oxfords and pumps. Girls' white canvas Mary Jane pumps. Women's black satin colonial pumps. CHILDREN'S BAREFOOT SANDALS 300 pairs children's barefoot sandals. Solid tan calfskin leather in protected toe style, with genuine elkskin soles. All sizes, 5 to 11 and 12 to 2. Only 2 pairs to a customer, at pair 29c. Men's and women's carpet slippers with carpet soles. Fancy patterns. Very special bargains 19c.