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RATE INCREASE TAKES EFFECT ON JUNE 10

FREIGHT RATE UP 25 PER CENT

On and after June 10, 1918, all passenger fares on railroads operating in Nebraska will be increased to 3 cents a mile, with corresponding increases in charges for baggage. On and after June 25, 1918, all freight rates, intrastate and interstate will be increased 25 per cent. The order was issued Monday morning at Washington, and copies of the new tariffs are now on file with the state railway commission.

In a statement issued to the public Monday morning, Secretary McAdoo says that these increases are necessary in view of the fact that the increased wage scale and the additional costs attached to operation, such as coal and oil and material and supplies, which will increase operating expenses this year over 1917 by from \$30 to \$60 millions.

A further discouragement to Pullman travel is made in that persons traveling in standard sleepers or parlor cars must pay half a cent a mile more, in addition to the berth or seat charge, while those in tourist cars must pay a quarter cent a mile more. To occupy place in sleeping cars there must be two full tickets for a drawing room, two adult tickets for a compartment, one and a half full tickets for a section and five adult tickets for a drawing room in parlor car. Passenger fares partly by water and partly by rail shall be increased proportionately.

The basis for computing excess baggage shall be one-sixth of the normal one-way passenger fare with a minimum of 15 cents per hundred and minimum collections of 25 cents per shipment.

Tickets purchased prior to June 10 will not be honored unless passenger is enroute on that date, and provisions made for taking care of round trip tickets and mileage books not used.

Stopovers on one-way tickets, side trips at free or reduced fares, discounts by use of excess baggage permits or excess money coupon books and the sale of one-way tickets bearing limit in excess of time necessary to make trip by continuous passage shall be discontinued.

Optional routes may be used only when specified in tariffs.

The 25 per cent increase applies to all interstate and intra-state class rates. The usual official classifications will be used and instead of the present 25 cent minimum charge, the minimum will be the 100 pound rate, and no less than 50 cents, which will add more than a million to Nebraska revenues alone. On western classification, which is the one that governs most shipments to and out of Nebraska the rates are:

Class 1, 25; class 2, 21; class 3, 17½; class 4, 15; class 5, 11; class A, 12½; class B, 10; class C, 7½; class D, 6½; class E, 5.

This western classification is now in vogue between jobbing points in the state, as per the order of the interstate commerce commission in the Sioux City case, while between other points the rates as per order No. 19 of the Nebraska commission, where the Nebraska classification applies. The presumption, however, is that this will be superseded by the western classification.

On the heavier freight the 25 per cent increase does not strictly apply. On these the principal advances are: Coal, 15 to 50 cents a ton coke, 15 to 75 cents a ton; iron ore, 30 cents a ton; building stone, 2 cents per hundred pounds; road stone, sand, gravel, 1 cent per hundred pounds; brick, cement and plaster, 2 cents per 100 pounds; lime, 1½ cents per hundred pounds; lumber 25 per cent, but not more than 5 cents per 100 pounds; grain, flour and mill products, 25 per cent, but not more than 6 cents per hundred pounds; cotton, 15 cents per hundred pounds; live stock, 25 per cent, but not more than 7 cents per hundred pounds; sugar, 25 per cent, except to points in middlewest states—rates from the producing centers will be maintained on the present relationship; copper bullion and smeltz products, approximately \$6.50 per ton from the Rockies and Pacific coast states to Atlantic seaboard.

Mrs. W. H. Swan returned Wednesday from several months' visit in the south with her daughter and granddaughter, Mrs. W. D. Zediker.

Miss Mary Wilson, one of the teachers in the Alliance high school, and Mrs. W. W. Wood motored across to Rushville Sunday with John Adams.

AN INTERESTING ACADEMY PROGRAM

Excellent Attendance at Commencement Exercises at St. Agnes Academy Tuesday Evening.

The commencement exercises of St. Agnes academy took place Tuesday evening, May 28, at the opera house in Alliance. Admission was by invitation. A good crowd was present and enjoyed the following program: Duet, "To the Chase".....P. Mori Mary Herman, Alice Hamilton Salutory...Kathrine Buechsenstein Chorus, "Call to the Colors"..... Academic department Reading, "Mother".....Elizabeth Egan Solo, "Chanson des Alpes".....F. Ryder Naomi Casteel Chorus, "Praise the Redeemer"..... Wiegand Academic Department

Essay, "Clara Barton and the American Red Cross"..... Florence Horton Duet, "Grand Valse de Concert"..... Helen Swiggart, Gertrude Tobias Selection, "His Votive Madonna"..... Salter Reading, Marie Nolan Piano, Madge Applegate

Semi-Chorus, "When the Leaves Are Turning Gold".....Dcnizetta Vocal Class Solo, "Vive la Reublique" C. Kunkel Madge Applegate

Conferring of Honors and Address..... Rev. P. J. Manning

The graduates of the academic department are:

Eleanor R. Hayes, of Torrington, Wyoming.

Marie W. Nolan, of Alliance.

Helen A. Swiggart, of Elva, Neb.

All the members of this class have earned excellent teacher's certificates.

The graduates of the business department are:

Kathrine Buechsenstein, of Alliance.

Winifred T. Egan, of Hyannis, Neb.

Elizabeth A. Egan, of Hyannis, Neb.

Dorothy Rice, of Alliance.

The following have passed the eighth grade county examinations and will be awarded certificates which admit them to any high school in the state:

Margaret Brennan, of Alliance.

Vera Broderick, of Alliance.

Bernice Fitzpatrick, of Alliance.

Agnes Galbraith, of Provo, South Dakota.

Lester Herman, of Lakeside.

Nina Kaempfer, of Bridgeport.

Lambert Kniest, of Alliance.

Clement Kniest, of Alliance.

Ramond La Riviere, of Alliance.

Frances Nepper, of Alliance.

Leona Nepper, of Alliance.

M. J. O'Connor, of Alliance.

Jennie O'Neill, of Antioch.

IDLERS AND LOAFERS MUST FIGHT OR WORK

Provost Marshal General Explains Action Taken to Effect an Organization of Man-Power

The office of the provost marshal general has issued the following:

Provost Marshal General Crowder yesterday announced an amendment to the selective service regulations which deals with the great question of compelling men not engaged in a useful occupation immediately to apply themselves to some form of labor contributing to the general good. The idler, too, will find himself confronted with the alternative of finding suitable employment or entering the army.

This regulation provides that after July 1 any registrant who is found by a local board to be a habitual idler or not engaged in some useful occupation shall be summoned before the board, given a chance to explain, and, in the absence of a satisfactory explanation, to be inducted into the military service of the United States.

POTATO STARCH FACTORY MEETING

Prof. R. F. Howard, of Lincoln, Will Be in Alliance Saturday, June 1—Hemlogord in the Evening.

Considerable time has been spent investigating the possibilities of a potato starch and flour factory for western Nebraska. Meetings were scheduled for Box Butte county early in the spring, but due to the inability of the government specialists to be present the meetings had to be postponed.

If western Nebraska is to have such an industry the proper location for the factory would be in Box Butte county, and if a practical proposition can be presented it would be a most valuable asset to the potato industry.

Prof. R. F. Howard, of Lincoln, has made an extensive study along this line and he will be in Box Butte county for two meetings, Saturday, June 1. One will be held in the court house at Alliance at 2 p. m. and another meeting will be held at Hemlogord in Shindler's hall at 7:30 in the evening.

Mr. Howard is also secretary of the federal potato committee and he will have much valuable information on the potato situation in general. Every potato grower in Box Butte county should attend one of these meetings.

AN UNUSUAL ATTRACTION

Capt. A. H. Hardy, of Denver, and his daughter, Madaline, will entertain the public twice each afternoon at the stockmen's convention to be held in Alliance June 12-13-14, with one of the most thrilling shooting exhibitions ever seen.

Madaline was born in Hyannis, is 17 years old and her dexterity with the rifle is amazing. She is called the "Miss that seldom misses."

POLICE MATRON ATTACKED

Four colored women attacked Police Matron Sharp at the depot last Tuesday night. The attack followed an order from Mrs. Sharp, directing the colored women to stay away from the depot that had been in the habit of loading around. Josie J. Kirby was the only one to offer personal violence, as she struck Mrs. Sharp in the region of the eye and bit her on the hand. (Policemen Read and Stafford took the women into custody and after a violent argument in which Josie lost out, and was hauled before Judge Tash. At the jail she was fined \$25 and costs, getting off cheap at that, according to the officers.

Mrs. Ralph Beal entertained the Methodist choir and those who took part in the concert held at the M. E. church last week. This was given in honor of Lucile Fawcett and William Lunn, who are leaving for the summer. The house was beautifully decorated in the national colors. The invitations were sent out asking them to take part in a moving picture. Each guest added something original to their part of the picture. Marian Grebe won the prize. Games were played the fore part of the evening, after which a lunch was served.

Marcus Frankle and wife returned home last Saturday from a trip to Denver, where they attended the graduation exercises of their daughters, Julia and Matilda at the Denver university. Matilda returned home with her parents while Julia will remain in Denver this summer completing a special course of study, probably returning home in August.

Miss Teresa Morrow returned Saturday from Lincoln. She has been attending the state university.

Carmen Benton has left the city to spend the summer in Sioux City, Ia.

YOUNG MEN TO REGISTER WEDNESDAY

Those Born Between June 5, 1896, and June 6, 1897, Must Register in the County

The law asking for the registration of the young men provides that all young men who have reached the age of 21 since June 5, 1917, or who will reach that age on or before June 5, 1918, must register. These men just registering are to be placed at the bottom of the respective classes in which they are placed. This means that none of the new men will be called until the men placed in class 1 by the registration of June 5 last year has been exhausted. However, those placed in class 1 at the coming registration will be called before any of the men in class 2 are called.

The young men around Alliance will go to the sheriff's office at the court house to register, between the hours of 7 a. m. and 9 p. m. The registration is expected to add 750,000 men to the eligibles for the army throughout the United States.

ACCIDENT DELAYS 41 SIX HOURS

Three Trains Tied Up at Hecla Wednesday for Six Hours Due to Hastiness on Part of Flagman.

Wednesday much excitement was caused around the city due to the report that Nos. 41 and 42 had been delayed in a bad wreck on the main line. As No. 41 was a little over six hours behind time, the tale received was believed to be true.

However, nothing more serious than a derailment caused the long delay in the passing each other at Hecla. No. 41 and the freight took the siding, allowing No. 42 to pass them on the main line. When the last of No. 42 had just gone over the switch with the front trucks the flagman threw the switch. This caused half of the car to go down the siding and the other half to stay on the main line. While trying to pull the car back on the main line, it was derailed, the heavy car sinking deep into the road bed. In order to replace the car the wrecker had to be called from Alliance. No. 42 did not wait for the car, but proceeded on to Ravenna.

After several hours work No. 41 and the freight were given a clear track and arrived in Alliance about six hours behind time.

Hecla is located on the main line about 20 miles this side of Ravenna.

Mrs. Jack Ward, of Edgemont, has been visiting her parents for the past ten days.

Mrs. George D. Darling very pleasantly entertained the T. A. A. club Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. James Pierce and family returned Thursday from an overland trip to Omaha, where they spent a few days as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Ramsey.

T. A. Smithberg, of The Famous, will leave Saturday for Sidney. Mr. Smithberg will take charge of the men's clothing and shoe department of the Cheyenne Trading company at that place.

Mayor Rousey was feeling quite good Wednesday in lieu of the fact that the alleys around the city are beginning to show a decided improvement, due to the magnetic influence of the special policeman.

The local Red Cross has received a large supply of yarn. This has been needed badly as some of the workers have had to slow up because of lack of materials. The local chapter has a large number of sweaters to finish before the first of July.

Mrs. C. E. Bennett, son, Howard, and baby, Mary Jane, and Mr. Bennett's mother, Mrs. Harry Bennett, left Thursday for Mystic, South Dakota, where they will camp out for the summer. Mr. Bennett accompanied them and will remain two or three days until they get settled and then return to Alliance.

Prof. T. R. Crawford and family left the city this week. Mrs. Crawford, with the two children, left Tuesday for Broken Bow, where Mrs. Crawford will spend the summer with her folks at that place. Mr. Crawford stayed over a day to finish the packing, leaving Wednesday for Chadron, where he will spend the summer in preparing for his work of next year and in taking a course in the business department of the normal school. Mr. Crawford finishes three very successful years in Alliance and leaves behind him a host of friends, who wish him the greatest success in his new position at Chadron.

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS FULL OF TRUTH

President R. I. Elliott, of Hadron Normal, Gives Strong Talk to Alliance Citizens Regarding Education

President Elliott's definition of an educated man is a man intelligent in a moral, physical way with the heart to do the right thing. Moral backbone is an element so lacking at times in people with a strong intellect. The combination of the three requisites produce a citizen that is of the utmost benefit to the community.

The generation of today has had far more educational advantages than the one of yesterday. The generation of today can only be better than the generation of yesterday only to the extent that they learn to give more than the one of yesterday, and such will hold good with the generation of tomorrow, they will only be an improvement on the generation of today to the extent of how much more they can give to the world. An education should never be neglected because you are efficient in what you do, the education will make you that much more efficient. Instead of a small position in life you will aspire to a higher.

Efficiency in the school is a thing to be most desired. The school teacher has much to do with the development of character. Why? Because the tot starting to school at the age of five passes twelve years in the school room and at the most impressionable age that we pass thru in life. The fact that millions of Germans are laying down their lives—some not knowing why—is due to their early education. It is a fact that from the kindergarten up German children are taught that they are surrounded by enemies. That the Kaiser is absolute. Fifty years ago the ruler of Germany said that the growth of Democracy should be checked. The present rulers of Germany are trying to check the growth of free institutions. We should take the utmost pains with the coming generations, they will have charge of the future, we must define that future by our teachings of today. Democracy must be the slogan, our public schools must receive the most careful attention.

The reason that we today champion the cause of the allies is because Germany has outraged all those ideals that our forefathers stood for. We have been educated to love freedom, the democracy of mankind, subject to a safe and sane government. We are fighting a bigger battle today than did our forefathers in the revolution or in the Civil war. Today we fight for the freedom of the world. All those principles and ideals are fostered by the education given in the school room. Oh, then how important that instructors and the people constantly add to the efficiency of the school system.

The conclusion of Pres. Elliott's speech was to exhort the graduating class to add to the success of graduation all thruout life. To get further education, if not in a college or university, thru other channels within reach of all. The public library, church and individual study. As an example of this he cited the lesson taught by the life of Lincoln, who reached the topmost pinnacle entirely by his own efforts. Mr. Elliott also gave this beautiful poem as a last thought for the class to take with them.

LIFE'S MIRROR
There are loyal hearts, there are spirit brave,
There are souls that are pure and true;
Then give to the world the best you have,
And the best shall come back to you.
Give love, and love to your heart will flow,
A strength in your utmost need;
Have faith and a score of hearts will show
Their faith in your word and deed.
For life is the mirror of king and slave,
'Tis just what you are and do;
Then give to the world the best you have,
And the best will come back to you.

—[MADELINE S BRIDGES
Norman McCorkle left Monday noon for Lincoln on business.
F. F. Stephens left Wednesday night for Hornell, N. Y., on business connected with the family estate.
W. D. Montgomery, a well known Lincoln chemist of high standing, has established a small laboratory in Alliance for the testing of potash brine samples. Mr. Montgomery spent part of last week in the city and will spend a large part of his time during the summer here.

OLD POTATOES BETTER PRICES AT CHICAGO

ST. LOUIS MARKET IS WEAK

The potato situation during the past week, according to The Packer, was as follows:

Firmer at Chicago
Chicago, Ills.—The old potato market opened easy last week under indifferent demand and fairly heavy receipts. The new potato situation has been a problem to the majority of buyers and this has influenced many of them to purchase their supplies of old stock after a hand-to-mouth fashion.

While receipts of old stock have not been heavy they have been ample, in view of the volume of new stock coming on the market, although the accumulation of cars on track has never been near the danger point. Wisconsin has been the heaviest contributor with a good deal of Minnesota stock also arriving, the major portion of the movement out of Michigan has gone to eastern markets.

While growers have been hauling their holdings fairly freely it is reported that there is still quite a large amount of potatoes yet to be moved from the nearby states. Ordinarily the supply of old potatoes is pretty well cleaned up by June 10, but there seems to be a belief that there will yet be a good supply on hand at that date this year. The cool season which has prevailed so far has been very favorable for holding old stock with the result that practically all of the arrivals have been in very good condition and indications are that they will hold up well for considerable time to come.

Tuesday the market was a little easier under a slow demand with sacked Wisconsin No. 1 round whites selling at \$1.10a.15 with most of the sales around \$1.12½. A car of sacked Idaho Russets sold at \$1.40. Receipts were 39 cars and there were a total of 110 cars, broken and unbroken on track at the beginning of the day's trading.

The market was a trifle firmer in feeling Wednesday with No. 1 Wisconsin white stock selling well at \$1.10a.15 a car of sacked Michigan white stock sold at \$1.20 and a car of sacked Idaho Russets brought \$1.40 per cwt. There are but few western potatoes coming now, however. Receipts were 32 cars.

Thursday the potato market was firmer under light receipts. Wisconsin stock was quoted at \$1.15a.125. Receipts were 28 cars.

Trading Friday was fairly active at slightly better prices. Wisconsin white stock brought \$1.20a.25. Receipts were about 30 cars.

The new potato market held fairly steady throughout the week and it was the feeling among the trade that prices were pretty close to bottom. The height of shipments have now been reached in Texas and the daily arrivals of old stock from the Great Lakes states are falling off and will continue to diminish from now on, and the western and eastern sections are reported to be fairly well cleaned up.

These facts are the basis of operators' opinions of the market. It is also pointed out that the eastern districts which will start to come in within a short time are reported to be in at least 30 per cent short over last year, as far as acreage is concerned.

Potatoes from the southern districts are being more closely graded this season than ever before.

Louisiana has been the heaviest contributor to this market for the week, with Florida ranking second. Sacked Triumphs out of Texas or Louisiana moved mostly at \$2 per cwt. for good No. 1 stock in carlots. Louisiana white stock brought \$1.60a.75.

Florid Spaulding Rose sold mostly at \$3.50 per barrel and at \$1.50a.1.60 per cwt. in sacks.

FARMERS UNION AT GERING LOSE THEIR LICENSE

The Farmers' Union at Gering was found guilty of selling flour without substitutes and in larger quantities than allowed by law last Monday, May 27. They were ordered by the government to ship the 125 sacks of flour that they had on hand, to a designated point and also asked to discontinue selling flour during the duration of the war.

Lou Rea Lunn has gone to Omaha to spend the summer with her aunt.

The family of A. H. Grove expect to make a trip overland to Camp Cody at Deming, New Mexico, to visit their son, who is in camp there.