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**BIG RATE BOUNTY FOR THE RAILROADS**

Authority for the railroads to increase revenues by approximately one billion and a half dollars was granted Saturday by the interstate commerce commission. Freight rates will be advanced about one-third, passenger fares one-fifth and Pullman charges one-half. Coastwise and inland steamship lines and electric railway companies also were granted an increase in freight rates in proportion to the increases granted railroads serving the same territory. The new rates, to continue until March 1, 1922, will become effective on five days notice by the carriers to the commission and the public, and they must be in operation before January 1. Since the government guarantee expires September 1, the carriers are expected to put the advances into effect by then.

The increase was designed to offset the \$600,000,000 wage advance awarded by the railroad labor board and to provide the 6 per cent net income on the aggregate value of the railroad properties under the transportation act. The aggregate value of all railroads was estimated by the commission at \$18,040,000,000, as against a book value of \$20,040,000,000 given by the carriers.

The 26 per cent increase in passenger fares, excess baggage charges, and milk transportation rates, and the 50 per cent surcharge on Pullman fares will be general. Freight rate increases will vary according to territory, with 40 per cent in the east, 25 per cent in the south, 35 per cent in the west—from the Mississippi river to the Rocky mountains—and 25 per cent in mountain-Pacific territory—fronae st of the Rockies to the Pacific coast not including Alaska.

**ALLIANCE Q TEAM THIMS CRAWFORD**

The baseball game at the fair grounds Sunday afternoon between Crawford and the local Q nine proved to be a walk-away for the home team. The final score stood 11 to 0, with the visitors at the small end of the count. McNulty was on the mound for Alliance and only twice were there men on third base. Both times big Ed pitched himself out of the hole. Black started with the stick getting four hits out of five times up. Griggs, on short, made several brilliant plays, one especially. With three men on, a liner was knocked between short and third. Griff speared it with one hand, tossed the ball to third completing a double play and retired the side.

Lineup for the game: Hudkins, catcher; McNulty, stick; Black, first base; Griggs, short; Brew, second; Fenning, third; Edwards left field; Butler, center; Stein, right, and Bryon and Thompson subs.

On the other hand, the candidates for president who did not get nominations will be saved a lot of worry.

**PROMOTER HAS PLAN TO BUILD GAS PLANT**

The directors of the chamber of commerce, at their meeting Monday evening, discussed, among other things, a proposition from one M. C. Sieberling, who desires the chamber of commerce to get behind a gas works for Alliance. Mr. Sieberling doesn't much care how the thing is put over, so long as it is done. He is willing to have the club organize a stock company, or interest outside capital, or persuade the city to do it, and his letter, which was rather lengthy, intimated that he could be persuaded to assist in the work of organization.

Everything was down in black and white in that letter. It told how much the machinery would cost, and how much pipe would be needed for mains. It was all figured out that gas could be produced at a cost of \$1.75 per thousand cubic feet, and if this were sold at \$2.50 it would leave a tidy profit on the total investment of \$87,654, provided, of course, people would buy it at that outrageous figure.

Mr. Sieberling had gone farther than this. He announced in a little paragraph near the end of his letter that his services would be at the rate of \$10,000 for the job. He was liberal, however—it didn't have to be paid in a lump sum. So much could be given him in three months, so much in six, and so on, properly secured by mortgage on the plant and notes. He was willing to take \$2,000 of this amount in stock of the plant, which shows that he was willing to risk something on the success of the project.

The directors laid this liberal offer on the table.

**DEATHS AND FUNERALS**

Charles Reese, an ex-soldier, died at the St. Josephs hospital Sunday morning. Death was due to blood poisoning.

He had been employed at the Dick Shannon ranch near Dalton, where he cut his knee on a binder last week. He was brought to Alliance and taken at once to the hospital, but had been without medical aid for over a week and blood poison had already set in.

The body is being held at the Darling undertaking parlors awaiting word from a sister who lives in Pennsylvania, the only relative that has been located.

**THREE ROBBERIES IN THE LAST THREE DAYS**

A miniature crime wave seems to have struck Alliance, judging from the number of cases of thieving which have been reported. The A. G. Isaacson home was entered shortly after sunset Friday evening and two diamond rings taken. The house was ransacked by the burglars. Mr. and Mrs. Isaacson were away from home at the time. No trace of the burglars has been discovered.

The home of H. DuBuque was also burglarized the same evening. A revolver was the only thing of value taken. In neither instance was there a trace of the thieves.

The W. R. Harper department store is minus some \$60 due to good teamwork on the part of two Mexicans. The men entered the store about closing time, late Saturday evening, and one of them asked concerning a pair of trousers. Mr. Harper was alone in the store. One of the Mexicans remained in the front of the store while the other was making his selection. The customer finally decided that he didn't want new trousers, and the pair left. Five minutes later, Mr. Harper discovered that the cash register drawer had been emptied.

**EFFORT TO SETTLE ANTIOCH ROAD ROW**

Attorney Eugene Burton, Engineer Hall, County Commissioners Hashman and Duncen and Highway Commissioner Reuben Knight left this morning for a conference with Jesse Wilson, east of Alliance, for the purpose of arriving at a settlement of the squabble over securing surfacing material for the Antioch road. This trip was decided upon after a conference of the above-named gentlemen with the directors of the Alliance chamber of commerce Monday evening.

Work on the surfacing of the Antioch road has been held up for some time, and the directors felt that it was for the best interests of the city, county and state to use their best offices to settle the difficulty and hurry the completion of the road-building.

Mr. Burton explained the position of his client, Mr. Wilson. When the project was first laid out, arrangements were made by the commissioners with Mr. Sweeney, who then owned the Wilson ranch, to secure material for the surfacing of the road from Sweeney's lake. When Wilson bought, he agreed to it. For some reason, the state blue print shows this lake to be on the south side of the road, in the exact location of Wilson's meadow. The contractors proceeded to take out several loads of dirt from the center of the meadow, cutting it up badly. Wilson then objected. He was willing, he said, that they should have free of charge the mud from Sweeney's lake, but his meadow was too small to spare any of it.

The contractors declared that they could not get the mud from the lake without the expense of hauling being prohibitive. Besides, they averred, the lake mud wasn't suitable. The state department interpreted their contract with the county commissioners in such a way that it was up to the county to secure the clay, although they do not expect the county to secure a supply of sand or gravel for the same road, both of which materials are used.

It developed that there was, adjoining the road, a supply of this clay on the railroad right-of-way, and local railroad officials had given permission to use it. Engineer Hall did not know whether this was suitable, but will inspect it today. If so, an attempt will be made to persuade Mr. Wilson to part with enough of his meadow to finish the road.

All the boys who were so desirous of getting in the Boy Scouts will have the opportunity to do so as there is to be a new troop organized in the near future. Some applications have already been received and as there is to be only two patrols organized to start with, anyone who wants to get in will have to hurry as that will only let sixteen boys in. Boys wanting to join the Boy Scouts will call on Mr. Hamilton at the National 10c Store and get application blanks.

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