

Railroads Able to Reduce Rates, Kansas Man Says

Carriers Spending More Than Necessary on Maintenance, Chairman of Utilities Commission Charges.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Financial conditions between railroads and farmers in the west are sufficiently favorable to the carriers to enable them to reduce transportation rates on hay, grain products and grain, Clyde M. Reed, chairman of the Kansas Utilities commission, testified before the Interstate Commerce commission, offering evidence in support of the

application by western states for a rate reduction, he presented a financial study of composite railroad accounts to show that the corporate surplus in railroad balance sheets amounted to \$2,959,000,000 and that further cash reserves were in the hands of the carriers as well.

Mr. Reed asserted the railroads have \$1,413,000,000 carried in their accounts as surplus and in addition have \$440,000,000 carried as a reserve against depreciation and \$28,000,000 carried as a reserve against operation contingencies.

Further, Mr. Reed contended, railroads in the west are expending a far greater amount of money than necessary on maintenance of tracks and equipment, in order to reduce the showing in regard to earnings.

The Northern Pacific has shown an excess expenditure on maintenance this year of \$2,130,000, Mr. Reed claimed, while the Union Pacific had shown \$1,619,000 in excess of what he called normal expenditures. The show-

ing, he argued, indicated that railroads were far more able to make reductions than their officials would admit.

Blue Sky Law Upheld

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 15.—Kentucky blue sky law was held constitutional by the court of appeals, the state's tribunal of last resort.

Parents' Problems

How can children best be taught a spirit of co-operation? In a family where there are several children and no servant, children instinctively learn co-operation. They soon learn that the more they help with the necessary work, the more time the parents have for recreation with them. Each child should have special duties, but they should also learn to help one another and their parents, too. I think parents and children should work together, and then play together as much as possible.

Bureau of Wheat Insurance Urged

Minnesota Representative Introduces Bill to Protect Grain Producers.

Washington, Dec. 15.—A bureau of wheat price insurance to protect the farmers from reasonably low prices at the primary markets would be provided under a bill introduced today by Representative Steenerson, republican, Minnesota.

The bill would create a revolving fund of \$100,000,000 for purchasing, selling, transporting and storing wheat and its products whenever necessary to prevent undue depression or fluctuation in prices, or unjust marketing manipulations "which would tend to increase the liability of the United States under the insurance policies."

Under the bill, the secretary of agriculture, before the planting season each year, would determine the insurance value of the various classes and grades of wheat to be raised the following year, based upon the average

cost of production for the last preceding three years, with a reasonable profit added. The bureau of wheat price insurance would publish forms of insurance policies and fix reasonable rates of premiums.

Bob Simmons Attending Conference in Chicago

Scottsbluff, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Bob Simmons, congressman-elect, is now in Chicago attending a conference of representative farmers concerning needs of agricultural legislation, which he expects to make use of when he assumes his duties at Washington.

Mr. Simmons' secretary will be Laurence H. Malone of O'Neill, who served as secretary for the late Judge Kinkaid.

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On Our Stock of Men's Unlined Dress Gloves



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Made by Fownes, Perrins-Dents. Fine Mochas, in gray and brown; capes in all colors. Regularly priced from \$1.50 to \$7.50. On Sale Saturday—

Sale Starts

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TEAR IN SATURDAY!

For the jig's up Saturday night... off goes our "get-'em some" business sale, and believe us, we've certainly been humping some these last two weeks. We've made hundreds of fellows happy, we're happy ourselves, and so is our banker, because we've certainly made it possible for him to show a real increase in deposits on his next "Call day."

Just bear in mind we've included every suit or overcoat in our entire store in this sale. We've cut the prices so far below zero that Old Man Winter himself is feeling mighty blue at seeing our big, heavy coats on the backs of so many men he expected to nip this winter.

There are three full Regiments for you to select from. Every one in each squad is a rare value at the price. One bunch will interest you at \$18.50, another at \$28.50, and the candy-kids of the house are all offered at \$38.50.

Hurry along now and don't cheat yourself out of some real clothes bargains. Get in line, help yourself, wait on yourself, for this sale as we have put her on is sorta like a Piggly Wiggly event. No credit given to anybody except ourselves and you'll give us plenty of that when you see how much you can buy for your money.

Let this be our "thank you" for those who have been in. We sure were glad to see business humming again after the draught of the fall season and we sure hope that you will get ten dollars' worth of wear and satisfaction for every one that you gave us. Good luck fellows, and don't forget us. Saturday night is the "Shut-off" day.

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Matinees, 15c to 50c. Nights, 15c to 81

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LAST DAY

GUY BATES POST
IN
OMAR
THE
TENT-MAKER

EMPRESS
LAST TIMES TODAY

EILLE NORWOOD
as "SHERLOCK HOLMES" in
"The Hound of the Baskervilles"

FIVE BALLOTS
"A Surprise in the Belfry"
KELLY & KOZIE in "DOLLUP"
CHADWICK & TAYLOR—"America's Youngest Colored Vaudevillians"

GREAT HOWARD
"The Scotch Ventriloquist"

Sunday, Dec. 17th
Col. Dan Morgan Smith



Commander in France of
"The Battalion of Death"
1st Battalion, 358 Infantry
90th Division A. E. F.

Will Speak at
Trinity M. E. Church
at 11 A. M.
Community Meeting.

Wheeler Mem. Presbyterian
at 3 P. M.
First Presbyterian Church
at 7:30 P. M.

Subject:
"The World's War and the Fields of France"

All Cordially Invited

NEIGHBORHOOD THEATERS

HAMILTON - 40th and Hamilton
A. CONAN DOYLE
"Hounds of the Baskervilles"

VICTORIA - 24th and Fort
CONWAY TEARLE
in "THE REFEREE"

GRAND - 16th and Binney
GEORGE ARLISS
in "DISRAELI"

"OMAHA'S FUN CENTER"

Gayety MAT. & NITE TODAY
PRE-WAR PRICES
LIVELY LITTLE

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TIRED SHOPPERS' MAT., 2:15 DAILY

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Odd lots and samples in smooth felts and silk finished hats; all sizes, at... **\$1.98**

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