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### Increased Freight Rates.

The allied railroads of the U. S. have filed formal notice with the interstate commerce commission of their purpose to make a sweeping increase in freight rates January 1. It is to be the most comprehensive and radical raise in rates every made in the U. S. and will cover the entire country between the Atlantic seaboard and the Pacific coast. The average increase from east to west will be 10 per cent. and from west to east 18 per cent.

Shippers have already begun appealing to the commission to prohibit the carriers from making the new rates effective, but have been informed that the commission is without authority. The only legal course of procedure under the much vaunted Hepburn act is for shippers to file formal complaint whereupon, when the new rates become operative, the commission will institute an "investigation." Chairman Knapp promises to "expediate the inquiry in every possible way"—and there ye are, as Mr. Dooley would say.

The Hepburn act has been hailed as the crowning achievement of the Roosevelt administration. What has it accomplished? The alliance of the railroads is more ironclad than ever before, and the carriers are becoming more aggressive in their extortion. Rebates, in a measure, have been eliminated, to the profits of the railroads, and free passes are abolished, also to the profit of the railroads. But when it come to a question of rates—and rates are the sum and substance of the entire railroad problem—the public is defenseless and the federal commission powerless to interfere.

As this newspaper has said before, all the relief the public has got thus far has been in the way of state legislation. This has given 2 cent fares and reduced freight rates. But even this method of relief the national government now purposes to take from the people. In addition the Roosevelt-Taft program is to make the railroads exempt from the anti-trust law and legalize railroad combinations under federal "control."

Who wonders that Jim Hill found it expedient to raise several hundred thousand dollars for the republican campaign fund last fall?—World-Herald.

### Need Game Law Change.

There is an inconsistent feature of the Nebraska game law, which in the interest of the state at large ought to be remedied by the forthcoming session of the legislature. The open season on prairie chickens ought to be removed altogether for a term of years at least, for the sake of saving the fowl of the plains. And the open season on quail ought to be increased.

As it is at present, the open season on chickens continues thru three months; the open season on quail lasts but fifteen days. And this in face of the fact that the prairie chicken can and is being exterminated by the hunter while the quail can not be exterminated by the hunter.

In New England the quail has been hunted for a hundred years and is as plentiful today as ever. The prairie chicken, wherever hunted, is rapidly exterminated.

The quail can be reduced materially in numbers only by the hard winters; the hunting kills so small a portion that it is not noticeable. And yet the open season is reduced to fifteen days, presumably in an effort to preserve that bird.

The prairie chicken, on the other hand, is not affected by the weather, but can quickly be shot

## Christmas Gifts

Don't be late. See our offerings in Holiday merchandise. Some of the lines we mention here may be just what you want:

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U. S. Weather Bureau Report for week ending Dec. 23. Daily mean temperature 21°. Normal 22°. Highest 49°, lowest 0°. Precipitation 1.05 of an inch. Total precipitation from March 1st (the crop season) to date was 18.96 inches and the average for same period for 20 years is 21.16.