

FREIGHT RATES ON CATTLE

Commissioner Prouty Heats Complaints of Stockmen in Denver.

TARIFFS ARE ALLEGED TO BE TOO HIGH

Witnesses Say There is Long Delay in Furnishing Cars and that Shipments Are Longer on the Road.

DENVER, Jan. 24.—Freight rates on stock shipments from the west to the Missouri river and Chicago markets was the subject of a hearing in this city today before Charles A. Prouty of the Interstate Commerce commission.

The stockmen ask for a reduction in rates on live stock and want the extra \$2 terminal charge made in Chicago for switching abolished.

Mr. De Boies, general manager of the American live stock company of Denver, testified that the time consumed in the transit of cattle from the northwest had increased from twenty-four to thirty-six hours.

Operating Department Blamed. Murdoch Mackenzie, president of the American National Live Stock association, said that he believed that the traffic departments of the railroads wanted to give good service, but the operating departments tried to haul every ton they could possibly put on a train.

When asked if he observed the use of cattle cars for hauling coal or other commodities, witness replied: "They haul everything except cattle."

Mr. Mackenzie cited cases where shippers were compelled to hold their cattle for long periods, in one case for two months, before cars could be secured for shipment.

Several other prominent cattlemen gave similar testimony. The hearing was adjourned to Amarillo, Tex., where it will be continued tomorrow.

COMPETITION IS ELIMINATED Oregon Shippers Testify that This is the Result of Harriman Merger.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 24.—The investigations of the Interstate Commerce commission into the legality of the Harriman merger was resumed in this city today.

SPORTS OF THE DAY.

AUTO RACING AT ORMOID

Blakely Wins Hundred-Mile Contest for Minneapolis Cup.

ORMOID, Fla., Jan. 24.—The 100-mile event for the Minneapolis cup in the automobile races was won today by E. B. Blakely, driving a 7-horse power gasoline car, in 2:26:10.

Hutton, in an English gasoline car, finished second, thirty-six minutes behind the winner.

Five-mile event for touring cars listed between \$1,000 and \$3,000, was won by Kull in a 35-horse power gasoline car in 0:23:25.

Events on the Running Tracks Cotton Wins the Feature Event at Ascot Park.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 24.—Today's card at Ascot was the best so far this week.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24.—Results at Emeryville today:

South Omaha Beaten at Cretes. The South Omaha High school basketball team was defeated at Cretes last night by a score of 4 to 2.

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PENSION AGENCIES TO GO

House Votes to Consolidate Work of Bureau at Washington.

PENSION APPROPRIATION BILL PASSED

Mr. Norris' Amendment Granting Pensions to All Soldiers' Widows Goes Out on Point of Order.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The house today voted to abolish all the pension agencies throughout the country, eighteen in number, and centralize the payment of pensions in the city of Washington.

By a vote of 58 to 114 an amendment offered by Mr. Dalsell of Pennsylvania, restoring the number of agencies to eighteen, as at present, was defeated.

Mr. Norris of Nebraska offered an amendment to the bill providing that hereafter any widow of a soldier applying for a pension under the general law shall not be required to prove that her husband's death was the result of his army service.

When Mr. Dalsell of Pennsylvania offered an amendment making appropriation for eighteen agencies, the present number, he said that if the number were reduced to nine, the agents at the discontinued agencies could go into the courts of claims and recover their salaries, as the law provides for eighteen agencies.

Mr. Sullivan of Massachusetts took exception to the statements of those who would support the reduction by stating that there would be no inconvenience to the old soldier in getting his pension except in the first instance as stated to the committee by the commissioner of pensions.

CONGO FREE STATE AFFAIRS Matter Will Receive Attention of Senate Committee Friday.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The question of an investigation of Congo Free State affairs through international inquiries will be considered tomorrow by the senate committee on foreign relations.

Boxing at the Racquet Club Instructor is Employed and Sport Added to Curriculum.

With the addition of a boxing instructor to the list of fun and sports at the Racquet club, the boxing game has been given a little lift in Omaha.

when the affairs of the Congo Free State should be made the subject of international inquiry, has been eliminated.

By far the most important occupation for children is that of agricultural laborers, the number of children 10 to 15 years of age so employed being 1,546,466.

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CHINESE SUPPRESSION OF OPIUM American Charge at Peking Tells What is Being Done.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Through Times' Ewing Moore, the American charge at Peking, the State department is in receipt of the Chinese imperial rescript covering regulations for the suppression of opium growing and smoking in China.

SENATE ADJOURNS EARLY WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The senate adjourned at 12:15 on account of the death of Senator Alger.

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