

SOME OF PROPOSED NEW FREIGHT RATES

State Corporation Commission Issues Brief.

Consolidation Rates Would Mean A Great Addition to the Present Rates in This State—Some Figures.

The brief of the North Carolina corporation commission, filed with the interstate commerce commission, docket No. 10,204, copies of which have been received in the city, gives a clear review of the proposed increase freight rates and how it will affect the North Carolina shipper. The revised rates will become effective if the consolidation classification is put into effect.

The state commission is fighting the proposed change, which is being advocated and pushed by the railroad commission. A hearing was held in Raleigh some time ago at which the local chamber of commerce was represented, the object being to get the views of the shippers from various parts of the state to be made known to the commission in fighting the case before the Washington officials.

The following taken from the brief will be of interest to local shippers, showing the state corporation commission's contention: As to the more important matter, as to the suggested application of the revised classification to all transportation, state and interstate, we have not yet been able to obtain positive information from any source, and the examination conducted this investigation was not able to tell us, after hearing the testimony we presented, whether our state classification ratings are involved in this investigation by the interstate commerce commission.

The North Carolina classification at this time consists of descriptions and ratings published by the North Carolina corporation commission on a large number of important articles of production, manufacture and distribution in this state, which we publish as exceptions to southern classification, and upon all other articles southern classification is applied. The classification has been converted into this form in 1914, prior to which time a distinctive state classification was in effect.

Reference to testimony of the rate maker, W. G. Womble, in this exhibit shows the disastrous effect that the cancellation of these ratings would have upon production, manufacture and distribution in this state. The specific articles shown in this exhibit are the more important ones, but only a few of many, and show that such a cancellation would result that we must necessarily anticipate that we would undertake to put them on a par with the interstate classification authority so to do and without having made such exhaustive investigation as to be assured of its absolute cancellation upon all the merits and essential elements of the case.

Waiting for the immediate argument, all questions of jurisdiction, we submit that no finding can be made, upon the testimony presented, to cancel these ratings without doing violence to the principle of the interstate classification that have found unanimous approval by all the courts of the land, including the United States supreme court, and by all the commissions of the interstate commerce commission. Rates are to be made that will yield a fair return upon the property devoted to the rendering of the service. Questions of specific authority would be superfluous. Griffin exhibit No. 3 shows a superior condition of operating revenues of the system lines operating in North Carolina and throughout the south, compared with the best system lines in the North Carolina and throughout the south—operating on these rates in North Carolina—that is shown for their operating operations.

For the three months ending June 30, 1918, the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad company showed an excess of North Carolina earnings per mile of road, over system earnings per mile of road, of 34.56 per cent. The same figure for the Southern railway company was 21.54 per cent, and for the Norfolk and Western 17.42 per cent. All three of these system lines operate generally throughout the territory in which the southern classification applies. How would a legal finding be made by any state authority that would have the effect of increasing the rate of transportation on these lines in North Carolina under these conditions of operation?

U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE LAUNCHES PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN

Plan to Rid the Country of All Venereal Diseases.

The bringing together of large numbers of men through their mobilization for military service has advanced, according to a statement by Surgeon-General Blue, that the percentage of persons in civilian life suffering with venereal disease is much larger than that in the regular army. In fact, statistics show that five out of every six in the army suffering with the disease at this time carried it with them when they were taken from their civil pursuits.

With these facts at hand the United States public health service has determined to "finish the fight" by making war on this disease at home. Through an advertising campaign the health service expects to carry to every community a true statement of the conditions. The department is not only going to enlighten the people but it proposes to cure the sick.

Lieut. A. W. Fuchs, of the service, who has been stationed here for several months, has received advance notice of what is to be done. Literature will be forwarded him which he will have distributed broadcast. Lieutenant Fuchs' regular army sum of money is going to spend a vast sum of money in advertising before the treatment is undertaken on a large scale, as the people must be acquainted with the facts before a successful co-operation with the department can be had. The following is taken from a pamphlet just issued by the department:

"Because civilian communities had been afraid to attack the problems of venereal disease, the army and navy were greatly handicapped throughout the war. They had to divert much of their energy into a fight against the menace while they were training their men to fight the enemy in Europe. "But the venereal communities were responsible; we always were. With a great war upon us, we came to the aid of the army and made a vigorous attack on these diseases. Now that the war in Europe is over, shall we finish the fight at home against the venereal menace?"

The United States public health service, through the state department, has made a proposition to local authorities to supply half of the funds and all the material for the establishment and maintenance of a clinic for the treatment of the disease in Wilmington. It is estimated that it will cost about \$1,500 to carry on the work during the year, which is in addition to the medicine. If the local authorities will raise \$750 the other will be forthcoming.

COMMITTEE ISSUES FAIR PRICE LIST

(Continued From Page Five). better price than that actually paid by the retailer. The food administration does not require a complete set of double prices for "cost and carry" purchases and for "charge or delivery" purchases. Where "cost and carry" prices only are used in a store, no charges for deliveries are required to be made, and where it is the wish of the retailer to have a "charge or delivery" price he need not maintain a set of "cost and carry" prices, but may offer five per cent flat discount from "charge or delivery" prices for "cash and carry" purchases. The following fair price list does not include prices on meats. A later list will be issued for the benefit of the meat dealers. Prices given in this list are for "cash and carry" purchases. Five per cent should be deducted where the "cash and carry" system is used.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity, Percentage Increase. Includes items like Wheat flour, plain, per 1-16 bbl., Sugar, bulk, per lb., Corn meal, per lb., Grits, per lb., Lard, pure leaf, per lb., Lard, compound, per lb., Rice, unbroken, per lb., Cheese, per lb., Quaker Oats, per pkg., Evaporated milk, 16 oz. can., Lima beans, per lb., Canned Salmon, per can., Irish potatoes, per peck, Sweet potatoes, per peck.



The Christmas Store A Shopping Place for Those Who Give Useful and Worth While Things

The whole store has been turned over completely to the Christmas spirit. Christmas goods on every counter, in every department. Better grades of the usual Christmas things. Hosts of new ideas in better things for Christmas giving. We highly recommend the intelligent assistance of our salespeople in aiding you to select the right thing for the person you have in mind.

Christmas Suggestions from Babyland

Babyland is situated on the Balcony, where we are showing complete displays of Infant's wear things, highly desirable for Christmas giving, as they add the charm of daintiness to usefulness. Infant's Crepe de Chine Sacques, in pink and blue, for \$6.00. Infant's Cashmere Sacques, priced at \$1.25 to \$4.00. Infant's knitted Sacques and Sweaters, in light blue, pink and white, priced at \$1.25 to \$5.00. Infant's Dresses, long and short, lace trimmed and hand-embroidered, priced at 59c to \$7.50. Infant's Toboggan Caps, in white, Copenhagen blue, rose and brown, priced at 35c to \$2.50. Dolls are to be found by the score on the First Floor. Infant's Walker Nests, with spring attachment, for \$3.50.

Christmas Napery and Table Linen

Many housekeepers will appreciate handsome table linens this year more than anything else. Our stock of these articles is very comprehensive, considering the conditions which have existed in the linen market for two years. Mercerized Table Napkins, all sizes, for, dozen \$2.00 to \$6.00. Union Linen Table Napkins, all sizes, for dozen \$3.25. Linen Table Napkins, all sizes, for dozen \$6.75 and \$7.50. Mercerized Table Damask, several widths, for yard 65c to \$1.75. Union Linen Table Damask, priced at, yard \$1.50. Linen Table Damask, 72 inches wide, limited quantity, yard \$2.25 and \$2.50. "Derryvale" Irish Linen Table Cloths, for \$8.50 to \$9.50. "Derryvale" Irish Linen Napkins, to match, for \$5.50 to \$9.50.

Join the Red Cross this Week

Wilmington should go 100 per cent. in the present Red Cross Membership Drive. The 55 employes of the Bon Marche joined Saturday, making this store 100 per cent. for the Red Cross.

An Umbrella---A Serviceable Gift

Umbrellas for Men and Children. Umbrellas and Parasols for Women and Misses. A broad assortment in pleasing handles and durable coverings. Children's School Umbrellas, mercerized covers, straight and crooked handles, priced at \$1.00 and \$1.50. Men's and Women's black Umbrellas, 26 and 28 inch, mercerized cotton and gloria covers, attractive handles, priced at \$1.25 to \$4.50. Silk Parasols, in solid colors, including brown, grey, green, navy, wine and plum; ivory ring, enamel and leather strap handles, priced at \$6.00 to \$15.00. Black Silk Umbrellas for men and women, in all grades, priced at \$5.00 to \$10.00.

The Perfumery Counter

Hundreds of Gift articles are contained in the Perfumery Sections. We can give but a partial list for your enlightenment. Ed Pinaud's Hair Tonic, priced at \$1.25. Ed. Pinaud's Brilliantine, priced at 50c. Ed. Pinaud's Extract Vegetal, priced at \$1.00. Aubry's Sister's Beautifier, priced at 65c. Aubry's Sisters Tint, priced at 35c. Mary Garden's Face Powder, for \$1.25. Mary Garden's Perfume, 1 oz. size, for \$1.50. Mary Garden's Perfume, 2 oz. size, for \$3.00. Melba Perfumes, Lilac, at, an ounce \$1.25. Melba Perfumes, Violet, at, an ounce \$1.50.

Ribbons for Little Girls' Christmas

You would be surprised at the number of hair ribbons that are given as Christmas presents to little girls. Here's an appropriate and useful gift idea for your memorandum: Morie Ribbons, 5 inches wide, in the following colors: Light blue, turquoise, maise, Belgian blue, Pekin blue, white, brown and black, priced at, yard 50c, 59c and 85c. Satin ribbon, in light blue, white, rose, maise, pink and navy, 5 inches wide, for, yard 49c. One lot of fancy flowered ribbons, 4 to 6 inches wide, specially priced for this week at, yard 29c.

Wrist Watches for Ladies and Children

The war is over, but the vogue of wrist watches goes merrily on. We are offering some special values for this week's selling. \$15.00 gold filled Wrist Watches with bracelet attached, in handsome plush gift box, special at \$11.95. \$8.50 black and gun metal Wrist Watches, with leather bracelet, odd shaped dial, priced at \$5.95.

Ivory Manicure and Toilet Sets

Ivory ware is one of the handsomest of all gifts, but when placed in one of these pretty boxes, it makes the "Gift Element." Ivory Manicure Sets, in leather envelopes and silk lined boxes, priced at \$1.50 to \$15.00. Ivory Toilet Article Sets, several large size cases, priced at \$10.00 to \$17.50.

"The Store Where They Keep the Pretty Dolls"

Several small children were gazing into the show windows the other night and the above remark from one of the kiddies, supplemented by the information, "that Santa is going to bring my dollie right out of this window," was overheard by the writer. If you'll view our display of dolls, you'll not be surprised that children characterize this as "the store that keeps the pretty dolls."



Christmas Discount Sale of Coats, Suits and Dresses. Attractive underpricing of Ready-to-Wear will be made for this week. Suits at 25 per cent. off. Coats at 25 per cent. off. Dresses at 33 1-3 Pct. off.

Bon Marche Phone 2500

Dr. Frederick Jacobson Says 75 Per Cent. of Women Need Phosphates to Give Them Strong Healthy, Rounded Figure and to Avoid Nervous Breakdown

Thousands of Women Grow Strong in Nature's Way. Consider the Lilies of the Field, How They Grow. The life of the lily is but a few weeks or months. The life of woman "three score years and ten." But to the lily, as to woman, the life is its fullness. Women must be nourished by the same vital elements which nature provides for nourishing every living thing; and these include the valuable phosphates so often lacking in the food we eat today. Argophosphate is rich in these wonderful elements. It contains the concentrated and quickly assimilated and absorbed phosphates from youth to old age, builds and rebuilds body and brain in beautiful harmony with nature's perfect plan. "That's why Argophosphate makes good solid flesh and strong bones."

PEACE CEREMONIAL OF OASIS TEMPLE DEC. 27

Will be Held in Charlotte Auditorium When Selected Nomads Will Be Allowed Seats. Oasis Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., will hold a Peace ceremonial in the city auditorium at Charlotte December 27. A brilliant-hued folder has been received, carrying illustrations, nifty saying and the potentate's message, which is as follows: "The Mosque of Oasis, A. A. O. N. M. S., Charlotte, N. C." "My Brethren: One again I call you to devotion and it occurs to me that never before was the salutation, 'Es Selamu Apeikum,' so appropriate as at the present moment. The clouds of war which for the past two years dimmed our pleasures are breaking away, and the sunlight of peace is again warming our hearts and lives, so that it is with unusual pleasure and a heart full of thanksgiving to Him who doeth all things well that I have designated Agry 71st, 8718 or, I the words and understandings of the present age of enlightenment, December 27, '18 as the time when we shall gather to hold sweet commune and to pour out our gratitude for the blessings which are ours. "As the Prophet hath ruled, this ceremonial session will be held in the oasis of Charlotte, N. C., at which time such of the nomads as have proven themselves worthy of our confidence

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and trust may be granted permission to sit among us and share the pleasures of the Faithful. Bow low to these wayfarers, spread your arms in greeting and invite them to join the caravan to our good city. "The more staid things of the Temple, such as the counting of the shekels and the writing upon the parchment of our records certain thoughts of the Nobles will be attended to with dispatch early upon the above appointed day so that those who later come among us may not depart in sorrow, but with hands uplifted, praising Allah. "Peace be unto you," "C. E. COTTON, "Potentate." "I am no scrapper!" "Thomas Griffith, Recorder."

AN AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION Local Owners Are Again Considering Organization--Benefits. On numerous occasions in the past attempts have been made locally to organize an Automobile club, but with little or no success. Lack of interest by owners of automobiles has always been the direct cause of failure, possibly due to the ignorance of just what benefits are to be derived from being a member of such an organization. It may be interesting to the local owners to know that Wilmington is possibly the only city of its size in the entire country that is without such an organization, consequently local owners are without a direct representation in matters appertaining to the many different laws and proposed laws and ordinances that will affect them in the future, both as to their purse and welfare. "Traffic laws are needed locally; good roads are needed throughout the state; taxation on motor driven vehicles must be looked after; liability through reckless driving must be looked after; negligence as to the proper display of license and the display of proper lights, focused and adjusted in a manner such as will make night driving a pleasure instead of a menace to the driver, person riding with him or the pedestrian; in fact, there are so very many ways in which an organization of this kind will benefit a member that it would be almost impossible to enumerate them in one short article. If the reader is interested and would co-operate, lending his assistance and offering suggestions that will tend to help the cause, his membership will be

greatly appreciated. If anyone desired to join the organization, merely to become affiliated with this club and the state association and the American Automobile association, then your membership is desired. Another notice relative to this much needed organization will appear in this paper later, calling on all persons interested to meet at some time and place to be decided on between this and January 1st. An Unusual Sight at Burgaw. PenderChronicle: "An unusual sight was afforded the people of Burgaw Tuesday afternoon when four giant airplanes passed over the city enroute to Wilmington. They are reported to have left Goldsboro at 2 o'clock. It was 2:50 when they passed over Burgaw. This was the first opportunity many of our people have had to view an airplane in flight and it proved quite an interesting occasion."



The Hidden Enemy

Our boys routed the hidden enemy of your liberties. Let us rout the hidden enemy of your health--the germs that gather, concealed, in all outer garments.

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