

M'CARDLE TALKS ON COAL PROBLEM

Public Service Official Discusses Utilities Rates.

Unless the price of coal takes a drop in the near future citizens of Indiana must be prepared to pay higher prices for gas, light, power and other utilities, according to a statement issued by John W. McCardle, vice chairman of the public service commission.

In his statement Mr. McCardle takes exception to the statement of the Knox County Orphans' association that the highest price received at the mines for coal in June was \$2.94.

Mr. McCardle shows that the municipal plant at Richmond paid \$6.50 for mine run coal of the Knox county group.

The commission is helpless in efforts to keep down rates of the utilities, as long as the coal continues to cost so much, says Mr. McCardle.

"We have been able to keep the utilities just one jump ahead of the sheriff for the last year, just because of the increased coal prices," he said.

"Many of the utilities are now living from hand to mouth as far as coal supplies are concerned."

The commission has no occasion to defend the commission against the complaints that the body has been a "rate-raising commission" when he called attention to the fact that coal comprises 50 per cent of the operating cost of practically every utility in the state and that to meet the increased cost, increased rates are necessary.

Relative to the situation confronted by the electrical railway companies of the state which are now petitioning for increased rates, the statement says:

"A compilation of the reports received by the commission from 165 electrical utilities shows that they had on hand on July 2, 1920, a total of 79,862 tons of steam coal, as compared with a total of 112,483 tons on hand Aug. 1, 1919. Their total daily consumption is 5,277 tons.

"If this coal were equally distributed among all the plants it would amount to a fifteen-day supply. Some of the utilities have had a small amount of coal to run from thirty to sixty days and others had none at all."

"The question which naturally arises in any consideration of the present situation is, 'What can be done?'

"Manifestly the commission must continue to increase rates so long as present conditions obtain."

"The commission believes the problem must be attacked where its inception is found—namely, at the point where coal is produced and sold."

"Coal prices must come down."

"Either the state or federal government, or both, must act, and they must act with vigor."

"The commission itself is powerless to deal with the coal situation."

"The commission advises the state and leave the other agencies of the government the correction of this alarming situation in itself."

We'd Have Taken It Along, Anyway

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—When Prohibition Agent William Allen Jr. of Brooklyn returned from his vacation today he found most of the "wet" evidence he had collected against saloonkeepers had been stolen.

PROGRAM GIVEN AT ORPHANAGE

Fifty-Third Anniversary of Home Is Observed.

The Rev. Frederick R. Daries, associate pastor of Zion Evangelical church, gave the address Sunday afternoon at the fifty-third anniversary of the General Protestant Orphans' home of Indianapolis at the orphanage at Terrace and State streets.

In addition to the many Indianapolis visitors, over a hundred visitors from the Cincinnati Orphans' home were present.

A band of nineteen pieces from the Cincinnati home gave concerts in the afternoon and evening.

A dinner was served by the ladies' auxiliary.

The formation of an alumni association was announced by Joseph C. Gardner, president of the board of directors.

Adolph Ziegler, superintendent of the Indianapolis Orphanage, had charge of the day's program.

He was assisted by his wife, Mrs. Marie Ziegler, matron.

Officers of the ladies auxiliary are Mrs. Elvira Kloeper, president; Mrs. Martha Verling, vice president; Mrs. Mary Duerker, secretary; Mrs. Catherine Hukriede, financial secretary, and Mrs. Emma Ginkel, treasurer.

Logansport Man Ends His Life by Shooting

Special to The Times.

LOGANSPORT, Ind., Aug. 9.—John McGroarty, 26, a Pennsylvania shop manager, committed suicide here Sunday afternoon by firing a bullet from a 32-caliber revolver through his brain.

The deed was committed in a candy store, where he walked behind the counter on the pretext of looking at a pair of gloves, picked up a revolver and fired, shouting to a customer, "I'm dying as he did so, 'Goodby, boys.'

Disappointment in a love affair is said to have been the cause of his act.

Tries to Kill Wife, Then Shoots Self

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., Aug. 9.—Charles S. Clark, 35, a conductor on the Michigan Central railroad, with headquarters at Niles, Mich., shot his wife last Saturday night then killed himself.

Two bullets entered Mrs. Clark's body, one entering the right cheek and the other her left side.

She was removed to the hospital and it is thought she will recover.

The Clarks had been estranged for some time.

The couple had two children, 6 and 8, who are living with Mrs. Clark's mother in Chicago.

Indiana Farmers Will Not Be at Rail Meet

The Indiana Federation of Farmers' Associations will send no representative to the conference to be held at Washington between railroad representatives and officials from midwestern states to adjust freight rates.

Dulberger was a candidate at the republican primaries for state representatives and one card, announcing his favor in favor of the repeal of the present prohibition law. He was not nominated.

STATE GETS WAR ROAD MATERIALS

More Than \$1,000,000 Received, Says Official.

Excess war material totalling more than \$1,000,000 has been received in Indiana for use in building roads, according to a letter sent by L. H. Wright, director of the state highway commission, to Dr. Clarence J. Owens, director of the southern commercial congress, who was instrumental in obtaining the material.

The equipment received by Indiana includes trucks, motorcycles, touring cars, water carts, electric motors, steel shovels and corrugated sheets, trailers and many other items of smaller material.

The total value was placed at \$1,161,642. The most valuable addition to the state department in road construction was the assignment of 466 trucks, which included 148 Nash Quads, eighty-four wheel drive, forty-four heavy aviation, thirty-two Pierce-Arrows, seven Gram-Huberts, twenty-two Fodlers, one Hubbard and one Union.

7 Counties Report Heavy Valuation Gain

Seven counties of Indiana report increases of more than 50 per cent in the 1920 valuation of personal property over that of last year before the horizontal increases ordered by the state board of tax commissioners were added, according to abstracts received by the board from the auditors of the state.

Only two counties reported a decrease in the new valuation.

The counties reporting more than 50 per cent increases are Grant, St. Joseph, Madison, Elkhart, Knox, Porter and Wabash.

The two counties which show decreases are Clay and Ohio.

The valuation in Marion county increased from \$114,233,640 in 1919 to \$154,663,390 in the new valuation.

Grant county increased its valuation more than 100 per cent.

Evansville Boy Dead From Auto Accident

Special to The Times.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Aug. 9.—Joseph Forsythe, 12, was killed Sunday, when the auto he was driving turned turtle in a road near Rockport and his companion, Lloyd Thurman, received severe bruises and cuts.

Young Forsythe was on his way to the Grandview chautauqua.

His father, Joseph Forsythe, is secretary of the chautauqua association.

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