

## INTERURBANS WILL ASK RATES EQUAL TO STEAM ROADS

The petition of steam railways operating in Indiana, filed with the public service commission for an increase in intrastate rates previous to the increase just granted by the Interstate commerce commission, will be given a hearing the latter part of this month according to E. I. Lewis, chairman of the commission, at Indianapolis Sunday. The railroads asked for an increase corresponding to that granted on interstate rates.

It is regarded as probable that the hearing will include a complete investigation of the situation and a comparison of Indiana rates with those in effect in other states, although the railroads are said to have taken for granted that their petition for increased intrastate rates would be granted.

"I think there is a general feeling among the states that their rates should be uniform," Mr. Lewis said. "We intend to give an opportunity for every one to have a day in court to present every side of the case and review any discrepancies in the rates of this and adjoining states."

### Coal Increase Vital

The increased cost of transportation of coal as reflected in the price of this commodity to the ultimate consumer is of particular interest in this state. The public service commission has anticipated an increase of approximately 80 cents on coal rates, according to Mr. Lewis, which would mean an advance from 90 cents to \$1.20 on coal from Terre Haute to Indianapolis.

The commission recently allowed \$1.18 for transportation in estimating the cost of coal at this point, which is an increase of 68 cents over the rates in effect last April between Terre Haute and Indianapolis.

The corresponding advance in coal on the open market is seen, Mr. Lewis pointed out, by comparing the prices of screenings for steam purposes in April, 1917, when this grade was selling from 80 cents to \$1 with the present prices of \$5 to \$5.50.

"The increased rates granted mean approximately \$1 for every human being on the face of the globe," he added.

### Traction Petition Filed

Robert L. Todd, president and general manager of the Terre Haute, Indianapolis & Eastern Traction company, said that the company had filed petitions with the Interstate commerce commission and the public service commission for rate advances identical to those of the steam roads. The electric railway companies are now awaiting action on their petitions for intrastate advances.

The petitions of four interurban companies for an increase from 24 cents to 3 cents on passenger rates have been granted by the public service commission and the petitions of six other companies for the same advances are pending.

The advanced rates have gone into effect on the lines of the Union Traction company, T. H. I. & E., Indianapolis & Cincinnati and the Marion & Bluffton. Actions on the petitions of the Indiana Service company, the Chicago, South Bend & Northern Indiana, the Winona Traction company, the Fort Wayne & Northwestern and the Evansville Railway company is expected within ten days, according to Mr. Lewis.

"The increase in the freight rates

by the interstate commerce commission for electric railways is a negligible quantity in the aggregate, as compared with the advanced revenue of the railroads, Mr. Todd said, "as the interurbans carry only about 10 per cent of the gross freight in this state."

### Frank Pickell May Become Cleveland's Assistant Head

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 2—R. G. Jones of Cleveland went to New York last week. R. G. Jones is superintendent of schools. New York is one place where superintendents find likely candidates for educational appointments. For Teachers' college, Columbia university, is the Mecca for these educators.

Now Cleveland has a vacancy—that of assistant superintendent of schools in charge of junior high schools.

"I've made up my mind," said R. G. when he returned from New York. "But I'll make no announcement of my choice until his name goes to the board of education for appointment next week."

He wouldn't and he didn't.

But Columbia university has a publicity bureau which functions even in the summer time. Hence the following telegram to The Plain Dealer:

"Frank G. Pickell is lecturer in secondary education at Columbia \*\*\* announcement of appointment must come from Supt. Jones of Cleveland." And still Mr. Jones would.

"I'll say this much, though," and he smiled, "I am seriously considering Mr. Pickell for the position—yes you'd better make that 'very seriously'."

Mr. Jones also admits he isn't looking any further for an assistant superintendent.

Mr. Pickell is principal of Lincoln (Neb.) high school, a graduate of Indiana university and an authority on junior high schools. He has been lecturing at teachers' college, Columbia, this summer.

Hand mills were in use among the Britons before the Roman conquest.

Students were not qualifying by doing

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## STATE HIGH SCHOOLS FACE BIG SHORTAGE IN TEACHING FORCE

more work in the normal schools, Mr. Stalker said.

"The answer is the same in this case as it has been for years and years.

The requirements for teachers have

been raised time after time, but never

has the salary kept pace with the in-

creased requirements.

"In most cases, Terre Haute includ-

ed, the salary with this year's increase

is just at the point that it should have

been five years ago. The increased

demands of the industrial and busi-

ness world, with the accompanying in-

crease in pay, is taking a great many

of our best high school graduates who

would make splendid teachers and who

would prepare for teaching were re-

turns large enough to pay them for it.

"Next year the shortage is going to

be greater than ever before and those

teachers who do stay with the profes-

sion are going to ask for a substan-

tial increase or they, too, will go into

other lines."

### Conditions Are General.

Conditions in the State Normal

Schools are no exception to conditions

in the state generally. In a poll taken

this week, it was found that out of

more than 1,300 students enrolled, less

than 50 are qualified to teach in the

high school under the new ruling who

are to be certified.

Many Disqualified.

Prof. Stalker says that there are

just as many teachers available for

the high school this year as there were

last year and that they are just as

well qualified this year as that, but

that the shortage mentioned is due to

the raising of the minimum require-

ments, thereby cutting out a great

many teachers who taught last year

but who under the new ruling are not

qualified for service this year. When

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