

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 reveal 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 20 cents on coal rates, according to Mr. Lewis, which would mean an advance from 90 cents to \$1.10 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 I. 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 2 1/2 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 wouldn't. "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.

STATE HIGH SCHOOLS FACE BIG SHORTAGE IN TEACHING FORCE

With the opening of the public schools of the state still some five or six weeks in the future, teacher shortage already is assuming proportions which threaten to exceed the shortage of last year.

There are 1,000 high school positions in the state yet to be filled with only 200 teachers in the state qualified to fill the positions yet unassigned, according to Prof. Francis M. Stalker, chairman of the appointment committee of the Indiana state normal school at Terre Haute.

He says the shortage is a shortage only when spoken of in qualified terms. He points to the ruling of the state board of education, some time ago, which raised the requirements for teachers in the state, especially the requirements of those expecting to teach in the high schools.

The ruling referred to by Mr. Stalker places the minimum requirement for a teacher in the high school at two years above the high school. Some cities and towns, Terre Haute for instance, have raised this and made the minimum requirement, graduation from normal training school above the four-year high school, placing the two-year-above-the-high-school requirement for teachers in the elementary school.

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 requirements, 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 questioned in regard to reasons why students were not qualifying by doing

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 increased requirements."

"In most cases, Terre Haute included, 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 business world, with the accompanying increase 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 returns 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 profession are going to ask for a substantial increase or they, too, will go into other lines."

Conditions Are General.

Conditions in the State Normal school 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

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have not yet signed for the coming school year.

Mr. Stalker sees immediate relief of the coming shortage for next year in but two ways, namely: the temporary waiving of requirements, or the taking into consideration of individual cases of teachers. Under the last mentioned method of relief, Mr. Stalker says, the

situation could be met for the next year, but that something much different will have to be done if the problem is to be permanently settled.

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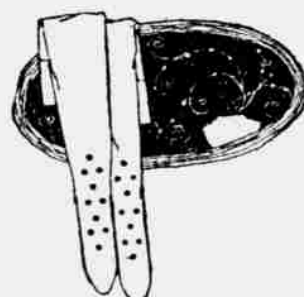
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