

RATE INCREASE NECESSARY

FARMERS' UNION OFFICIALS
THINK RAILROADS ARE ENTITLED TO MORE REVENUE.

Products of Plow and Farmer Who Lives at Home Should Be Exempt From Increase.

By Peter Radford,
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The recent action of the Interstate Commerce Commission in granting an increase in freight rates in the eastern classification of territory; the application of the roads to state and interstate commissions for an increase in rates, and the utterances of President Wilson on the subject bring the farmers of this nation face to face with the problem of an increase in freight rates. It is the policy of the Farmers' Union to meet the issues affecting the welfare of the farmers squarely and we will do so in this instance.

The transportation facilities of the United States are inadequate to effectively meet the demands of commerce and particularly in the South and West additional railway mileage is needed to accommodate the movement of farm products. If in the wisdom of our Railroad Commissions an increase in freight rates is necessary to bring about an improvement in our transportation service, and an extension of our mileage, then an increase should be granted, and the farmer is willing to share such proportion of the increase as justice belongs to him, but we have some suggestions to make as to the manner in which this increase shall be levied.

Rates Follow Lines of Least Resistance.

The freight rates of the nation have been built up along lines of least resistance. The merchant, the manufacturer, the miner, the miller, the lumberman and the cattleman have had their traffic bureaus thoroughly organized and in many instances they have pursued the railroad without mercy and with the power of organized tonnage they have hammered the life out of the rates and with unrestrained greed they have eaten the vitals out of our transportation system and since we have had railroad commissions, these interests, with skill and cunning, are represented at every hearing in which their business is involved.

The farmer is seldom represented at rate hearings, as his organizations have never had the finances to employ counsel to develop his side of the case and, as a result, the products of the plow bear an unequal burden of the freight expense. A glance at the freight tariffs abundantly proves this assertion. Cotton, the leading agricultural product of the South, already bears the highest freight rate of any necessary commodity in commerce, and the rate on agricultural products as a whole is out of proportion with that of the products of the factory and the mine.

We offer no schedule of rates, but hope the commission will be able to give the railroad such an increase in rates as is necessary without levying a further toll upon the products of the plow. The instance seems to present an opportunity to the Railroad Commissions to equalize the rates as between agricultural and other classes of freight without disturbing the rates on staple farm products.

What is a Fair Rate?

We do not know what constitutes a basis for rate making and have never heard of anyone who did claim to know much about it, but if the prosperity of the farm is a factor to be considered and the railroad commission concludes that an increase in rates is necessary, we would prefer that it come to us through articles of consumption on their journey from the factory to the farm. We would, for example, prefer that the rate on nogs remain as at present and the rate on meat bear the increase, for any farmer can avoid the burden by raising his own meat, and a farmer who will not try to raise his own meat ought to be penalized. We think the rate on coal and brick can much better bear an increase than the rate on cotton and flour. We would prefer that the rate on plows remain the same, and machinery, planes and such articles as the poorer farmer cannot hope to possess bear the burden of increase.

The increase in rates should be so arranged that the farmer who lives at home will bear no part of the burden, but let the farmer who boards in other states and countries and who feeds his stock in foreign lands, pay the price of his folly.



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Whereas, Earle Sheppard and Ette E. Sheppard, his wife, by their certain deed of trust, dated the 12th day of January, 1909, and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds for the County of Iron, State of Missouri, in Book 55, Page 28, conveyed to Acting Sheriff of the County of Iron, State of Missouri, trust, the following described real estate, situated in the County of Iron, State of Missouri, to wit:
The southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section five (5), township thirty, (30), range three (3) east;
Which conveyance was made to the said Acting Sheriff of the County of Iron, State of Missouri, in trust, to secure the payment of a certain note in said deed specified, and, whereas, default has been made in the payment of said principal and interest due on said note and said principal and interest are now past due and remain unpaid; Now, therefore, the said deed, qualified and acting Sheriff of Iron County, Missouri, will sell the property above described at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, at the courthouse door in the City of Ironton, County of Iron, State of Missouri, on
Saturday, February 27th, 1915,
between the hours of 9 o'clock A. M. and 5 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness and the cost of executing this trust.
WM. R. EDGAR, Sheriff of Iron County, Missouri, Ironton, Missouri, February 23, 1915.

TRUSTEE'S SALE.

Whereas, Margaret G. Pruett, single, of the County of Iron and State of Missouri, by her certain deed of trust, dated the 15th day of December, 1909, and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for the County of Iron, State of Missouri, in book 55, at page 136, conveyed to Wm. R. Edgar, Jr., Trustee, the following described real estate, situated, lying and being in the County of Iron and State of Missouri, to wit:
All lots one, (1), two, (2), three (3) and four, (4), in block twenty-six, (26), in the City of Ironton, County of Iron, State of Missouri, and down on the plat of said City of Ironton, on file in the office of the Recorder of Deeds for Iron County,
Which conveyance was made in trust to secure the payment of one certain promissory note in said deed fully described, and, whereas, said note is now past due and remains unpaid;
Now, therefore, at the request of the legal holder of said note, and in pursuance of the provisions of the said deed of trust, the undersigned, do hereby elect, qualify and acting Sheriff of Iron County, Missouri, on
Tuesday, the 23rd day of February, 1915, between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the Courthouse door in the City of Ironton, County of Iron, State of Missouri, proceed to sell to the highest bidder, for cash, the above described property, to satisfy said note and interest, and the costs and expenses of executing this trust.
WM. R. EDGAR, JUNIOR, Trustee, Ironton, Mo., January 18th, 1915.

NOTICE OF LETTERS.

Notice is hereby given, that letters of Administration on the estate of Henry M. Jones, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 20th day of January, 1915, by the Probate Court of Iron County, Missouri. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them for allowance to the Administrator within six months after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of the last insertion of the publication of this notice, they shall be forever barred.
This 20th day of January, 1915.
MAKTHA J. FRANCIS, Administratrix.

NOTICE OF LETTERS.

Notice is hereby given that the Probate Court of Iron County, Missouri, on the 1st day of January, 1915, ordered the undersigned, as Public Administrator of said county, to take charge of and administer on the estate of Emeline Hines, deceased.
All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within six months after date of said order, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of the last insertion of the publication of this notice, they shall be forever barred.
This 2d day of January, 1915.
P. F. ROSENRETER, Public Administrator.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, J. A. Lutz, Administrator of the estate of John Lutz, deceased, will make final settlement of his accounts with said estate as such Administrator at the next term of the Probate Court of Iron County, Missouri, to be holden at Ironton, in said county, on the 8th day of February, A. D. 1915.
J. A. LUTZ, Administrator of estate of John Lutz, dec'd.

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