

BRYAN AGAINST OWNERSHIP BY THE GOVERNMENT

Gives Newlands Committee His Views on Railroad Control.

COMPETITION PREFERABLE.

Federal Regulation Should Not Be Allowed to Exclude Exercise of State Authority, He Contends—Thinks Railroad Stocks Should Represent Actual Value and Be Stable as Government Bonds.

Washington, Dec. 11.—William J. Bryan, who started the country ten years ago by advocating government ownership of railroads, appeared before the Newlands Joint Committee on Interstate Commerce last week in support of the claim that the states should be allowed to retain authority over the regulation of all transportation lines within their borders. Mr. Bryan explained that he had long regarded government ownership as inevitable, but only because of railroad opposition to effective regulation.

Against Government Ownership.
"Personally I cannot say that I desire government ownership," he explained, "because I lean to the individual idea rather than to the collective idea; that is, I believe that government ownership is desirable only where competition is impossible."
Alfred P. Thom, counsel to the Railway Executive's Advisory Committee, previously had presented before the members of the Newlands Committee as one of his reasons for urging a better balanced and more systematic regulation of railroads the argument that this is the only alternative to government ownership. Calling attention to the restrictions imposed upon the transportation lines by conflicting state laws and regulations, to the practical cessation of new construction and to the impossibility under existing conditions of securing the new capital needed for extensions and betterments of railway facilities, he warned the Congressmen that unless they provided a fair and reasonable system of regulation that would enable the railroads to meet the growing needs of the country's business the national government would be compelled to take over the ownership of the lines with all the evils attendant upon such a system.

Preservation of Competition.
Mr. Bryan, on the other hand, holds that the further extension of federal authority over the railroads would be a step in the direction of government ownership. He advanced the view that the centralization of control in the hands of the national government would impose too great a burden upon the regulating body, would offer strong temptation to railroads to interfere in politics and would encourage the general movement toward centralization of power in the federal government at the expense of the states. He said that he did not object to consolidations of railroad lines so long as they did not destroy competition, that he knew of no complaint against great railway systems because of their size and that he believed that the preservation of competition was the test to be applied to all consolidations.

Regulation of Securities.
Mr. Bryan declared himself in favor of national regulation of railway stock and bond issues, but added that he saw no reason why that should exclude the states from acting on the same subject as to state corporations. "I would like to see the stock of a railroad, as long as it is in private hands, made as substantial and as unvarying as the value of a government bond," he asserted.

He suggested that railroad capitalization be readjusted to equalize it with actual valuation of the property represented, making due allowance for equities, and that when this was done the roads should be allowed to earn the sufficient income to keep their stock at par and to create a surplus. The latter, he tentatively proposed, might be allowed to amount to 25 per cent of the capital.

Railway Earnings Law.
This subject of railroad capitalization and the amount of railroad earnings received further attention from the committee during its recent sessions. In answer to questions by Senator Cummins, Mr. Thom submitted figures showing the net earnings of the roads in recent years. These figures show that during the five years from 1905 to 1910 the average net earnings were 5.25 per cent of the net capitalization, while for the five years from 1910 to 1915 the average was only 4.86 per cent. The total earnings on the stock, computed by adding to the net operating income the income from the securities owned and deducting bond interest, were for 1910, 7.06 per cent; for 1911, 6.17 per cent; for 1912, 4.97 per cent; for 1913, 5.94 per cent; for 1914, 4.06 per cent; for 1915, 3.44 per cent, thus showing an almost continuous decrease throughout this six year period. It was announced that Harold Erickson, formerly chairman of the Wisconsin Railroad Commission, would submit more complete information on this subject to the Committee at a later date.

DELAWARE.
Will Claus transacted business in Mt. Vernon last week.
George and Leon Maack returned Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Maack, making the trip in the latter's car.
Miss Edith Lundine of Cedar Rapids is spending her holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Lundine.
News was received here recently of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and

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Mrs. Edgar Orberg of Raymond, S. D. Congratulations. Mrs. Orberg was formerly Miss Edith Carroll.

Fred Young of Chicago spent the Christmas season with his mother and sister, Mrs. Young and Mrs. A. J. Rasha. Mr. Young left that evening on a business trip to western Canada.

Mrs. Pitcher and children are visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Diamond, in Omaha, during the holidays. They will also attend the wedding of her sister, Miss Myra Diamond, which will take place on Jan. 7th.

A. E. Larson was a Manchester caller Tuesday.
August Johnson and family of the Bay Settlement were guests of Charles Manson and daughter on Monday.

Mrs. Will Roloff is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. George Nalbeck, at Hazelton.
Miss Pearl Fear, who is teaching at Upper Buck Creek, is home for a two weeks' vacation.

Everett Saulkner of Pomeroy, Iowa, spent Christmas with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Schwartz, and family.

Mrs. Harry Beddow of Dubuque is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Glenapp.

Clifford Davis, a student of Dubuque High school, is spending his holidays with home folks.

Mrs. P. Mintonson was a passenger to Dubuque recently.

Mrs. George Riley and little son returned to Oelwein Tuesday after a several days' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Persoon.

Wm. and Ernest Claus are home from Dubuque for a two weeks' vacation. The boys are attending Bayless Business college.

A. E. Larson is very ill with an attack of grip.

Chas. Ferris of Oneida was a Dubuque visitor Friday.

Will Wendt Jr. went to Strawberry Point Monday for a few days' visit with his sister, Mrs. Emloan.

W. H. Norris and Frank Wilson of Manchester were in town Friday.

Walter Davis and wife of Mitchell, South Dakota, is here spending the holidays with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Davis.

A. W. Sackett, Ezra Coats, P. Persoon and P. Larson transacted business in Manchester Thursday.

The farmers are planning on filling the ice house of the creamery in the near future.

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP.
W. H. Smith and Earl Anderson were business visitors in Dubuque on Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pazandak and children of North Dakota have been visiting relatives and friends in this vicinity the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Legg and daughter Ethel of Oneida spent New Year's at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Legg.

Richard Smith was a Manchester business visitor on Saturday.

Many friends regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, at Manchester. She was the mother of Mrs. Fred Meyens, Fred, Henry and W. G. Smith, all of this vicinity.

Mrs. T. R. Jewell has been very sick. A trained nurse from Strawberry Point has been caring for her. She is some better now, a fact her many friends will be glad to learn.

Irene Sedgewick accompanied Mrs. Warren Slaughter to her home at Grand Mound, Iowa, on Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Slaughter have been visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McGill, at Manchester.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade E. Long and little son spent New Year's day at the A. D. Long home at Manchester.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Lappin of Darlington, Wisconsin, spent the holidays at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Sedgwick.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Puffett and family spent New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. John Mosher and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Fay have been visiting at the home of Dr. Cole and family at Oelwein for the past week.

The Charles Sedgwick family visited

at the home of Mrs. Josie Mattice on Sunday.

GREELEY.

Wm. Wells of Linton, North Dakota was here the past week the guest of friends.

Irene Crabb, who has been quite ill the past week, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Armstrong of Waterloo were Greeley guests during the holidays.

School will resume January 8th and will open in the new building.

Hon. L. L. Baker of Toulla City, Utah, is a guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Baker.

Mrs. Paul Hatfield, a young mother of 28 years, died last week. She is survived by her husband and two little children.

Miss Mabel Crabb, Charmion Holbert and Howard Matthews, who are attending school at Iowa City, were at home for the holidays.

C. R. Anderson spent the holidays at Hedrick with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Stairs and daughters are visiting relatives in North English.

Herman Kuhlman and son Art, were recent business visitors in Toledo, Ohio.

Chester Cole was in Cleveland, Ohio, last week.

Mrs. A. A. Chapman and son visited friends in Arlington last week.

John Lillibridge and wife of Hitchcock, S. D., are visiting relatives in Greeley.

Mrs. F. D. Torrey of Arlington was a guest over Christmas of her niece, Mrs. V. E. Dow.

George Hindal of Montana of Montana is here for a several weeks' visit.

Louie Holbert, who underwent an operation at Iowa City is getting along nicely and will soon be at home.

Frank Roberts of Montana came last week to spend Christmas with his mother and sister.

Fred Holbert sailed from New York on Saturday, December 23, for Europe. He will arrange while in France for a shipment of horses and will be gone only a few weeks.

Miss Todd of Minnesota, is visiting relatives in Greeley and vicinity.

Roy Hatfield who has been in service in the First Iowa Regiment at Brownsville, will enter the railway mail service immediately upon his return.

Messrs. John Chase and Frank Thomas are installing a milking machine. The machine has a capacity of milking forty cows at one time.

Monday, about eleven o'clock, while the family were attending church, the hog and chicken houses belonging to Jacob Holtz were discovered to be on fire. Aid quickly reached the farm but too late to save either one of the buildings. Beside the buildings Mr. Holtz lost about \$200 worth of poultry.

Walter Longhurst of Dacoma, Oklahoma, is visiting old friends in this place.

Mrs. Dow is at home from the hospital at Iowa City, and is feeling greatly improved.

HONEY CREEK.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Smith of Oelwein spent Sunday at the home of his brother, Sherman Smith.

George Mattice was a business visitor in Thorpe Wednesday.

Joseph Tlip shipped a car load of hogs to Chicago Friday.

Edward Wenger returned from his visit in Monticello.

Mrs. James Barr and daughter, Helen spent Christmas with Mrs. Barr's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Martin at Onawa, Iowa.

Frank Schmock was a business caller in Thorpe Wednesday.

The Sherman Smith family moved into their new home recently.

Frank Schmock sold and delivered hogs in Manchester Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lehman visited at the George Boehm home at Greeley Tuesday.

John Moser was a Thorpe caller on Friday.

list for the past two weeks.

Miss Mabel Gibbs of Iowa City is visiting at the parental home.

Mrs. C. Thelinger of Sumner is visiting at the parental home.

The Misses Pearl and Genevieve Everett visited friends in Oelwein the past week.

The F. W. and Ernest Dunsmore families were recent visitors with friends in Oelwein.

G. R. Carrier visited relatives at Garnaville a few days of the past week.

Several from this immediate vicinity attended "The Birth of a Nation" at Strawberry Point.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Byrnes and baby have gone to Ponca, Nebraska, for a visit with relatives.

Miss Marie Henry, a teacher at Kirron, Iowa, is home for Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kingsley of Cincinnati, Ohio, are visiting at the James Newberry home.

Miss Emma Nelderfrank, who teaches in the Des Moines schools, is spending her vacation with her father, Charles Nelderfrank.

Mrs. Wm. Dooley is entertaining her brother, A. L. Davis, of Ault, Colorado.

Miss Nellie Carmichael is spending a few days in Volga City, with relatives.

Joe Gill of Ossian visited at the parental home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Smith spent Monday at the home of the former's parents.

James Barr was a business caller in Strawberry Point Thursday.

Not Quite Perfect.

In this neighborhood there is one little boy who seems so well brought up and altogether so desirable a child that for a time we felt sure the neighborhood wouldn't be able to think of anything to say, but now we understand from a reliable source that it's a perfect shame that his parents are jeopardizing his whole future by not having his teeth straightened.—Ohio State Journal.

We Have.

R. J. S. wants to know if we have ever met the people who never go to bed, but retire; who never sleep, but slumber; who never get up, but rise; who never eat, but dine; who never drink, but indulge; who never talk, but converse; who never read, but peruse; who never buy, but purchase, and who never get sick, but become ill!—Cincinnati Enquirer.

To Keep Plants Fresh.

There is a simple way to water ferns and flowers which will be of interest to one who must leave them for a time without care. Take a washing tub and place three or four bricks in it and put about two inches of water in the tub. Place the flowers on these bricks and place the tub where they can get the morning sunshine.

Daily Thought.

Even in the anxieties of life, when we are like pilgrims walking with peas in our shoes, still there is the scent of flowers, the song of the birds and the sweet light of heaven about our path.—Grey.

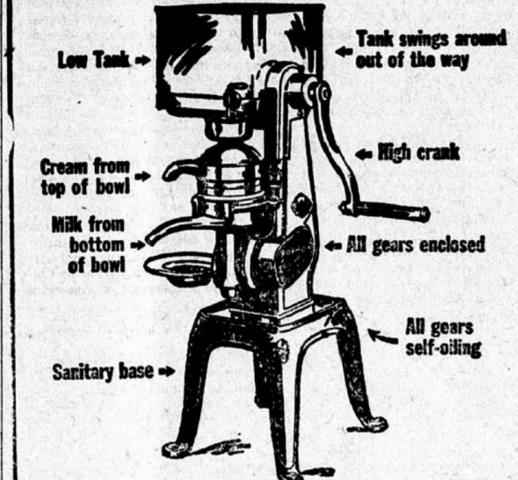
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