

**ROADS ANNOUNCE NO REDUCTION NOW**

We are reproducing a letter from the various western railroads to the Colorado and New Mexico Coal Operators' association, in which they state there will be no serious reduction in coal rates to any points in our territory. A great many people have hesitated about placing their order for summer storage coal from the fact that from different sources information has been given out that the freight rate would be reduced and that there would be a substantial reduction in the mine price. This letter from the railroads will do away with that impression as far as they are concerned. The mine prices as given out on the first of April only show 50 cents per ton out in the mine price for May coal under the existing price. May will be the cheapest month in which to buy your coal as the announced price from the mines increases each month during the summer.

No doubt you have noticed in the news dispatches in the past few weeks where coal has declined in some instances at the mine as much as \$2.00 per ton, but if you noticed particularly this reduction was from northern and eastern states, which fact makes the freight rate prohibitive into our locality. The letter follows: The Colorado and New Mexico Coal Operators' Ass'n., Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen: It has come to our attention that various coal operators have, during the past few days, been receiving numerous cancellations of orders

from dealers and consumers in eastern Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas, Texas, etc., on account of a report which seems to be current that there is to be a substantial reduction in coal rates from the west to the territory in question.

We desire to make it a matter of record that while the carriers recognize the necessity of making some re-alignment of the coal rates in the direction of restoring previously existing relationships as between groups of origin, and an earnest effort is being made to bring this about, no general reduction in the rate level is contemplated.

It is the intention to push this work of revision as rapidly as possible, but at the best, several months will be required before a new set of rates can be worked out, published and made effective. Yours truly,

- A. T. & S. F. Ry.
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We are now accepting storage orders for coal to be delivered during any summer month. Our advice, based on an earnest study of the market, is that coal WILL NOT decline in price over the announced reduction, and that you buy your coal now. See any member of the firm or phone 262 your order. We handle only the best grades of coal from both Colorado and New Mexico mines.

W. T. Base & Sons.

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11.**

Proposing an amendment to Section 51 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Texas to provide that the Legislature may grant pensions to Confederate soldiers, sailors and their widows, who have been citizens of Texas since prior to January 1, 1910, providing that all soldiers, sailors and their widows eligible under the provisions hereof shall be entitled to be placed upon the rolls and participate in the pension fund created hereunder; levying a tax of seven (\$.07) cents on the \$100.00 valuation of property in this State for the payment of such pension, providing that the Legislature may reduce the rate of pension for such purpose, fixing a time for the election to be held on such amendment, and making an appropriation to pay the expenses thereof.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. Section 51 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Texas shall be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

Section 51. The Legislature shall have no power to make any grant or authorize the making of any grant of public money to any individual, association of individuals, municipal or other corporations whatsoever, provided, however, the Legislature may grant aid to indigent or disabled Confederate soldiers and sailors, who came to Texas prior to January 1, 1910, and to their widows, in indigent circumstances and who have been bona fide residents of this State since January 1, 1910, and who were married to such soldiers or sailors prior to January 1, 1910, and to indigent and disabled soldiers who under special laws of the State of Texas during the war between the states served in organization for the protection of the frontier against Indian raiders or Mexican marauders and to indigent and disabled soldiers of the militia of the State of Texas who were in active service during the war between the states and to the widows of such soldiers who are in indigent circumstances and who were married to such soldiers prior to January 1, 1910, provided that the word "widow" in the preceding lines of this Section shall not apply to women born since the year 1861, and all soldiers and sailors and widows of soldiers and sailors eligible under the above conditions shall be entitled to be placed upon the pension rolls and participate in the distribution of the pension fund of this State under any existing law or laws hereafter passed by the Legislature, and also to grant aid for the establishment and maintenance of a home for said soldiers and sailors, their wives and widows and women who aided in the Confederacy under such regulations and limitations as may be provided by law, provided the Legislature may provide for husband and wife to remain together in the home. There is hereby levied in addition to all other taxes heretofore permitted by the Constitution of Texas a State ad valorem tax on property of seven (\$.07) cents on the \$100 valuation for the purpose of creating a special fund for the payment of pensions for service in the Confederate army and navy, frontier organizations and the militia of the State of Texas, and for the widows of such soldiers serving in said armies, navies, organizations or militia; provided that the Legislature may reduce the tax rate herein levied, and provided further that the provisions of this Section shall not be construed so as to prevent the grant of aid in cases of public calamity.

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified voters of this State at an election to be held on the fourth Saturday in July, 1921, at which all voters shall have printed or written on their ballots: "For amendment of Section 51 of Article 3 of the Constitution authorizing the Legislature to grant aid to Confederate soldiers, sailors and their widows who have been a resident of this State since January 1, 1910," and "Against amendment to Section 51 of Article 3, of the Constitution, authorizing the Legislature to grant aid to Confederate soldiers and their widows."

Sec. 3. The Governor is hereby directed to issue the proclamation for said election and have same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State, and the sum of five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of the general funds of this State not otherwise appropriated for expenses of publications and elections thereunder.

(A True Copy.) S. L. STAPLES, Secretary of State.

**SNYDER WINS IN TRACK MEET AT LUBBOCK.**

Snyder has the honor of four winners at the district track meet held at Lubbock April 15 and 16. Following is the result:

First place, high jump, Clifton Brooks.

First place, pole vault, Wade Green.

First place in declamation, senior girls, Sarah Wright.

First place in declamation, junior girls, Lucille Brumley.

These winners will go to the state meet in Austin to be held on May 5, 6 and 7. A reduction in railroad rates has been secured for delegates, putting in force a round trip rate of a fare and a half for all authorized delegates, and one faculty representative from each school participating in the state meet.

The executive committee has announced that this year the number of track contestants will be limited to the winners of the district meets, i. e., the winning team and the individual winners of first, second and third places. Hitherto, all schools desiring to do so might enter a track team of eight men, but on account of the increasing numbers of schools in the League, it has become necessary to limit entries.

Even with this limitation, it is stated, there will be a total of 864 official recognized delegates eligible for this state meet, as a result of the district elimination contests being held. Included in this number will be 128 debaters and 250 contestants in the various divisions of declamation. There will be, also, 128 boys' and girls' tennis teams and 352 entrants in track. With the addition of about 250 teachers, representing as many schools, who are also included in the lists of official delegates, there will be more than eleven hundred delegates. Including parents, relatives and other unofficial delegates more than 2,000 people from outside of Austin are expected for the meet.

Lodging will be provided by the committee for all delegates, beginning on Thursday, May 5. Preliminaries in tennis will be held on Thursday afternoon, but no other preliminaries until Friday morning, so that no provision has been made for registration or lodging earlier than Thursday.

This will be the eleventh annual Interscholastic State Meet at the University, and promises to be the largest and most hotly contested ever held.

Schools holding full membership in the League now number 4,300, representing a fifteen per cent increase over last year.

**MEETING OF MANAGERS BRYANT-LINK CO. STORES**

The managers and directors of the Bryant-Link company chain of ten general merchandise stores located at Stamford, Spur, Post, Aspermont, Leuders, Albany, Jayton, Ralls, Knox City and Snyder, met in their regular quarterly meeting at Spur on April 13 and 14.

Reports on general conditions in-

dicated a feeling of conservative optimism from every one, and prospective conditions were as good as could be expected.

Grain crop prospects were reported favorable at present, but rain would be needed soon in some sections.

Store employees of the Spur store served an oyster supper to the twenty in attendance at the meeting.

Messrs. T. L. Higginbotham and Raymond Reed attended the meeting from Snyder.

Miss Dorcas Porter who is clerk in the Dry Goods department of Matthews-Davis Co., is housed in this week on account of sickness.

Ernest Taylor and wife returned last week from an extended visit to the latter's parents. Mrs. Taylor was sick while there but is now better.

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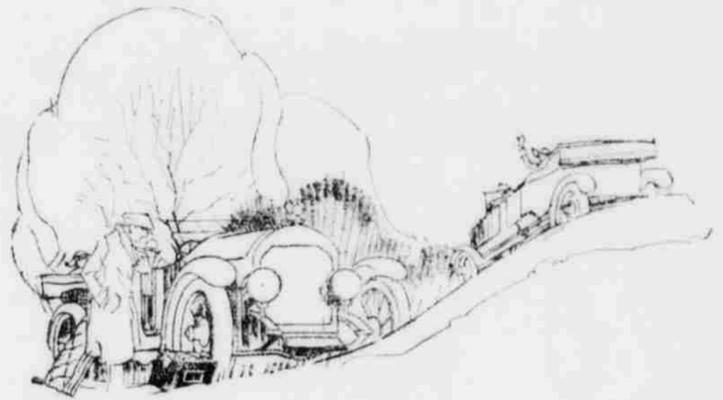
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