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DAIRYMEN WIN MILK RATE FIXED BY RAILROAD COMMISSION FOR D. U. R. HAS BEEN UPHOLD.

The Troy Dairymen's association Friday won a single victory at Lansing when they secured a ruling from the railroad commission requiring the D. U. R. to conform to the new scale of freight charges prescribed by the commission. The only point in dispute was whether the electric lines were common carriers and to be classified the same as the steam lines. Attorney General Bird decided that the electric lines were in the same class with the steam lines and therefore come under the supervision of the railroad commission.

The commission in response to a petition of dairymen who use the D. U. R. lines for transporting milk and cream from points in Oakland county to Detroit that the freight rates be lowered, fixed the price for carrying a milk can for distances from 25 to 30 miles at 15 cents instead of 25 cents. The D. U. R. has notified the dairymen that they will discontinue their freight cars unless the old rate is resumed. In this event the Troy dairymen say they will take steps to secure a mandamus that will compel the D. U. R. to carry the milk shipments.

The decision leaves the D. U. R. in a position where it will either have to accept the railroad commission's figures or take the matter to the courts. No announcement of the plans of the railway has been made. "The commission will not issue its final ultimatum until some time next week," said A. L. Moore, who was in Lansing Friday in the interests of the Troy dairymen. "The D. U. R. Friday admitted some testimony tending to show that it could not operate their freight cars at the reduced rate. I do not know whether this will make any difference with the action of the commission. There was nothing said Friday that would indicate that the rate will be changed."

A Policeman's Testimony.
J. N. Paterson, night-policeman of Nashua, Iowa, writes: "Last winter had a bad cold on my lungs and tried at least half a dozen advertised cures and had treatment from two physicians without getting any benefit. A friend recommended Foley's Kidney Pills and two-thirds of a bottle cured me. I consider it the greatest cough and lung medicine in the world." Sold by all druggists.

DEP. SHERIFF A. LEWLESS GETS BUSY.
Deputy Sheriff Alex Lewless went to Detroit yesterday and arrested A. Heckman, on Dec. 25, broke into the barn and granary of Stephen S. Cooper and Joseph McBride, of Troy, and stole two bags of clover seed which he sold to D. M. Ferry & Co., of Detroit for \$20.85. He was taken to Pontiac and locked up.

Rich Men's Gifts Are Poor.
Beside this: "I regard it on record as saying that I want Electric Bitters and one of the greatest gifts I have ever had made to woman," writes Mrs. O. Rhineault, of Vestal Center, New York. "I can never forget my gift of Electric Bitters. This glorious medicine does a woman buoyant spirits, vigor of body and joyful health. It cures cures nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, headache, backache, fainting and dizzy spells; soon builds up the weak, ailing and sickly. Try them. 50c at James W. Cobb's, Charles J. Shain and J. F. Wooster."

NOTICE SOUTHERN TAXPAYERS.
I will be at the following places for the purpose of collecting taxes. At Eddy's Mill's Monday Dec. 20th. Exchange Bank, Birmingham, Thursday, December 23rd. Southfield Town Hall, Monday, December 27th. Danbar's store, Franklin, Thursday, December 30th, and at home every Friday, until January 10th, 1910. F. A. HATCH, Township of Southfield.

BIRMINGHAM O. P. CHURCH NOTES.
Theme, "A New Year's Motto. We Shall Rest." Gal. 6:10. Young People's Training class at 6 p. m. Sermon at the Guilding at 7 p. m. Subject, "The Guiding Presence." Ex. 33:14. The pastor and his family were kindly and generously remembered by gifts and tokens of appreciation for which we are grateful and can only say thank you.

The pastor will be absent Tuesday and Wednesday next week at Martin attending a called meeting of the Detroit Presbytery to install Rev. Smallie as pastor over the Martin church.

Our Old Friends Are the Best.
Because they have stood the test of time and are known to be reliable. Dr. Herriek's Sugar-Corn Pills have been used by three generations. They cure liver complaint, sick headache, bowels troubles and colds. They purify the blood. Try them—50c per box. Ask for them from James W. Cobb, Charles J. Shain and J. F. Wooster.

TRUCK IS HAPPY P. O. DEPARTMENT SENDS OUT REQUESTS WHICH THEY ARE IN HOPES THAT PATRONS AND D. CARRIERS WILL CARRY OUT.

Why Shouldn't He Be? Everything Comes His Way and the Baby—by Is Healthy.

Otis Orchards, Wash., Nov. 5, 1909. Friend Durward: Well-old boy, we are in a fine climate and our little girl is just the picture of health and we are making a living selling everything that the people need here. We have the post office and N. P. ticket office and it keeps you truly going from 5 a. m. until 5 p. m.

How is your business these now? Kindly remember me to your father and mother and all the friends. What have you done about that sidewalk? Ha, ha.

We are having our rainy season now and it is so wet that my barn is two feet larger each way that when we built it. There is going to be some new towns built next year when the reservations are thrown open and some of them will be openings for a business of your kind. But I suppose you would not want to pull out of the old town if you are doing well, as that is all there is anywhere.

Robert Cowan is a full bodged orchard man and is doing well and in five years he will have an orchard that will make him as much money as any three men can get working for the D. U. R. I wish I could get Louie or her and have a home on a five or 10 acre orchard, it would soon be a good payer, but if you fellows have not seen what is being done with the orchards, it is hard to try to tell you.

Mr. Trent and I are doing the work alone and yesterday our net profits were \$14. We are out here where we are enjoying life and a same day we will come back to good old Birmingham and try to break into the Four Handred.

With best wishes to Mrs. Wilkinson and all the family, I am, Sincerely yours, LEE.

The old-fashioned way of doing a weak stomach or stimulating the heart or kidneys is all wrong. Dr. Shoop's Restorative is directed entirely to the cause, i. e., the weak inside of the weak inside or controlling nerves. It isn't so difficult, says Dr. Shoop, to strengthen a weak stomach, heart or kidneys, if one goes at it correctly. Each inside organ has its controlling or inside nerve. When these nerves fail, then these organs must surely fail. These vital truths are leading druggists everywhere to dispense and recommend Dr. Shoop's Restorative. Test it a few days, and you will be improved with promptness and surely follow. Sold by Charles J. Shain.

FROM WM. SOULTS' LETTER.
Seattle, Wash., D-11:1999. Dear friend Rossignol: I received your kind and welcome letter a few days ago and we were all glad to hear from you and to hear of your success. There is a soft spot in our hearts for our friends in Birmingham. If it wasn't for the ECCENTRIC we would be lonesome. Through it we hear nearly everything that is going on. Route No. 1 is a first class paper any times read until they all read it. We are all usually well; at present and enjoying good health. Sincerely yours, WM. SOULTS.

CARD OF THANKS.
We desire to express our thanks to the many kind friends and neighbors for their aid and assistance in our late sad bereavement, also for the many beautiful floral tributes, such acts of kindness can never be forgotten. SHERMAN WILLIAMS, JAY WILLIAMS, MR. AND MRS. FRANK LEACH.

Alone in a Saw Mill at Midnight. Unmindful of dampness, drafts, storms or cold, W. J. Atkins worked as night watchman at Banner Springs, Tennessee. Such exposure gave him a severe cold that settled on his lungs. At last he had to give up work. He tried many remedies but all failed. He used Dr. King's New Discovery. "After using one bottle," he writes, "I went back to work and was able to do my usual stubborn cough, inflamed throats and sore lungs, hemorrhages, croup and whooping cough get quick relief and prompt cure from this glorious medicine. 50c and \$1. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by James W. Cobb, Charles J. Shain and J. F. Wooster."

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The Christmas exercises smelled of varnish, as the work was completed only a few hours before. Nevertheless the people crowded in and all had a most enjoyable time. The speaking and singing were much commented on for their excellence, considering all the circumstances, no general rehearsal having been possible. Each member of the school received a box of candy but no other gifts were distributed.

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In the matter of the estate of Amanda D. Cooper, deceased. The undersigned having been appointed by the Honorable Kiefer P. Rockwell, Judge of Probate in and for the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, Commissioner to receive, examine and adjust all claims against said estate, and to pay the same out of the assets of said estate, notice is hereby given that we will meet on the 13th day of January, 1910, and on the 14th day of March, 1910, at 10 o'clock a. m. of each day, at the clerk's bank in the Village of Birmingham, in the County of Oakland, Michigan, for the purpose of receiving and adjusting said claims. HERMAN S. HANLEY, Commissioner.

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Attention, Property Owners

Here are some of the losses paid by the Grand Old Hartford, which shows the largest monthly payments for the years named, and 1910 is its 100th year.
Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 1900, \$ 177,785
Baltimore, Md., Feb. '04, 1,213,844
Jacksonville, Fla., May '01, 106,842
San Francisco, April, '06, 1,186,000
St. John, N. B., June 1877, 215,900
Chicago, Ill., July, 1866, 137,638
Portland, Me., Aug. 1868, 151,288
Johns, Mass., Aug. '08, 276,762
Toronto, Ont., Aug. 1904, 480,952
Chicago, Ill., Oct. 1871, 1,933,562
Boston, Mass., Nov. '72, 428,317
New York City, Dec. '35, 84,779
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