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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
Lecturer National Farmers' Union

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 by 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 justly 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.

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 hogs remain as at present and the rate on meat bear the increase, for any farmer can then 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, pianos 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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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

In the matter of the application of Mary Williams Hyde to take charge of and manage her own estate and to become a free dealer.

This cause came on to be heard upon the application of the said Mary Williams Hyde aforesaid for an order and decree under the statute, giving her a license to take charge of and manage her own estate, and to become a free dealer, and it appearing that George W. de Muro, Special Master in chancery, to whom said application was referred for the taking of testimony and making a report thereon, has made his report which is this day filed with the court, and said cause coming on to be heard upon said report of the Special Master, and the court being satisfied that the said applicant, Mary Williams Hyde, possesses the capacity and qualifications to take charge of and manage her own estate and property, and to become a free dealer in every respect:

It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed that the report of said George W. de Muro, as Special Master, be and the same is hereby confirmed, and this court does hereby grant to the said Mary Williams Hyde, a license authorizing her to take charge of, manage and control her property and estate, and to become a free dealer in every respect as provided by law.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that the said Mary Williams Hyde, after she shall have published a copy of this decree once each week for four successive weeks in some newspaper published in Citrus County, Florida, shall be, and she is hereby authorized to take charge of and control her estate, to contract and be contracted with, to sue and be sued, and to bind herself in all respects as fully as if she were unmarried.

Done at Chambers, Ocala, Florida, January 12, 1915.

W. S. BULLOCK, Judge.

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