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**CLAIM RAILROADS
 ARE MAKING MONEY**

INVESTIGATION IS MADE

**Suburban Rates Will Not be
 Changed If Public Utilities
 Commission is Suc-
 cessful**

Data gathered to support a claim that the suburban service of Chicago steam roads is operated at a profit under present commutation rates were taken to Washington last week for presentation to the interstate commerce commission by Harry M. Slater, examiner for the state public utilities commission.

At the request of Attorney General Brundage the state commission sent its accountants to the offices of the various railroads operating suburban passenger trains to determine the actual cost of conducting the local service.

They found that after taking into account the thousands of railroad employes carried without charge by the companies on the suburban trains the present rates give the railroads a reasonable profit.

The railroads have asked the interstate commerce commission for a 20 per cent increase in suburban commutation rates in the Chicago territory to correspond to the 20 per cent increase recently granted the roads of other classes of passenger service.

In their plea they declared the suburban service is operated at a loss at present rates.

Representatives of the state, in opposing the increase, contend that the transportation of railroad employes on suburban trains should be charged up to general operating expense of the railroads and the suburban service should be credited with the cost of doing this work for other branches of the railroad.

They declare there is no reason why the suburban passengers should pay the entire expense of carrying general office employes of the companies from their homes in the suburbs to their downtown offices.

**RESORTS FEAR THAT
 LAKES WILL DRY UP**

MAY CONSTRUCT NEW DAM

**Association Formed in Chicago
 to Save Lake County
 Resorts; \$1,300
 Raised**

Summer residents of the northern Illinois lake district have become frightened. They are afraid that their ten lakes will be drained dry next summer by the Fox river, leaving the estimated 10,000 cottage owners with a view of scum and weeds instead of water.

The lakes involved are Catherine, Channel, Marie, Grass, Bluff, Fox, Nippersink, Petite, Long and Pistakee. All drain into the Fox river and it flows into the Illinois at Ottawa.

To retain their sports of sailing, fishing, and bathing several cottage owners revived an old association last night to put a permanent dam in the Fox river at Stickney Run, three miles south of McHenry. Fifteen years ago a dam was constructed there. It washed out and another was built and it is, out of repair and likely to be washed. The meeting was held at Hotel Sherman, Chicago, Tuesday night of last week, and more than \$1,300 was subscribed and paid under the coaching of Sheriff Peters, who presided.

The officers of the association elected were A. V. Hainifin, president; J. A. McLean, vice president; Joseph G. Holly, treasurer, and C. K. Davis, secretary.

The association also discussed the formation of a drainage district. One speaker suggested that Fox river be made a really navigable stream and estimated the cost at \$300,000.

If a drainage district is formed every property owner in the lake district which is about fifteen miles long and seven miles wide, will be assessed for its maintenance.

Gov. Small was reported by Everett Hunter to be personally interested in the Fox lake district because Hunter said like conditions prevail in the Kankakee river, which flows through the governor's home town.

**"BLUE SUNDAYS" DIS-
 CUSSED BY S. B. HORTON**

My Dear Editor

Permit me to express appreciation of the attitude of our American Press on the subject "Blue Sundays." America is to be congratulated upon its patriotic and influential newspapers. The need of more practical religion, more appreciation of God's word, not only on Sunday, but on every day in the week, is recognized by the press generally. But our editors are keenly alive to the fact that the work relating to religion as such belongs to the church and not the state. Our editors are evidently more acquainted with the instruction given by the Great Head of the gospel ministry than are many of those who profess to be his followers and propagandists of Christianity. When the Saviour exhorted to "render unto Caesar (civil government) the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's" he meant to teach that there was to be recognized an absolute and definite separation between church and state. We are in keeping with the truth when we maintain that one great need of the church is a ministry capable of differentiating between the things purely civil and those of religious character.

Who can fail to see that from the standpoint of the state an act which is wrong in itself is wrong every day in the week; and who is prepared to deny that when the state is asked to decree that an act or business considered legitimate on six days of the week is wrong on the other day of the week that the decision proceeds from the standpoint of the church; and, as such, can of right find no place in civil government. This principle is essentially Biblical, Protestant, and American, else, why the statement of the Redeemer above referred to? Why the protest before the Diet of Spire? Why article VI and the first and fourteenth amendments of our nation's organic law?

I trust that our newspaper fraternity will not be weary in well-doing in their patriotic protest against an unwise assumption on the part of certain church leaders.

S. B. Horton,
 Sec'y. Religious Liberty Assn.

Some advertisers announce that clothing and shoes can be had for a song, and any way some of the young seranaders that go about the town have boots thrown at them occasionally.

Many people feel it is no use worrying about increased costs of government, so long as the country owns plenty of presses for printing new paper money.

The scientists have measured the big star Betelgeuse, but so far no one has been able to tell how it should be pronounced.

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