

RATE REDUCTIONS EFFECT BIG SAVINGS

Results of Action of Illinois Commerce Commission Are Great Benefit

Rate reductions which will effect a saving of about one and three quarters millions of dollars annually and affecting 2,269 communities in Illinois were made during the last biennium by activities of the Illinois Commerce Commission.

These reductions, the commission stated in a report made public today, were in a great part made by the companies with the consent and cooperation of the commission. In many cases, however, investigations by the commission led companies to reduce rates voluntarily, while in some cases the commission ordered the reductions.

Total Reductions

The total reductions made in the annual bills of Illinois users of water, gas, electricity and telephones was \$1,750,000, the statement shows. Deducted from this is \$200,000 in increases allowed in the rates of various utilities, leaving a net total reduction in rates of \$1,500,000 per annum.

However, to this total can be added an additional \$165,000, representing the amount of increases requested by public utilities which were denied by the commission.

Thus, the actual net effect of these actions of the commission has been to effect a saving of \$1,715,000 per year to these 2,269 communities in the state, the statement shows.

Increases

Increases asked in rates during the biennium totaled \$385,000 comprising \$240,000 for telephone service and \$145,000 for water service. Of this total, however, \$165,000 was denied by the commission, \$90,000 for water service and \$165,000 for telephone service increases of \$55,000 for water service and \$165,000 for telephone service were allowed by the commission, after searching investigations which satisfied the commission, after the rate increases asked were entirely justified.

These reductions, however, do not by any means represent the benefits accruing to the public from the investigations constantly being carried on by the commission's accounting, engineering and rate experts, it was pointed out. These investigations have a tremendous moral effect toward discouraging utilities from attempting to place in effect excessive rates and further, by maintenance of efficient service.

Spine Thrill Test of Good Music Says Wizard

Fritz Kreisler, wizard of the violin, believes that there is too much hypocrisy in respect to the arts,—too many people pretend to be thrilled, when they are actually bored, because they think they ought to be. "Dare to like what you like!" is Kreisler's advice to the concert-going public.

"There is only one critical judgment I can rely on in music," he confesses in the American Magazine, "If I can feel a thrill down my spine If I can feel a thrill down my spine from my own work or that of any other man, I know that it is good. Let the critics say what they will. There is no finer test. And, if any artist never knows that thrill, or loses it, he is in the wrong business."

Sells Wasps to Fruit Growers; Cent 1,000

There are all sorts of ways of making a living. Stanley Fianders, California entomologist, sells trichogramma, or microscopic wasps, to all the leading orchardists of the Pacific coast.

The wasps are released in the orchards to war on fruit-spoiling insects. According to a correspondent of The Country Home, Mr. Fianders has recently improved his rearing methods to a point where he can sell them at a thousand for a cent, or \$10 a million.

It may be true that the meek shall inherit the earth but they don't get very far in politics.

The anxiety of European statesmen for disarmament generally reaches the high point about 18 months before the date fixed for the next disarmament conference.

One of the reasons why France has so little unemployment is that she keeps her people continually occupied in the making and unmaking of cabinets.—Buffalo Courier-Express.

ADJUDICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that the Subscriber Executrix of the Estate of Carl Boehm deceased will attend the Probate Court of Lake County, at a term thereof to be holden at the Court House in Waukegan, in said County, on the first Monday of April next, 1931, when and where all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to present the same to said Court for adjudication.

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