CONGRESSIONAL **COMMITTEE BEGINS RAILWAY INQUIRY** Proposed by President to Better Condition of Carriers.

MAY CHANGE PRESENT SYSTEM

Officials of Roads Prepared to Advocate Federal Incorporation, Supervision of Securities and Extension of Authority of Interstate Commerce Commission.

Washington, Nov. 20 .- Ten members of Congress, five Senators and five members of the House of Representatives, began here today an inquiry into the subject of public control and supervision of railroads that may lead to the revolutionizing of the whole scheme of governmental regulation of the country's transportation lines. Incidentally the committee is to look into the question of government ownership of railways, telephone and telegraph lines and express companies.

The members of the committee which will conduct this important investigation are Senator Newlands of Nevada, chairman; Senators Robinson of Arkansas, Underwood of Alabama, Cummins of Iowa and Brandegee of Connecticut, and Representatives Adamson of Georgia, Sims of Tennessee, Cullop of Indiana, Esch of Wisconsin and Hamilton of Michigan. The inquiry was recommended by President Wilson in his message to Congress in December of last year. He described as its purpose to determine what could be done "for bettering the conditions under which the railroads are operated and for making them more useful servants of the country as a whole."

Prominent Men as Witnesses.

In order to obtain the views of all interests affected by the operations of the transportation lines the committee has invited prominent shippers, bankers, representatives of commercial organizations, railway executives, econo mists and others to appear before them. The first to be heard are railroad

commissioners of various states who began their evidence today. Their testimony is directed chiefly to opposing any enlargement of the federal authority over commerce that would detract from the powers now exercised by state bodies. They will be followed shortly by officials of railway labor organizations who are expected to register their opposition to the increase of governmental authority over wages and conditions of labor.

Chief interest in the hearings

Cap'. G. M. Boal spent a few days last week with his daughter, Mrs. Charles Meyer, at Reedeville. Work on wiring the residence of C. M. Arney for electric light was begun

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on Wednesday by W. C. Boozer. Don't fail to see the pretty things on sale at the ladies' bizaar, in the Bartholomew storeroom, Saturday. D. Ross Bushman made a trip to Harrisburg, Gettysburg, Carlisle, and other points, from Friday until Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Milford Luse and daughter Margaret have moved to State College and for the winter will

be located at 246 8. Burrows street. Misses Esther and Ruth Parsons, of Burnham, were guests at the homes of H. E. Homan and Clyde Bradford, respectively, over Sunday.

Word has come from Philadelphia that Miss Bertha Wolf, formerly of Centre Hall, is very ill, her condition being such that her recovery is doubtful.

Within the past week three globes on the electric street lights have been shattered, p:esumably by town boys. It's an evil practice and potent of direful results.

Miss Grace Ripks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ripks, has fully recovered from a six weeks' illness, the greater part of which time she was confined to bed.

Druggist H. L. Kline left on Wedneeday for Pittsburgh where he will remain for a week. He expects witnessing; the State-Pitt football game on Thanksgiving day.

Rev. and Mrs. S. C. Stover, of Boalsburg, motored to Centre Hall on Thursday and were guests of Rev. and Mrs. R. R. Jones, at the Reformed parsonage, for the day.

Because we had such delightful weather through October and November, it makes it all the harder to become reconciled to the fact that cold wintry weather is due almost any day.

Mrs. Mary Fortney is seriously ill at the home of her niece, Mrs. James B. Spangler, near Tusseyville. She is now eighty-nine years of age, and un-\$560. til last Friday was able to get about as usual.

Pennsylvania's army sallies forth to-morrow (Friday) and for two weeks will put in a strepuous campaige, during which time everything having horns is liatle to get it in the neck.

While we need it right now, we may need that additional water to be pumped from the well recently drilled

Aaronsburg.

Calvin Moyer, of Freeburg, is visiting his eleter, Mrs. Kathryn Phillips. Mrs. Amanda Musser is visiting relatives at Woodward and Fiedler. Mr. and Mrs. George Snyder, on an auto trip from the east, stopped for a brief call at the C. G. Bright home. On Saturday the William Bahm property was sold to A. S. Stover for \$607.00.

A number of people from here atat Rebersburg, on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Haines, from Smithtown, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Haines.

Mrs. Anna Stover will accompany her niece, Mrs. Fred Cranston, to Philadelphia and New Jersey for a few weeks.

W. A. Guisewite and A. Bower are. scheduled for butcherings every day until Christmas. There are a lot of heavy porkers on the list.

Mrs. James Wert is caring for her daughter, Mrs. Bohn, who was brought home from the Bellefonte hospital.

The re-opening services at the U. Ev. church will be held on Sunday. Rev. Brown, the pastor, and Rev. Bowersox, of Clintondale, will take part in the service.

The sale of real estate of Mrs. Lydia Myers, on Friday, was well attended. Warren Bower purchased two lots for \$600.00, while Ammon Stover bought the tracts of land in town. Consideration \$1500.00.

John T. Ruhl, of Tylersville, died on Monday morning after an illness of about one week. Had he lived un-

DEATHS.

been seventy years old. He was born at Rebersburg, but lived nearly all his life in Sugar Valley

was a member of the Lutheran church at Tylersville. He is survived by his wife and four

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F. J. Weaver, Exr., to George W. Keister, tract of land in Haines Twr. \$8 00.

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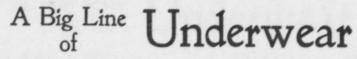
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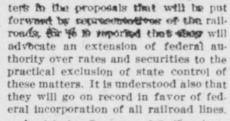
C. M. SMITH, Centre Hall



til Thanksgiving day he would have

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they will go on record in favor of federal incorporation of all railroad lines. Legislative Program of Railroads.

From an authoritative source is obtained the following outline of the legislative program which the railroads will ask the committee to consider in its investigation: They will endeavor to demonstrate to the commission that one of the principal defects in the present system of railroad regulation is the lack of coordination resulting from the simultaneous and conflicting regulation by the federal government and by the 48 states. They will, therefore, ask that entire governmental control of the rates and practices of interstate carriers, except purely local matters, be placed in the hands of a federal body so that interstate traffic may be regulated without reference to state lines, leaving to the state commissions jurisdiction only over local matters and local public utilities. As a part of this plan, a compulsory system of federal incorporation is to be recommended, accompanied by federal supervision of railroad stock and bond issues.

A reorganization of the Interstate Commerce Commission will be asked. in order to enable the commission properly to exercise its increased powers. It is also proposed that the preparation and prosecution of cases against the railroads shall be delegated to some other agency of the government, possibly the Department of Justice, so that the commission may devote its energies to its administrative functions.

With the commission thus relieved of some of its present duties and equipped to handle its business more promptly, the railroads will urge that the period during which the commission may now suspend proposed increases in rates be reduced from ten months to 60 days, with provision for reparation to be paid to the shippers if the advance shall be declared unreasonable.

They will also ask that the commission be given the power to prescribe minimum as well as maximum rates so that in meeting complaints of discrimination the commission may order the advance of a rate which it considers too low.



One of the most important recommendations for which the railroads will ask favorable consideration is that the commission be specifically authorized to take into account in rate regulation the effect of rates upon total earnings in the light of expenses

While the Newlands Committee is required, under the resolution creating it, to submit a report by January 2 next, it is not anticipated that the Committee will have come anywhere near completing its labors then.

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a mighty sight worse in the near future, so why not hurry up the pumping outfit?

Charles D. Frazier, who farms the George Homan farm, at Aaronsburg, was in town last Thursday and favored this office with a call. He reported the water situation as a serious one in his community.

Dr. H. H. Longwell is sporting s new Ford coupe, which will permit the making of trips over the country roads this winter with a greater degree of comfort. The car was purchased from the Boozer & Smith agency.

A party of Greensburg hunters motored to the Walter Garity place, in the Seven mountains, on Tuesday, awaiting the opening of deer season. The party includes Mesars. H. J. Baker, Roy R. Rugh, Edgar Miller, John Keppie, John Alwine, and Lloyd Mill-

Harry E. Bible, the efficient clerk in the John Meiss store, Bellefonte, passed through his former home territory-Centre Hill-on Friday in search of turkeys, and succeeded in purchasing a flock of ten from Frank Bogdan. The price paid was twentyfive cents a pound, live weight.

After you have subscribed for The Centre Reporter for your son or daughter or friend who is away from home, buy as many additional Christmas gifts as your purse will allow but keep in mind that the Reporter will bring to your friend fifty cheers-one a week-and every one will be a reminder that the folks at home have an interest in those who have gone out to battle for life.

Korman Spicher came up from Philadelphia on Monday morning to get ready for the opening of the deer seasop. Mr. Spicher prefers taking his snoual vacation away from bis duties as mail carrier in the City of Brotherly Love, in the picturesque Seven Mountaine, which stand close to his birthplace. He is a member of the Bradford hunting club this year. The few days preceding the 1st of December he spent with his uncle, Michael Spicher, at Pleasant Gar,

The borough council met in " regular" session on Friday night, at which time the matter of purchasing an electric pump, to be installed at the reservoir, was discussed. A representative of the Myers' Pump Company met with the council and presented a proposition. After a clear understanding of the local conditions and needs the agent advised referring the matter of the size of electric motor required to their company's expert, in order that the most economical purchase might be made. It is thought that a pump, complete with electric motor stischment, may be purchased for \$400.00.

