

Six-Cent Fares Two-Cent Transfers

These Put into Effect in Providence
by Public Service
Commission.

The Electric Railway Journal, of Chicago says: Six-cent fares with a charge of 2 cents for transfers were authorized for the lines of the Rhode Island Company, Providence, R.I., in an order handed down by the State Public Utilities Commission. This is an increase of 1 cent in the unit fares and of 1 cent in the charge for transfers.

As illustrative of the effect of the increased cost of operation the commission points out that the cost of operation per car-mile increased from 26.07 cents in 1917, to 36.05 cents in the first six months of the present year. This cost in 1920 is estimated at 40.9 cents. The cost of operating a car per hour jumped from \$2.29 in 1917, to \$3.30 during the first six months of the current year, and for 1920 the cost per car per hour is estimated at \$3.69. The proportionate increase for operating 18-hour cars is even larger. In 1917 it cost \$15.045 per car for eighteen hours, and for the first six months of this year it cost \$21.680. The estimated cost of 18-hour cars in 1920 is given as \$24.240.

The commission's order says in part:

Of each nickel received in revenue for the year 1919 there will have been paid for mere operating expenses (including only \$47,000, expended in the year for renewals and replacements), 4.29 cents, leaving 0.71 of a cent, from which 0.495 of a cent, to which a non-operating income of 0.085 of a cent (now in default), must be added, leaving a total income of 0.3 of a cent available for return on capital.

INCREASE FARE FROM 5 TO 7 CENTS

Massachusetts Street Railway has Filed
a Petition.

The Lowell & Fitchburg Street Railway, Ayer, Mass., has filed with the State Public Service Commission notice of an increase in its single passenger fare from 5 cents to 7 cents.

MUSCATINE WALKS

Trouble Follows Refusal to Grant a Seven-Cent Fare.

Muscatine, Ia., is still walking. In spite of the action of the courts to compel operation of the lines of the Clinton, Davenport & Muscatine Railway, there has been little progress in the direction of re-establishing service, which has been cut off ever since the city of Musca-

tine refused to grant the company a 7-cent fare following a wage increase.

The system has been placed in the hands of the sheriff by court order. The sheriff has so far proved a failure as a general manager. He has applied to the court for detailed instructions, but has received no answer.

SEVEN CENT FARES ON BALTIMORE LINES

This is the Decision of the Public Service
Commission.

Six and a half cents is the basic rate for fares on the lines of the United Railways & Electric Company, Baltimore, Md., beginning on October 1, with no changes from the rates formerly in effect for children. Four tickets are sold for 26 cents, but the passenger who does not buy tickets will pay 7 cents. This is the decision of the Public Service Commission.

The Spice of Life

A Neat Worker

"Father, please let me marry Jim. He's so neat—why, when he was in France he got two medals for cleaning out dugouts and mopping up."

He had been instructed to always give his seat to a lady in a car. This time the car was crowded and Johnny was sitting on daddy's knee. "Shall I give up my seat, daddy?" he asked as a young lady stood before them. There was no response.

Six little kiddies with their mother in the car,
But one ticket in the box and there, oh there,
you are.

Dearest one, do you remember, the time when
we first met?

The motorman put on the brakes and in my
lap you set.

Tell me not in mournful numbers life is but an
empty dream,
At the front some seats are vacant—not so full
as they may seem.

Found in Our Cars

These articles may be obtained by their owners, upon application to Lyle Street offices. Phone 605. Notices of articles lost in street cars will be published in this column without charge.

Awaiting Claimants.—One auto drill; a book, the New Testament and Modern Speech; pair gray mitts; pair of eyeglasses; man's right foot sole rubber; child's rubber (right); one parcel of laundry; one bottle of Hennessy's three star brandy (empty).