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Portland, Wednesday, Feb. 22, 1906. THIS FAR SHALL THOU GO.

A great service is rendered to the patient when the surgeon sets his finger on the deep-lying cause of the disease.

Laws intended to be beneficent—an evolution from the conditions under which the economies and savings of the people should be contributed to right, reasonable and profitable purposes.

It is easy to denounce, very hard to define and suggest a remedy. Still, the one great right of the people to regulate and control the charges for railroad transportation within the limits of what is right, just and reasonable can apply.

But transportation by freight by railroad is, as regards rates and conditions, admittedly a matter of public interest, and open to public regulation.

And the justification for the practical monopoly accorded to the common carrier lies in the carriage by him of every one's freight on just and parallel conditions.

Does it not follow that the priority and advantage of carriage allowed by the railroads to the owners of the private car is an essential violation of those principles of just and even dealing?

If a railroad be allowed to have substituted the use of 1000 private cars for a similar use of 1000 public cars which it would be its duty to provide, on what reasoning could it be prevented from allowing all of its freight transportation to be conducted in private-owned and operated cars?

It is no secret that the fruit crop of Oregon strawberries and apples is carried largely to market in cars belonging to one or other of the Armour lines, with little or no competition.

It is in the interest of the public that the transportation of fruit in this way should be made safe, efficient and rapid handling.

From the standpoint of a man who may be said to be chief engineer of the railway business, as represented by this Board, Mr. Strong has made a good thing.

Mr. Thomas N. Strong, of the City Board of Charities, is out with a long letter in which he explains his own satisfaction, and no doubt to that of his co-workers upon the Board, the great good that "our kindly salaried officers" are doing in helping the poor and needy to help themselves.

The Government requires large quantities of coal at its stations in the Far East, and it is also a heavy consumer of lumber, forage and other supplies.

In favoring American ships in accordance with the absurd law which was forced on the statute-books by American shipowners, there is a clear loss of \$146,500 on this one contract, and had the Navy Department failed to depart from its policy of giving a portion of the work to foreign ships, some \$8 million more would have been saved.

It is almost impossible to secure river and harbor and other badly needed appropriations, should be sufficiently plain to demand the immediate attention of the watchdogs of the Treasury, who are ever ready to growl over modest appropriations that are really needed.

that this can be effected, not by confiscation of the profits of the railroads, but by setting them in condition to earn still more profits, and those both reasonable and righteous.

Today the plight of Sindbad is ours. The quotation is apt: I saw an old man, a comely person, sitting by a streamlet. So I approached and saluted him, but he shook his head, and sighed, and signed to me.

A CRITIC CORRECTED. As Mr. Tufts, of the Anti-Saloon League, has risen to "correct" an Oregonian Salem dispatch which contained the statement: "The clean-out issue lay between precinct option and county option," the reverend gentleman should be corrected himself.

On that day the Senate was confronted with two amended forms of the Jayne bill. One came from the Senate committee on judiciary. Its cardinal point was strictly precinct option.

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and accredits so exultantly, that he has had something to do with driving beggars off the streets and providing for honest poverty. There is, for example, a city ordinance that outdates the organization of the City Board of Charities.

The attitude of the City Board of Charities toward people of this class is fairly shown by Mr. Strong. His individual attitude upon the matter was indeed well known before his latest letter was published.

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GREAT ACTORS AND ACTRESSES

—RACHEL— By Arrangement with the Chicago Tribune.

IN the early part of last century a Jewish peddler named Abraham Felix tramped through France, Germany and Switzerland, earning a scant living for his family by the sale of the varied assortment of merchandise which he transported in the pack on his sturdy back.

Several years later Abraham quit the peddling business and located at Lyons, where he set up as a teacher of German. Perhaps the people of Lyons did not take kindly to German, or perhaps Abraham did not teach it well.

The assasin of Sergius fought to keep on his thick underclothing, lest he should catch cold in the prison dress. He seems pretty well-possessed now, even if he is likely to lose his head later.

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city in 1841, was as complete as it had been in Paris. Rachel seems to have less excited over her success than anybody else in Paris. She continued for some time to live in a cheap house in an obscure street. She cooked the meals for her boarder, and her boarder, besides being loath to share her growing income—and slept in the garret. Alfred de Musset and several friends went home to supper with her one night, her sex attracted to the luxury of a single servant. The servant was sent to the theater to get some jewels, whereupon Rachel prepared to cook the meal herself. The servant had taken with her a box of jewels, and her boarder, who were locked all the family's small store of china and silverware. Rachel got out in plain plates for her guests to eat from and then begged her boarder to let her see the jewels. It seemed to be able to have more than two pairs of stockings. The incident illustrates the most marked characteristic of Rachel on the stage and off it—her total lack of affectation. As actress and as woman she played her parts naturally and sincerely. The spectator forgot Rachel when he saw her in "Roxane" and thought only of her as an actress. Besides her matchless gift of identifying herself with her characters, there was a (Greek) gleam in her eye, an uncanny and almost morbid and hysterical passion, and a terrible intensity in her manner. "Hate, and murder, and madness incarnate she stood," said Charlotte Bronte. "I have seen acting in her, but never acting." This never anything which astonished Hope and hushed Desire; which outstripped impulse and paled "Conception." The French actress, whose passion she portrayed so well upon the stage impelled her, in real life, to form an erasing and unhappy connection with Count Walewski, natural son of the great Napoleon, to whom she bore a son, Alexander Walewski. If her lapses from virtue degraded her womanhood they also ripened her art. When she first played Phedre in 1843 she had suffered from the loss of this love affair, and she interpreted the part with the power and emotion which suffering lends to genius. Phedre is the greatest of Rachel's greatest roles, and it was nearly 20 years Rachel retained as the almost undisputed queen of drama. A rival for her crown then rose in the person of another actress, Ristori. Ristori made her first appearance in Paris in 1855. Rachel went to see her play, but the jealousy rankling in her heart prevented her from giving the admiration of the magnificent Ristori from applauding. The noble Parisians flocked to see the Italian, and Rachel was neglected. Rachel thereupon started on a tour of the United States. On September 3 she appeared in New York as Camille in Corneille's "Les Horaces." She was received with much enthusiasm, but the receipts—for which she was to receive a large appreciation—were disappointing. Consumption was killing her by inches, and while playing at Charleston in December she was taken ill. After returning to France and seeking health in various parts of the world, she died at La Canne three years later. One is astonished to find that she was but 27 years old when her remarkable career ended. S. O. D.