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**FREIGHT RATES.**

Statistics compiled show that the railroad rate law, while it has eliminated discriminatory rates and thus removed the foundation upon which some of the most gigantic trusts in the country were built is not without its flaws. The railroads are now charging the people \$500,000,000 more annually for freight haulage than before the law went into effect. Thus, while the shipper in the small town can now ship to neighboring cities for the same proportionate rate that the big shipper in the large city pays, the freight charge has increased to an extent that eats into profits at an alarming rate. It is apparent that the railroads are letting the people pay for the new rate bill. As a remedy for this it is thought that the next Congress will find it necessary to pass a law compelling railroads to base freight rates on the physical valuation of the properties.

**COOS BAY WAGON ROAD.**

Because of the deep interest manifested in the lands now in the possession of the Southern Oregon Land Company which has been accentuated of late by the suits started against it by different people for the purpose of compelling that company to relinquish its holdings in favor of settlers, the Times prints the original papers which not only contain the articles of incorporation of the Coos Bay Wagon Road Company, the grant made by the United States Government to the State of Oregon for the purpose of constructing the "Coos Bay-Roseburg Military wagon road," but also the supplementary articles of incorporation. The papers appear in the order of dates in which they were filed. First appears the original articles of incorporation dated April 9, 1868. Following these comes the act of Congress on December 8, 1868, granting to the State of Oregon the lands for the purpose of constructing the road. The last paper is the supplemental articles of incorporation of the Coos Bay Wagon Road Company, dated April 8, 1872. The papers from which the following copies are made are furnished through the kindness of W. C. Harris, the Summer postmaster, and have a lengthy history. They were left with a neighbor of Mr. Harris, years ago, by a stranger, who said he would be back in the course of a few days and claim them. The man never returned and his identity remains a mystery.

The following articles of incorporation are made and entered into by A. R. Flint, Thomas Norris, Horace Brewster, C. Gaddis and Salathiel Hamilton, of Douglas County, Oregon.

First—The name or style of this corporation shall be "Coos Bay Wagon Road Company."

Second—The enterprise for which this corporation is formed, is to locate, construct and keep open for travel, a clay and plank road, from Coos Bay, in Coos County, Oregon, to Douglas County, Oregon, commencing at the most favorable point upon the navigable waters of Coos Bay and running thence easterly on the most favorable route to the vicinity of Evans' prairie, thence to Howe's place at the mouth of the canyon, thence up said canyon to Brewster's Valley, and thence to the most favorable point near Weekly's Mill in Douglas County, Oregon; being a continuous distance of about thirty-five miles.

Fourth—The capital stock of this company shall be Forty Thousand Dollars upon a coin basis.

Fifth—The amount of each share of capital stock shall be One Hundred Dollars, coin.

Sixth—The principal office, or place of business of this company shall be at Roseburg, Douglas County, Oregon.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this 9th day of

April, A. D. 1868.

Addison R. Flint,  
Thos. Norris,  
H. Brewster,  
C. Gaddis,  
S. Hamilton.

STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF DOUGLAS.

On this 9th day of April, A. D. 1868, before me, a Notary Public in and for the state and county aforesaid, personally appeared A. R. Flint, Thomas Norris, Horace Brewster, C. Gaddis and Salathiel Hamilton, to me known to be the persons who executed the above articles of incorporation, and acknowledged, each for himself, that he executed the same for the purpose therein mentioned.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal, the day and year above written.

G. Webster,  
Notary Public.  
Filed April 15th, 1868.

Sam'l E. May,  
Secretary of State.

STATE OF OREGON, Secretary's Office, Salem, June 10th, 1880.

I, R. P. Earhart, Secretary of the State of Oregon, do hereby certify that I am the custodian of the Great Seal of the State of Oregon. That the following copy of the articles of incorporation of the Coos Bay Wagon Road Company has been by me compared with the original articles of incorporation on file in this office, and said copy is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of the said original document.

In witness whereof, I have hereto set my hand, and affixed the great seal of the State of Oregon the day and year above written.

R. P. Earhart,  
(SEAL)

Secretary of the State of Oregon.

Office Coos Bay Wagon Road Co.

AN ACT DONATING CERTAIN

LANDS TO THE COOS BAY WAGON ROAD COMPANY.

Whereas, The Congress of the United States, at the session beginning on the 7th day of December, 1868, passed an act donating lands to the State of Oregon, which act is hereby set forth, to-wit:

An act granting lands to the State of Oregon to aid in the construction of a military wagon road from the navigable waters of Coos Bay to Roseburg, in said state.

Be it enacted by the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in congress assembled:

That there be, and hereby is, granted to the State of Oregon, to aid in the construction of a military wagon road from the navigable waters of Coos Bay to Roseburg, alternate sections of public lands, designated by odd numbers, to the extent of three sections in width on each side of said road; Provided, that the lands hereby granted shall be exclusively applied to the construction of said road, and to no other purposes, and shall be disposed of only as the work progresses:

Provided further, That the grant of lands hereby made shall be upon the condition that the lands shall be sold to any one person in quantities not greater than one quarter section, and for a price not exceeding two dollars and fifty cents per acre; and

Provided further, That any and all lands heretofore reserved to the United States or otherwise appropriated by act of congress or other competent authority, be and the same are hereby reserved from the operation of this act, except so far as it may be necessary to locate the route of said road through the same, in which case the right-of-way to the width of one hundred feet is granted;

And provided further, That the grant hereby made shall not embrace any mineral lands of the United States, or any lands to which homestead or pre-emption rights have attached.

Sec. 2.—And be it further enacted, That the lands hereby granted to said State shall be disposed of by the Legislature thereof for the purpose aforesaid, and for no other; and the said road shall be and remain a public highway for the use of the government of the United States, free from tolls or other charges upon the transportation of any property, troops or mails of the United States.

Sec. 3.—And be it further enacted, That said road shall be constructed with gradation and bridge as to permit its regular use as a wagon road, and in such other special manner as the State of Oregon may prescribe.

Sec. 4.—And be it further enacted, That the State of Oregon is authorized to locate and use in the construction of said road an additional amount of public lands, not previously reserved to the United States, nor otherwise disposed of, and not exceeding six miles in distance from it, equal to the amount reserved from the operation of the act in the first section of the same, to be selected in alternate odd sections, as provided in section first of this act.

Sec. 5.—And be it further enacted, That lands hereby granted to said State shall be disposed of only in the following manner; that is to say, when the governor of said state shall certify to the Secretary of the Inter-

lor that ten continuous miles of said road are completed, then a quarter of the land hereby granted, not to exceed thirty sections, may be sold, and so on from time to time until said road shall be completed; and if said road is not completed within five years, no further sales shall be made, and the lands remaining unsold shall revert to the United States; Provided, however, that the entire amount of public land granted by this act shall not exceed three sections per mile for each mile actually constructed.

Sec. 6.—And be it further enacted, That the United States Surveyor General for the District of Oregon, shall cause said lands so granted to be surveyed at the earliest practicable period after the state shall have enacted the necessary legislation to carry this act into effect.

Approved March 3rd, 1869.  
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OREGON:

Sec. 1.—That there is hereby granted to the Coos Bay Wagon Road Company all lands, rights-of-way, rights, privileges and immunities heretofore granted or pledged to this state by the act of congress, in this act heretofore cited, for the purpose of aiding said company in constructing the road mentioned and described in said act of congress, upon the conditions and limitations therein prescribed.

Sec. 2.—There is also hereby granted and pledged to said company all monies, lands, rights, privileges and immunities which may hereafter be granted to this state to aid in the construction of such road for the purposes, and upon the conditions and limitations mentioned in said act of congress, or which may be mentioned in any further grants of money or lands to aid in constructing such road.

Sec. 3.—Inasmuch as there is no law upon this subject at the present time, this act shall be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Oct. 22, 1870.

STATE OF OREGON, Secretary's Office, Salem, . . . . .

I, R. P. Earhart, Secretary of the State of Oregon, do hereby certify that I am the custodian of the Great Seal of the State of Oregon. That the foregoing copy of an act entitled "An Act Donating Certain Lands to the Coos Bay Wagon Road Company," approved March 3rd, 1869, also an act providing for further rights and privileges, approved Oct. 22, 1870, have been by me compared with the original acts on file in this office, and said copy is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of said original acts.

In witness whereof, I have hereto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Oregon, the day and year above written.

R. P. Earhart,  
Secretary of the State of Oregon.

Roseburg, Ore., Mar. 29, 1872.

We, the undersigned stockholders of the Coos Bay Wagon Road Co., each owning and holding the amount of stock set opposite his name, hereby vote that the directors of the company be and are hereby authorized and ordered to file the following supplementary article of incorporation of said company. To-wit:

Article 8.—This corporation hereby assents to and accepts the grant of land and right of way and all of the conditions and provisions of the act of congress approved March 3rd, 1869, entitled, "An act granting lands to the State of Oregon to aid in the construction of a military wagon road from the navigable waters of Coos Bay to Roseburg, in said state" and also of the act of the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, approved Oct. 22, 1870, entitled, "An act donating certain lands to the Coos Bay Wagon Road Company," and also assents to and accepts all further acts of congress or of the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, granting lands or other property or thing in aid of the construction of said road.

J. F. Watson,	30 shares
S. Hamilton,	80 "
J. Franklyn Hamilton	5 "
Aron Rose,	45 "
Jas. Errington,	25 "
Thos. J. Beall	60 "
D. L. Watson,	15 "
Flint and Morgan	50 "
A. R. Flint,	55 "
Sam'l C. Flint,	5 "
John M. Eberlein,	20 "
J. W. Hamilton,	5 "
Jephtha Green,	5 "

400 shares.

Filed April 11, 1872.

S. F. Chadwick, Sec. of State.

The stockholders of the Coos Bay Wagon Road Company, at a stockholders' meeting duly called, and at which each and every share of the stock of said company was represented, having by an unanimous vote of all the stock, determined to enlarge the business of said company by engaging in a new enterprise and additional business pursuit, and having directed the board of di-

rectors of this company to make and file supplementary articles of incorporation.

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the action of said stockholder's meeting, and by virtue of the power in us vested as a board of directors

We, Aaron Rose, Salathiel Hamilton, Addison R. Flint, Thos. J. Beall, and John M. Eberlein, the legally constituted and acting directors of the Coos Bay Wagon Road Company, do hereby make and subscribe the following:

Supplementary Articles of Incorporation of the Coos Bay Wagon Road Company.

Article 1.—The eastern terminus of said road is hereby fixed at Roseburg, Douglas County, Oregon, and the western terminus of said road is fixed at a point on the navigable waters of Coos Bay, Coos County, Oregon, and the route of said road shall be along the line thereof as heretofore surveyed out, subject to such changes and modifications as may be made for the benefit of said company.

Article 2.—The enterprise, business pursuits and occupation in which this corporation proposes to engage in addition to that expressed in the original and supplemental articles of incorporation, heretofore made and filed, is to purchase, take, accept, and receive, own and hold any and all grants of land, of personal property, or thing of value from the United States or from the State of Oregon, or from any person or persons or corporation or company and to purchase, own and hold real and personal property of the kind and to the extent said corporation may deem necessary or advantageous and to bargain, sell, transfer, and convey any and all real and personal property which said corporation may now or at any time own, and to do and perform any and all acts necessary and requisite to the taking, securing, holding, selling and conveying any real and personal property of whatsoever description and to construct, own and keep a Toll Road, Toll Bridges and Ferries, and to receive and collect toll on any road or part of road, bridge and ferry by this company owned and kept, and to make, alter or change the line or route of the said road, bridges or ferries and toll grades. Also to organize, establish and maintain a system of emigration from the other states and territories of the United States and from Europe, to the State of Oregon, and to do and perform any act in conformity with law, that said company may find necessary and deem proper in aid and furtherance of any of the objects and purposes aforesaid.

Witness the hands of the Directors of said company this 8th day of April, A. D. 1872.

Aaron Rose,  
S. Hamilton,  
A. R. Flint,  
John M. Eberlein,  
Thos. J. Beall.

STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF DOUGLAS.

Be it Known, that on this 9th day of April, A. D. 1872, personally came before the undersigned Clerk of Douglas County, Aaron Rose, S. Hamilton, A. R. Flint, Jno. M. Eberlein and Thos. J. Beall, personally known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and they each of them acknowledged to me that they executed the same freely and voluntarily and for the purposes expressed.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this day and year last above written.

(County Seal) E. Stephens,  
Clerk of Douglas County.

By J. Wall, Deputy.

STATE OF OREGON, Secretary's Office, Salem, June 10, 1878.

I, R. P. Earhart, Secretary of the State of Oregon, do hereby certify that I am the custodian of the Great Seal of the State of Oregon. That the foregoing copy of the articles of incorporation of the Coos Bay Wagon Road Co., has been by me compared with the original articles of incorporation on file in this office, and said copy is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of the said original document.

In witness whereof, I have hereto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Oregon, the day and year above written.

(SEAL) R. P. Earhart,  
Secretary of the State of Oregon.

RAISE MONEY QUICKLY.

Salem, Y. M. C. A. Members Wage Subscription Campaign.

Salem, June 6—(Times Special).—Two thousand three hundred and thirty-eight dollars have been raised in Salem for the local Y. M. C. A. The amount was raised by members of the organization. It will go toward the improving of the present quarters.

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