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The story of the Irene will not make agreeable reading in Portland, and yet there is no argument that can be addressed to the intelligent, independent element of that community so likely to induce the public movement required to bring about the reforms necessary to secure for Oregon the benefits of the state's matchless natural advantages in trade and transportation than by showing the facts as to the real situation. There may be a few men in Portland whose good fortune or opportunity has enabled them to adjust their relations to existing conditions so as to obtain the good living, to reverse a phrase recently used by the Oregonian, that brings contentment and happiness regardless of the estate of their fellow creatures. But there is good reason to believe the majority, large majority, of the people of Portland—those engaged in or dependent upon moderate sized trade occupations; the middle class of professional men and such few skilled artisans as have not been forced to go to other localities to find occupation, and are obliged to rely upon the irregular, fitful demands of the Portland market—all this class, from repeated observation and inquiry, are just as dissatisfied with the net returns on their brain or muscle investments as any newspaper man outside of Portland whose struggles have lately attracted the feeling notice of the Oregonian. Now, the reason why this large and predominating class of Portland people do not rise up in their strength and smite the obstacles in their path of progress—cast out, as it were, the money changers who are defiling and prostituting the temple of Portland's and Oregon's opportunities, is because every avenue of honest information as to the origin and cause of their misfortunes is sedulously kept closed to them. It is to ameliorate the condition of this little better than heathen element of Portland's population, by pointing out the ways and means of the self help that lies within their grasp, that the Astorian has taken up the mission of enlightenment and reason in which it has been engaged for many years. But to return to the story of the Irene, as one example of the necessity for the spread of true knowledge bearing upon the questions of vital concern to the average Portlander. Without the Astorian's diligence, energy and perseverance it would be believed in Portland, outside of the few inside of the knowing circle, that China steamers of the tonnage and dimensions of the Irene could traverse the 100 miles of river channel which separates Portland from Oregon's only seaport with the same ease and dispatch that favors the movements of the gigantic Oriental liners of Presidents Hill and Mellen from the great docks and deep waters of Tacoma and Seattle. It is with the hope of imparting to these poor, benighted creatures of the Portland situation the fact, (1) that there is something the matter with Oregon and (2) what that "something" is, and its proper remedy, that the Astorian is unwilling to suppress the fact that the China steamer Irene is now and has been hung up, in imminent danger of hopeless wreck, in the narrow, shallow, tortuous and falling channels of the Willamette river since early last Sunday morning, February 25th, four days ago. A member—an humble and distant member—of the Portland chamber of commerce recently contended in a strenuous argument with an Astorian representative that no ship in two years had suffered any detention whatever in passing from Portland to the sea, except in getting out of the lower end of the vile Astoria harbor. This, he asserted, he knew to be a positive fact because he had seen it so stated in an Oregonian article. Perhaps the story of the Irene will be a revelation to this bright Portland chamber of commerce member. Perhaps it may induce him to seek further information touching the movement and volume of Columbia river commerce. If so, let him communicate with the Astorian. We have a little printed volume, showing the exact chronology and character of all Columbia river commerce for several years past, which will be mailed to him cheerfully and without cost. It may help him to understand something of the Astorian's aims and efforts.

WHY SEATTLE LEADS.

Post-Intelligencer.

The Astorian is the one paper in Oregon which * * * points out that the recent agreement by which the Clearwater country has been abandoned by the Union Pacific to the Northern Pacific in return for trackage privileges to Puget sound, means the inevitable loss to the Oregon city of more trade, a fact which the Oregonian has persistently attempted to ignore.

In its comment on this subject the Astorian says: "If that great paper (the Oregonian) had been as vigorous in guarding Oregon's commercial interests years ago as it will be a little later in denouncing the combinations which are existing against her, Oregon and not Washington would now be the greatest state in the Northwest, and Portland, not Seattle, would be the future greatest city on the Pacific coast."

The mistake of the Astorian is in imagining that any newspaper action could delay the inevitable trend of commercial development, and in its theory that the railroad combination referred to is dictated by a desire to discriminate against any particular locality. Nature has fixed the site of one of the great commercial cities of the world on Puget sound. Between rival cities of equal natural advantages the one whose citizens have superior activity and enterprise will gain the advantage; and when the tide once starts in its direction it will speedily gain such a lead that its rival can never again expect to overtake it. Like attracts like. The city whose inhabitants are active, enterprising and public-spirited, who are swift to take advantage of every opportunity to extend their trade and build up their town, is sure to attract to it the most enterprising and far-seeing newcomers. After its position is once established, its further growth is due to the cumulative effect of the same agencies which gave it the original lead over its opponents. This is precisely what has built up Seattle.

Railroads do not enter into combinations which in their results injuriously affect the trade of certain towns out of any spiteful desire to injure those localities. Cold business reasons are the sole actuating impulse. So in the case at hand. The trade of Lewiston and the Clearwater country has gone in great part to Portland and the O. R. & N. in the past. When the Northern Pacific started to build its lines in that country it naturally brought on a conflict with the Union Pacific, which controls the O. R. & N. system. That conflict has been compromised on a business basis, and the concessions made on both sides are squarely in the interest of Seattle, as they are squarely opposed to the interests of Portland.

Th Union Pacific, with sound business judgment, considers that an opportunity to secure trackage facilities to Seattle and other Puget sound cities is of infinitely more value to it than the trade of the Clearwater country, for which it would have to fight with the Northern Pacific and expend several millions in railroad building. The Northern Pacific secures its desideratum, an entry into the new mining regions, and future ore tonnage to be carried to the smelters on its line. Seattle gains an opportunity to secure the trade of Idaho and the whole country tributary to the O. R. & N. system, and become the tide water terminal of the Union Pacific. Where there has been so great a gain in so many different directions it is a truism that there must be some small loss. It is Portland's misfortune that the entire loss should fall upon her.

Ships go up the Amazon for rubber, because there are no facilities for delivering the cargo they seek on the seacoast. Ships go up to Portland, 120 miles inland, for wheat, because the transportation companies will not deliver the cargo they seek at the seacoast. But does anyone think because more rubber is loaded on ships at Para than at any port in the world that Para is a great seaport? Does any one imagine because more wheat is loaded at the inland town of Portland than any other Northwestern point, that Portland is the greatest seaport in the Pacific Northwest? If any one is so lacking in common sense or information, let him examine the government record of custom house imports and exports. These records show, of the total exports from the Columbia river for the calendar year 1899, including the lumber shipped from Knappton, Skamokawa, Cathlamet, on the Washington side of the river, and from Astoria, Rainier and Portland, on the Oregon side of the river, less than one million dollars of commerce, aside from wheat and flour, went out of the river that year. What do the people of Oregon think of this record, against that of over $13,000,000 of foreign exports, not one dollar of which went to Alaska, and not one dollar of which included wheat and flour, shipped from Puget sound in the calendar year 1899?

WOMEN MUST WEEP, NOT KILL.

Philadelphia Times.

William T. Stead is authority for the statement that the Boers now intend to put their women in the trenches to shoot Englishmen. This is done, he says, rather enigmatically, to make the English pay Kruger's "price that will stagger humanity." Aside from the horror to the Amtrican mind at the thought of having to shoot or bayonet women, the mind that conceived this audacity of the century will be be found to be in sad error. Granting that the women shoot as well as the men, they may be assured that "Tommy Atkins" will not discriminate as to their sex. He will kill just as he has been told to do in Ashantee, in the Soudan and among the hill tribes of Northern India. Why should a Boer woman awaken sympathy in his heart when she is trying to kill him? By every law of warfare, this is a case in which sex cannot be considered.

The Boers, it is to be hoped, will not take this step. They are not barbarians. Stead, with all his Boer sympathies, allows his gluttony for the sensational to suggest such a cowardly subterfuge on the part of a brave people.

General Sherman truly said, "War is hell!" An Apache raid is perhaps the most horrible military affair imaginable. The women who accompany the braves execute the tortures and perform the mutilations of the prisoners. They build the fires upon the stomachs of the captives staked prone upon the earth.

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