

SHOULD WATER LINES BE OWNED BY RAILROADS?

Interstate Commerce Commission Would Have Authority Over Rates Charged by Harriman Steamers on Pacific.

By John E. Lathrop.
Washington, March 12.—The interstate commerce commission has given authority over the rates charged by the Harriman steamers between Portland and San Francisco.

Shall railroads be permitted to own competing water freight lines? That is the question which the interstate commerce commission is now considering. The commission has been asked to pass upon the proposed acquisition of the Harriman steamship line by the Great Northern railway.

These questions are agitating the railroad men and many other people, and are being considered in discussing the pending bill for the amendment of the interstate commerce law. The railroad interests have stirred up protests, which are pouring into Washington in every mail.

Many protests. The commission is now considering the proposed acquisition of the Harriman steamship line by the Great Northern railway. The commission has been asked to pass upon the proposed acquisition of the Harriman steamship line by the Great Northern railway.

Commissioner Lane discussed it briefly today for the Journal. "The people of Portland," he said, "may use as an illustration the Portland-San Francisco steamer line. Water carrying is the fundamental regulator of rail charges, and is always the people's defense against excessive freight cost by rail."

But, if these competing water lines are to be owned by the rail lines, there will be no regulation by the government of the charges on the water lines, what value to the people are the water lines? Will not they lose their value as regulators of carrying charges, and the rail lines be able to charge for carrying by water just as much as they charge by rail, notwithstanding it is admitted that the freight may be carried by water cheaper than by rail?

The other side. To "hear the other side," the following is quoted from the statement filed with the attorney general here by Daniel W. Hayne of Baltimore, who was delegated to present officially the protests:

"The present interstate commerce law provides that a water route can be joined in a through route, 'provided no reasonable or satisfactory through route exists.' In the proposed law the above proviso has been eliminated, with the effect of subjecting the local business of all vessels to provisions of the commerce act never contemplated by the people and to an artificial regulation, preventing the operation of natural competitive and economic laws which regulate vessels on free and open highways."

Voices of West Not Heard. Correspondents were urged to "make immediate use" of Mr. Hayne's protest. It has occurred to some western men here that the voice of the Pacific coast has not been heard on this issue and that when it is heard it will not agree with the protests of the eastern commercial bodies which now are flooding the national capital. It is believed here that the commercial interests of the Pacific states support the interstate commerce commission.

Washington High School Notes

By Mary C. Davies.

The fine weather this week has added to the boys' interest in track work. The boys are making a good showing in practice, a large number turning out every night. Mr. Hart and Mr. Galt are taking charge of the training. Both men have had plenty of experience in this line, and are very popular with the boys as well.

The different clubs held their usual meetings this week. Monday the Camera club met in room 12. The club has planned a star program for Monday the 14th. Besides recitations, some practical picture making will be done.

Tuesday the Philathea and Baraca held their meetings. These clubs have a plan for the future. The Philathea club held an interesting meeting Tuesday. After a number of original stories and verses had been read and discussed, the club started reading "Mr. Opp." by Alice Heggen Rice. This is the first of a number of books that are being read by the club. The club is a very interesting one, and is very popular with the boys.

Student Body Meets. Wednesday the organized student body held its first regular meeting since the elections. The new president, Raymond Singletary, took the chair and made a brief speech, outlining the policy of the student body, and explaining what the executive committee hoped to do. He emphasized the fact that all students in the school would have an equal share in the management of affairs. His talk was heartily applauded. After a short business meeting the assembly adjourned. The other officers of the student body are: Vice-president, William Munley; secretary, Edith Brobst; treasurer, Delbert Starnard; members-at-large, Charles Fowler, Warren Jackson and Joe Jones.

The artistically advertised Eukline program of March 4 was opened with an interesting lecture by Alfred Lomax on "Disputes of Great Discoverers." The impromptu debate, "Resolved, That the High Schools of Portland Should Adopt Regulation Uniforms," supported on affirmative by Hammond and Frazier and the negative by C. K. Fowler and L. James, was decided in favor of the negative. W. Bennett then delivered a highly instructive talk on "Industrial Japan." With the report of the critic one of the best programs of the year was concluded.

Friday the Euklineans departed from their usual order and gave a program at once instructive and interesting. This was a mock session of congress, carried out with all the proper details. Mr. Huff took the chair and presided over the senate. He appointed a committee to wait upon the president, and the house, informing them that the senate was in session. The first day's meeting

commerce commission in its demands that water carrying be placed under supervision and that the people be given again the benefit of coastwise steamer service as a battering ram to force rates down to normal.

Of course, the "through rate" to which Mr. Hayne refers means a route from one point in United States territory to another in that same territory; in other words, to domestic traffic. Besides the Portland-Prisco illustration, there are many others. For instance, the railroad interests in New England have taken over the steamer lines; therefore, when you buy a ticket from New York to Boston via water you are buying it from the same person who would sell you a rail ticket to the same city; hence the competition between rail and water is destroyed, and whatever benefits would flow from natural competition between water and rail are denied the people.

And the same applies to freight.

HALLEY'S COMET IN ENGLISH HISTORY

(Publishers' Press Lensed Wire.)

London, March 12.—Professor H. H. Turner, Savilian professor of astronomy in the University of Oxford, was the lecturer at the weekly meeting of the Royal Institution recently, the subject being "Halley's Comet."

The lecturer pointed out that the history of the comet was known since 240 B. C., and pointed to the fact that there was a curious relation between its visits and English history. One of the returns of the comet was in 1066, the year of the Norman conquest of England. Another took place in 1531, and (said Professor Turner) taking the cue from Halley's pride in an English achievement, it was to be noted that that was the year in which Henry VIII was declared head of the English church. The year of the comet of 1607 was the foundation of Jamestown, which the history of our lost colony, the United States, might be said to commence; that of 1758 saw the birth of Nelson, and 1759 the Battle of Quiberon Bay. He called attention to the parallel between the general elections in England in 1835 and 1910. The numbers of the parties at the previous elections and after the election in the comet year were curiously parallel:

Liberals in previous year	1835	1910
Liberals after election	814	812
Opposition in previous year	285	287
Opposition after election	144	157
Conservative after election	273	213

The comet of 86 was perhaps the sword mentioned by Josephus as hanging over Jerusalem for a whole year together, which he took to be a warning of its impending destruction.

For the Woman That's Fat. A Detroit physician says that the cheapest and safest mixture a fat woman who wants to get thin can use is 1/2 ounce Marmola (get it in the original 1/2 ounce package), 1/2 ounce Fluid Extract Cascara Aromatic and 3/4 ounces Peppermint Water. The proper amount to take is a teaspoonful after meals and at bedtime. These ingredients may be obtained from any druggist at small cost, and make a combination that is not only excellent as a fat reducer, being able, it is claimed, to take off a pound a day without causing irritation, but is also a splendid help to the system, a gentle, regulating the stomach and bowels (where the fat person's troubles begin), and clearing the skin of pimples and blotches. No exercise is required to help the remedy in its work and, best of all, no fasting is necessary while taking it—you can eat what you like.

PAPER FORTUNES MADE IN RUBBER

London Speculators Mad to Plant Money in Unheard of Plantations.

By Paul Lambeth.

(Publishers' Press Lensed Wire.)
London, March 12.—London is rubber mad. Not that there is any extraordinary demand for the substance of which golf shoes, rain coats and automobile tires are fashioned, but a stock exchange craze which has not been equalled since the days of the Kaffir boom has set in which has sent the price of rubber shares kiting and has made hundreds of quick fortunes on paper.

The reason is simple. The supply of rubber is not equal to the demand and prices of the raw article have increased \$5 50 two years ago to about \$5 75 now.

According to the speculators, the world wants all the rubber it can get. The present areas of supply, though large, are not nearly large enough. The world of forests of Brazil cannot cope with the demand. Ceylon, Malay, Java, Borneo, Sumatra, must be ransacked. A thousand companies (with limited liabilities, of course) must, if necessary, be formed to do the work, and it is the shares of these companies that afford the medium of the wild speculation.

Today the rubber market at the stock exchange presents a babel of confusion. Speculators crowd into its forty feet square until there is not even standing room. Companies achieve existence with the rapidity of mushrooms. By the score they arise; and some have already declared huge dividends.

Many Are Dipped. Nothing seems impossible when the price of the raw material shows so big a margin over the cost of production. Widows bitten with the fascination sink their mites in plantations with outlandish names in lands hitherto unheard of by them. Two firms of dealers are credited with having made a hundred thousand pounds apiece out of the boom. Dozens of smaller men are making more than ever they made in their lives before.

As for the public, their demand for shares is overwhelming. Those who

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I could fill every page of this journal with testimonials from grateful patients. It is dangerous, unhealthy, uncomfortable and embarrassing to be too fat. Excess fat weakens the heart. The liver, lungs, stomach and kidneys become diseased, the breathing becomes difficult and the end comes in HEART KIDNEY and sudden death. You can save yourself from these DANGERS. I want to prove to you that my treatment will positively reduce you to normal and no matter where the excess fat is located—neck, bust, hips, thighs, neck, it will quickly and safely be reduced without exercising or dieting. Your figure will be beautified, flabbiness and wrinkles disappear. Rheumatism, asthma, shortness of breath, kidney and heart troubles leave as the fat goes away. I will send you without a cent of expense on your part, my PROOF TREATMENT FREE. It reduces fat at the rate of a pound a day and does it safely and permanently. Don't miss this offer. My PROOF TREATMENT IS FREE. It will make you feel better at once. I will also send you Free my new book on fat and how to get rid of it. Write to-day. H. C. BRADFORD, M. D. 20 E. 22d St., 22A, New York (Licensed physician by the State of New York.)

had and sold a few months back are clamoring to buy again, for twice as much if necessary. What though the estate be in Ceylon or Brazil? It matters not to them.

Many will doubtless find that they have bought shares in property which has never seen any rubber tree. But they need not caution. Tell them that in two years the world's rubber supply will be doubled and the value of their shares be halved, and they will reply that the world's demand will in the same time increase twofold.

Nevertheless, many brokers are now refusing to advise the purchase of any particular share, even though that of ten means loss of business. They frankly confess that they do not even recognize the weird names, much less the nature of the companies whose shares their clients are anxious to buy. But rubber is a magic word now. It is difficult to hold back even the most wary.

Magic in Rubber.

The rush to apply for shares in the new companies has led to curious incidents. At one bank 20 impatient applicants waited while the patient cashier showed a raw country man where to sign his name. Just as the operation

was successfully finished a messenger hurried from the manager's office with a large board, "List closed." The cashier declined to accept any more applications, and the disappointed score of speculators glared at the countryman who had caused the fatal delay as though they would rend him to pieces. For the shares were 12s 6d premium in the market.

MAUD ALLAN STATES OPINION ON ASQUITHS

(United Press Lensed Wire.)

Boston, March 12.—While reiterating her doubts that Mrs. Herbert Asquith and her husband, the premier of England, would separate, Maud Allan, the famous danseuse, today denied that she had exercised undue influence over Mrs. Asquith.

"Anyone who ever knew Mrs. Asquith, who was the clever Dorothy Tennant, would know better than that," she said.

"At his own home, the premier was very nice to me and both he and his wife gave me every chance to meet the best people in England. With pleasant water conditions, plowing will be in progress within a week."

connected with the society known as the "Souls," I know nothing about. But she is always interested in literary and intellectual matters, and so in her husband and she with him. "I never saw or heard of a thing that would point to a separation. The whole thing looks to me like a malicious story. Of course, there is a decided difference in their ages. Mrs. Asquith is a very young woman and he is much older. "He was very nice to me. I had the honor—the very great honor—to go to luncheon on the arm of the premier of England."

PALOUSE'S HEAVIEST SNOW IN 27 YEARS

Spokane, Wash., March 12.—Reports from the Palouse country indicate that the snowfall in outside districts during the past winter was the heaviest in 27 years. At many points the snowfall amounted to over six feet. The snow is all gone on the south hillsides and the ground is drying rapidly. With pleasant water conditions, plowing will be in progress within a week.

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MAY BUILD VESSELS 2000 FEET IN LENGTH

New York, March 12.—The construction of steamships more than 1000 feet long was forecasted by A. A. Booth, the 37-year-old head of the Great Shipbuilding company, one of the greatest in the world. Mr. Booth was among the arrivals on the Mauretania.

"The steamship of the future," he said, "will be limited only by the size of the harbor of the world's largest city. A ship 1000 feet in length could now be handled in the harbors of the principal cities, but New York harbor is one of the few where a ship of much larger dimension could navigate."

Asked about the possibility of ships 2000 feet long, he said: "It will be a long time before we get to that, and if we do it will only be by gradual development. There is no limit automatically established by the materials and methods now used in ship construction or by the problem of stability. The longer a ship is made the wider its beam, and, obviously, the greater the area of water on which it rests."

Grove Couple Wed. Forest Grove, Or., March 12.—Miss Mabel Lambert became the bride of Mr. Raymond Rich Wednesday. Rev. Silvers reading the service. Mr. and Mrs. Rich have lived in this city for some time, and are popular with the younger society set.

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