

ABSURDITY OF FIGHT UPON ASTORIA RATE CONTENTION SHOWN

H. S. Willard, Ohio Banker, Points Out Fallacy of Oregonian's Argument.

NATURE'S PORT DEFENDED

Portland Has Nothing to Lose by the Granting of Terminal Rates, It Is Declared.

H. S. Willard, Ohio banker and iron manufacturer, who has been here for several months, partly to attend to his extensive property interests in this district and partly for his health, is exasperated with the Oregonian's attitude on the Astoria terminal rate.

"The reasons given by the Oregonian editorially in opposition to Astoria's being granted the common point rate are those of the paid attorney defending his client without regard to the merits of the case, and with a view to stand against the light of the facts, logic and analysis," he said yesterday.

"The Oregonian attempts to squirm out of its assertion or insinuation that the haul over the mountains from Pasco to the Sound can be made at less expense than down the water level grade from Pasco to Astoria, provided the volume of traffic by the former route is heavy and by the latter light. The proposition is too absurd to justify consideration."

Mill Looked Ahead.

"The two northern roads built the North Bank road for the purpose either to avail themselves of its low grade or to prevent the Milwaukee from utilizing it. Perhaps J. J. Hill, in his wisdom, saw the day coming when this water grade line would have to be adopted, on account of lower freight rates that must inevitably come, and so took time by the forelock. The building of the North Bank, the purchase of the Astoria & Columbia River railroad, the construction of docks and terminals at the mouth of the river and the building of two modern boats of large dimensions and splendidly equipped to ply between Flavel and San Francisco, indicate that Mr. Hill took a long look ahead, and is preparing for the events that cast their shadows before."

"The contention of the Oregonian that the railroads holding the mountain haul must be protected against the water haul routes by rates that will afford them a profit, although the latter could handle the traffic at lower cost and the same profit, ignores the interests of the shippers and producers of the territory involved. Whether the position of the Oregonian will be supported by the interstate commerce commission, the rule of reason and public sentiment, remains to be seen. It would seem that the rights and necessities of the producer should have some consideration and bearing."

"Effect on Portland." The Oregonian says Astoria cannot be given the common point rate without working alternatively to the disadvantage of Portland, and what Astoria secured would be at the expense of Portland, and further, that the only possible benefit to the Columbia river would be the occasional call at Astoria of foreign ships which, because of carrying passengers for British Columbia, would not make the trip up the river to Portland.

"These statements are directly to the effect that none of the business done at the sound ports would be done at the mouth of the Columbia, and whatever business was got would be just so much less for Portland."

"Bearing on this question, R. M. Calkins, traffic manager of the Milwaukee, said, when testifying at the rate hearing, that the establishment of a grain market at Astoria would undoubtedly prove harmful to sound business."

"Why would it be harmful if business was not drawn from the sound to Astoria?"

"Asked by what route he would ship to tidewater, if an independent shipper, Mr. Calkins said after being pressed for an answer, that he would route his shipment where grades were most favorable."

Advantages Are Overlooked.

"The advantages of one of the first fresh water harbors in the world are ignored and ridiculed—one of these being that ships save 800 miles the round trip over the sound ports by getting their cargo at Astoria."

"To decry and disparage one of the

WILL KNOWLES EAT BEAR OR BEAR EAT KNOWLES?



Left—Knowles' Last Hand Shake Before Entering Maine Woods. Right—Knowles as He Is Today. He Promises to Leave Monday From Grants Pass Naked, Without Food or Matches, and Unarmed, to Live at Least One Month in the Mountain Fastnesses. He Guarantees to Receive No Outside Help.

ture's greatest harbors, situated at the ocean's edge, at the mouth of a splendid river, with its tributaries drains an empire, and can be reached by the railroads at a lower transportation cost than any other port on the northwest coast, can be attributed only to spleen and jealousy."

"And what can be said as to what Astoria secured would be at the expense of Portland? Portland has nothing to lose. In 1913 she had \$19,700,000 of foreign commerce, while Puget sound ports had \$15,000,000, Vancouver, B. C., \$55,000,000, little Victoria \$13,000,000 and Astoria nothing. Twenty-five years ago Portland was doing comparatively as much as now, some years more than last, whereas the northern ports were not doing anything. Portland has had no part in the wonderful increase in traffic that has been made in the last quarter of a century, and the Columbia river basin has not had the benefit of it. Yet Portland has had the same railroad rates as Puget sound, and the advantage of 30 cents a ton over Astoria."

Portland's Claims Await.

"If Portland is entitled to a lower rate than Puget sound, as the Oregonian and its clients claim, why has it not demanded it long ago? Why has it not insisted for it now that has not always existed? On what reasonable grounds can it be asked or conceded? This issue has been injected by the railroads into the situation to muddy the waters and to serve their interests."

"If the expenditures at the mouth of the river by the government and others are not to result in increase in traffic in benefit to the people whose natural and cheapest port is Astoria, why have they been made? Are they to be discredited and nullified by the Oregonian and the railroads?"

"Portland, with her prestige and power, could command the situation and build up a commerce equal to if not greater than that of any other on the Pacific coast, if she would make the harbor at the mouth of the Columbia her own. Opportunity is knocking at the door and, admitted, Portland can become commercially great."

BALLOT TITLE BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL DECLARED NOT FAIR

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guage used in the general title, "increasing salary of said office for said period \$1,200 yearly," is untrue; that the clause "merging state and desert land boards" is misleading and unfair, inasmuch as the object is to abolish the Desert Land board and devolve its duties on the state land board; that the language "creating office of water commissioner" is an unfair and misleading statement in that it is designed to give the impression that a new office is to be created by the measure, when it is a fact that a single office of state water commissioner is to be substituted for the two existing offices of superintendents of water divisions, and that the further language in the title is insufficient and unfair, in that it does not advise what is the subject of such sections repealed and amended. The purpose of the measure, says Miss Hobbs, is to repeal existing appropriations for the office of state engineer, and to leave the needs of the office for the consideration of future legislation.

Miss Hobbs suggests the following title: "Abolishing the Desert Land Board and vesting its powers and duties in State Land Board; abolishing the office of State Engineer; abolishing state water board and substituting for it two existing superintendents of water divisions, a state water commissioner to be appointed by state land board; repealing existing appropriations for state engineer's office and state water board, leaving needs of state engineer and state water commissioner for consideration of future legislatures."

HUERTA GIVES OWN REPLY TO OWN QUESTIONS

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give rise to conjectures which would result in prejudice to the proceedings of the new government. I declare to the world that the line of conduct which I have followed has no other object than my heartfelt desire for the pacification of the country."

Expected to Sail Today.

General Huerta will be accompanied on the Dresden by General Blanquet. Only the families of the two former leaders will be with them on the cruiser. Forty other members of the party will leave here tonight on the steamer City of Mexico for Texas City. They will sail by way of Vera Cruz. An unsuccessful effort was made to charter the steamer, but the party, mostly women, will sail as ordinary passengers. The departure of General Huerta was

delayed pending the arrival of another train bearing friends of the old Indian. It is not believed that with its departure before tomorrow. At all events Huerta is in no hurry to leave.

The entire population of the city gathered on the water front this afternoon when Huerta and General Blanquet went out to the Dresden to return the call of Captain Koebler. Many vivas for the deposed dictator were heard in the streets which were patrolled by the famous Twenty-ninth regiment and the presidential guards. There was no disorder.

Carranza Upholds Carbajal.

Mexico City, July 18.—Until General Carranza, first chief of the Constitutionalists, arrives in Mexico City, nothing will be done toward the establishment of a provisional government which will seek recognition, pending the calling of a general election. This was learned today from a source high in the revolutionary councils.

In the meantime General Carranza is making every effort to prevent any hostile demonstration against President Carbajal by revolutionary bands in the vicinity of the capital. He has urged General Zapata and other southern leaders to make no attempt to enter the city. It is believed that Carranza himself may arrive in the capital some time next week to consult with Carbajal. With the revolutionary forces now in possession of San Luis Potosi and the railway between that city and the capital in comparatively good condition, there is no reason why Carranza and a force cannot go to the capital.

Man Arranging for Funeral Drops Dead

Granville C. Rider, 80 years old, one of Portland's pioneer violin makers, was found dead yesterday afternoon in his home at 8328 Foster road, where his wife, 70 years old, died Friday morning. Both died from natural causes. This morning the bodies will be taken to Sherwood, Or., for burial. Mrs. Rider died from an ailment

with which she had been suffering several months. The remains were taken to the Holman undertaking parlors, where the husband had intended to call yesterday morning to make arrangements for his wife's funeral. As he did not appear by noon, the funeral director called a neighbor and asked if the violin maker had been seen. Investigation led to the discovery of his body.

Two brothers of Mrs. Rider reside in Sherwood. Rider and his wife lived in the rear of a store building. He used the front part as a work shop and sales room. In the workshop are violins of various makes, sizes and values. Some are said to be 200 years old, with a history reaching to the old country.

Building Falls in Northampton, Mass.

Two Persons Seriously Hurt; When Three-Story Structure Collapses; Half-holiday Saves Many Lives.

Northampton, Mass., July 18.—With a terrific roar, the Union block, a three-story brick building at 84 Main street, collapsed this afternoon. Two persons were unable to dash from the building when the first cracking of the masonry walls was heard and were seriously injured. They were removed to a local hospital where doctors say there is chance for their recovery.

Employees of the Woolworth store which occupied the ground floor were all accounted for. Saturday being a half-holiday there were no employees in the offices of the second and third floors.

Cause of the collapse has not been made known. The damage was about \$75,000.

R. R.'s to Get Part Of What They Ask

San Francisco, July 18.—Brokers here received private wires today anticipating the decision of the Interstate Commerce commission on the application of the eastern trunk railroads for an advance of 5 per cent in freight rates. This tip is that the railroads will be granted an average of about 3 per cent, and will be censured for various extravagances as well as for conducting a campaign to influence public opinion in their behalf.

DAVID G. LYNCH IS DEAD

(Special to The Journal.) Minneapolis, Minn., July 18.—David G. Lynch, advertising man and newspaper editor for years, is dead here, aged 57. He was connected with the Des Moines Capital and Portland, Or., papers before coming here. He was advertising manager for the L. L. May Seed company.

KNOWLES IS READY TO TRY ODDS WITH FOREST PRIMEVAL

"Artist Nature Man" Prepares to Enter the Woods and Live Like Forebears.

WILL BE WELL WATCHED

Doubt as to Monksy of Former Experiment Adds to Interest.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Grants Pass, Or., July 18.—The camp of Joe Knowles, the "artist nature man," who is to attempt to live for the next 40 days in the Siskiyou wilds as primitive man lived, was augmented today by the arrival of Professor Charles Lincoln Edwards, head of the nature study department of the Los Angeles schools. Professor Edwards came to join Professor Waterman of the University of California, the two to be the scientific observers who will watch the progress of the experiment.

The camp of the Knowles party has been made about 40 miles southwest of Grants Pass, near Holland, on the edge of the wilderness into which Knowles will go Monday.

At 10 o'clock Monday morning Knowles is to divest himself of clothing, and without any of the aids of civilization depart into the wilds. His departure will be witnessed by a large delegation from this city, as well as by many miners and prospectors in the Holland district, who have become much interested in the feat. None of the Knowles party will follow him into the wilderness except the two college men, who will make daily reports of their observations of his progress and methods. Communication between Knowles and these observers is to be by note written upon bark, and not by direct conversation.

A year ago Knowles put on a similar stunt in Maine, and because of doubt that was thrown about the honesty of that experiment, the present one is being watched most closely to see that no outside aid reaches him. There are many berries, wild vegetables and plants in the Siskiyou forests, however, at this time of the year, and a good woodsman should be able to exist in comparative comfort. There are also a great many deer and other wild animals, and it is in pursuit of these that the Knowles experiment promises to supply the greatest interest.

The point from which the start will be made Monday morning is about two miles from the Josephine caves, near the California-Oregon line.

Speedboat to England.

Chicago, Ill., July 18.—The speedboat Disturber IV leaves Chicago today en route for England, where the 60 mile craft will be entered in the races for the Harmsworth trophy at Cowes on August 12. The boat is owned and captained by Commodore Pugh.

CARMAN'S CRITICISM STINGS PROSECUTION TO BITTER RETORT

District Attorney Intimates That Accused Woman May Yet Be Indicted.

DARE IS PASSED TO BURNS

Physician Declares Detective Can Sue For Libel and That No Restrictions Will Be Made.

Freeport, N. Y., July 18.—Stung by the criticism which Mrs. Florence C. Carman and her husband have heaped upon him since the former was indicted yesterday for the killing of Mrs. Louisa D. Bailey in Dr. Carman's office two weeks ago, District Attorney Smith tonight lashed out in return, declaring that Celia Coleman can tell enough about what took place on the day of the shooting to indict Mrs. Carman for first degree murder yet.

In so many words the district attorney declared that if Dr. Carman and his wife persisted in calling him a "snake in the grass" he might ask the grand jury to reconsider the indictment with the added evidence he

has obtained against the woman. Also he threatened a suit for criminal libel against them.

The district attorney's wrathful threat came just as he was about to leave Freeport with Sheriff Pettit on a fortnight's vacation.

He had just been told of Mrs. Carman's denunciation of the alleged unfairness of both himself and the grand jury in bringing the indictment against her.

"Why," he flared, "if Celia Coleman had recalled all the details of what she really knows about this case—had she told the grand jury everything—she could not have done otherwise than bring in an indictment of first degree murder—or second degree at the least."

Supplementing the district attorney's scolding statement this afternoon Detective Burns threatened to sue both Dr. Carman and Attorney Levey who, however, both stick to their story, charging "frame up" and "breach of faith" and declare in turn that they know a law that will reach Burns before the case is through.

Carmans Are Silent.

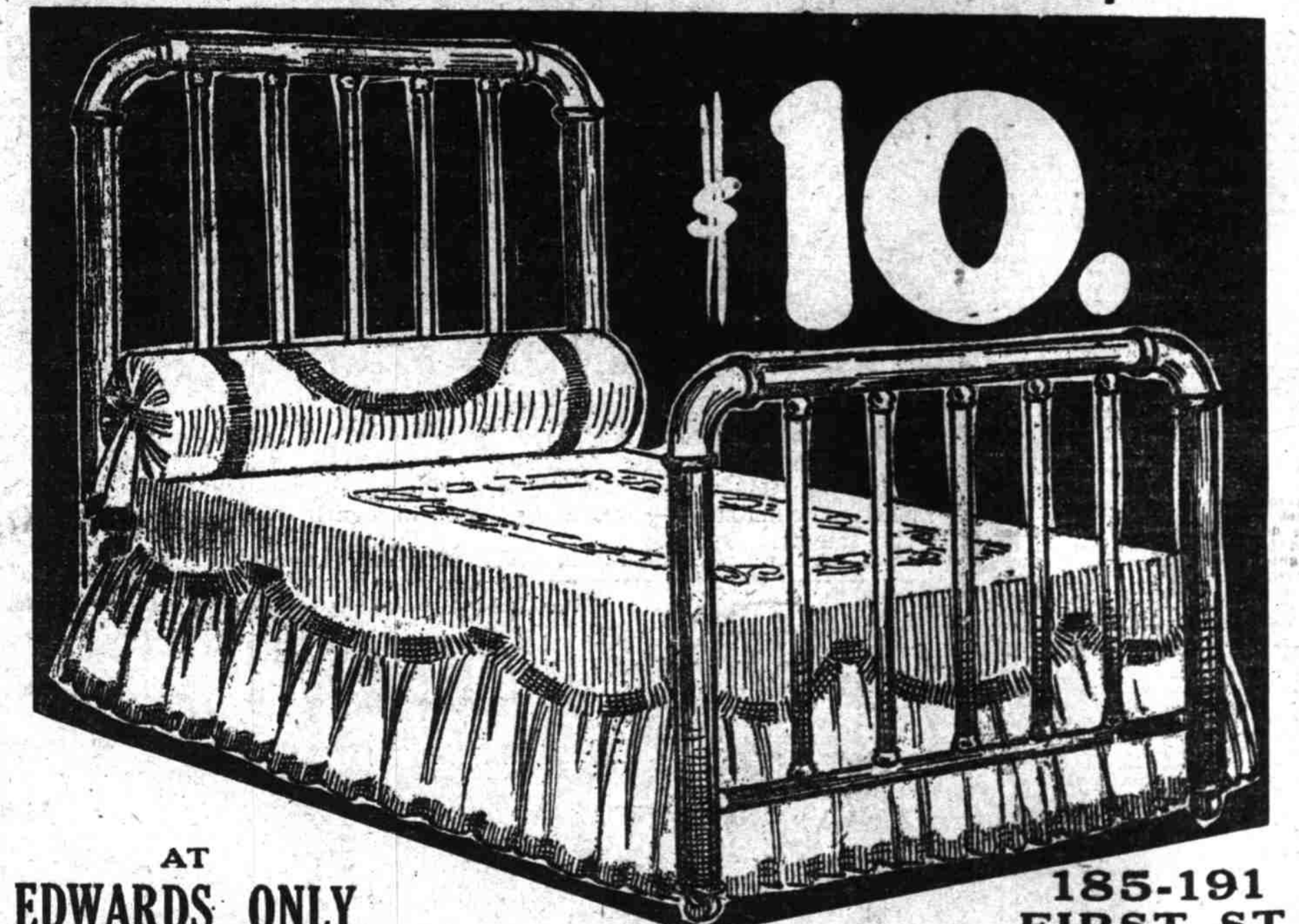
Both Dr. Carman and his wife, who remained close to the house today, have utterly changed their tactics, refusing to discuss the case with the newspaper men any further. However, the physician did relent enough to dare Detective Burns to bring a suit for libel against him.

"Tell him to go ahead and sue," he said. "I won't take back anything and neither will Mrs. Carman."

The additional testimony that Celia Coleman is supposed to be holding back for the trial is alleged to be that Mrs. Carman was hiding something under her arm when she went through the kitchen upstairs after the shooting.

The tramp, Farrell, is not to be released until after the trial.

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