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SHIPPER'S SENTIMENTS.

The following extracts show the sentiments of Inland Empire shippers with respect to the Regulator line and the river route. The names of the writers are purposely omitted, as it is part and parcel of the 'policy' of the 'system' to 'punish a shipper' when they find out that such shipper has attempted to protect his personal Bank account by practicing the economy of shipping by the cheapest route. This is a strict violation of U. P. R. rules. They want all the money for the freight that the goods will stand, for the 'system.' These comments read as follows:

No. 1 says: 'They (the U. P. R. Co.) don't seem to like us to ship this way, but we are not married to them. It pays to ship via your line, even though handicapped by portage and transfer.'

No. 2 says: 'They hold our goods from one to two weeks, in order to force us to ship all rail.'

No. 3 says: 'Their latest dodge is to hold our goods, to compel us to ship through them; but we order ahead. They threaten to reduce our service, if our merchants patronize your line. It is a matter of dollars and cents to us. We have saved nearly \$200.00 by shipping through you. They can drive us farther away, but never nearer, by their present methods.'

No. 4 says: 'We can assure you that we are highly pleased with our first deal with your company. The goods came through in fine shape, and we are gainers by several dollars through water transportation.'

No. 5 says: 'We have saved over nine dollars on one shipment of dry-goods.'

The list might be indefinitely extended; but the above is sufficient to show the increased and wide spread sentiment of Inland Empire shippers, respecting the advantages accruing to business by the use of the facilities afforded the public by utilizing the steamers of The Dalles, Portland and Astoria Navigation company; and the state portage railway; on the Columbia river, between this city and Portland. A sentiment which is self-imposed, from pecuniary motives, and which is even more richly deserving of recognition than the bestowals of patronage attest. It was not expected, by the projectors of the Regulator Line, that they would amass a fortune by their investments, but they have the proud satisfaction of knowing that they have conferred permanent benefits upon the commerce of the Inland Empire, and it is satisfying to them to realize that their efforts have been measurably appreciated, and they can look hopefully to the future for a proper regard of their enterprise: when the public generally fully understand the situation. The fullness of this understanding is coming; surely and certainly; even though it be tardy in some quarters.

It appears to be necessary for the country press to take a hand in the mortgage tax question, and indebtedness clause of our assessment laws, and decide the matter, as the Portland chamber of commerce have done nothing but quarrel over the subject, and if an assemblyman wanted any light it would be very dim, coming from that source. THE CHRONICLE voices public expression in this division of the state when it says the people are almost a unit in favor of the repeal of both clauses. If the Interior press will take the subject up and discuss it from the popular standpoint, it will not be difficult for the average legislator to understand that the people are heartily sick and tired of permitting Portland influences to provide themselves with a law suited to personal conveniences for avoiding the payment of their just proportion of the state taxes, which the unsophisticated and honest plebeian is afraid to adopt for fear of getting a term in the penitentiary for perjury. This is just about the long and short of it, and THE CHRONICLE so plainly stated the matter when the board of equalization was in The Dalles, that Mr. Wingate, a member of the board, admitted the truthfulness of the proposition.

It is perhaps nothing more than right to give the Portland chamber of commerce credit for honest intentions in their effort to present the facts in regard to fees of sheriffs and clerks, in such manner as to cause the repeal of existing laws and substitute one providing suitable salaries for such officials, and turning all fees into the county treasuries. The lesson of economy taught by the Washington state and county salary system, which by the way, was the main object of attack from the democracy during the recent campaign, had a very desirable effect in educating the people of Washington, to the beauty of the system, and has also had a tendency to open the eyes of the Oregon press to the extravagance of the present

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