

MILLERS COMPLAIN

CHARGED THAT RAILROADS HAVE CONSPIRED.

Kansas Says Differential Rate on Flour and Mill Stuff to the Pacific Coast Works an Injustice on That State—Complaint Filed With Interstate Commerce Commission Charges Discrimination in Rates.

Washington, March 13.—Are the transcontinental railroads in league with the milling interests of the Pacific coast terminals? From Kansas comes the case and that Kansas milling industry perishes even as the state cries for help. The Howards Mill company, of Wichita, Kan., by its complaint filed with the interstate commerce commission proposes to show that the Missouri Pacific, the Santa Fe and Chicago, Rock Island & Quincy, and Denver & Rio Grande, the Southern Pacific and the Union Pacific railroad companies are guilty of doing an injustice to and discriminating against all Kansas milling business, not only the interest of the Howard mills, but all flour manufacturers of the Sunflower state.

In its complaint the Howard Mills company declares that the railroads exact a rate of 65 cents per 100 pounds for the transportation of flour from Wichita, Kan., to San Francisco, Cal., and other Pacific coast terminals in carload lots, whereas at the same time they charge a rate of only 55 cents for wheat between the same points in the same lots. "This differential of 10 cents in favor of wheat against flour exists from all Kansas points to Pacific coast terminals," says the complaint. It is pointed out that from Spokane, Wash., and Portland, Ore., to San Francisco, the rates on flour and wheat are the same.

"Such differentials operate disastrously to the flour mills of Kansas and unjustly upbraid the milling interest of the Pacific coast terminals, which are in competition with the flour mills of Kansas," concludes the complaint. "Dealers, manufacturers, and shippers of flour at Pacific coast terminals receive undue and unjust preference, in violation of the act to regulate commerce."

The commission will designate a date at which testimony will be taken in regard to the matter.

COW SHOD FOR ALASKA.

Two Milch Cows Will Travel 400 Miles Over Trails.

Two milch cows, intended for shipment to Fairbanks, were shod here today, says a Seattle dispatch. Husky blacksmiths fastened to each of their hoofs, a small iron plate, lighter than a horseshoe, but cast has a two-inch caulk. The two cows are to be driven in over the Valdez trail, drawing sledges loaded with the hay they will eat on the trip.

It was a most difficult task to shoe the two cows. They were driven into a stall made of heavy timber and barred in. Then their legs were strapped, and the blacksmiths, wrestling with the struggling cows, fastened on the shoes.

The trip to be made by the cows is of 400 miles, over snow and ice fields that would make progress extremely difficult without shoes.

Farmers, Attention.

Parties using telephones or desiring to put in same and join a mutual company, are requested to meet at the court house on Saturday afternoon, March 17th, at 2 o'clock. H. H. Manny, northwestern manager of the Brown-Spear-Sloan Co., having branch offices in Portland, Seattle and Los Angeles, will be present and explain the advantages derived by joining a mutual company. Every farmer desiring better telephone service should not fail to attend this meeting.

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Often The Kidneys Are Weakened by Over-Work.

Unhealthy Kidneys Make Impure Blood.

It used to be considered that only urinary and bladder troubles were to be traced to the kidneys, but now modern science proves that nearly all diseases have their beginning in the disorder of these most important organs.

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THE AGILE TIGER.

He Is "Shod With Silence" and Is as Quick as Lightning.

Most wild animals are specialists—that is to say, they are highly developed in one particular direction. The tiger is great as a stalker. His feet seem to be "shod with silence." R. H. Elliot, for many years a resident of India, cited an experience of one of his neighbors illustrative of this point.

He had been much annoyed by tigers and at last tied a bullock out in a clearing and took up his own position in a tree to wait till the tiger should come after the bait. The ground was covered with dried leaves, which in hot weather are so brittle that even the walking of a bird over them can be heard for a good distance.

In no very long time a large tiger slipped out of the forest and slowly edged toward the bullock. His method was so elaborate and careful that the man who saw it used to declare that it would have been worth 1,000 rupees to any young sportsman to have witnessed it.

So carefully did he put down each paw and so gradually did he crush the leaves under it that not a sound was to be heard. Between him and the bullock was a stump about four feet high, with long projecting surface roots. This, plainly, the tiger looked upon as a godsend.

He got upon one of the roots, balanced himself carefully and so was able to walk quickly and silently as far as the stump. He approached so gradually and noiselessly and his color against the brown leaves was so invisible that he was close upon the bullock before he was perceived.

Then instantly the bullock charged. The tiger eluded him and in a moment more had his paws on the bullock's neck ready to drag him down. Then, like a flash, he caught sight of the rope by which the bullock was tied and turned and sprang into the forest, all so quickly that the man in the tree had no opportunity to fire.

SIZE OF A THUNDERBOLT.

Geologists Have a System by Which Such Measures Are Taken.

"Did you ever see the diameter of a lightning flash measured?" asked a geologist. "Well, here is the case which once inclosed a flash of lightning, fitted it exactly, so that you can see how big it was. This is called a 'fulgurite,' or 'lightning hole,' and the material it is made of is glass."

"When a bolt of lightning strikes a bed of sand it plunges downward into the sand for a distance less or greater, transforming simultaneously into glass the silica in the material through which it passes. Thus by its great heat it forms a glass tube of precisely its own size."

"Now and then such a tube, known as a fulgurite, is found and dug up. Fulgurites have been followed into the sand by excavations for nearly thirty feet. They vary in interior diameter from the size of a quill to three inches or more, according to the 'bore' of the flash. But fulgurites are not produced alone in sand. They are found also in solid rock, though very naturally of slight depth, and frequently existing as a thin, glassy covering on the surface."

"Such fulgurites occur in astonishing abundance on the summit of Little Ararat, in Armenia. The rock is so soft and porous that blocks a foot long can be obtained, perforated in all directions by little tubes filled with bottle green glass formed from the fused rock."

"Some wonderful fulgurites were found by Humboldt on the high Nevada de Toluca, in Mexico. Masses of the rock were covered with a thin layer of green glass. Its peculiar shimmer in the sun led Humboldt to ascend the precipitous peak at the risk of his life."

It Won For Sardou.

It is a singular fact that the famous French dramatist Sardou owed his first success on the boards to his excellent handwriting. He had sent in his often rejected play, "La Taverne des Etudiants," to the Odeon management for consideration, and the manuscript was thrown, with some others, upon a table. One day at rehearsal the charming actress Mlle. Berengere was attracted by the handwriting and took up the manuscript, crying, "Oh, what an exquisite hand!" She read the play and recommended it so strongly to the directors that they were induced to read it and then accept it. At the time Sardou was starving. He had gone through seven long years of terrible hardship and privation.

Hops In England.

The English were taught the uses of hops by a native Artois, who introduced them into England in 1524. They met with some hostility, for physicians represented them as unwholesome, and parliament was petitioned against them as a "wicked weed." In 1528 their use was prohibited under severe penalties. Henry VIII. appears to have been prejudiced against hops, for in a manuscript, dated Eitham, January, 1530, occurs an injunction to his brewer "not to put hops or brimstone" into the ale.

The Living.

Sis—Why did you throw up your situation, Ernest? Brother—Because I am going to get married. Sis—But what will you live on—love? Brother—Oh, no! We are going to live on my love's father.

In Danger.

Gregson (in alarm)—Great Scott, I've left my pocketbook under my pillow! Fisher—Oh, well, your servant is honest, isn't she? Gregson—That's just it. She'll take it to my wife.

What we call despair is often only the painful eagerness of unfed hope.—George Eliot.

Primary election petitions at the East Oregonian office.

MENTAL REACTION.

The Mind's Quickness of Operation and How It Is Measured.

Let a dozen or twenty persons take hold of hands in a ring. Each is to press the hand of his right hand neighbor as soon as he receives a pressure from the left. One person starts the pressure going and at the same instant observes the position of the second hand of a watch. The pressure passes all around the circle, and when it arrives at the originator he notes how many seconds were required for the given number of persons in succession to receive an impression and make up their minds to act in response. The total time is then divided by the number of persons. This is a crude illustration of the reaction time which we measure with great accuracy on single persons.

As the mental portion of the reaction time becomes more complicated the time becomes longer. For example, the processes of mental discrimination and choice require times of their own. The way we get these "higher" mental processes can be illustrated in a simple way. A person placed in a quiet room is to tap a telegraph key every time he sees a red light, which can be produced at the will of the experimenter in the recording room. The interval of time between the actual appearance of the light and the moment the key is tapped is accurately measured. For a while nothing but the red light is used, this to obtain the simple reaction time. Then red and yellow lights are turned on in irregular succession. The person has now to discriminate between two colors and to choose between action and nonaction. The increase of time required over the simple reaction time gives the discrimination time for two colors. In another set of experiments three colors are used, then four colors. As the discrimination and choice become more complicated more time is required.

The importance of rapid and accurate reaction and discrimination is evident. Astronomers have difficulty in recording the moment at which a star passes a line in the telescope. The sportsman must pull the trigger at just the proper moment. The football player, the fencer and the boxer are trained in rapidity of discrimination and reaction. It is very evident that a player or a pugilist who takes a long time for discrimination, choice and volition will give a decided advantage to a quick opponent.—Fogum.

DISRAELI'S MAXIMS.

Every one loves power, even if he does not know what to do with it. Always have distinguished friends. Never have fools for friends. They are of no use.

To govern men you must either excel them in their accomplishments or despise them.

To rule men we must be men. Our wisdom must be concealed under folly and our constancy under caprice.

Next to knowing when to seize an opportunity the most important thing in life is to know when to forego an advantage.

The divine right of kings may have been a plea for feeble tyrants, but the divine right of government is the keystone of human progress.

Talk to women as much as you can. This is the way to gain fluency, because you need not care what you say and had better not be sensible.

They Didn't Play.

A monster political parade was held in Philadelphia during one of the campaigns. It was headed by a band of thirty-five discursing stirring marching tunes. The leader of the band had contracted in advance to supply that many players, but when he came to count noses he found eight missing. It did not take him long to decide what to do. After some hustling he secured eight men, not one of whom could play a note of music, and decked them out in the regulation band uniform. He placed instruments and music in their hands and paraded the full number. "Did they play?" was asked. "Yes," said the band leader, "but not music. I put a cork in each of the eight instruments."

Sendable.

That was both a kind and a wise man who, when about to marry for the second time, settled \$10,000 upon his unmarried daughter. "I should like to have her go on living at home," he said, "but who can tell whether she and her stepmother will be harmonious and quite happy together? She shall feel that she is free to go or stay." The consequence was mutually happy relations, since both women knew there was no dependence or necessity for them to live in closer relations than might prove agreeable.

The Dominant Air.

As through an opera runs the rhythm of one dominant air, so through men's lives there rings a dominant note, soft in youth, strong in manhood and soft again in old age. But it is always there, and, whether soft in the gentler periods or strong amid the noise of the perihelion, it dominates always and gives its tone to the whole life.

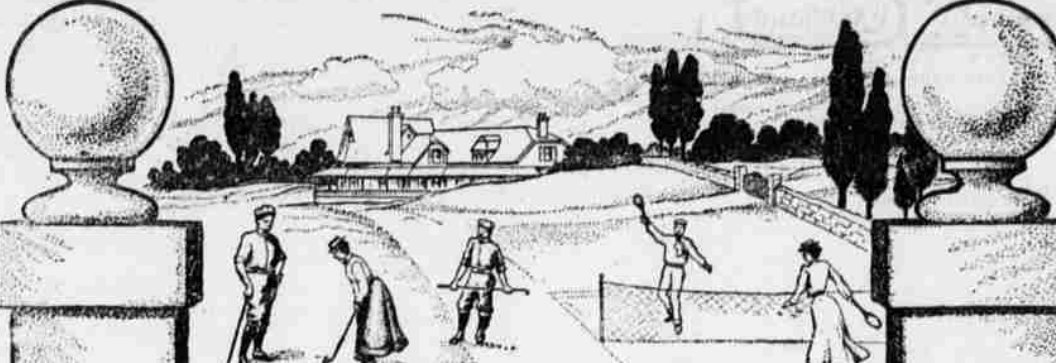
His Happiest Hour.

He—Do you remember the night I asked you to marry me? She—Yes, dear. He—For a whole hour we sat there and not a word did you speak. Ah, that was the happiest hour of my life!—Translated For Tales From Echo de Paris.

Pain Through Ignorance.

All our misery, all our pain, is traceable to ignorance and misuse of our forces. Enlightenment is the sovereign cure alike for physical and moral ills.—Horatio W. Dresser.

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The Winning Stroke

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