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SEATTLE HAPPY.

The HON. THEOPHILUS FRENCH INTERVIEWED.

Views and Opinions of the Great Railroad Commissioner.

Portland to be made a hole in the ground.

From a Post interview of the Hon. Commissioner of Railways, in Seattle on the 18th, we clip the following:

The Coming Boom.
Reporter. How do you regard the near prospects of this far off and comparatively unknown part of the country, Mr. French?

Mr. French. I regard the future of the entire Pacific coast as bright. I think, more directly answering your question, that the territory, soon to be state of Washington, has before it a period of almost unparalleled prosperity. There are many reasons for this belief. Indeed, it must be potent to the most casual observer. The time is not far distant when your splendid forests will perish to build the fences, the barns and residences of the people along the eastern slope of the Rocky mountains. That country is fast filling up, and the supply of timber, although very great, is melting away before their steady incursions. Then again, situated upon the ocean, your mills can ship their products to all the markets in the world. This is but a single item. Coal and iron in the western part of the territory exists in almost inexhaustible quantities. In a few years the coal, which now employs many men and much capital will have increased tenfold. The working of your iron mines cannot much longer be delayed. Rolling mills must be built, and the iron for binding all this country together be made here on our soil. In no country have I seen such liberal gifts from the hand of nature. Coal, iron and timber, and the free ocean at your door—surely they will bring wealth and prosperity.

Rep. These valuable elements have remained in a great measure dormant because capital has been kept out of the country.

Mr. F. That is true. But you must not judge the future by the past. Such a transformation will be witnessed here in the next six years as few of your people imagine. The completion of the Northern Pacific road, and the carrying out of Mr. Villard's plans, both in Oregon as well as Washington, will bring immigration by tens of thousands, and all the capital necessary for the complete development of the country.

The Villard-Billings Fight.
Rep. Mr. French, you are certainly cognizant of the struggle now going on between Mr. Billings and Henry Villard for the control of the Northern Pacific road. I should be very much pleased to obtain your views upon this vital issue.

Mr. F. I am deeply interested in the construction of roads in this northwest country, and at the instance of both Mr. Villard and Mr. Billings have undertaken to bring those gentlemen to an amicable arrangement. I do not believe Mr. Villard will secure control of the Northern Pacific, and I certainly say I do not desire to see either party obtain control of both lines. I should prefer to see them kept under distinct managements. Reasonable competition would thus check monopoly. My opinion is that the result of this fight, in so far as the people of Puget-sound and Seattle are concerned, need not be regarded with apprehension. In any event Seattle will get a road. She will get a branch at least from the road over the mountains; and I am certain Mr. Villard will make a connection between this place and Portland. So that your enterprising little city need not fear for the future.

The Kalama Portland Branch.
Rep. May I infer that the present surveys from Kalama to Portland being done by the Northern Pacific have any significance

in view of probable compromise between the Northern Pacific and Oregon Railway and Navigation?

Mr. F. My impression is that the building of an extension from Kalama south, has much to do with the probable relations of the two companies. I see no reason why they should not reach a common ground upon which mutually advantageous arrangements can be made.

Rep. I suppose it cannot have escaped your observation that much jealousy exists between Portland and Puget-sound?

Mr. F. No, sir; and it to me appears amusingly absurd. Portland is a growing city, backed by the Willamet valley, and at present eastern Washington. Observe, I say eastern Washington is tributary to Portland. The time is but a hands span distant when this immense traffic will largely come over the mountains to Puget-sound. But outside from this, Portland will continue to rise in importance.

Another View of Portland.
Rep. Do you not think, Mr. French, that the disadvantages of being situated inland 120 miles, and having the Columbia bar and shoals of the two rivers to contend against, will of necessity build the largest city of the northwest on Puget-sound?

Mr. F. Doubt of this result can only exist in the minds of those who are prejudiced by interest or other cause against Puget-sound. The greater the volume of business done; every extra bushel of wheat produced east of the mountains, is but additional pressure in favor of this section. Your facilities for shipment here are unequalled anywhere else in the world. Your insurance, pilot tax and towage are nominal in comparison with those of Oregon's metropolis, to say nothing of the obstructions at the mouth of the Columbia river. Portland, against such odds as nature has placed against her, cannot reasonably hope to hold the position she has gained through the push and energy of her business men, and the combination of fortuitous circumstances. The completion of the Northern Pacific will vastly change the present commercial relations of the two points.

Seattle Hunked—All's well that Ends Well.
Rep. So you believe the people of Seattle need feel no fears of being left out in the cold?

Mr. F. Not in the slightest. You are going to have a railroad first to connect you with Portland, and a little later you will ride in the cars from Seattle over the Cascade mountains. Your city is growing, and even to a stranger gives evidence of future prosperity not elsewhere observable on the sound. I see no possible grounds for fear; but on the contrary clearly discern every reason for hope and encouragement for your stirring little city.

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Ice Cream Saloon.
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The Michigan Fish Commission.

The following petition upon the fish commission was submitted to the senate in the Michigan legislature recently as "the petition of an humble citizen upon a humble subject." It is somewhat humorous, but it tends to show that the money of the wolverines has been squandered, and it presents a commentary upon legislative appropriations worthy of remark, that where such demands exist as they do in Oregon for work of this class, no money can be obtained, while on the other hand, in other states it is wasted with lavish extravagance:

To the Honorable the Legislature of the State of Michigan:—The undersigned, feeling duly thankful that his lot has been cast in a land where the inestimable boon of the right of petition is guaranteed to the humblest citizen, without regard to nationality, color or previous condition of servitude, except Chinese, would with due meekness and humility respectfully represent that during the past eight years there has existed within our state an organization known and designated as the fish commission, which, though considered rather a small fry at the start, has grown to be a pretty large sized sucker, having already extracted nearly a hundred thousand dollars from the public treasury, and is at this moment spreading its nets, throwing its lines, and balancing its spear poles for twenty thousand more. And though it is claimed that this commission has planted within the waters of our state a very large number of very small fishes, your petitioner has made diligent search—and though his naturally good eyesight has been aided by the best spectacles he could buy at thirty-five cents a pair, he has hitherto utterly failed to discover any profits or emoluments resulting from this large investment of the public money, except such as have accrued directly to the benefit of the members of the aforesaid commission. Therefore, in view of the aforementioned state of facts—though your petitioner would by no means insinuate that the honorable gentlemen who have from time to time voted these appropriations of money, can in any just sense be considered bull-heads, he feels that there is just cause to apprehend that should this proceeding be continued the tax payers of our state will ultimately begin to look upon the men who are fishing with their long lines around the shallow waters of our state capitol, for these periodical appropriations, as a most dangerous species of sharks. But your petitioner would further represent that one of the most alarming features of this scaly subject is found in the published statement of one of the members of this commission, that out at Leon, near Jackson, the eels were planted have grown and multiplied so rapidly that they have clogged the wheels of the water machinery, and though to the benighted vision of your petitioner this seems like a pretty large fish story, and though he has not heard of the wheels of any machinery in his part of the state having been clogged by the spawn of this fish commission, he still deems it a subject worthy of serious consideration of your honorable body—for it would be difficult to estimate the consequences when the spawn of our fish commission shall have "grown and multiplied so rapidly" as to have clogged the wheels of the water machinery, and destroyed the usefulness of the mill streams of our state. In view of the above described state of facts your petitioner would most earnestly but respectfully petition, request, solicit, pray and implore that your honorable body, before making further appropriations from the public treasury to further a purpose, the consequence of which may prove more disastrous to the state than riderpest, hog cholera, Kansas grasshopper, Rocky mountain locust and Colorado potato beetle combined, will cause a careful investigation to be made of the waters of our state, and that the subject be referred to a special committee, who shall sally forth armed and equipped with strong magnifying glasses, whose duty it shall be to follow the windings of our streams and the marshy margins or our inland lakes, wherever the footprints of our fish commissioners may be found, and to carefully report the result of their investigations to the next legislature, at which time it is barely possible that some of the spawn of the Michigan fish commission may have grown large enough to be visible to the naked eye. And your humble petitioner, with faith strongly resembling a grain of mustard seed, will patiently wait and humbly pray. EXOS GOODRICH.

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