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OCEAN FREIGHTS.

How the Pacific Slope Farmer Permits Himself to be Skinned.

It is only on the Pacific coast that the American Sampson is shorn of his strength and has become the full prey of monopolists. While the railroad exactions complained of in the East exist here in an aggravated form, it is well known that our farmers do not derive anything like the same counterbalancing advantages from the general railroad system of the continent. The through routes for the great staple of the Pacific slope farmer are, very fortunately, as one would suppose, on the ocean highway. But strangely enough, while the Eastern farmer is attacked exclusively on land, the Pacific farmer is most extensively victimized by sea. If Uncle Sam should impose an export duty of \$5 per ton on wheat it would be regarded as a terrible blow to the chief industry of the Pacific slope, and yet it would but feebly express what the farmer has suffered during the last twelve months, and what it is now proposed to subject him to during the present season. An export duty, if it did not fall to some extent on the foreign consumer, would at least do nothing to lessen the supply of tonnage. But allow a few men to rule the freight market and self-interest naturally prompts them to exact the largest tribute from the farmer, and with the view of perpetuating their reign, to limit the quantity of shipping. This freight monopoly not only impoverishes the farmer, but cripples the export miller, and has a blighting effect on the general prosperity of the coast.

The most remarkable circumstances connected with our ocean freight monopoly is that, with a temerity unknown in the Eastern States, it always places itself completely at the mercy of the farmer. This corner in freights is nothing more nor less than "shorting" the wheat surplus of the Pacific coast. Yet this operation, although one of the most reckless that can possibly be attempted, has been so long tolerated by the farmer that it is now undertaken without the slightest apprehension of danger and with a confidence which is born only of a long series of unbroken success: To fix the relative price of wheat before it is even reaped is common enough among the bulls and bears of Chicago; but to sell, in effect the entire surplus in advance, is a terrible sacrifice to the farmer, and without making him a party to the transaction, is peculiar only to the Pacific coast. The tonnage now in sight, and that which will inevitably follow, to carry away what will remain this month of the entire wheat surplus of this state, are intrinsically worth no more, and could be made worth less, than what the majority of ship-owners are willing to accept. In placing, therefore, an exorbitant value on this tonnage, the freight gambler lays himself entirely at the mercy of the farmer, who, instead of meekly accepting ridiculously low prices for his wheat, may at any time insist on the high figures he was accustomed to before the present method of freight speculation was invented. Owing to the extraordinary forbearance and docility of the Pacific granger, speculation, instead of being on his side as in the Eastern states, is almost invariably against him, and, instead of being the terror, he has become a favorite mark for the monopolist.

The fact that the freight question this season was from the beginning substantially settled in

favor of the farmer has made no difference whatever to the freight speculator, who still continues to exact his five dollars per ton with the most delightful nonchalance. The small addition of from 200,000 to 300,000 tons register to the list of vessels on the way is now all that is necessary to enable the entire wheat surplus to be exported within the season. The great danger is that a much larger quantity may be sent this way, despite the efforts of the monopoly, which to sustain itself is naturally making use of every possible maneuver to limit the supply after January. But whether there be an over or under supply of tonnage next spring, the result is certain to be lost to the farmer so long as he continues to support monopoly. The manipulator carefully watches the turn of the tide, and by dexterously transferring his interest from ships to wheat, collects the five dollars per ton directly from the ship-owners, but equally to the prejudice of the farmer, who in the following season is once more confronted by a small supply of tonnage and again allows himself to be bound hand and foot by the monopoly. A spot freight of \$4 and upwards is no real encouragement to the ship-owner, as it very seldom reaches him, while a freight of \$1 15s, when it does occur, is not even a temporary benefit to the farmer, whose wheat by that time has gone into the hands of speculators. The safety and interest of the farmer lie only in an open freight market, and this can be best secured by putting his foot down on all tonnage speculations. The most effective way to do this is never submit to an extortionate rate and by being always prepared to pay a fair one.—*Dayton News.*

Brother Gardner on Croakers.

"What I was gwine to remark," began the old man, as Elder Toots finally got his feet drawn back under the bench, "am to the effect that one half of de solid enjoyment I could take in dis world if let alone, am split by a set of men whom I earnestly hope the next generation will cast into de sea. I can't pick up a paper without bein' started by the announcement dat we eat too much, sleep too little, sit up too late, go to bed too airy, dress too warm or too cold—walk too much or too little. De croakers are constantly at work to put the rest of us on de ragged edge of anxiety.

One day we hear that cosumshun is our nashunal complaint. Next it am reported dat de few supply of de world am running short. Next fing we hear is that de average of human life am growing shorter, or dat eight men out of ten have liver complaint, or dat a comet am 'proachin' de airth. Dar's something bein' hunted up, and throwed at us ebery day in de 'yar, an' it has got to dat pass dat de man who lies down at night dreads dat he may never see de moon again, an' he gets up to wonder if de conflagration gwine on in de sun won't burn up his garden truck befo' night.

"I has bin thinkin' all dese fing ober. I has been worried an' harassed an' half scart to death ober de drift period, de predicted climatic changes de astronomical changes an' de sudden diskiveries dat human life am shortening up like an old clothes line on a rainy day. I has got to dat pitch dat I'm goin' to sot down in my cabin wid a pan of apples on de right han' an' a pan ob pop-corn on de left, an' let de world turn bottom up an' behang to her. If white folks want to go around worryin'

ober science an' philosophy an' predickshuns an' prophecies, let them do it, but my advice to de cull'd race am to worry ober nuthin' higher'n de roof of a house or deeper down than de bottom of a cellar. When your day's work am dun, sot down in de big cheer, light yer pipe, an' let de child'en an' de big dog loose fur a good time."

Appreciative.

The territorial governments are generally designated as being "on the frontier," or "backwoods" arrangements, in which no great amount of cultivation is expected to be found. The man who bases his judgment on such a presumption makes a mistake. It must be remembered that some of our most enterprising, scholarly and deserving people emigrate to new countries to amend their fortunes, and that in this manner the territories receive a population, in many of its features, of advanced intelligence and merit. Mingled with it are, of course, some of the rougher elements, but even these often possess a chivalry not always expected in men who follow a rugged and adventurous life. Take Washington Territory as an example, where the legislature has just organized by electing a lady engrossing clerk in the council, a lady as engrossing clerk, and another lady as enrolling clerk, in the house. Which of the states, with its older and more perfect organization, has ever shown a greater appreciation of womanly merit?

What Can Be Done With It.

Captain Hooper has taken possession of Wrangle Land in the name of the United States. The Stars and Stripes have been raised there, and so the country is ours; not exactly by discovery, because a British captain saw the land forty years ago or more. Since that time many American whalers have seen the land. But to this day there is no evidence which settles the question whether it is a continent or an island. The theory is that it is the latter, and that the exploring ships which have gone past it have entered the "Hole"—whatever that may be; that is, have found an open lead towards the Pole, but cannot find the way back. "Symmes' Hole" has been revived in theory by the son of the "Original Jacobs." There is one consideration to be noted: The Jeannette is really not due at this port until next summer. She is provisioned for five years. If not due for many months yet, then, for aught that is known to the contrary, she is about her legitimate business—endeavoring to force her way to the North Pole.

While we know nothing about the fate of this vessel, and probably will not know anything until the Rodgers brings some tidings, let us take comfort in the annexation of Wrangle Land. It is not a good country in which to raise cucumbers and melons, but the polar bear alounds, there are immense glaciers sending rivers down to the sea. Animal life being abundant it cannot be the most desolate country in the world. A few degrees higher, or as high as Captain Nares reached on the other side, there were few or no signs of animal life. Eternal silence reigned except when it was broken by the cracking and crushing of ice. Having obtained Wrangle Land it is now open for settlement. Those who are tired of hot and malarious countries will be welcomed to Wrangle Land, where they can cool off and take time to consider what particular method of agriculture they had best introduce in that salubrious country.—*S. F. Bulletin.*

A Remarkable Coincidence.

There is a remarkable coincidence in the death of three generations of the Garfield family. Thomas Garfield, the grandfather of the President, died suddenly while a young man, leaving a widow and babe. That babe was Abram Garfield, who died as suddenly in 1833, leaving a widow and four young children, the baby being James Abram Garfield, whose untimely death the nation mourns.

The Statesman says that making ties in the Blue mountains has been discontinued for the season. Camps have mostly broken up and laborers have been well remunerated for the summer's work. Thousands of ties have been cut, and banked or rafted, and yet other thousands will be required to complete the vast railroad interests now in contemplation.

On the farm of Maj. Q. A. Brooks, near Linkville, is about an acre of hot earth, kept hot by some mysterious cause. Dr. H. M. Beach has built a house there and has been utilizing the heat for the cure of various chronic diseases, remarkable cures are reported from its use.

Peruvian Bitters.

The Count Cincelona was the Spanish Viceroy in Peru in 1630. The Count, his wife, was attacked by an intermittent fever, from which she was freed by the use of the native remedy, the Peruvian bark, or, as it was called in the language of the country, "Quinquina." Grateful for her recovery, on her return to Europe in 1632, she introduced the remedy in Spain, where it was known under various names, until Linnaeus in the analysis of the old Spanish who had brought them, that which was more precious than the gold of the Indies. To this day, after a lapse of two hundred and fifty years, science has given us nothing to take its place. It effects a cure of a morbid appetite for stimulants, by restoring the natural tone of the stomach. It attacks excessive love of liquor as it does a fever, and destroys both alike. The powerful tonic virtue of the Cincelona is preserved in the Peruvian Bitters, which are as effective against malarial fever to-day as they were in the days of the old Spanish Viceroy. We guarantee the ingredients of these bitters to be absolutely pure, and of the best known quality. A trial will satisfy you that this is the best bitter in the world. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating," and we willingly abide this test. For sale by all druggists, grocers and liquor dealers. Order it.

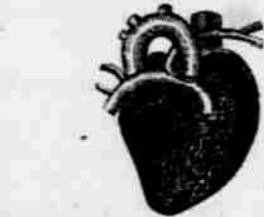
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