

Nor since president Lincoln's emancipation proclamation has any public measure attracted so much attention as the interstate commerce law which has such unsettling effect on the great transportation interests of the country, and directly concerns everyone.

Section Four is the most prominent and widely discussed of any of the provisions of what appears to be a flexible bill. This section Four is really the gist of the law.

Albert Fink, who probably is as well posted on the subject as any other man in the country, discusses at length the meaning of this most important section.

The first part of section 4 reads as follows—omitting the clause "under substantially similar circumstances and conditions."

"That it shall be unlawful for any common carrier subject to the provisions of this act to charge or receive any greater compensation in the aggregate for the transportation of passengers, or of like kind of property, for a shorter than a longer distance over the same line in the same direction, the shorter being included within the longer distance."

There could be no misconception put upon this part of the section, as it is an absolute prohibition of charging more for a shorter than for a longer distance; but by introducing the clause "under substantially similar circumstances and conditions" this prohibition is qualified.

These circumstances and conditions must necessarily be such as to legitimately influence the relative charges for long and short hauls. The law can not mean any other circumstances and conditions. It can not refer to extraneous matters, as, for example, to the conditions of the weather, whether it rains or snows, or whether it is hot or cold, but it must refer to the conditions and circumstances which from the very nature of the case control transportation charges; and the principal elements that control transportation charges are the cost of the service and competition, using the word "competition" in its widest sense—competition with water routes, competition with rail routes, competition between markets, etc.

operation of this section of this act." In order to properly interpret the meaning of the proviso, which does not seem quite in harmony with the first part of the section, it is necessary to bear in mind that the original bill as reported by the senate committee to the senate did not contain in the first part of the fourth section the qualifying clause, "under substantially similar circumstances and conditions."

The qualifying clause in the fourth section "under substantially similar circumstances and conditions," therefore, leaves the determination of whether a greater charge can justly be made for a shorter haul than for a longer under different circumstances and conditions, to the judgment of the carriers, in the first place, to be finally passed upon by the courts.

There can be no doubt that the above is the correct interpretation of section 4; it fully carries out the intent and object of the law. If the long and short haul rule had been made absolute, it is obvious that the very object of the law could not have been attained; instead of regulating commerce the law would have obstructed it.

At a regular meeting of the Columbia River Fishermen's Protective Union, held on the 1st of March, 1887, the secretary was instructed to cause the following to be made public:

Notice. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT under and by virtue of a resolution duly passed by the board of directors of the White Star Pkg. Co., we have appointed and constituted Elmore, Sanborn & Co. of Astoria, Oregon, our sole and exclusive agents for the sale of the salmon packed by the White Star Pkg. Co., and under the brand "White Star Brand" packed by said company during the year 1887.

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Dissolution of Partnership. THE PARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between Wm. Rehfeld and Max Skilbe on the steamer "Harpoon" is hereby dissolved by mutual consent.

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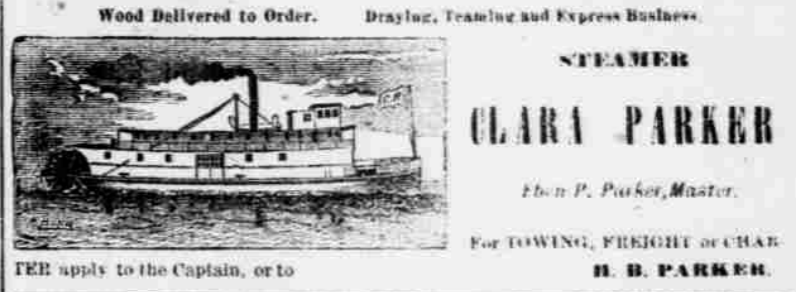
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