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WHAT MR. HOLCOMB PROMISES. A Proposition to The Oregon Legislature.

Will You Walk Into My Parlor Said The Spider to The Fly." (Oregonian, 8.)

A special meeting of the board of trade was held yesterday at 10 A. M., in pursuance to a call by the secretary, Mr. F. K. Arnold, to consider some very important matters in connection with the system of pilotage and towage on the Columbia river bar.

President P. C. Schuyler called the members to order, and after stating the objects of the meeting, invited attention to the following communication from Mr. W. H. Holcomb, manager of the O. R. & N. company, to the board of trade, relative to pilotage and towage

MANAGER HOLCOMB'S LETTER. PORTLAND, Feb. 6, 1889. To the Board of Trade, Portland,

Oregon. GENTLEMEN: The question of effecting a reduction in the towage and pilotage charges now borne by ships coming to this port for cargoes of wheat, flour, etc., destined for foreign ports, has become matters of such paramount importance to the people of this state, and will, in the near future, s > mater ally affect the commercial standing and importance of Oregon that, unless some action is taken great a burden without finanwhereby these reductions will be cal ruin. The proposed new tar accomplished, the results must be | iff would not cover the actual cost very disastrous to not only the of operating the towing facilities shipping interests at the ports and consequently would not allow where the business is done, but to the company any return on the the entire commonwealth of Ore-

In the month of June, 1888, secording to the urgent request of depreciation. your honorable body, the Oregon Railway & Navigation company published a towage and pilotage tariff and undertook to perform vided the legislature enacts the these services at a figure very much less than ever charged heretofore. In so doing this company has not only invested a large amount of capital, on which it has received not a dollar of return, but has suffered, in addition, an actual pecuniary loss in the operation of its towing facilities. It has, how ever, done so cheerfully, believing that as soon as the time came when the people could act, they would cooperate fully with the company and enact such laws as would lift the burdens which are now pressing upon our commerce. Ever since the Oregon Railway & Navigation company has assumed the responsibility of providing the Columbia bar and river with towing facilities, it has labored under great disadvantages. It has met with persistent and bit ter opposition; its methods of doing business have been wilfully misrepresented to the people, and false statements have been continually made concerning its purpose and its relations to the commercial interests of the state; it has been accused of endeavoring to secure a monopoly of the business for the sole purpose of putting into effect increased rates and thereby fill its own coffers at the expense of the wheat producers. These false statements have, until now, remained unnoticed by the company; but they have gained credence to such an extent that it seems apparent that the eyes and ears of the public should be

opened and our true position be made known. The purpose of the Oregon Railway & Navigation company to make its charges for both pilotage and towage on the Columbia bar and river, providing the law was so amended as to permit tug boats to employ pilots, on an equal footing with the towing charges alone between Cape Flattery and Tacoma, has evidently not been credited and the impression has become prevalent that a reduction of the pilotage charges would only result in transferring the present fees for pilotage from the pockets of the pilots into the treasury of the Oregon Railway & Navigation company, without effecting any reduction of the total charges. It has, therefore, become necessary to make plain to you our position with reference to the towage and pilotage services and I submit below a tariff which the Oregon Railway & Navigation company is

ready to put into operation, cover-

ing these charges to all foreign ships towed on the Columbia bar

and river by our tugs and piloted by our pilots, provided the bill, prepared by a committee appointed by your honorable body, introduced by Mr. Northup in the house of representatives of the legislature now in session, and known as H. B. 37, is enacted by the legislature as originally introduced and becomes a law.

This proposed tariff would make the total cost of both towage on the bar and river on an exactly equal footing with the towage charges alone between Cape Flattery and Tacoma, and would make the tariff about one-half the present total rate. I give you below a statement showing the present schedule, what our proposed schedule will be, and what the reduction will be on each class of ships:

Pres- Pro- Re-ent pos'd duc-rate, rate, tion. Ship not exceeding 800 ton- register Over 800 not exed'g 1000 Over 1000 not exed'z 1200 Over 1200 no exed'g 1400 Over 1400 not exed'g 1600 Over 1600 not exed'g 1800 Over 1800 not exed'g 20:0 Over 2000 not exed'g 21:0

Unless legislative action is taken o that pilotage can be handled by pilots employed by tug boats, this schedule cannot be put into effect, as it would necessitate performing the towage service actually for nothing, and this company would be pecuniarily unable to bear so capital invested, nothing for insurance, nothing for extraordinary repairs, renewals, casualties nor

The company is ready and hereby guarantees to put the new tariff into operation immediately, prolaw above mentioned.

Very respectfully yours, W. H. HOLCOMB. General Manager.

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