

IS ASTORIA A COMMON POINT?

What is She to Gain by the Building of the New Railroad?

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Astoria Road not an Insignificant Line—Whether it is Huntington or Not Makes no Difference.

In Astoria a common point? This is the question that is troubling Astoria business men and for certain good reasons...

The Portland Evening Telegram, in its issue of July 1 has a long harmonious article that runs have been revised that C. P. Huntington is about to secure control of the O. R. & N. Co., and that it should be so it will all be up with Oregon...

It has been asserted that the O. R. & N. would never consent to work with the Astoria road and put in Portland wheat rates from the grain fields of Oregon and Washington to Astoria...

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COAL MINERS' GREAT STRIKE

How it is Viewed in the East by Prominent Business Men.

AN UNFORTUNATE MOVEMENT

Just as Trade is Beginning to Revive Men Make Impossible Demands Will Get Their Just Dues in Time.

New York, July 5.—The Journal and Advertiser this morning publishes special dispatches giving the following opinions of the men regarding the miners' strike and the possibilities of arbitration...

Senator Hanna says: "I deplore that the coal mining trouble should come at this time, when the conditions of trade are such as to make it seem impossible to secure a favorable consideration of the demands. The rates of wages are unequal among mines in certain districts, which is unfair to the men. This is the first point to be adjusted, and is a matter which should be arbitrated at once and fairly settled."

As soon as business revives and an increased demand for coal will justify it, the miners should have their full share of the benefits, and I believe they will secure it without a strike. I am always in favor of arbitration in the settlement of difficulties between operators and their men. I hope such a course will be pursued in this instance as will bring results satisfactory to both sides."

Senator Fairbanks said: "I regret that any difference should have arisen between the coal operators and the miners. It is to be hoped that wise counsel may prevail and that an early settlement of the disputed questions may be made on fair and honorable terms. A strike will unfavorably affect business for the time being. There are evidences on all sides of returning prosperity and anything that arises which may tend to delay the early return of normal commercial conditions is to be deplored. It would seem that there is wisdom and patriotism enough among all parties concerned to resolve them to this upon some method of arbitration which a speedy settlement may be reached and striking and other averted."

Neither Congress nor the president has any judicial authority, and consequently could not sit as a board of arbitrators. I think that arbitration will be the solution of all labor troubles some time, but it must be conducted under federal authority. Some of the states have laws providing for the appointment of arbitration boards to settle strikes and lockouts, but as many of these troubles extend through more than one state, one board could not deal with the matter outside of its own jurisdiction."

Secretary of State Sherman says: "Arbitration is always the best means of settling such complications as the miners' strike, when the parties concerned are willing to arbitrate. The question of offering arbitration, I think, is for Congress."

Attorney General McKenna says: "The strike looks formidable now, but may soon be settled by compromise or by other strikes being settled by one side or the other yielding. I know of no law that authorizes the general government to interfere between employer and employees in a matter of this particular kind. No request has been made to the administration so far as I know by either side to arbitrate between the mine-owner and the miners."

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