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The announcement of the contemplated reduction in passenger rates on the Northern Pacific railway will be received with much satisfaction by the traveling public throughout Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The Northern Pacific has been steadily gaining in the esteem of people generally in the northwest for its exhibitions of liberality and public spirit on the part of its present management. Astoria, especially, has reason to be grateful to the Northern Pacific for substantial favors extended directly to the shippers and business men of this community, as well as on account of its friendly relations to the infant enterprise of our own particular railway. There will be no backwardness on the part of Astoria people to manifest their appreciation of the Northern Pacific in every way that opportunity offers.

JUDGE GRAY AND THE EAST OREGONIAN.

Some time ago Judge Gray addressed a letter to the East Oregonian on the subject of the Astoria common point controversy. In order to insure its insertion in that paper, the letter was enclosed to Judge Martin, of Pendleton, with the request that he see that it was published. The letter was as follows:

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 19, 1898.—To the Editor:—The beginning of the recent controversy in regard to the purposes of the citizens of Astoria originated with a regular correspondent of the Oregonian and San Francisco right on the seaboard, when it is stated that a ship of the largest class may now be loaded with modern appliances within twenty-four hours after she is properly docked and ready for her cargo. With the loaded ship at Astoria, it is but two hours run under favorable circumstances to the open sea. Q. 3 and 4. Did ever a vessel load with wheat at Astoria for Liverpool? If not, how is the cost of such a charter estimated? A.—Yes: Twenty-two ships, of 150 to 200 tons register, loaded with wheat and flour at Astoria for Europe between November, 1874, and November, 1877, and some of these ships carried nearly 400 tons, at a charter rate of from 10 to 12 shillings per ton less than the charter rate from Portland. Give Astoria a common point rate with other coast cities and can any person of common sense imagine a reason why Astoria should not have a right to demand this rate and charter will practically be the same from Portland as from San Francisco. With all these advantages in Astoria's favor, can the East Oregonian give any reason why it or any inland producer should object to have wheat delivered by the O. R. & N. Company over its own lines to Astoria for the same rate per ton per mile as is charged by the Northern Pacific road for delivery at the Sound cities?

One paragraph of the comments on Judge Gray's letter was as follows:

Until the truth of these assertions is proven Astoria is injuring herself by trying to pull other interests down in order that she may pull her own up. There is no sentiment about the people who raise, handle and sell wheat. All things being equal, they prefer to continue their relations with Portland. When Astoria is in position to pay more for wheat than can be obtained for it at Portland she will get the business and not before. It is simply silly selfishness to attempt to "show" the railroad company into delivering the wheat at Astoria, at a loss to itself, for no other reason than to benefit Astoria and improve the value of its real estate. The producers hereabouts are not interested in any contention that calls for a lot of trouble and agitation on their part, which is without promise of a better price

and back to Astoria, or to carry Oregon wheat in steamships at 1 cent or more per bushel to San Francisco, or to allow the wheat and warehouse pool in Portland to pay foreign ships \$1.50 to \$2 more per ton than wheat can be shipped from Astoria to Liverpool? The above are some of the questions that the Astorian has repeatedly asked the Oregonian. That paper has not answered them except to claim that we opposed the improvement of the whole river. Will you kindly publish this and set our people right? J. H. D. GRAY.

Within a short time the East Oregonian published the letter, but appended to it was a series of so-called "pertinent" questions and a number of paragraphed comments, evidently prepared by some past master in the O. R. & N. office, designed to discredit the facts affirmed by Judge Gray and otherwise oppose the Astoria side of the common point controversy.

These questions have been numbered and answered by Judge Gray in the order in which they appeared in the East Oregonian, as follows:

Q. 1. Is Astoria equipped to handle wheat?

A. Yes; we have warehouses that can be cleaned out and made ready for 16,000 tons of wheat in five days, besides several canneries that can be used, if necessary, to store fully as much more. The A. & C. R. R. has contractors at work now on the construction of a 600-ton warehouse, with the most modern equipment, to be completed within 60 days.

Q. 2. What substantial facts has Astoria to back up the assertion that wheat charters are much cheaper from Astoria to Liverpool than from Portland?

A. Wheat charters are cheaper from Astoria than from Portland from a variety of natural causes, and because ship owners say so. A ship loading at Astoria avoids from one week to ten days waiting for tugs to tow up the river, and the time consumed in going up and coming down the river is shown by the statistics to average over five days. Aside from the time actually consumed in getting up and down the river, are expense of pilotage and towage to and from Portland; owners' interest and insurance, besides the expense of thirty days in Portland demanded as a condition of the charter, in order that advantage may be taken of full and new moon tides to get down the river as nearly loaded as possible, and an additional delay at Astoria always in case of large vessels to admit of the completion of their loads from lighters. No argument is needed to convince intelligent or well informed people what an enormous extra expense is involved in all these delays, and that they must necessarily be figured in every charter rate made from Portland. It may all seem unformed mind to comprehend something of this disadvantage in loading in Portland as compared with ports like Astoria and San Francisco right on the seaboard, when it is stated that a ship of the largest class may now be loaded with modern appliances within twenty-four hours after she is properly docked and ready for her cargo. With the loaded ship at Astoria, it is but two hours run under favorable circumstances to the open sea.

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NOTICE OF FILING ASSESSMENT. For the improvement of Thirty-third street, from Franklin to Grand avenue, and of time of meeting of board of equalization of said assessment.

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll containing the special assessment for the street improvement in the city of Astoria, Oregon, known and designated as the improvement of Thirty-third street, from Franklin to Grand avenue, has been filed in the office of the Auditor and Police Judge of said city, and has been reported to the Common Council of said city, and will remain open for inspection and will so remain until Tuesday, the 4th day of October, 1898, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., prior to which said time all objections to said assessment and said assessment roll must be filed in writing with the aforesaid Auditor and Police Judge, when, by virtue of a resolution of the said Common Council duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held September 15th, 1898, which resolution appointed the said Tuesday, the 4th day of October, 1898, at the said hour of 10 o'clock a. m., of said day, as the time for the review and equalization of said assessment, which board consists of the Committee on Streets and Public Ways of the aforesaid Common Council and the Board of Assessors of said city, will meet in the Council chambers of the City Hall, in the City of Astoria, Oregon, to review and equalize said assessment, and thereafter report their actions to the said Common Council. This notice is published by order of the Common Council of Astoria, adopted September 15th, 1898.

H. E. NELSON, Auditor and Police Judge of the City of Astoria, Oregon, September 15th, 1898.

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