

FREIGHT RATES EAST

Walla Walla is Also Stirred Up On the Subject.

Strong Letter Addressed to the Managers of Transcontinental Railways.

The Walla Walla Commercial Club, ably seconded by the movement in the Palouse country for favorable freight rates on grain to the east, and has addressed the following letter to the managers of the different transcontinental railways:

Facts About Coast Wheat. Walla Walla, August 8.—The Walla Walla Commercial Club respectfully represents (1) that Walla is the trade center of the Walla Walla valley, a district producing many millions of bushels of wheat; (2) that the price of grain depends on adequate shipping facilities; (3) that the grain fleet seeking cargoes on Puget sound and in the Columbia river for the past two years has been notoriously inadequate, and that the fleet enroute for the year 1900 and 1901 is apparently smaller than for the preceding year—while the grain crop is larger, and that if present conditions continue as now seems certain (unless relief is afforded by the transcontinental railway lines), not less than 10,000,000 bushels of this year's crop must remain unsold in the farmers' hands. Your attention is also called to the fact that practically all the warehouses, and a very large proportion of the flouring mills in this region, are owned and controlled by a few corporations, and through various names, such as the Pacific Coast Elevator Co., Puget Sound Warehouse Company, Portland Flouring Mills Company and the Puget Sound Flouring Mills Co., operating a large number of mills and warehouses, under lease and otherwise, are under one control, amounting to a monopoly and characterized by all the oppressive and objectionable features that pertain to trusts. The half-million of population inhabiting the grain belt of Oregon, Washington and Idaho are in the hands of this trust that sits at the gateways of commerce and levies tribute on the grain product of these great states. By co-operation with ship owners they are able to control the price of wheat, and will continue to do so long as shipping facilities from the coast remain inadequate.

In view of the above facts, and the absolute inadequacy of the grain fleet, an outlet must be found in some other direction. Increased demand for ships required for transporting troops and army supplies to Asia emphasizes this need. The transcontinental railways alone can provide relief by moving a portion of the grain crop east at a reasonable rate. It is urged in support of this petition for relief, that railways holding charters from state and federal governments owe something to the districts traversed by their lines, and that the prosperity of the railway is linked with the prosperity of its patrons; that the one cannot suffer loss without the loss being reflected in the other.

A table is appended showing the crop production, wheat and flour, shipments from Columbia river and Puget sound for the year 1899-1900, to which we ask you to give careful consideration:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Bushels. Rows include Crop 1899-1900, Carry-over July 1, 90, Total, Exports from Columbia, Exports from Puget sound, Exports by the Canadian Pacific, Steamers, flour reduced to wheat, Shipments by rail east.

This leaves a balance of 15,686,387. Deduct from the above for seed and home consumption 9,315,000 bushels, together with wheat for seed, estimated 371,387 bushels or a total of 9,686,387 bushels, and there still remains carried over 6,000,000 bushels.

The Commercial Review of Portland estimates the stock on hand in the interior to be 5,710,000 bushels July 1, 1900, exclusive of the stock at the seaboard and at the flouring mills. It may safely be estimated that the stock carried over will exceed 7,000,000 bushels.

According to the same authority charter rates fluctuate from 31¢ to 42¢ a 6 d, the difference being equal to about 7 cents per bushel in the price of wheat. In 1896 ships were chartered for the very low rate of 27¢ 6 d. It will thus be seen that there is no stability in charter rates; that they vary with the varying crops; that in seasons of abundant crops they always advance rates and absorb the profits.

An outlet eastward at stable rates would add materially to the country's prosperity and eliminate one of the uncertain factors with which the farmer under existing circumstances has to deal.

Mr. J. H. Hill, president of the great Northern railway, is quoted as saying that when the large steamers he is now constructing for the trans-Pacific trade are completed he will carry freight from Buffalo to the China coast for \$8.00 per ton. This involves a land haul of over 2,000 miles and water transportation of over 9,000 miles. It now costs over \$14.00 per ton to ship grain from Walla Walla to Liverpool. The distance to Liverpool via Duluth, to Liverpool, 6,000 miles, two thousand of which is rail transportation. It would therefore appear if Mr. Hill can carry freight from Buffalo to the China coast for \$8.00 per ton that grain ought to be carried from Walla Walla via Duluth, to Liverpool, for the same or lower rate with a profit to the company.

The Commercial Club submits the foregoing statements with the earnest request that they receive your early and careful attention with the hope that you may be able to quote a rate upon grain to Duluth, Omaha or the Atlantic seaboard or through to Liverpool which would prove profitable to the farmers and wheat producers of the Walla Walla valley as well as yourselves. The people will lend influence to your enterprise should you meet us with encouragement in this undertaking.

Came in Prairie Schooner. J. B. Van Patton of Burlingame, Kansas, with his family, arrived at the home of his old-time friend, W. E. Thompson, at Selkirk on Saturday, after a 4-months trip across the continent, says the Farmington News. Mr. Van Patton had been

in the Palouse country about 11 years ago, but has been making his home in the east for the past 9 or 10 years. However, like all people who have lived in this land of sunshine and great productivity, a feeling of unrest stole over him, and knowing of the golden opportunities offered in the west to the homeseeker, Mr. Van Patton one bright morning in April "packed up his traps" got his family aboard the "prairie schooner" and turned his face toward the western horizon in quest of a place to make his home. On and on through beautiful valleys and over towering mountain tops they traveled, but found nothing that suited them until they reached this section.

Divorce While You Wait. The Whitman county superior court is a swift one, when it comes to divorcing marriage-weary women. Last Friday Mrs. Eva Noble, who wedded Joseph O. Noble at Pendleton, Oregon, January 2, 1897, filed suit for divorce. In twenty minutes she was rid of the husband, who she claimed was an habitual drunkard and in the habit of abusing her.

MONEY FOR THE SCHOOLS August Apportionment of Funds is a Liberal One.

Over Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars for Division Among the 152 School Districts.

County School Superintendent Roberts has certified to Treasurer Windus the August apportionment of school funds to the various districts. The total apportionment is \$25,619.65. That from state funds is \$19,764.85, and from county funds, \$5,854.80, as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Dist., No., Amount, Dist., Amount. Lists school districts and their respective funding amounts.

EVERY COUNTY REPUBLICAN. What Gov. McConnell Thinks Will Be the Result in Idaho.

Ex-Governor McConnell of Idaho in an interview said: "Every county in the state of Idaho will go republican, something unprecedented in the political history of the state. The republican congress has nominated one of the strongest tickets ever put up and the feeling in favor of that ticket is general all over the state. One laborer whom I overheard in conversation with another gentleman, said that four years ago he voted the democratic ticket from political feeling, but this year he was going to vote for McKinley from policy, and I believe that to be the universal opinion of the voters of the state. A certain rancher of Lemhi county, with whom I had a talk not long ago, said that heretofore he had been a republican and voted the republican ticket, but that this year he was going to vote for Bryan. When I asked him the reason he said: "For the last four years it has been nearly impossible for me to get laborers to harvest my crops. The laborers are getting independent and wearing better clothes than the ranch owners, and for that reason I shall vote for Bryan."

Mr. McConnell is inspector of Indian agencies in the Idaho district, and owing to the fact that he travels all over the state, is in a position to be well posted on the political status of that state.

"Through the months of June and July our baby was teething and took a running off of the bowels and sickness of the stomach," says O. P. M. Holiday, of Deming, Ind. "His bowels would move from five to eight times a day. I had a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in the house and gave him four drops in a teaspoonful of water and he got better at once. Sold by all druggists."

I intend to open a school for small children early in September, in the building formerly occupied by the kindergarten. Will be glad to consult with interested parties. Mrs. J. M. Stinson.

GOOD BOYS AND GIRLS

Roll of Honor for the Last Quarter of the School Year.

New Term Will Open Monday Morning, September 3, With New Course of Study.

The city schools will open Monday morning, Sept. 3. With the new text books and course of study, the year's work promises to be most interesting and profitable. Thoroughness will be the watchword in every department.

Each pupil should enter the same room he was in at the close of last year's work, as there will be no promotions at this time. The pupils of Mrs. Morgan's room will be received in the high school building for the present. Any child who will be 6 years of age before March, 1901, will be received in the first primary grade.

The net proceeds of the closing exercises, held in the opera house last June, were \$28.48, which will be used for library books and books required by the new course of study.

Besides the work in music and drawing introduced last year, there will be regular systematic work in literature, nature study, physical culture and elementary science.

The Roll of Honor.

The roll of honor for the last quarter of the last school year was not published at the close of school, for the reason that the superintendent, Prof. Hanson, thought it would be more satisfactory to present it just prior to the opening of the school. This is the roll. The figure following a name indicates the number of quarters the pupil has been neither tardy nor absent. Those without figures are for the last quarter only. Those in the first list were perfect in attendance during the whole year:

Perfect all the Year. Aegerter, Clara Fisher, Byron Bakala, Hattie Fisher, Agnes Butcher, Oakes, Roy Cannon, Bertie Moore, Vivian Cannutt, Virgil Matlock, Alice Culton, Bessie Manering, Floyd Cornelius, Wesley Oliver, Allen Durrah, Susan Wiseman, Ivy Fisher, Oswald

For Other Quarters. Anderson, Maude—3 Johnston, Ivy—3 Anderson, John Kasdorf, Henry—2 Bragg, Bertie 2 LeFrancis, Clinton Baker, Walter 2 Love, Ethel—2 Beck, Gene Love, Charles Goldie, Webster Love, Frank—3 Copley, Harvey—2 Langdon, Bertie Carley, Grace—2 Langdon, Horace—2 Chadwick, Claire—2 Lacey, Allen Canutt, Volney Mesany, Geo—2 Cornelius, Stella—3 Morgan, Ralph—3 Cornelius, Martha—3 Matlock, Ray Carter, Chryssie Michaelson, Edna Dickey, Frances McNeilly, Arthur Duncan, Opal—3 Nelson, Helma Durrah, Susan—3 Newman, Clara—3 Davis, Leo Nesley, Leona Davis, James—2 Ogdin, Willie Davis, Henry Palmer, Lennie Davenport, Zoe Palmer, Jessie—2 Ellis, Clyde Palmer, Sammy—2 Ellis, Walter Pattison, Gretchen Ellis, Pearl Powell, David Ellis, Roy Ross, Charles Ellis, Roy Stravens, Eddie Easton, Edna Stravens, Clara—3 Earl, Ruby—3 Smith, Floyd—2 Fitzpatrick, Anna—2 Smith, Elva—2 Finch, Elmer Smith, Maud—2 Gaston, May Smith, Stephen Hargreaves, Starned Smith, Stephen Harvey, Florence State, Roy—3 Harding, Doran Swan, Jessie Hart, Cora Stinson, John Hart, Cora Stinson, John Hughes, William Storer, Oliver Huin, Elsie Urban, Joseph—3 Holady, Harvey—3 Williams, Hazel—2 Jones, Ralph—2 Yaisley, Frank—2

CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS. Everything But Famine in the Colton Country.

Colton News-Letter: Fire broke out in a heavy field one day this week, but was quickly extinguished, doing no damage. This was two days after Maynard's engine left the field and no one had been in the field during that time so the origin of the fire is a mystery. Sparks from Joe Leitch's engine started a fire in John Kraemer's wheat field Tuesday, but it was quickly extinguished doing very little damage.

A heavy black smoke directly east of Colton Tuesday noon caused considerable speculation on the part of the on-lookers as to where and what the fire might be. As near as we could learn, it was on Thorn creek, north of Genesee, on John Sullivan's ranch and burned up seven settings of wheat.

M. E. Fitzgerald had his share of trouble lately. Saturday his header puncher ran the machine into the fence and wrecked it making it necessary for Mr. Ferguson to send a rush order to Spokane for a new header. The machine arrived Monday and the same man broke that one the first thing. However, the machine is repaired, a new header puncher at work and everything is going smoothly. Fitz has 200 acres of little club wheat which he thinks will yield at least 40 bushels to the acre.

E. J. Dunham bought a new 14 foot header and started cutting with two machines. He hadn't been running long when one of the wheels on the new machine broke making it necessary to lay it up for this season. He purchased a second-hand machine from John Marlatt and everything is going smoothly now.

A broken brake nearly resulted in a demolished cook wagon and a dead horse in E. G. Fanning's outfit Saturday. He was moving from his place to the Wood & Jeffers ranch, and in going down a steep hill the brake on the cook wagon broke letting everything down on the horses which at once started to run. A wire fence stopped their mad rush and one of the animals lay under the wagon, the fore wheels of which had passed over it. A team of horses was hitched to the animal's hind legs and it was drawn from under the wreck, got up on its hind feet and waded off apparently none the worse for wear. The wagon was damaged some, the stove broken, and the dinner, which the cook was preparing, disappeared in the mixup.

One of John Benedict's little boys was kicked by a horse in the flat east of town Monday evening. It was at first thought the child was killed but it was only stunned. The blow struck the boy on the chest and near the point of the jaw. The collar bone was broken and there were bruises on the face and side of the little fellow's head.

Three of John Benedict's little children

drank out of a dish containing fly poison Sunday, and Dr. Harris had to work hard to save them. They went into convulsions, but he succeeded in throwing off the effects of the poison and the little ones are as lively as ever now.

Warehouse Robbery. Thieves broke into the Pacific Coast Elevator Company's house at Thornton Thursday night of last week. A book of blank checks, in which were two payable to Ernest Witte, one for \$311.90 and another for \$54, was stolen by the midnight prowlers. The body of the latter was not filled in nor signed, but the larger one was. They also took a storage receipt issued to E. E. Huntley for 144 sacks and 300 bushels of wheat, which had been bought in but not cancelled. Other warehouses were entered, but nothing of value taken. In one of these a bottle of perfume, purchased at the Elk drug store in Colfax, was left.

Close Call From Fire. Palouse Republic: On Thursday of last week, 24 hours after the thrasher left, fire broke out from where the engine had been standing while thrashing for W. M. Gribble. As by the greatest good fortune, Mr. Gribble happened to be in sight of the fire when it started, and by extra good sprinting succeeded in getting to the fire and putting it out before it got into the straw. Five minutes later and the whole setting of over 300 stacks of wheat would have been destroyed.

CHAIRMAN SCHIVELY AGAIN. Chosen to Lead the State Republicans to Another Victory.

The republican state central committee has re-elected Chairman Schively, who conducted the 1898 campaign. Following are the members of the state committee:

Adams, W. J. Kennedy; Aotin, E. Baumeister; Chehalis, H. L. Sauer; Chelan, Charles Johnson; Clallam, H. J. Bugger; Clark, E. M. Bands; Columbia, J. L. Mohundro; Cowlitz, F. A. Dryden; Douglas, M. E. Malloy; Ferry, W. C. Morris; Franklin, F. Ward; Garfield, S. S. Russell; Island, W. Gould; Jefferson, N. W. O'Rear; King, J. H. Schively; Kitsap, E. G. Ames; Kittitas, Austin Mires; Klickitat, George H. Baker; Lewis, Henry Burkhardt; Lincoln, M. E. Hay; Mason, Grant C. Angle; Okanogan, Fred Blake; Pacific, C. C. Dalton; Pierce, Walter Christian; San Juan, William Schultz; Skagit, J. Henry Smith; Skamania, W. E. Thomas; Snohomish, S. T. Smith; Spokane, Charles B. Hopkins; Stevens, Thomas L. Savage; Thurston, S. A. Madge; Wahkiakum, J. G. Megler; Walla Walla, R. D. Crocker; Whatcom, George H. Bacon; Whitman, W. J. Davenport; Yakima, Edward Whitson.

Mr. Schively's Record. Chairman Schively, who was placed for another term of two years at the head of the state committee, is widely known throughout Washington. His capacity for organization and for detail work was thoroughly demonstrated in the campaign of 1898, and it was the unanimous wish of the candidates on the state ticket nominated at Tacoma that his services be secured for the campaign of 1900. In an interview Chairman Schively said:

"The entire republican electoral, congressional and state ticket will be elected in November by a majority larger than ever before given in the history of Washington. It will be at least double that of 1892, and probably greater. I would not be surprised to see Washington go republican by 20,000 majority."

"The chances are all in our favor. Fusion is discredited and discarded alike by populists and democrats. The voters of these parties understand fully that fusion is but a means for the elevation of perpetual office seekers into places of emolument. Fusion stands for no issue in which the people are concerned. The democrats concede this to be true; the populists willingly admit it. By declaring in favor of a union convention in Seattle the leaders of the two parties have admitted that fusion is a failure and that it has served its purposes and is no longer to be thought of."

"But whether there is fusion of the democrats and populists in Washington or not, the result will be the same, for the republican voters of the state today outnumber by a considerable majority those of the democratic and populist parties. Since the inauguration of President McKinley, a veritable landslide of fusion voters has set in towards the republican camp. Men who in 1896 left the republican fold to join the populist or the free silver republican ranks, have come back to their early political associations in large numbers."

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Fireman's Meeting. Members of the Colfax fire department are hereby notified that a special meeting of all companies will be held at the council chambers Thursday evening, August 30, 1900, at 7:30 p. m., for the purpose of electing a drill captain and such other business as may properly come before the meeting.—C. E. White, chief.

Stolen. From S. Maguire's place on Dry creek, August 15, one black mare, weight 1100 or 1200; slightly stiff in shoulders; blotch brand on left side, and mark on left wither, looks like seared. \$15 reward for recovery or arrest of thief.—W. J. Maguire, Colfax, Wash.

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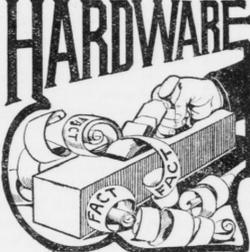


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