

IS HIGHWAY ROBBERY WORSE?

Any Worse Than What? Why, Any Worse Than Railroad Rates That Practically Confiscate a Producer's Property.

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We have for nearly a year been watching the struggle that has been going on in this State and other Southern States, between the people—producers, consumers, and the manufacturing and mercantile interests on one side, and our colossal railroad corporations that beset the country and attempt to dictate everything from freight and passenger rates to the legislation—that should be enacted—where the legislation touches them—on the other side.

In the outset let me say, I am no enemy to incorporated wealth—managed by just laws. Nor am I an enemy of the railroads. So long as they are, as they were chartered to be—the servants of the people, and are "common carriers" at rates that will "live and let live."

The railroads and water courses of our country are the arteries that feed our commercial life, and represent the very life blood of all interstate and international prosperity, for through them the surplus of one section becomes the sustenance of another section, and through them the great producing class of our country are brought in touch with the millions of consumers in our large cities, who do not grow an ear of corn, or a grain of wheat. Seeing that the railroad corporations occupy so vital a position as affecting our present and future, and that there is no great crop—truck, tobacco, cereals or cotton—that does not depend largely upon the service of these railroads in determining their value, it is equally clear that corporations having so much power, should not be autocratic in their management, but should be held to strict accountability, and be made to serve the public—not in the interest of stock gamblers and speculators, but upon the principle of "the greatest good to the greatest number."

There has never, within my memory, been a charter granted to a railroad that the chief argument used to secure that charter was not proclaimed from one end of the State to the other. "Grant this charter to benefit your own people and enhance the value of your own land."

Thus charters were granted—railroads were built—that generally broke the original incorporators. These railroads passed into alien hands, and lo, we see wonderful changes.

Railroads that were built for the benefit of the people, over whose lands they were constructed, have become consolidated with other roads. Huge corporations were organized; mergers were made; large issues of stock were put upon the market. Millions of watered stock that cost the owners not one penny, but a printer's bill, are put as a burden upon the earning power of the railroads. And, these cormorants are now demanding dividends upon their entire holdings, which, as they claim, justifies them in demanding rates of freight that are too burdensome to be patiently borne. The railroads have become the football of wall street, instead of being in the hands of the most honest and sane business men of the country, who would use their talent and resources to keep pure these great arteries of our national life.

Not satisfied with all that they are now twisting out of the hard worked producer the Southeastern Tariff Association are proposing another advance in freight rates, and a kick has begun in earnest, as Judge Emory Speer has enjoined them from such an advance, so far as Georgia is concerned—but the other States are catching it.

Take for instance the melon trade of North Carolina, and I speak especially of the counties of Robeson, Scotland and Cumberland. There has been in these counties, a great outlay in labor and fertilizers, and the watermelon and cantaloupe growers have toiled hard and produced a fairly good crop of each, with pecuniary results that are simply outrageous.

I saw an account sale from New York, which gives my readers some idea of the wholesale confiscation that has been practiced by the railroads, and should make it clear that something should be done to protect the poor producer.

Account sale of one car watermelons (containing about 1,055) sold in New York 140.00

Charges—
Freight \$117.72
Commissions 14.00
Net \$131.72
8.25

There is but one omission to this sale the railroad has added: Stealage \$8.28 and taken the whole pile.

The cost to the producer for that carload of melons was not less than \$40.00.

Do the railroads think this warfare is going to stop, so long as they are robbing the people in this way?

Nay, verily! The people's message to them is the same that Paul Jones sent to the officer who demanded the surrender of his vessel: "Tell them I have just begun to fight."

The railroads are too important a part of our great commercial life to be longer entrusted to the hands of stock robbing gamblers, who are making their money—not by the earnings of their railroads so much as by manipulating a rise or fall in the Wall street market.

Railroads will all be organized by law, and every corporation will have to show how it was capitalized—and the question of charges for service rendered to the people, will have to be settled—not by the men who want a big dividend on watered stock, but by men who will be running the roads on a safe, sane, paying basis, as true servants of both corporations and people—men satisfied to earn for the roads only a fair income upon an honest investment. Over capitalization must go. No other basis than this will ever satisfy men of honest grit, who know what is right, and only demand what is right. The railroad magnates who, by hook or by crook have grown to be multi-millionaires, had as well make the most of their present exaltation. The time is coming when they will have to show hands and settle with the people, and this settlement is what the magnates are afraid of.

DEATH OF MRS. ROSANNAH LINEBERRY.

"A Beautiful Life Ends Not In Death."
This dear sister was born May, 1845, making her sixty three years of age. She was the widow of the late Captain Lineberry, of Asbury, N. C. On the morning of August 14th her death, Angel came and snatched her spirit away to the Most High from whence it came, there to put on the pure, white and spotless robe of immortal glory, and forever shine in the beautiful home prepared for the saints, but made by hands but eternal in the heavens.

She was the mother of nine children, four of whom survive her: Miss Antanina Lineberry, of Asbury; Mrs. Ella Hodson, of Hillsboro; and Messrs Walter and Glenn Lineberry, of Asbury. Our sister was the first born of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Auman, of Asbury.

All that loving children and kind friends could do to stay the hand of death, she was attended by one of Montgomery's wisest known physicians, Dr. J. B. Shattuck, who was consulted till the last. I have known Mrs. Lineberry for a long time, and have grown to love her. She always seemed willing to lend a helping hand in time of need. She was an intelligent and truthful lady and lived a Christian life worthy of emulation. Beautiful deeds formed the basis of her character, purity of thought, word and deed raised her high above the ordinary, the grace of sincerity and loyalty to the right, she loved all great and beautiful in nature. She won to herself many life-long friends who mourn with relatives for our loss.

The burial service was conducted at Why Not by Rev. L. Williams, of Kemp's Mills, after which she was laid to rest in the cemetery there. A previous one from us is given.
A voice we loved is still
A place is vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled.

God in His wisdom has recalled,
The loved his love had given;
And though the body members sleep,
Her soul is safe in Heaven.
Written by one who loved her
C. T. B.

In Loving Memory.

Mrs. J. C. Ridge, after a lingering illness of that dread disease consumption, died at her home in Concord township on the evening of August 11th, 1908. By loving hands her remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Mt. Labor, where a large concourse of friends and relatives assembled to pay their last tribute of respect to their dear sister. She leaves a husband and six children, a father and a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss. She realized about two weeks before she died that the end was drawing near and called her children around her bedside and said to them to live a good life and meet her in Heaven. She often spoke of wishing the good Lord would come and take her out of her suffering, although she was never heard to murmur or complain during her illness. She was a consistent member of the church at Mt. Labor for a number of years and was always ready to help with presence and aid means, any thing that was instrumental in advancing the church or a use of the Master. While we love to indulge in submission to the decree of Him who doth all things well, we fully realize that we have lost one of our most loving neighbors and friends. Truly a good woman is gone. Though only 62 years of age our Father in His wisdom saw fit to remove this sinbeam from its earthly home to shine in the heavenly mansion, to mingle with the redeemed, and to await the coming of her loved ones. She was a loving wife, a good mother, and a pure and noble woman in every respect. To know her was to love her, but now the voice is hushed forever and the grave holds all that is dear.

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The prime motive of this contest is to secure new subscribers for The Courier. In order to do this The Courier will award more than \$1,000 in prizes to the ladies of Randolph and adjoining counties in exchange for a little time and effort on the part of those who desire to compete. The contest is open to every lady residing in Randolph and adjoining

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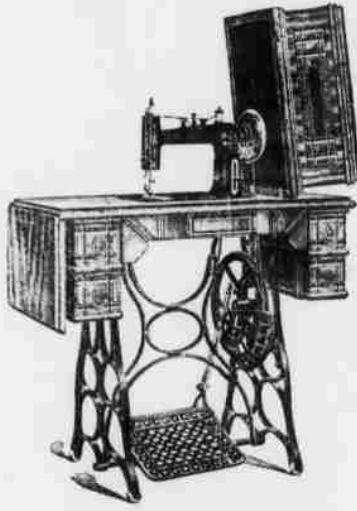
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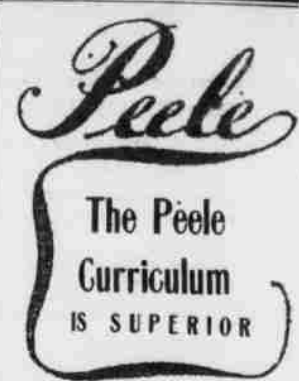
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