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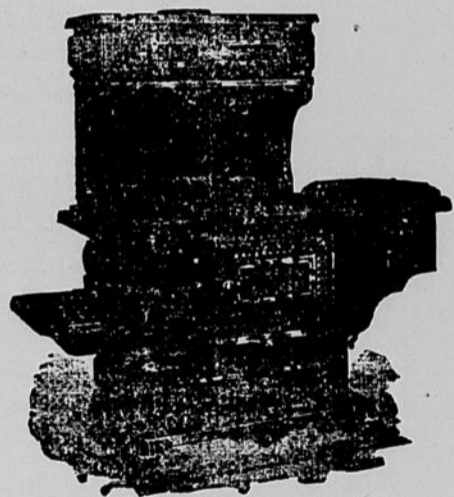
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The Interstate Commerce Bill.

OPINIONS OF PROMINENT PEOPLE GENERALLY UNFAVORABLE TO THE MEASURE.

NEW YORK, March 24.—In regard to the interstate commerce bill, the Herald this morning says the main questions are:

Will the operation of the bill affect business? Will the products of any sections of the country be barred out of any other sections? Will the bill result in great railroad consolidations?

Several interviews on these queries follow:

"What will the interstate commerce bill do?" said Railway Commissioner Fink. "Among other things, it will ruin a great many railroads, many branches of industry and many manufacturers who have thrived on competing rates."

"The bill is not beneficial then?"
"It would be if properly constructed. Some sections are admirable, but the greater portion of the bill is such as you might expect from men ignorant of what they are doing. They are impracticable, impossible, deplorable sections."

"What do you think of the claim made that the bill was originated and engineered by the railroads, which gave it just enough opposition to prevent its defeat?"

"Railway men wanted such a bill, but not in its present form."

"What is your opinion of its effect on business?"

"That it will drive the producers of the far west to the wall or to the slow export via the lakes. I think through lines will thrive on it as they can make rates to the detriment of their local traffic without material injury to themselves if not to the ruination of shorter competitors."

"Will it benefit the express companies?"

"Certainly, it is true they are not affected by it."

The opinion on the start is that several great systems of railroads will consolidate and make such tariffs as will crush all lesser lines. It is said that the Pennsylvania and St. Paul systems, practically in alliance now, will consolidate, and these will consolidate with the Northern Pacific, giving them a continental line. It is rumored that the Vanderbilt system will also be put under one management. It is now known that the Baltimore & Ohio deal is the first outcome of the interstate bill, and that the near future will see vast systems consolidated.

Mr. I. W. Barnum, of 253 Halsey street Brooklyn, a bonanza Dakota farmer, and a relative of L. P. Judson, of this city is the lucky owner of 80 acres of Council Bluffs bottom land and thirty city lots. Mr. Barnum has had confidence in Council Bluffs since 1868, when he invested \$15,000 in real estate here. Mr. Barnum will now pocket a handsome fortune as a reward for the faith that was in him.—Council Bluffs Nonpartiel, of Feb. 22, 1887.

During the last forty years capital punishment has been abolished in Michigan and murders have steadily increased, until during the last two years there has been a murder every eight days and one in every 25,000 population. Some Michigan legislators are beginning to trace effect to cause, and the legislature has been talking about reviving the death penalty for murder. It will certainly be a good thing for Michigan to restore the gallows to its former position of usefulness.—St. Paul Globe.

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