

a very short , simple thing to carry them over land and there put them
on boats on that part of the Red Sea and Carry them down to Ophir.
That would ~~w~~ seem much more sensible, ~~bu--~~. Was Solomon just a potentate
who didn't have much wisdom but had a lot of power, and he did the thing
in the awkward, queer way. When I was in college I did a fair ~~abo-amount~~
amount of debating, and I remember at that time ~~sty- sty-~~ studying about
the establishment of the INterstate Commerce commission and about the
problems of the establishment of fair rates, etc. * And I remember noticing
that before the Panama Canal was dug, the ~~freith-~~ freight from N.Y. to
W., Nevada costs two and a half times as much to ship freight from N.Y.
by train to W., Nevada than it cost to ship the same stuff by train to
San Fran Francisco, going ~~to~~ through W. and 500 miles further. And the
reason was that in San Francisco you had to compete with ships that
would take the shipments clear down around S. America and that gave a
very vivid idea of how much more expensive land-~~transportati~~ transportation
is than water transportation. I remember hearing at that time that things
would be taken in China a thousand miles up the Yankie ~~miles-up-the-Riever~~
River , brought a 1,000 miles down the river, across the Pacific Ocean to
San Pedro , Cal. and then they would be carried over land from there 20 miles
to Los Angeles and it would cost as much to carry the twenty miles over land.
~~and~~ as it did all this distance in China by boat. Water ~~transportation-~~ transpor-
tation to this day is far cheaper than land ~~transportati~~ and when it would be.
so simple just to take the textiles down here to Suez and carry them across
the little distance to Suez and then carry them ~~& baek~~ carry them down that
branch of the Red Sea, why on earth would Solomon build up a fort and build
a navy on this side of the river of the sea, way over ~~x~~ here where the modern