



A BAD HEAD. Prof. Peacemaker—How can you expect anything but trouble with a head like that?

It is sure to make friends for White among the factors that are usually dominant in republican state conventions. Governor White is a candidate for re-nomination and the influences which have controlled politics in this state for some time, the men with whom he must affiliate if he succeeds, are men who are in close touch with James J. Hill, and are willing to do him a friendly turn.

Alexander McKenzie and Jud Lamoure represent the railroad interests in North Dakota politics. In the councils of the party they wield greater influence than any other two men. Lamoure and Hill have been close friends since the early days when the Great Northern president was a steamboat captain on the Red river.

J. K. TOOLE, Governor of Montana.

to intervene in McKenzie's behalf when he was in jail for contempt at San Francisco. Neither McKenzie nor Lamoure ever fails in appreciation of friendly offices and what Hill needs in the way of assistance from them in North Dakota he has without the asking.

The republican majority in North Dakota is so large as to make the selection of state officers simply a matter for the republican state convention to decide. The "system" worked in North Dakota politics has been a consolidation of the interests of the railroad companies and the interests of the farmers.

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merger is successfully accomplished and sustained by the supreme court? Mr. Stratton was asked. "If there is a consolidation," he replied, "the railroads will have the power to injure greatly this section of the country. The fact that by a consolidation such a power would exist justifies the courts in enjoining the roads from entering into such an arrangement."

Schemes of Merger People Threats to Cut Out Extensions—G. N. Stock Held Back. Special to the Journal. Helena, Mont., Dec. 30.—James J. Hill's representative in St. Paul has been sending threatening telegrams to state officials of Montana and Washington.

Another Blow at Hill's Scheme. Continued From First Page. bond fully approved, which has been done. Now therefore, you, the said Northern Pacific Railway, defendant, your officers, directors, attorneys, agents and servants, are hereby commanded and enjoined forthwith to refrain from issuing or selling any certificates of indebtedness or promissory notes or other evidence of indebtedness or liability of either direct or contingent of any description for the purpose of raising money with which to pay or retire the preferred stock of your said company, or any thereof, or from using or appropriating any moneys or proceeds other than the ordinary surplus earnings of the company to the payment and retirement of the preferred stock of your said company, or any part thereof, and still further from creating any indebtedness or liability other than the ordinary indebtedness and liability for the operating expenses of your said railroad system, and the indebtedness and liability now existing, which would be a preference or take precedence over the common stock of your said company, and still further from placing to the credit of any part thereof, or the management of your railroad system or any part thereof, in the possession or under the control either directly or indirectly of the Northern Securities company, or its officers, agents or servants, or from entering into any agreement or arrangement either directly or indirectly through the medium of the Northern Securities company, or otherwise with the Great Northern Railway company, and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway company, or either of them, their stockholders, directors, officers or agents, for the purpose of causing the railway system owned and controlled by you to be operated in connection with or under the same rules, or by the same authority as said Great Northern Railway company, and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway company, or either of them, and from entering into any agreement with the said companies or either of them, their stockholders, directors, officers, agents, servants or attorneys for the purpose of avoiding competition and fixing rates for the carriage of freight and passengers.

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White Tells Why Helena Conference Smacks Too Much of Open Hostility. NO ONE IN N. D. ASKING FOR A FIGHT On the Contrary He Has Been Impartuned to Keep His Hands Off. Special to the Journal. Bismarck, N. D., Dec. 30.—Governor White of North Dakota did not attend the conference of governors at Helena for the reason, he says, that instead of being a conference to discuss the matter of the railroad merger, with a view to ascertaining the facts in the case and whether any state laws are being violated, it has come to be heralded abroad as a meeting to discuss hostility to railroad interests, and with adjuncts of extra sessions and other things before the matter has been discussed at all.

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PLAN TO HIT THE MERGER

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Washington will be represented. Governor Van Sant has heard from Attorney General Stratton, who is on his way.

Chilly Round Bismarck. Not a soul met the party at Bismarck. This is evidently a chilly country for trust smashers.

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