

MORE HARMONY NOW PREVAILS

G. N. and M. P. Are Dividing Their Territory

News of the actual taking over of the Central Washington branch of the Northern Pacific by the Great Northern, may be expected at any time. There are many straws showing that the transfer has been arranged and that it is one of the considerations of a traffic agreement and an understanding regarding the distribution of territory. What Hill gets is practically known, but what Meilen's road is to secure is yet a mystery.

One of the recent straws showing a closer business arrangement between the two roads was the recent abandonment of a Montana branch by the Northern Pacific and the giving over of the territory to the Great Northern. This item was published several days ago. The St. Paul Globe of recent date contains the following on the subject:

"The Northern Pacific announces in an official circular that today (Friday) it will discontinue the use of the Elkhorn valley branch in Montana. On the same date the work of tearing up the tracks of the Helena, Boulder Valley & Butte branch will begin. This branch will be turned over to the Great Northern with the completion of the arrangements for the transfer of the Central. The branch was practically abandoned two years ago on account of lack of business.

"It is intimated in railroad circles that the Northern Pacific has also let the contract for the extension of its line into the Bitter Root mountain district of Montana, one of the richest agricultural and stock territories of the state."

W. P. & Y. WANT OPERATORS

Representatives of the White Pass & Yukon railway are along the line of the Great Northern railway, endeavoring to secure telegraph operators and railway men of all kinds for their railway in Alaska. They will proceed, it is said, as far East as St. Paul, and expect before returning to secure a complete force of operative men. They are offering positions only to those well up in matters of railroad detail, and in salaries are very liberal. In all the departments from Skagway to Haines City, it is stated they need upward of 75 men. Already many have been secured, who will report at Skagway for duty January 1, 1900.

MOVEMENT OF MAILS

The Dirigo, billed to sail at 7 o'clock last evening, did not get away until today. A great quantity of Alaska mail was taken up on her.

The next Oriental mail steamer sails from San Francisco December 12. The last mail leaving Seattle and connecting with this steamer closes at 9 o'clock on the 11th inst. This boat carries mail for Japan, China and the Philippines.

All mail for Australian ports must be in at 8 a. m. on the 14th inst., to connect with the mail steamer leaving Vancouver, B. C., on the 15th.

Steamers carrying the Honolulu mails will leave San Francisco on December 12, and Vancouver on the 15th. The Seattle steamer, scheduled to leave here for Honolulu December 1, has not yet arrived on her return trip.

The Great Northern Flyer was 2 1/2 hours late, arriving in Seattle at 1 o'clock this morning.

The Victorian got away on her regular British Columbia run last night, having missed her preceding trip.

WILL WORK FOR THE NICARAGUA CANAL

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8.—Lines are being laid for a vigorous fight for action on the Nicaragua canal bill. Friends of the project form a majority in congress. They feel that they were only defeated last spring because of the lack of a little time. Whether the bill will be passed will depend upon the number of conservative canal advocates opposed to immediate action.

JUSTICE AS A COMMODITY

A Philippine Proclamation So Announced.

MANILA, P. I., Oct. 31.—By Mail.—Whether it was the fault of the printer or the translator is not known, but there is a good joke on the American-Philippine commission in connection with the proclamation issued by that body. The proclamation, published in English, Spanish, and the various dialects of the islands, set forth the aims and purposes of the United States government. Among these was the statement that "Justice will be impartially administered." The published Tagalog translation, this appeared as "Justice will be regarded as a commodity in the market." The mistake was not discovered until several thousand of the documents had been distributed. Attention was called to the matter by a native asking President Schurman wherein there was any improvement over the Spanish system.

One of the correspondents of a New York paper had an unusually thrilling experience after the taking of San Pedro (the second time). Griffith had been "scopped" the day before. By mere chance he had misread the courier, who was carrying reports to the telegraph office at Arayat. He was determined to retrieve himself. Accordingly, he used the very latest news he engaged a native dug-out and four "Hombres" to paddle him down the river to be "mucho amigo." Griffith was apprehensive lest insurgents conceal-

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"And we can't get married?" "Nt."

He gazed gloomily upon her. Sinking his voice to a hoarse whisper, he hissed: "I got to go to work next week."

Flossy Flannagan fell fainting to the floor.—Condensed from San Francisco Argonaut.

WANTS DAMAGES. Katherine Markle has entered a claim against the city and the West street car line, for \$10,000 damages. She claims that she stepped from a Ballard car, near the corner of Columbia and Western avenue, by invitation of the conductor, and fell into a hole where the street plank had been removed and received injuries.

A Mammoth Reservoir. CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—The Burlington railroad has let a contract for the building of what is said will be one of the largest reservoirs in the world. It is to be located five miles southeast of Galesburg, Ill., and to be two and one half miles long, 1,500 feet wide and 20 feet deep. It will have a capacity of 45,000,000 gallons of water.

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