

# RAILROADS NOT IN POLITICS, SAYS HILL

SEATTLE, Dec. 22.—President J. J. Hill of the Great Northern was interviewed just before leaving Seattle on politics.

"It is very gratifying to me to hear that the Great Northern is in politics," said Mr. Hill. "It never has been and never will be so long as I can prevent it. What we want is to be given assistance in the work we are trying to do for Seattle and the state of Washington, and not to be hampered. When the lines of the Northern Securities company in this part of the country prosper so will Seattle, and when we are experiencing hard times then the effect will be felt here.

"Naturally I am opposed to the railroad commission bill, for it will interfere with our plans. At the present time we are putting in freight rates that are far below what will be profitable to us for the very reason that we are trying to develop this oriental trade. In order to do this we must put in rates that will give us the traffic, and it is to our own interest as much as it is to anyone else. There is no use in fight-

ing a railroad just for the fun of having someone to fight.

"We, and I mean Seattle as much as the railroad, are already engaged in a fight with England and other foreign countries to get the trade of the far eastern world diverted this way. If we are not hampered we will succeed in our efforts, and there is no part of the country that will prosper more than that of Puget sound and the whole state of Washington. We are seeking peace, and if given it will accomplish much good. If we are forced to fight there is no telling what the result will be to us all.

"Ninety-five per cent of the business of the state of Washington is handled by the railroads. If this state wants to fight the roads for the other 5 per cent then I am unable to tell what will be the result. The Great Northern railroad is not in politics and does not intend to get in. We are friendly to the miners, the laborers and every class of mechanics in the state of Washington, and where it is in our power we are willing to contribute to their betterment. But in return we ask to be treated fairly."

# CHRISTMAS BUSINESS AT THE POSTOFFICE

In an interview Postmaster Hartson this morning said:

"While the Christmas business is yet in its infancy, we figure up to the present time that the increase over last year has already reached something better than 25 per cent. The office has been jammed since Wednesday and we expect tomorrow will be the heaviest day we will experience in the shipping. The carriers are somewhat behind time this morning, which is due to the heavy pouches which they had to prepare. Some of the carriers had to put up

the mail for their route in sacks. If you want to see a happy crowd, go to the postoffice and watch the expression on the faces of the thousands who are hurriedly addressing packages.

The United States railway mail service reports an exceptionally large amount of mail in the exchange pouches, which makes it rather difficult to handle between stations, which are generally only a few miles between. Some delays occur on account of mail being carried by the overcoat that the railway mail clerk is overcrowded.

# CANADIAN ROAD MAY BUILD HERE

That the Canadian Pacific may build into Spokane within the next two months seems within the bounds of possibility.

The connecting branch would be about 200 miles in length and the route chosen would be via the Crow's Nest Pass.

D. C. Corbin and Senator Turner are reported to be the promoters of the new line, and the latter is credited with being in charge of the program to secure a government charter. Business connected with the new road is said to have kept the senator away from Washington.

Senator Turner when he returned last Wednesday from Seattle was asked point blank by The Press representative regarding the proposed Canadian Pacific extension and denied all knowledge of the Canadian Pacific's intention to enter Spokane. The senator is again visiting the Sound cities, but returns tonight.

His reticence may arise from the fact that a United States charter is necessary, the road being a foreign concern, and until this charter is secured, which is not probable until February, premature publication may stir up matters in the Great Northern and Northern Pacific to the effect of blocking the Canadian company.

President Hill of the Great Northern

during his brief stop in Spokane yesterday was asked by The Press reporter whether he had heard anything of the Canadian line's proposed extension. He replied: "This is the first I have heard of it. I know nothing about it. You will have to see the Canadian Pacific officials."

Former Chief Engineer McHenry of the Northern Pacific, who is now connected in the same capacity with the Canadian Pacific, with headquarters in Montreal, is named as the instigator of the proposed branch line to Spokane. The probability of this seems strengthened in view of Mr. McHenry's thorough knowledge of the extent of the field.

One of the effects of the new line would be to give Spokane terminal rates and terminal facilities, and so far towards establishing and maintaining her commercial supremacy.

## SWAYNE BURIED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—General Wager Swayne was buried with military honors this morning. The honorary pallbearers were Justices Harlan and Shiras, Generals Breckenridge, Davis and Gillespie, ex-Senator Thurston and Judge Maury.

# SPORTING NEWS.

## JEFFRIES BEING JOSHED.

Champion Jeffries is getting joshed aptly lately. After his Turkish bath experience at Portland comes the story from Butte that John Boston, "the strongest man in Montana"—the fellow who caused Jeff considerable uneasiness by challenging him to a battle royal with bare knuckles—was also a "josh." John Boston is an old man of 69 years, gray and battle-scarred. Some 20 years ago he was about the greatest fighter in Montana and as he struck Missoula a few days ago some of the sports thinking it a huge joke on Jeffries, telegraphed the champion at Wardner that he would probably be up against the real article when he struck Missoula. It is said that the old man from the ranch took it in all seriousness and was apparently as gamy as in his younger days.

## JENKINS VS. BOTHERNE.

Tom Jenkins, the catch-as-catch-can champion, and George Botherne, the lightweight wrestler, come together on the mat at New York tonight. Jenkins has undertaken to throw his opponent four times in one hour. The article of agreement call for a contest at catch-as-catch-can, pin falls only to count, and with the strangle hold barred. Jenkins realizes that he has undertaken an arduous task, but he is confident that he can put the "Hike" wizard to the mat in four times inside the time limit. Both appear to be in superb condition and a fierce contest is expected to be the outcome.

## Recent official averages in the P. N.

I show that Marshall of Butte was the best player in the league. He fielded well, batted at the top and was a good rungetter.

Henry Harris, the San Francisco baseball manager, will be asked to put up a bond of \$10,000 guaranteeing that the California team in the Pacific Coast league will play out the season.

## THE NEW STAR.

It appears that when the big fistie champion arrived in Butte and agreed to put John Monroe out in five rounds, he certainly caught a Tartar. Monroe not only stayed the five rounds, but put Jeff onto his knees at one time. It was an easy \$250 for Monroe. It should be taken into consideration that Jeffries is not in trim just now for a real fast bout. Those Montana puns are the real thing, anyway. Fitzsimmons now offers to put Monroe out in the second round and Monroe is just as willing to accept a bounty for another \$250 win. Jeff and Fitz both are of the opinion the miner is a better man than Sharkey.

## LOS ANGELES MEET.

The Los Angeles winter racing meet has been advanced for opening date from January 21 to January 24. The meet will be for 40 days. Besides the selling events there will be seven stake races, two for \$1000 added money and five for \$500 added money. The meet will be under the auspices of the Los Angeles Jockey club, an organization of 60 business men.

Hereafter George Siler, the well-known sporting authority, will accept no engagements with outside boxing organizations, but will devote his entire time to that capacity to the Chicago Athletic association.

Ananda, Mont., is trying to get the L. H. Gibe-Gibbs contest pulled out there during January. The managers of the theaters will probably be asked to put in bids for the event. These men are well matched and a packed house is a cinch.

George Reed, the great infielder of the Bloomington team, whom President Garrett recently signed for Spokane, is notorious for his stick work. Spokane is in need of hard hitters and men recently signed are all good ones in this particular line. Reed batted 160 last year.

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## Real Estate Transfers.

As reported by the Fidelity Abstract company:  
Joseph Trea and wife to A. B. Funk lots 29 and 30, block 9, Liberty Park addition, \$2500.  
McBroom & Wilson company to H. French, lot 3, block 5, Noster's addition; also parcel of land between north line of lot 3 and south line of Sprague ave., \$1600.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Thomas D. Foster to Maggie Smith, both of Waverly; George Johnson of Sandpoint to Della Daniels of Spokane; C. D. Little to Lizzie Patrigan, both of Myers Falls, Stevens county; Guy A. Uhlrig of Talaranogouche, Canada, to Eliza M. Jackson of Talaranogouche, Canada.

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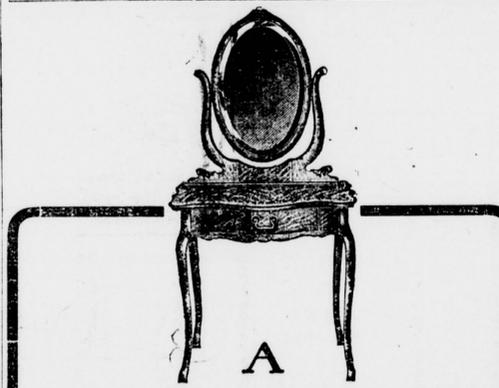
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