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NORTHERN PACIFIC SEEMS TO BE REVELING IN PROSPERITY JUST NOW.

IS CAUSING MUCH COMMENT.

BRIEF REVIEW OF THE EARNINGS AND OPERATING EXPENSES.

EVERY WEEK SHOWS INCREASE.

Reduction in Rates Announced on Lumber and Ore—Fresh Railway Notes.

In Eastern railroad and financial circles the affairs of the Northern Pacific road are the chief topic of interest, and the excellent showing made by the company, hardly more than out of the perplexities of the receivership, is being favorably commented upon.

Notwithstanding the absence of the Northern Pacific officials in the East, the opinion was hazarded here yesterday that if the business of the road keeps up for a time, and there is no reason why it should not, the company will earn enough during the fiscal year to pay 4 per cent on the common stock.

The phenomenal growth of the business of the road within the year is shown by a comparison of the figures of 1896, the increase extending to 100 per cent for the week and 57 per cent for the month. The men who are in a position to know assert that owing to the large results which have already been accomplished in securing greater economy in operation, a considerable part of the gains will be exhibited in net earnings.

It is urged as being fortunate that such gratifying earnings should be shown at a time when speculators and investors alike are in a better mood to appreciate the value of real economic conditions. The quality of the demand for Northern Pacific issues both in this country and abroad is cited as an encouraging feature in the general financial situation, and now that the expectations upon which this demand was based are in a fair way to be realized, it is almost certain to stimulate interest in the securities of other railroad properties which, like the Northern Pacific, are getting back to successful operation after a discouraging set-back.

The very excellent showing made in New York last week, when President Mellan laid before the directors a quantity of figures, and when a quarterly 1 per cent dividend was declared on the preferred stock, has had its effect on the stock of the company in the market.

MINIMUM MILEAGE.

Western Lines Considering the Advantages of Increasing It.

Western lines are considering the advisability of increasing the minimum mileage under the interchangeable-credit system from 2,000 miles to 2,500 miles. The Sebastian ticket has proved too popular, and is being used by persons for whom the new plan has not been intended.

WAR STILL ON.

Interchangeable Mileage Trouble Not as Yet Adjusted.

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