

**GRAY'S PROMOTION DUE IN 6 MONTHS**

**That Portland Man Will Be Named President of Great Northern Seems Certain.**

**JAMES J. HILL WILL RETIRE**

**Son of Famous Empire Builder Will Be Advanced to Chairman of Road's Directorate—Young Slated for North Bank Berth.**

In spite of the numerous denials, modifications and qualifications of the oft repeated announcement that Carl E. Gray, president of the Great Northern road and the Hill line in Oregon, is to become president of the Great Northern to succeed Louis W. Hill, such a change probably will be made within the next six months.

Coupled with the advancement of Mr. Gray will be the retirement from railroad service of James J. Hill, builder of the Great Northern and chairman of the executive committee of the railroad.

Mr. Hill now is approaching his 74th birthday and it is said that he intends to pass the remaining years of his life in comparative ease.

**Elder Hill to Seek Rest.**

His son, L. W. Hill, it is announced, will become chairman of the Great Northern's Board. While the elder Mr. Hill will not maintain active or official connection with the great system of railroads that he has succeeded in building, he will exercise an advisory relation. His powerful hand probably will be felt in the management of the Northern affairs as long as he lives. Men who know James J. Hill declare that his nature will not permit him to relinquish entirely participation in the management of the valuable properties that form a network of rails over the Western two-thirds of the United States.

While recent information from St. Paul indicates that Mr. Gray will be given an "executive position" with the Great Northern and that he will succeed immediately to the presidency of the road, it is considered almost certain that he will become president of the entire Great Northern system.

"I don't know what kind of a job they are going to give me," said Mr. Gray yesterday. "In fact, I am very much satisfied with the position I have here now. I should regret any action that would require me to leave Portland, but a railroad man always is subject to being sent from one place to another even though it is against his will."

**Vast Work Credited to Gray.**

Mr. Gray has been in Portland only a year now, but in that time he has performed a wonderful amount of work for the city and state. Probably the most important of his numerous successes is the invasion of the East Side shipping district, plans for which just have been completed. In addition to that he has extended the Oregon Electric line to Eugene, has supervised the completion of the Oregon Trunk to Bend; has seen the completion of the Celilo bridge across the Columbia; the steel arch bridge across the Crooked River; he has built the connection between the Jefferson-street depot and the North Bank bridge; the streets of Portland; has made numerous fills and improvements on the main line of the North Bank; has taken executive charge of the Spokane, & Inland Empire and performed numerous other valuable services that will make his departure the occasion for a loudly expressed regret for the people of Portland and of Oregon.

J. H. Young, president of the Alaska Steamship Company, a Great Northern property, who is to succeed Mr. Gray as president of the North Bank and allied roads, is a railroad man of many years' experience, who has succeeded in official capacities with the Great Northern, the Illinois Central, the Oregon Short Line and other roads.

The proposed changes, it is said, will take place about June 1.

**ADMEN TO SEE PICTURES**

**Club Members Will Be Guests of Film Men at Lunch.**

Admen of Portland will learn how motion pictures are made and will be let into some of the inside secrets of this new phase of the amusement industry that has grown to such important dimensions within the past few years, at the "Paths Weekly" luncheon of the Ad Club at the Maitland Hotel today.

Melvin G. Wingo, general manager of the People's Amusement Company, will be chairman of the day. Fred H. Rothchild, president of the company, will speak on the growth of the film industry, and H. C. Stevens, Jr., general manager of the Columbia Film Company, will tell of the methods of "Distribution of the Product."

Ralph R. Barie, representing the Paths Weekly in Portland, will give a practical demonstration of the art of the camera man. Mr. Barie has been detailed to this district to furnish the Paths Weekly with film reports of important happenings and to secure some of the best of the scenery of the Northwest and send it out over the world in the form of motion pictures.

Paths Weekly of latest date will be shown at the luncheon as an additional attraction. D. Solis Cohen will speak upon "Pictures as an Aid to Education."

Reports will be made at this meeting of the excursion of Admen to Seattle in the last week to take part in the installation ceremonies for the newly-elected officers of the Seattle Ad Club, Thomas Balmer, will be a guest of honor at the luncheon.

**PETITIONS HALF SIGNED**

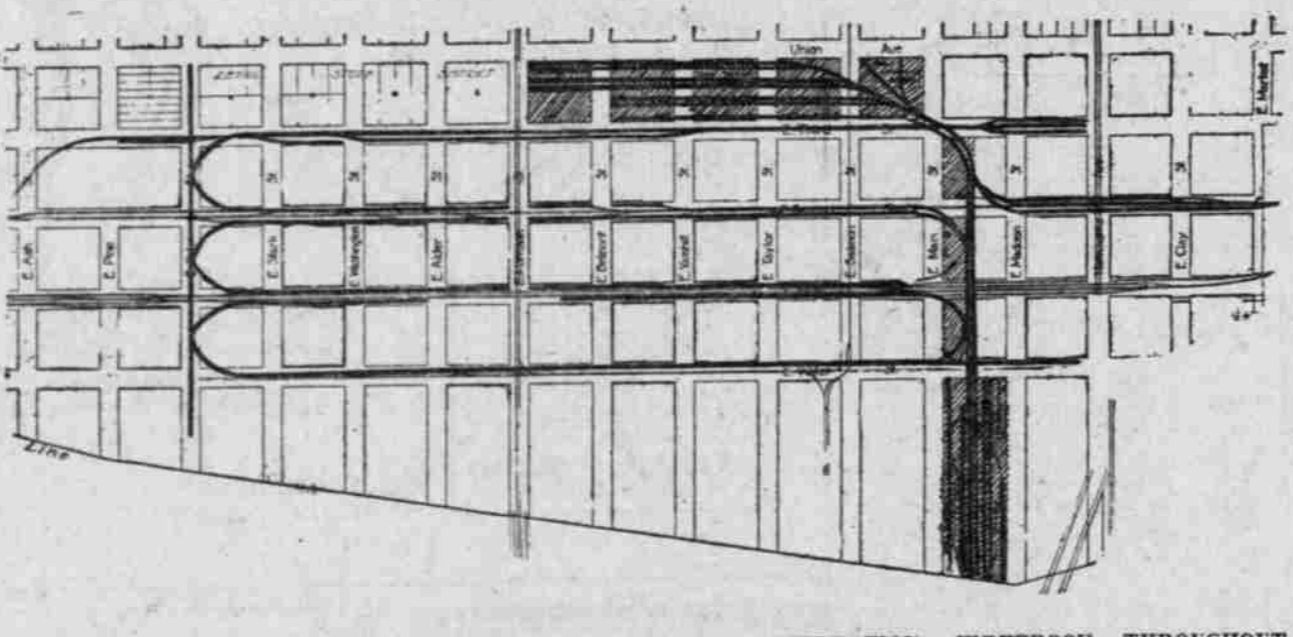
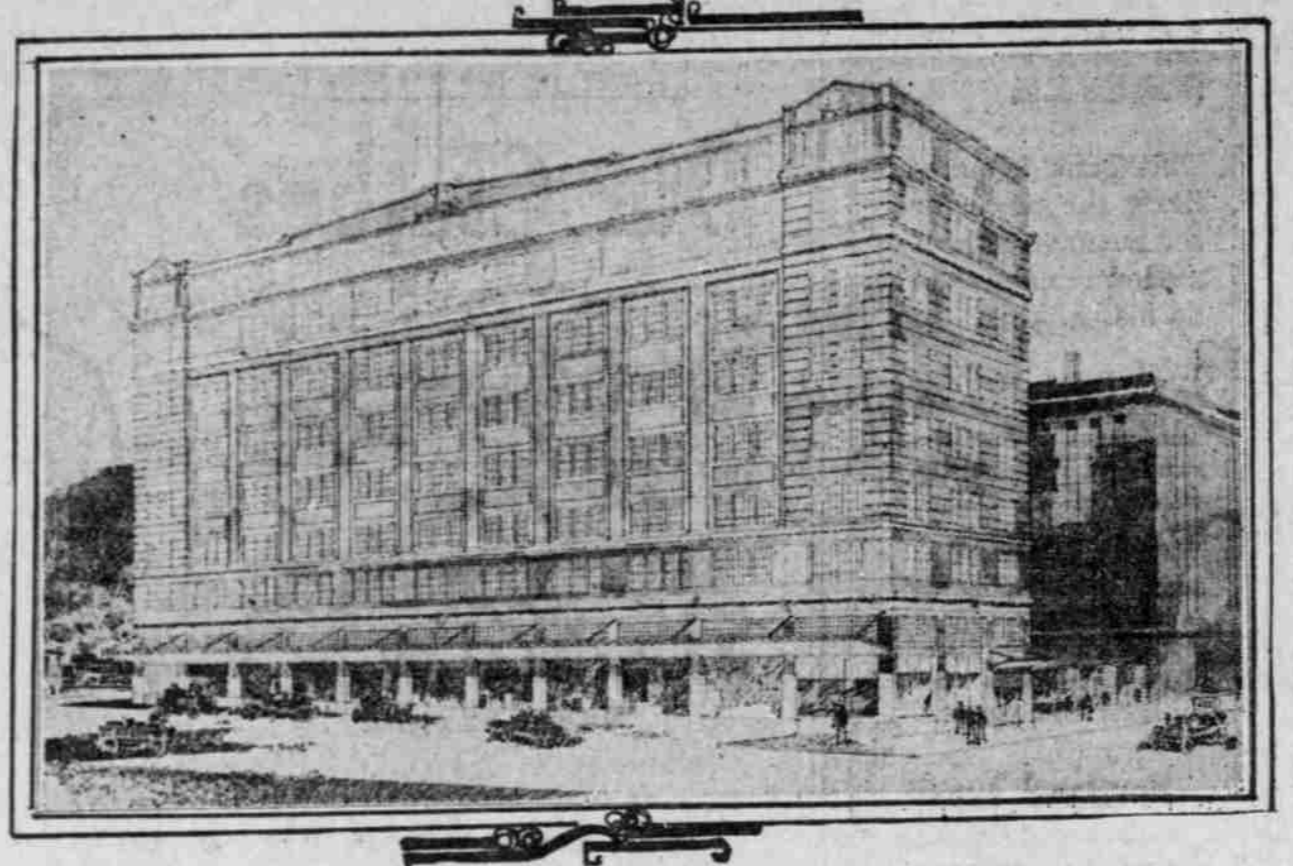
**C. T. Prall Confident 60,000 Names Will Be Secured on Road Bills.**

More than 2000 names were brought in yesterday for the good roads bills now being initiated. This brings the total signatures up to 20,000, or half of the required number.

"Signatures have been piling in so fast the last two days that I feel sure we will have the necessary 60,000 by May 14," said C. T. Prall yesterday.

"Great interest is being aroused in the rural districts over Good Roads day, which Governor West has set for May 11. On that day we expect to get a bundle of signatures from each county. The voters of the country districts have lined up already and are beginning to sign the petitions."

**PROPOSED EIGHT-STORY FREIGHT WAREHOUSE TO BE ERECTED BY HILL INTERESTS ON EAST SIDE AND MAP SHOWING LOCATION OF DOCKS, TRACKS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS.**



**ABOVE—TERMINAL BUILDING, WHICH WILL BE OF MODERN CONSTRUCTION, FIREPROOF THROUGHOUT AND EQUIPPED TO HANDLE IMMENSE TONNAGE. BELOW—TRACKAGE LOOP DESCRIBED BY EAST WATER, EAST MADISON, EAST THIRD AND EAST OAK STREETS.**

**HILL'S PLANS OUT**

**Gray Explains East Side Development Idea.**

**BIG FREIGHTHOUSE IS DUE**

**Through Aid of Section to City Charter and by Use of Loop North Bank and Allied Hill Lines, May Gain Entrance.**

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East Main, East Belmont, Union avenue and East Third street has been secured. The old buildings now located thereon will be removed and team delivery tracks will be built.

**In Two Fight Is Close.**

Next to consider are the four counties that have not elected their delegates. In each case primaries have been held and in two of the four the result is too close on which to bank.

Of these Roosevelt will get the 22 votes of Snohomish County at Friday's convention. Taft is likely to pocket Lewis County's 13 votes next Monday.

Saturday two vitally important conventions will be held, Skagit County, 15 votes, which Taft has a good chance of carrying, and Pierce County, which the late returns from Tacoma primaries indicate is likely to go to T. H. Conceding they go as indicated, this gives Taft 28 more votes and Roosevelt 91, or totals 190 against 296.

The Hill line have not purchased the houses of this block, which is owned and occupied by Calif. Brothers. Plans provide for the eventual construction of an exact duplication of the warehouse on the 50 by 200 feet that will be occupied by the "house tracks."

While construction of the loop is essentially the most important undertaking in connection with the East Side invasion, the Hill interests have planned a bold campaign for connecting with every heavy shipper in the great wholesale and manufacturing district between the Hawthorne and Burnside bridges.

By building a new track in East Third street between East Yamhill and East Morrison streets will be able to serve the Mitchell, Lewis & Staver Company's storage sheds and the future development of the Advance Thresher Company. Other parallel tracks will be laid in East Third street north of East Morrison street to accommodate future development of industries in that territory.

The powers of section 103 will be invoked in East Second street between a point 100 feet north of East Madison street and East Washington street. The track on the east side of the street will serve the Cudaby Packing Company, the National Packing Company and the Nottingham Company.

The track on the west side of East Second street, between East Stak and East Washington streets, will serve the Meas company and the Valvoline Oil Company.

**FOUR DEMOCRATS WANT JOB**

**National Committeeman to Succeed Mr. Miller Lures.**

Not less than four Democrats aspire for election as National Committeeman in this state to succeed Milton A. Miller, State Senator from Linn County, Mr. Miller would like to retain the position for four years longer, but already three other members of the party have appeared to contest with him for the place. They are Frederick V. Holman and W. E. King of this city, and A. S. Bennett, of The Dalles. All three are delegates to the Democratic National Convention at Baltimore.

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considerable public dissatisfaction has been aroused.

The law is said to have been passed on the theory that it would prevent anyone and everyone who considered themselves bested in a business transaction from coming into court and pleading false pretenses, but, according to Judges and attorneys, it has had pretty much the effect of permitting crooks to escape from the clutches of the law.

Oregon is one of the few states which still has this law on its statute books. Originally it was common to nearly all the states, but in recent years repeats have been numerous.

**FLOOD CRISIS IS NEAR**

**Work of Rescuing Victims Progresses Favorably.**

NEW ORLEANS, May 7.—When the official gauge of the river registered 21.3 feet at 3 o'clock this afternoon, a rise of four-tenths since 7 A. M., Weather Bureau officials were of the opinion that the Mississippi had started on its final lap toward the predicted crest of 21.5 feet, which would mark the passing of the greatest flood in the Mississippi Valley.

Clear weather and sunshine was reported today at all points from the Torres Crevasse to the mouth of the river. The work of rescuing marooned persons in isolated districts progressed rapidly today and boats coming into concentration camps are loaded with women and children.

**Navigable Craft Are Scarce.**

There is a scarcity of every kind of navigable craft, and everything that can be steered and carry passengers and supplies for even a short distance has been pressed into service. Hundreds of primitive flatboats that can be towed by motorboats are being constructed.

Work on the levees virtually has been abandoned here, where in the vicinity of the American sugar refinery the hot sun today baked the repair work done

during the last three days. The engineers are cheerful, many believing that the worst has passed.

**Newspapers Raise Relief Fund.**

The work of strengthening the levees on the Algiers side has been about completed, and the experts believe more than a 22-foot stage can be held back. New Orleans newspapers have taken up the task of raising funds in connection with the relief committee, and several thousand dollars and many cart-loads of supplies have been sent from this city.

**Mother Wins Damage Suit.**

OREGON CITY, May 7.—(Special.)—The \$25,000 damage suit of Mrs. Maud Williams against the Hawley Pulp & Paper Company, was settled out of court yesterday. Mrs. Williams was the mother of Jesse Crispen, who was killed December 19, 1911, while loading logs on a car. Attorneys Brownell and

Stone, who represented the plaintiff, declined to give the terms of the settlement, but it is understood the plaintiff was given a substantial sum.

**Tacoma Builder Lowest Bidder.**

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 7.—Bids, opened today, for the construction of a public building at Olympia, Wash., showed that John Walker, of Tacoma, was the lowest bidder. He proposed to erect a limestone building for \$109,981 and a sandstone building for \$109,860. Palmberg & Mallson, of Astoria, bid \$105,660 and \$104,827, respectively.

The national council of Italian women recently held a meeting in Rome in memory of Julia Ward Howe. One of the speakers said that Mrs. Howe opened her heart and her home to Italians, Greeks, Syrians, Armenians and other foreign immigrants in a manner that spread her fame abroad in a unique way.

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