

# RAILROAD CHIEFS MAINTAIN SILENCE

### Result or Subject of Conference at Spokane Not Given Out.

## ELLIOTT TALKS OF CROPS

### President of Northern Pacific of Opinion That Outlook Is Good. Hill Pleased With Prospects for North Bank.

SPokane, Wash., May 6.—(Special.)—Three visiting railroad presidents, one chairman of the board of directors, and the general manager of a local railroad, met tonight at 10 o'clock at the Northern Pacific depot. What the meeting was for, other than to say "how do you do" and "how are you today," the railroad heads refused to divulge.

President Elliott, of the Northern Pacific, arrived at 2:45 o'clock on the North Bank, en route to a meeting of the directors in New York. He said: "The matter of grade separation is now up to our engineering department and as soon as that department reports we will take it up with the city for solution. At that time the matter of a new depot and moving our shops and yards to Yardley also will be settled."

Elliott would stay. "The country is looking fine and the year looks like a good one for crops, judging from what I have written on the Coast. I am much disappointed at not being able to stay in Spokane, but was delayed on the Coast, so have to go through to New York to confer with the directors of the road."

President Elliott will leave over the Northern Pacific at 3:15 o'clock Sunday accompanied by Superintendent J. M. Rapelle. He stayed over night in Spokane to take a daylight ride to Paradise, Mont., to see new work being done on the line.

The other members of the party that consulted with President Elliott tonight were Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern; Carl R. Gray, president of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle; George B. Harris, chairman of directors of the Burlington; C. M. Graves, general manager of the Spokane & Inland Empire system; and E. J. Cannon, counsel of the Northern Pacific in Spokane.

## HILL EVADES QUERIES

President Hill evaded all questions by replying in the negative, while President Gray had little to say, other than that he liked what he had seen of the West and was well pleased with the outlook for the North Bank. Mr. Hill flatly denied the possibility of a union depot in Spokane, the joint use of tracks with the Harriman lines or the pushing of work on the Oregon Trunk Railroad to give a short line from Spokane to San Francisco.

## RATE HEARING PROLONGED

### Complaining Cities Closing Case Raises New Development.

TACOMA, May 6.—Complaining cities closing their case in the rate hearing before the State Railroad Commission today raised unexpected developments which prolonged the hearing to next week, when the railroads will begin their testimony to show that present rates do not give an unreasonable profit for the amount invested. Among the witnesses to appear will be J. G. Woodworth, of St. Paul, traffic manager of the Northern Pacific; W. G. Johnson, assistant controller of the same road; John G. Drew, of St. Paul, controller for the Great Northern; F. W. Robinson, of Portland, general freight agent for the Oregon-Washington Railway & Navigation Company.

In the hearing today, Scott G. Henderson, president of the Commercial Club of Kennewick, Wash., testified he paid more to ship certain machinery to Spokane than he paid to ship the same machinery back from Spokane.

Henry Blakeley, general Western freight agent of the Northern Pacific, testified that in his opinion railroads should not attempt to change existing commercial relations between cities by establishing rates specially favoring new or developing communities.

## ANTI-SOCIALIST PLANS LAID

### Indiana Business Men Alarmed by Heavy Vote of New Party.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 6.—(Special.)—The fact that the Indiana Socialists increased their vote in the election last year in 76 counties, showed a slight loss in 10 counties, and held their own in six counties, increasing their

total in poll of the state at large by about 8000 votes, is causing a great deal of comment in business circles among a class of men who have not heretofore taken more than a passing interest in politics.

The ultimate end of Socialism, as alleged, is state and Government ownership, and Indianapolis business men think there is but one way to counteract it, and that is by intelligent control and regulation of corporations, especially of public utilities. There seems to be no division of opinion in respect to this remedy, but how it is to be brought about is the question.

Andrew Smith, secretary of the State Bankers' Association and vice-president of the Capital National Bank of this city, is an advocate of state and Gov-



Miss Wynne Hockett, secretary of Jay Bowerman, was a member of a class that successfully passed a special examination for admission to the bar held a few days ago by Associate Justice Moore, of the Oregon Supreme Court, at Pendleton. Miss Hockett is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hockett, of Eugene. After being graduated from the Grants Pass High School, she went to Condon and entered the law office of Mr. Bowerman and accompanied him to Portland 10 weeks ago. Miss Hockett did not attend a law school, but devoted her spare time, office hours and nights to reading.

ernment control and believes that proper regulation will do more than anything else to counteract restlessness among the masses, and place a bar in the way of the marked advance of Socialism.

## WATTS SUIT IS DROPPED

### St. Dennis Heirs Quit Prosecution, but Bar Continues Inquiry.

PENDLETON, Or., May 6.—(Special.)—The lawsuit against Homer L. Watts, an attorney, which resulted in a bar investigation of four prominent members of the county bar, was dismissed today by Circuit Judge Phelps. Joe St. Dennis, the one heir who held out yesterday for a prosecution of the case, in which the heirs were charging Watts, their former attorney, with the misappropriation of \$3000, voluntarily appeared in court and asked that the case be dismissed.

While this ends the lawsuit it does not end the bar investigation into the alleged questionable practices of Watts, J. B. Perry, D. W. Bailey and Will M. Peterson. The committee probably will complete the taking of testimony next week and then make its report.

## HENEY FIGHTS SILETZ BILL

### Congress to Be Asked to Repeal Settlers' Measure.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 6.—Francis J. Heney, it is said, will have a bill introduced in Congress repealing the Siletz settlers'



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bill that was enacted at the last session of Congress. Heney declares this is bad legislation and will validate a number of fraudulent entries, including some in the Jones' group. If the bill is introduced it will have to be presented by a member of some other delegation than that from Oregon, and if introduced, it will be opposed by Oregon Senators and Representatives.

## TWO REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES FOR COUNCILMAN IN FIRST WARD WHO HAD TIE VOTE



Jordan V. Zan. T. S. Mann.

## BOX MYSTERY SOLVED

### ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH YARD SCENE OF SENSATION.

### Drunken Expressman Mistakes Edifice for Union Depot and Leaves Package There.

The neighborhood of St. Joseph's Catholic Church at Fifteenth and Couch streets was thrown into a fever of excitement yesterday afternoon when a mysterious box was found at the foot of a stairway leading to a walk to a side door of the church. A series of reports came to the police station that an infernal machine had been planted near the church door to blow up the sanctuary, while others were of the opinion that a murder had been committed and the box contained the body.

Patrolman Huston was the first officer to respond to the alarm and nervously stood guard over the box until Detectives Carpenter, Price and Graves, and Patrolmen Long, E. Adams, Stuart and Burke arrived.

The box was locked and the lid was nailed and screwed down to make it doubly secure. The officers borrowed screw drivers, hatchets, hammers and tools and cautiously went about opening the box. A crowd of 100 uneasily elbowed close to the officers, who were just as expectant and apprehensive over the contents of the box.

When the lid was loosened it was carefully lifted and every one craned

his neck to get a peep. A bed comforter was the first object and the mystery was still underneath. Then another comforter was pulled out while part of the crowd thought they could hear an alarm clock ticking away the time for an explosion, and the other part were of the opinion that a mutilated body would surely be discovered.

As the last comforter was pulled out the officers stepped back while the crowd pushed from the rear. At the bottom of the box was the model for a log boom. The box and its contents were taken to the police station and last night Fred, the police station dog, comfortably quartered himself in it, un-mindful of the excitement and appre-

hension it had caused. It was learned that the box had been dumped into the church stairway by a drunken expressman who mistook the church for the Union Station.

## Suit for Torpedo Station Dropped

SEATTLE, Wash., May 6.—The suit pending in the United States Circuit Court to condemn Keyport Peninsula, Kitsap County, near the Puget Sound Navy-Yard, as a site for a naval torpedo station, has been ordered dropped. The Secretary of the Navy made the request for such action. It is not known whether the project to establish the station has been abandoned or postponed.

## NOMINEES FOR COUNCILMEN-AT-LARGE AND WARD COUNCILMEN.



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