

**STEVENS AT HEAD OF NORTH BANK ROAD**

St. Paul, July 29—Persistent reports are circulated that Geo. Burton French has resigned as president of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle road, the subsidiary line owned and operated jointly by the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific, and that John F. Stevens, formerly chief engineer of the Panama Canal, will become head of the system, together with other roads controlled by James J. Hill on the North Pacific Coast. Official confirmation could not be obtained today, Mr. Hill having nothing to say, but it is generally believed in railroad circles that the reports are correct.

Mr. Stevens was in St. Paul yesterday in conference with Mr. Hill and other executive officials discussing certain questions said to have no direct bearing on the change which will take effect August 1.

Mr. Stevens left the city tonight. Mr. French was in St. Paul two days ago. He is now in Chicago and is expected in St. Paul Monday. The fact that he is in Chicago tends to indicate that he may return to the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, with which company he was before going to the new road in the West. He has held important positions with the St. Paul road, being its chief representative at some of the main centers in the West.

That Mr. Stevens should be the executive officer of the North Bank road is a logical step in his career, since he left the Panama Canal he has been directing the Hill invasion of Oregon. He is the president of the Oregon Trunk Line and several of the steam and electric line recently acquired in Washington and Oregon. These clusters of lines are becoming a large part of the Hill system. They are in a territory in which the Harriman and Hill interests are waging a big conflict. Rumors have been current for a long time that Mr. Hill has important plans with regard to his lines in the West. The construction of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle was regarded as the beginning of some important plan by Mr. Hill to gain a firm grasp on the

North Pacific Coast and the whole Pacific Coast as well. It has been reported that the Oregon Trunk Line might be extended as far as San Francisco or that the Burlington would be extended through to the Coast, but whatever the proposal is, it is regarded as certain in railroad circles that Mr. Hill "has something big up his sleeve," or he would not have prevailed on Mr. Stevens to take control of railroad operations in the West.

**HILLMAN TOWNSITE AGAIN UNDER FIRE**

SALEM, July 30.—Attorney General A. M. Crawford this afternoon directed a letter to District Attorney George J. Cameron, of Multnomah County, calling his attention to the town of Hillman in Crook county and suggested that the subject might be worthy an official investigation.

In the letter he refers to a recent visit he made to Crook County in company with State Engineer John H. Lewis and while there he was informed by County Judge H. C. Ellis and other county officials that the realty people having charge of the townsite had succeeded in selling 300 lots besides securing a large number of installment plan contracts.

He said that the town is platted on a rockpile in a desert near where one of the proposed lines of railroad is surveyed. He says there are no houses there, or other buildings, although the advertising matter shows banks, hotels and buildings on the town plat. For a while, he says, there was one tent on the land.

He was requested by the county officials to call Cameron's attention to the conditions and if possible bring the parties causing the alleged fraud into the courts. The land is practically valueless, he asserts, for any purpose whatever and is so situated that no one will ever become an inhabitant there.

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**TEA FOR THE GUARD.**

The Festivities Were Conducted on Strict Military Lines. While looking for pirates along the Chinese coast, Admiral John Moresby encountered some strange adventures and some that were ludicrous. One of his experiences he describes in "Two Admirals." When visiting the mandarin of Tien Pagh, he with his blue button, robes and attendants, I with our paymaster, gunner and a guard of ten marines and a sergeant, tea was offered to us and accepted as a matter of course. Then, in an access of politeness, the attendant proceeded with the tea to the guard, stiffer drawn up in the courtyard, the men with rifles shouldered. The sergeant looked round distractedly for guidance; he had no precedent



THE MEN WITH RIFLES SHOULDERS. for a tea party on duty. The men stared with cool contempt at the spoonful of acid tea. Fearing lest a refusal might be an affront, I hastily said, "Sergeant, let the men take it." He looked at me for an instant with a long, horrified look of remonstrance; then, stepping to the front as if drilling, he gave the word: "Order arms! Ground arms! Take the cups! Drink the tea!" Like Wordsworth's "forty feeding like one," they grasped the cups and with a single gesture emptied them down their throats. Next came the stately commands: "Return the cups! Take up arms! Shoulder arms!" It was done. The sergeant was himself again; he felt he had been equal to the occasion, and I stifled my unseasonable laughter in a cough and a handkerchief.

A Long Journey. Years ago when there were only wooden sidewalks in the city of Winnipeg, Canada, holes were bored in the planks to let the water run through. In the morning twilight a policeman found a man with the tip of his wooden leg in one of these holes and hurriedly walking around it. "What are ye doin' here?" asked the policeman. "G'way, offsher," said the man. "Got to get home before of' lady wakes up."—Everybody's.

A Seasoned Colt. Mrs. U. S. Grant was spending one summer in the New England hills, and she happened to be at hand when a native woman walked into the yard to deliver some eggs. "It's a long walk to town," the woman volunteered. "Don't you own a horse?" asked Mrs. Grant.

The woman sneezed. "We had a colt, but it died last week." She suddenly began to weep.

Mrs. Grant sympathetically remarked that the family must have been very fond of the colt, whereupon the woman dried her eyes.

"Fond of him? Well, I should say. It was like seed'n' one of the family took to see that colt go as he did. We all loved every inch of him."

Mrs. Grant inquired how they came to love the colt so dearly.

"Why," indignantly sobbed the woman, "we've had that colt for goin' on to twenty-two years."—Circle Magazine.

A Considerate Wife. A man who had been indulging too heavily was induced to sign the pledge.

"You must let me have it," said the wife. "I will keep it for you." So the pledge was handed over to the wife's custody.

The next day the man was drinking again as freely as before.

"How is this?" asked a friend. "You signed the pledge yesterday, and now you are drinking again."

"It is all right," replied the pledge signer in unsteady tones. "I don't have to keep that pledge. My wife says she will keep it for me. That's the kind of wife to have, old fellow."

He Got His. "A wise lawyer is a silent man. The fewer unnecessary questions he asks the better for him," says Senator Root.

"A little girl taught me this early in my practice. Her widowed mother came often to my office about the settlement of her estate. Sometimes she brought her daughter, a beautiful girl of ten, with red curls. One morning, after a long conference with the mother, I noticed that the child seemed uncomfortable. She evidently thought I was paying too much attention to her mother. I patted her on the head and said:

"You are a beautiful girl. Don't you want to come to my house and be my little girl?" "She answered decidedly: 'No, I don't. And I don't want mother to, either.'"

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C. W. Moore, Register.  
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**Notice For Publication Isolated tract.**  
Public Land Sale No. 05688. United States Land office, The Dalles, Oregon, July 16th, 1910. Notice is hereby given that, as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of Act of Congress approved June 27, 1906, Public—No 303, we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, at 9:30 o'clock a. m., on the 15th day of September, 1910, at this office, the following tract of land, to wit: nw 1/4 sec 29, tp 11 s, r 14 e, w. m.  
Any persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the day above designated for sale.  
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**Notice for Publication.**  
Notice is hereby given that the Northern Pacific Railway Company, whose post office address is St. Paul, Minnesota, has this 10th day of June, 1910, filed in this office its application to select under the provisions of the act of Congress, approved July 1, 1898 (30 Stat. 597, 620), as extended by congress, approved May 17th 1906, the Lot 1, sec 17, tp 9 s, r 13 e, w m, containing 26.93 acres.  
Any and all persons claiming adversely the lands described, or desiring to object because of the mineral character of the land, or for any other reason, to the disposal of applicant; should file their affidavits of protest in this office, on or before the 2nd day of August, 1910.  
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**NOTICE For Publication.** Northern Pacific Railway Co., List No. 1226, List No. 07092. United States Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, June 28, 1910.  
Notice is hereby given that the Northern Pacific Railway Company, whose postoffice address is St. Paul, Minnesota, has this 25th day of June, 1910, filed in this office its application to select under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved July 1, 1898 (30 Stat. 597, 620), as extended by the Act of Congress approved May 17, 1907, The nw 1/4 sec 2; sw 1/4 sec 3; sec 4 sec 30, twp. 12 s., range 16 east; also nw 1/4 sec 28, twp. 11 south, range 17 east, 4W. M.  
Any and all persons claiming adversely the lands described, or desiring to object because of the mineral character of the land, or for any other reason, to the disposal of applicant, should file their affidavits of protest in this office, on or before the 16th day of August, 1910.  
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**Notice for Publication.**  
Public Land Sale, No 05924. United States Land Office The Dalles, Oregon, June 29 1910.  
Notice is hereby given that, as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provision of Act of Congress approved June 27, 1906, Public No. 303, we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, at 9:45 o'clock a. m. on the 9th day of August 1910. At this office, the following tract of land, to wit: sw 1/4, sec. 9 tp. 11 s. r. 14 e. w. m.  
Any persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the day above designated for sale.  
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**Notice for Publication.**  
The Dalles, Oregon June 28th 1910. Notice is hereby given that the state of Oregon has filed in this office its application, No. 07085 to select under the provisions of the Act of Congress of August 14, 1848, and the Acts supplementary and amendatory thereto, The Lot 2, sec. 20, tp 9 s., r. 18 e., w. m. Any and all persons claiming adversely the land described, or desiring to object because of the mineral character of the land, or for any other reason, to the disposal of applicant should file their affidavits of protest in this office on or before the 16th day of August 1910.  
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**NOTICE For Publication.** Department of the Interior, Office at The Dalles, Oregon, 1910. Notice is hereby given that George Eads, of Lamonta, Oregon, who, on April 19, 1906, made Homestead, Serial No. 03672, for section 2, tp 12 s, r 12 e, w. m. has filed notice of intention to establish a five-year proof, to select to the land above described, Howard W. Turner, U. S. Commissioner at his office at Madras, Oregon, 7th day of September, 1910, names as witnesses: John W. Turner, U. S. Commissioner at Madras, Oregon, Carl M. McElroy, Mrs. Ida V. Foster, Lamonta, O. egon. C. W. Moore, Register.  
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