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THE NORTHERN PACIFIC.

New York, Sept. 20.—The annual report of the Northern Pacific says that while the earnings per mile of the older portion of the road show a satisfactory increase, the rates of earnings to the total mileage was necessarily less for the first year just closed than the preceding year, from the fact that of the additional 700 miles of road operated nearly 600 were newly constructed lines, traversing regions where the road had created a settlement and a business field. As it advanced the earning capacity of this mileage will soon be demonstrated, now that connection of our tracks has been effected and our line opened to the Pacific coast. Of the proceeds of bonds \$4,593,946 were paid June 30, 1883, to the Oregon and Transcontinental company, on account of indebtedness to it for loans and advances. The excess of expenditures, on account of construction and equipment, amounting to \$7,986,507 over the cash receipts, from the proceeds of the \$40,000,000 general mortgage bonds, sales of the preferred stock, and other sources of income, arise from several causes, chief among which are the increased cost of construction. To avoid embarrassments from large floating liabilities arrangements were entered into with the Oregon & Transcontinental company, under which that company was to make an advance of money needed, and to accept therefore such negotiable security as this company is competent to give, the terms and form whereof will be decided hereafter.

NOTE OF THANKS BY THE STOCKHOLDERS.
NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—The following resolutions were passed at a meeting of the stockholders of the Northern Pacific railway to-day:

WHEREAS, On the 8th day of Sept., the main line of the Northern Pacific was completed so as to furnish a through line for traffic between the Atlantic and Pacific, a highway for the commerce of Europe and Asia, and above all, a foundation for the prosperity of future states and of millions of citizens of our own country, an event of great importance not only to stockholders but also to the people of the United States, and one which but a few years ago seemed to be almost a hopeless accomplishment:

WHEREAS, It is fitting we place on record testimony of our appreciation of the efforts to achieve this result, and our commendations of the means by which it has been attained; therefore

Resolved, That we, stockholders of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, in this our annual meeting assembled, do hereby tender to the board of directors our earnest thanks for their faithful discharge of the trust committed them, and for the wise measures they have adopted to provide means to complete the great undertaking of the construction of the Northern Pacific railroad, and we offer them our congratulations on the success that has crowned their work; and

Resolved, That the thanks of the stockholders are due and are hereby tendered to the president of the company for the zeal, determination, untiring energy, sagacity and foresight displayed by him in carrying out to triumphant issue, in the face of unparalleled obstacles and difficulties, the end desired; and

Resolved, That the vice president of the company is entitled and is hereby tendered the thanks of the stockholders for the faithfulness, skill, judgment and consummate ability with which he has managed the business, construction and operation of the railway and property and other interests of the company; and

Resolved, That the completion of the Northern Pacific railroad entitles the projectors of the enterprise—those who bravely undertook its execution, and the devoted number who adhered to its fortunes through good and evil, and the new men who have recently joined the enterprise, pledging their fortunes and credit to secure its early completion—to the thanks of the stockholders and the whole country.

WHY VILLARD SHARES ARE TREMBLING.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 21.—The Press financial article says: "The depression in Villard's stocks yesterday was caused by old holders selling largely. It is known that Villard has spent a great deal more money in building the road than some of the old directors have thought wise. It is also known that the road has a large floating debt. There is much expensive work to do on it before it is completed, even to the point of connection with the Oregon Navigation company, which is not by any means the completion of the road, as the authorities at Washington understood it. It is intimated by careful men, in a position to know, that from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 more than was estimated have been spent on the road. If this is correct it means that no dividend will be paid on preferred for years, and it will be up to the Cascades division must be built.

VILLARD HAS SPENT TOO MUCH MONEY.
This may be an exaggerated view, but in any event an additional \$10,000,000 of first mortgage bonds are to be placed and there is a good deal of uncertainty about the earning capacity of the road for some time. The older holders of Northern Pacific have thought Villard was getting ahead too fast, and he has been pleasantly remonstrated with. On his recent visit to Portland he found a strong feeling among the leading men in that city that he was spending money too rapidly and branching out too widely. It is men like these that sold stock yesterday. What the outcome will be no one tried even to guess. Whether Villard will return to New York and support his stocks with his old vim, or whether he will allow the bears to go on is not known. In New York alone 96,100 shares of preferred and 24,900 shares of common were dealt in.

JOHN MUIR DENIES THE STATEMENT.
SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 21.—[Special.]—Relative to a dispatch from New York stating that the oldest stockholders in Northern Pacific objected to the expenditures made over the original estimates of the cost of building, John Muir said to an OREGONIAN correspondent this afternoon that the charges contained therein could not be substantiated. The road had been constructed as economically as was consistent with speed, and its progress was watched and carefully noted by men experienced in railroad construction. While President Villard was in reality financier of the road, his attention was generally directed to its various departments. On the other hand, the statement contained in the dispatch was wholly at variance with the sentiments expressed by the stockholders, who had embraced every opportunity to witness the practical working of the road at the time of the laying of the last rail. Those who did inspect the road declared themselves immensely satisfied with it as completed and constructed under the supervision of President Villard and Vice President Oakes, the latter having given his personal attention to every detail of expenditure connected with the vast undertaking.

UNCLE RUFUS HATCH ENTRESTIC.
NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—[Special.]—Rufus Hatch told a News reporter to-day: "I've seen enough to make me a bull on everything in that section of country through which I've traveled. I believe from what I know of railroad land grants and my experience regarding them covers thirty years, that the sale of the Northern Pacific lands alone will yield sufficient to redeem its stock and bonds in less than ten years. Where I saw stations only a year ago there are now cities, towns and villages. The locomotives, nearly all new, and of the very latest construction, steel rails the entire length of the road, and their equipment equals any of the eastern roads. The day passenger cars on the New York Central would be considered only fair emigrant cars out there."—Telegram.

Mr. Villard Replies to the Astoria Dispatch.
ASTORIA, Sept. 21.—[Special.]—On the 18th inst the following dispatch was sent to Mr. Villard:

If a contract for building the Astoria and Forest Grove railroad complete could be let at \$30,000 per mile, and land for terminus at Astoria donated, can you then commence construction of the road?

E. C. Holden, secretary of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce, to-day received the following answer:
E. C. Holden: Will be very glad to pay any one who will build the road in accordance with the engineer's plan and specifications \$20,000 per mile in first and \$10,000 per mile in second mortgage bonds—all the available means the company has—provided the proper terminal facilities in Astoria are assured. To correct an erroneous impression I will add that the estimate of cost in my letter includes full equipment of buildings, discount on bonds, interest during construction, general expenses and other items not included in the estimates proper of the engineer.

H. VILLARD.
The following telegram, published in North West News which will tend to reassure the anxious investors residing in Portland, was received:
NEW YORK, Sept. 26.

PAUL SHULZE, Portland, Or.: You are authorized to deny in toto the rumors prevailing in Portland affecting Mr. Villard and this company. On the 20th the stockholders adopted the report and unanimously reelected old Board of Directors by one of the largest votes ever polled, viz: Sixty-five millions. Directly we can get quorum of Board—probably this week—we will elect officers for ensuing year.

T. F. OAKS, Vice-President.

Mr. E. E. Quick is agent for three kinds of Sewing machines, The Royal, St. Johns, the New Home, and Singer's. The Royal St. John's is a magnificent machine. All you have to do is to start it, and then have a pair of pants or a new dress drop out all flounced and laced. The strawberry crop this year was a failure.

CORRESPONDENCE.

LAWRENCE, KANSAS, Sept. 7, 1883.
MY DEAR UNCLE GEO.—It has been some time since I have written to you. I write now to tell you I am at Lawrence, Kansas; that my dear Uncle Charles Branscomb is here and has bought the finest farm in this Co., it is worth with the 80 acres he had before about \$21000. We shall go into the business of stock-raising, mostly pure blooded stock. The farm is just outside the city limits. I suppose you know that Lawrence is the finest city in Kansas; it is now growing fast. I think in a few years it will be a place of 25000 people. Kansas is having good crops this year. My uncle Charles and family are all well. Arthur Chase, Dr. N. B. Chase's son, was here to-day. He is the manager of Rhea troupe. Rhea is the leading French Acrobats in the world. He made well in Kansas City, making over \$2000 clear in one week. Uncle Charles goes to Iowa to-day to see in regard his Iowa lands. I should be pleased to hear from you, also to have you send me your paper. I suppose you have been sending it to Kansas City, but some one takes it out there and I do not receive it; but if you will send it to Lawrence I will get it all right. Last week the people of Lawrence had an Old Settlers Meeting; Uncle Chas. made the address which was very fine indeed. I suppose your country is filling up now very fast. I should be pleased to visit it some time. My wife has been East to Old New Hampshire on a visit—will be back to me now soon. She says she will never like New England again as she did before she came West. Last spring I made a visit down to Arkansas and found some very fine lands, and some of the best timber I ever saw, but the people I found there seemed to be 50 years behind the times. I think Kansas to be one of the leading states in the West. Uncle and I can see no reason why we shall not make money in the stock business here. I have better health here than in Iowa. We also have all kinds of fruit here. We are at this time picking grapes for the market. We have a great many pounds of grapes this year. Apples a plenty, but not many peaches this season. I shall be pleased to see you. Are you not coming East some time? Let me hear from you soon. When you write, tell all about the country you live in. Hoping this may find you all in good health, I remain your Affct. Nephew,
A. B. ADAMS.

Mr. G. W. Harris is a native of Fulton, New York. His father was from Fitzwilliam in New Hampshire, and his mother a native of Rochester, New York. He comes of the best kind of stock, and is one of the finest men we ever knew. A near relative of his is Amanda Harris who writes such interesting articles for Wide Awake. Mr. Harris has a splendid ranch at Bunker Hill on which he intends to rear a hotel. If he does he will make a fortune.

Mr. Philip Shintaffer has leased the Tannen House at La Centre, and will run at that point a first class hotel. Everyone that knows Mr. Shintaffer and wife will feel confident of a well kept house, and one where all the reasonable wants of the traveling public will be realized. La Centre in the summer months, particularly is a great place of resort for Portland people, and we predict for Mr. Shintaffer the building up of a splendid business in that line.

Mr. E. E. Quick and family have lately returned from Mountain Dale where he had a splendid time while there. Mr. Quick killed two deer and did various exploits in the hunting line. His father, the enterprising D. O. Quick has now a mill of 40 horse power, and can do the best kind of work in his mill. The county around there is fast settling up. Mr. Quick hunted on the head waters of Dairy Creek which heads near the source of the Scappoose.

A murder was committed near Enterprise Landing last week, a man by the name of Young from Pennsylvania was the victim, and a man by the name of William Delany was accused of the "deep damnation of his taking off." He was examined before Justice Whitney and acquitted, but retained as a witness for further developments. A big crowd from below were in attendance on the Court.

The Art Amateur is grand as ever. It contains all that is great in decorative art or scientific research amid the homes of the present and past. It is a photograph of home life of all ages. Surely a man need not be ignorant of the Pharaohs or the antiquities of all time. It excavates all the hidden houses and tombs, and draws forth beauty from the embrace of decay and death.

John Edmonds is very quiet but honest man, and makes many friends and few enemies. He has a splendid family and a wife that trains her children to be polite. At least we thought so when little Rosa came around at Church, and passed us a hymnbook. The Miles children are trained the same way, and in public gatherings are a credit to their father and mother.

There was lately a Mr. Ritchie who visited St. Helen from Yaquina Bay. He was 76 years old, but genial and sprightly. He said everything was booming in that vicinity. He remembered hearing us speak in Portland in the memorable campaign that elected the eloquent George L. Woods, Governor of Oregon. This was in 1866.

J. S. Davenport has a full assortment of Yankee Notions. He has lately filled up his store. On his bulletin board he keeps statement of what he has on hand that particular day. Generally he will have hot coffee for his customers. When he does, it will be on the bulletin board. He always has fresh milk for sale from Henri's ranch.

Edward Potter went up on Saturday to Portland to see Merton and Lottie May Stewart off on the State of California. John Henry, Rachel Moe and Edward Potter saw them off with many regrets. The California got stuck on Willow Bar, but got off at last and went by St. Helen on Monday. Bon voyage!

W. H. Whitney has opened out in grand style at his store and shop near Cooper's meat market. He has a big supply of Candies, Nuts, Canned Fruits, Green Fruits, Crackers, Ginger Ale, Sarsaparilla, Soda Water, Tobacco, Cigars, Hair Oil, Perfumery, Picture Frames Hatracks, Yankee Notions and Drugs. He sells at such reasonable prices he has a great run of custom. His store is near the steamboat Landing, and you will find Mr. Whitney a courteous gentleman. He will have an extensive Ad in next week's paper.

Mr. Met F. Hazen and family have returned from visiting Mr. F. M. Hazen residing at Lebanon, Linn County. They enjoyed themselves hugely. They bought back a yam weighing 4 lbs. such as they raise in Linn County. We did not taste it, but it made our mouth water; all we had to swallow was our feelings and they didn't digest worth a cent. Mr. Hazen reports the apple crop as a failure, the most of other crops are good. Mrs. Hazen says she got lots of square meals while there, and thinks the country ahead of Columbia County.

Mr. G. L. Meeker has returned again to his native place. His health is poor, but he lives up and looks better the longer he stays. He has longed for the COLUMBIAN like a child for a mother's voice while he has been absent. Welcome home!

We met a Mr. McDougal at Milton bridge. He informed us two families, Frazier and McKenzie, had just arrived from Nova Scotia with intention of settling in this County. He said they were excellent people.

Mr. Otto Godkin has bought a nice horse for his wife. It is very gentle and Mrs. Godkin enjoys riding very much. We are glad; it gives her change and takes away the monotony of everyday life.

The Strachans have had their ranches surveyed out, and J. W. Campbell has been laying off the course of a branch road. This same road will lead to Bulu, Major Adams' ranch in the mountains.

There was a dance at Blakesley's hotel last Saturday night. There were 31 numbers, and everything passed off in the gayest manner. We believe it was in celebration of Charley's birthday.

NEWS DEEPS.

We noticed Mrs. Baker and son in town.

J. H. Dodson is conductor on a street car in Portland.

S. A. Miles has a new set of harness for his new hack.

Dr. Arthur Moore, the Judge's brother is expected here to-day.

The matrimonial market is on the boom just now. It is up to you.

Miss Bertha Davis is going soon to Astoria to learn the milliner's trade.

There is a ball at Frank Henric's on Sauvie's Island to-night, we are informed.

Mr. Davenport's collection of house-plants are the admiration of everybody.

Blanchard Lane is up from Shanghai Valley. He is extensively engaged in logging.

Mr. and Mrs. Young are coming money, and we don't feel bad. They deserve success.

Money to loan on real estate security by E. A. Moore Esq., St. Helen Oregon.

A sister-in-law and child, relatives of Mrs. Conyers arrived in town from the States the other day.

A Mr. Houck of Lewis River wants to buy a small farm near some stream or river for a chicken-ranch.

Mrs. Dr. Stewart and Mrs. Morrison have gone to Fossil. These ladies are much missed in society here.

Enoch Shintaffer is one of our most stirring men. Whatever he embarks in he is bound to come out ahead.

We wish all parties would cease gunning on our land. They may get a duck, or a shot in the rear they don't expect.

Mr. J. S. Davenport has a splendid collection of picture-frames for sale, also whips, not black-snakes, and canes for dudes.

Mr. Slidell tells us one of the bosses on the R. R. informs him the R. R. will not be ready for regular business under a month.

Walter Cox seems to have laid aside his rough ways and is now reckoned one of the best-behaved scholars in Miss McMurtry's school.

Mrs. Perry is attending a little child on only son by the name of Matthews. Two brothers and their families and all so a third family occupy the Trutch house in town. Mrs. Perry says the Matthews child is a perfect skeleton, and only kept alive by the kindest nursing and medicine.

Mrs. Judge Moore and daughter Callista are very busy preparing Cora Johnson, their little ward, for winter. Callista does the embroidery and Mrs. Moore puts in the tucks and flounces, and Cora plays for it all with her grateful childish laughter and happy looks.

Mr. Jonathan Pringle from Nehalem he is an adept in the hop business for which he says Nehalem lands are peculiarly adapted. We should be glad to see the inhabitants of that beautiful and fruitful valley embark in some business that would bring them in lots of money.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO PURCHASE TIMBER LAND.

LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OREGON, Sept. 14, 1883.
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W. H. Whitney has enlarged his place of business. He has made it twenty feet square. He will have an enlarged Ad. in next week's paper.

T. C. Watts has enlarged the yard around his mansion and Mrs. Watts is happy. She had a nice visit in Portland. She reports Mr. J. H. Platt has moved to West Portland.

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