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Villard Resigns the Presidency of the Northern Pacific.

New York, Jan. 4.—The annual meeting of the board of directors of the Northern Pacific Railroad was held to-day in the offices of the company. Present: Frederick Billings, Ashbell H. Barney, John Wells, Thos. W. G. Balston, Robert Morris, Thos. F. Onkes, J. Pierpont Morgan, August Belmont, J. L. Stackpole, Benjamin Cheney, John C. Bullett, and Henry E. Johnston.

The following letter from Henry Villard was read:

To the Board of Directors of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company: I hereby offer my resignation as president of your board. I feel constrained to take the step for two reasons—one of which is that I am suffering from nervous prostration, which renders me no longer capable of properly discharging my official duties, and my physicians advise absolute abstention from all active employment as a condition of the recovery of my health. The other reason is, that in my own opinion, no less than in that of my personal and business friends, the interests of the company call for the severance of my connection with it.

His resignation would be an unjust result of the years of severe labor and anxiety which I have spent in my endeavor to serve the company conscientiously and to my best ability, but my feelings should not stand in the way of the welfare of stockholders. I am consoled by an abiding confidence that the future will completely vindicate all my actions. I may, as soon as my health permits, ask the privilege of submitting to you a summary of my administration of the company's affairs. Allow me to express to you, in conclusion, my sincere thanks for the cordial support and appreciative sympathy you have at all times extended to me.

H. VILLARD.

The resignation was accepted.

A meeting of the Oregon and Transcontinental executive committee was called for routine business. The investigating committee discharged and its report accepted.

The executive committee of the O. R. & N. Co. is in session. It is understood the dividend will be reduced from 10 to 8 per cent, for the reason that the company's earning capacity does not warrant higher rates.

A report was circulated this morning that Endicott and Coolidge, who recently joined the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company and Oregon Transcontinental directory, have succeeded in prevailing upon those companies to abandon the construction of their new line to a connection with the Union Pacific's Oregon Short Line. Officials of the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company deny this, and state that the work has been discontinued owing to heavy snow and bad weather; but in the spring the road will be rapidly pushed to completion.

Stocks were active and higher this afternoon. Northern Pacific preferred touched 56, on the resignation of Villard.

A Benton County Murder.

CORVALLIS, Jan. 4.—Thomas J. Dennis and a man named Burbank, his son-in-law, while hunting in the Alsea valley, twenty-five miles west of Corvallis, Saturday, separated, agreeing to meet on Grant's mountain. Dennis failed to appear at the proper time and Burbank, after vain waiting and search, returned home and reported the facts to the neighbors. The whole neighborhood became aroused and scoured the country vainly until yesterday, when Dennis' body was found in a lonely spot about through the heart, his gun, still loaded, lying near him. The circumstances indicated that the body had been dragged fifty yards from where it fell and footprints not corresponding to Dennis' boots were noticed. There is no doubt of foul play. Burbank was arrested on suspicion at the grave during Dennis' burial and is expected to reach this city to-night. Dennis was 50 years old and leaves a large family.

Italy on Top.

The report is confirmed that the representatives of Germany, Austria, and Italy have signed a treaty by which, in the event of a war between either of the two first named powers or both of them and France, Italy is left entirely free to take part or not, but should France go to war with Italy, both Germany and Austria are pledged to help Italy. Until further explanation this may be pronounced the most remarkable treaty of modern times. It gives to Italy everything and asks nothing from her in return; not even the payment of the war expenses of the two most obliging nations. This singular treaty was signed as early as last September, not long after the rumpus in Italy over the French military movements in Tunis.

Egypt Getting Tired.

CAIRO, Jan. 4.—The relations of Egypt and England are strained. Egypt has sent a note to Great Britain, pointing out that in the present state of things Egypt cannot continue asking final decision on the Sudan question. If England refuses the assistance asked the khedive and the ministry are determined to abandon to Turkey eastern Sudan, and reduce the Egyptian tribute to the Porte. Egyptian troops will then be concentrated in Egypt proper, thus giving a force of 15,000 men to protect the frontier, without the English army. Evelyn Baring thinks 15,000 men insufficient for that service.

The Secret.

The Baltimore News, says it is preposterous to speak of the substantial peace without intrinsic, unexpressed merit. St. Jacobs Oil, the great pain-killer, is a most pronounced example. Its immense sale is due to its merits.

The Greed for Wealth.

The temptations to excess in efforts at money-making in this country are well-nigh irresistible. The land is comparatively new and much remains to be developed. Our National growth is unexampled and rapidly progressing. Opportunities for trade multiply on every hand, and here, as nowhere else in the world, "the hand of the diligent maketh rich." And so, with a shout and a spring, everybody makes a grand rush into some business enterprise or movement. Some deliberately count the cost in advance, go slow and sure, and make steady advancement toward the final goal of competence or affluence. Others go pell-mell, and lose through indiscretion and lack of foresight. Others win by the mysterious workings of what is called blind luck. It was with us more as it is with the staid and worn-out countries of Europe, where everything is cut and dried and enervated with the oppressive customs and regulations of centuries, where opportunities for change or progress are limited and hopeless despair represses ambition and energy among the poorer classes, we should see a different state of society altogether. There would be less extravagance and less impetuosity, less confusion and competition, less profits, and perhaps smaller losses. Of course, we shall gradually work toward a more settled, regular and business activity as we grow older, and as the experience of centuries brings wisdom and prudence and caution to venturesome minds, but that is a good way about as yet. But the naturally existing conditions of life and the natural movement of men and things, we shall be compelled to pass through a succession of trials and failures for many a year before age sobers and represses the impulses and ardor of National youth and exhausts a measure of its superabundant vitality and restlessness. And in the meantime, morals, arts and higher intellectual pursuits should suffer by reason of excessive absorption of interest in material progress and gain, we can console ourselves with the reflection that this preliminary stage of development must needs precede the more perfect and equable condition which lies just before us in the rosy light of an ideal future.

The Sioux Hymn Book.

A hymn book has been prepared for the Indians in the missionary jurisdiction of Niobrara. It is said to contain 110 hymns. The first stanza of "Jerusalem, My Happy Home," runs in this melodious manner:

Jerusalem, wati waxte,
Caje tewarinda,
Toban kihuan twarie xiii.
Heet woyezwan.

No bald-headed man is taken into the United States army as a recruit.

This rule has been adopted to conciliate the friendly Indians. Nothing exasperates an Indian so much as to kill a United States soldier, and then be deprived of the satisfaction of scalping him. Such an outrage on the friendly Indians is calculated to rouse them on to war. It is at the request of the Indians that the secretary of war issued the order that none but scalpable recruits should be received into the army.

It appears from the evidence that both the vessels sent by the government on the Greely relief expedition were unfit for the service and also imperfectly equipped for such a hazardous undertaking.

It would have been much more intelligent, humane and less expensive to have killed Lieutenant Greely before he started on the expedition.

Work still goes on at the quick-silver mines on the Nestucca.

They have tunneled into the mountain about eighty feet, and are confident that they will soon strike it rich.

The Cherokee Indians have established a national bank in their territory.

Now they find that direct communication either with Canada or Mexico is an actual necessity.

A fashion editor says: "Now that cuts' heads are being used to adorn bonnets, the cat must go."

We hope he won't go any more at night than he now does.

A Toronto man waited until he was eighty-three years old before he got married.

That's like running three miles to get a good start for a fourteen-inch jump.

It is estimated that about 1,000,000 feet of logs, belonging mostly to Snohomish loggers, went out to sea on a late freighter.

The loss amounts to about \$6,500.

A wise man never contradicts his wife.

He hides his time and sits smilingly, sure that she will contradict herself if he doesn't spoil it by his rashness.

Mr. Gladstone, it is said, dislikes to put on a new suit of clothes.

Well, it is annoying to have everyone you meet ask if it has been wet yet.

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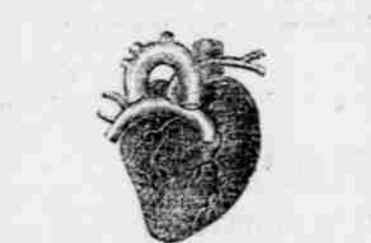
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