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ASTORIA'S PART IN THE GAME
General Freight Agent Hill Thinks She Has a Good Show for a Large Business.

Mr. W. H. Hill, general freight agent of the Great Northern Railway Company, with headquarters at St. Paul, spent yesterday in Astoria with Mr. Wm. Harder, general agent of the company at Portland.

Mr. Hill is a young man of prepossessing appearance, and with a clear head upon his shoulders. He has won his way upwards from the ranks, and is now at the head of the freight department of one of the largest and most successful railway companies west of the trunk lines. The Great Northern is a modern railway, built upon modern principles, and perhaps has less curves and grades than any of the other transcontinental lines. It extends from Duluth, on Lake Superior, and St. Paul, Minnesota, westward via Spokane, across the Cascade range to Seattle, with various branch lines in the state of Washington. Because of its easy grades and straight line, it can haul traffic at less expense than can some of the older transcontinental roads. It is the only transcontinental line which has not recently been in the hands of receivers, except the Sunset Route. When seen last evening by an Astorian representative, Mr. Hill said that he was very optimistic of the weather here compared with the East. "This is my first visit to the Pacific coast, and this is the first day of sunshine I have had since leaving St. Paul. I am taking advantage of this outing to familiarize myself with the extreme western territory which our line serves. We have visited Victoria and Vancouver, B. C., Seattle, Tacoma and Portland, and will return via the O. R. and N. and Spokane. To say that I am surprised at the state and apparent prosperity of your city, and the magnificent harbor in front of it, does not express my feelings. Many Eastern people have an idea that Astoria is but a small fishing village, while in reality you have a city of no mean proportions, and most handsomely located. I cannot see how anything can now stop the rapid and prosperous growth of Astoria. With railroad connections open to all the transcontinental lines, and with manufacturing enterprises to produce tonnage for shipment both by land and sea, there is no limit to the possibilities of Astoria.

"As regards traffic with the Orient, which was some time since predicted to be on the increase, I would say that contracts are now being made for the shipment of 5,000 tons of flour from Minneapolis to the Orient via Seattle. Events are turning the tide of traffic more rapidly than was anticipated. Mr. Harder tells me that the steamer Chitagon, on her last voyage to this port, when she arrived in Portland upon Monday of this week, was obliged to leave behind a large amount of freight offered her. The steamers westbound from Seattle are unable to accommodate the business presented, and I understand the same thing is true of the steamers leaving the Columbia. It is unprecedented, however, that the east-bound steamers from Yokohama and Hongkong must leave freight behind. I am told, also, that the big flouring mills in Portland, now having a large stock of wheat on hand, will probably be idle four or five months this year awaiting the new crop. I believe the time is coming when the wheat from Minnesota and Dakota will, to a great extent, go west instead of east. The railroads are now transporting constantly increasing cargoes of machinery and other American products to Japan and China. Steel rails are being shipped across the continent and the Pacific to the Orient. It is difficult to predict what tremendous revolutions may be made in Oriental traffic when the great Russian railroad is finished to Vladivostok. The Columbia River port at Astoria should come in for a large share of this traffic as her natural position and advantages are equal to the best."

During the day Messrs. Hill and Harder were the guests of Mr. A. B. Hammond, who, in company with several Astorians, took the visitors across the bay to Flavel and showed them the lower harbor and railway terminal facilities. The gentlemen left on the evening boat for Portland, having spent the afternoon visiting the Astoria Iron Works, Pacific Sheet Metal Works, and the various concerns.

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spell, and the narrow escape of Griffin & Reed's plate glass windows this evening, owing to the inclined plane from the fire engine house, which caused the heavy engine and team to slide across the street, was only due to extraordinary good judgment and skill on the part of Driver Cordes."

JUST AN ALARM.
Last Night's Fire in an Astor Street Chinese Laundry.

An alarm of fire was turned in from Box 6 about 10:50 last night, No. 1 and No. 2 chemical responding. The cause of the alarm was a blaze in a Chinese laundry at 278 Astor street. The services of the department were not needed, as the fire was easily extinguished. The fire originated in the rear of the building, and soon a blaze shot up. The thermometer was pretty low at the time, and, strange to relate, the blaze froze. A quick-witted heathen, seeing an opportunity to distinguish himself, grasped the frozen blaze, broke it off, and threw it into the river; and the building was saved.

THE BIG MILL.
Where the Ring Will Be No One Knows Precisely.

Chicago, January 26.—The dispatches from Nevada, referring to the passage of the bill under the provisions of which Dan Stuart could pull off the Corbett-Fitzsimmons battle, have set the sports here agog. Geo. Siler, who is to referee the big mill, and who in conjunction with Malachi Hogan, is to run a special train from Chicago to the ringside, would not commit himself as to the location of the proposed ring. "All the world will know in a day or two just where the ring is to be pitched," said Siler. "We have a train engaged, and yet the general manager of the road with whom we are doing business does not know, except in an approximate sort of way, how far he will have to haul us. I will say, however, we will be at the ringside sixty hours after we pull out of the depot in Chicago. Hogan and myself have been kept busy for the past week answering letters of inquiry. Thus far we have advised our correspondents to bide their time, and when the proper moment arrives we will acquaint them with all the details.

MUST FIGHT IT OUT.
State Department Will Keep Hands off the San Francisco Chinese Fight.

Washington, January 26.—The state department has declined to be drawn into the great factional fight now going on in San Francisco between the two big Chinese secret societies, the Sam Yups, and See Yups, which have been marked already by murder and other deeds of violence. About two weeks ago, at the instance of Senator White, Assistant Secretary Rockhill listened to a statement from a San Francisco attorney, representing the See Yups, who sought to have the state department intervene to prevent the Chinese consul at San Francisco from taking action hostile to that society. It was soon made apparent to the state department that his was not a matter for action, certainly at this time, if at all. It is held in the department that the aggrieved society must find its recourse in the local law.

THE WEATHER PROPHECY.
Washington, January 26.—The weather bureau issued the following: The temperature has risen slowly on the Atlantic coast westward over the Ohio and Upper Mississippi Valleys and the Northwest. It continues low and has fallen slightly in the Southwest, and has fallen decidedly in Florida, where it is below freezing. The temperature will remain about stationary Wednesday in the Middle Atlantic states, north of Virginia, with fair weather and light local snow storms. The barometer has risen in the St. Lawrence Valley and New England, and in the Southwest, and it has fallen from Florida northwest to Manitoba. It is lower northeast of New England, and higher north of Montana.

SPOONER IN WISCONSIN.
Madison, Wis., January 26.—Both houses of the legislature voted for John C. Spooner for United States senator. The election will be ratified in joint convention tomorrow.

JONES ELECTED.
Carson, Nev., January 26.—Senator John P. Jones received a majority in both houses today for United States senator.

WHY CAN'T THE HOUSE ORGANIZE
Was the Question Asked by Misener in the Rump House Yesterday.

SENSATION IN THE SENATE
A Flat Attempt to Rule the Oregonian Reporter Out of the Senate for Criticizing a Senator.

Salem, January 26.—Just after the Benson house met this afternoon, Misener, Democrat, arose and asked permission to say a few words. Being granted, he said: "I have been here a week and this house has not yet been organized. Why can't it be organized? It is time to do something." Misener stood for several moments, evidently expecting a reply, but none was made. He then sat down. Misener's remarks created a stir, as he is one of the two Democrats who helped organize the house.

A number of bills were introduced, but a question of privilege afforded the sensation in the senate this morning, relieving the feeling of sleepiness caused by the second reading of bills. Senator Haseltine, of Multnomah, was the author of the breeze. He objected to the statement printed in yesterday's Oregonian saying that he has solicited the appointment of the chairmanship of the committee on municipal corporations. He characterized the statement as false and asked the senate to withdraw the courtesy to the reporter of the Oregonian. There was no second to his motion and the matter was dropped.

CLINE'S CHANCES.
Friends Think He Has a Good Show—No Cigarettes in Washington.

Olympia, January 26.—Speaker Cline's speech in the joint assembly today does not mean that he has actually withdrawn from the senatorial fight. The speech is the result of an agreement entered into by many of the Populists to support Cline for a given number of ballots, and then in case he was not elected, to take up another man and see if he could come nearer concentrating the entire Populist vote. Tomorrow Lieut. Governor Daniels will be pushed to the front and next day it is said Judge Winsor will be given a chance. Cline's friends claim he will come nearer uniting the Populists than any other man, and that future balloting will prove it. It is generally believed that Cline, in case of a caucus, will be Turner's most formidable opponent. Both branches of the legislature worked earnestly today and two important matters were disposed of. The house passed a bill to prohibit the manufacture or sale of cigarettes or cigarette papers in the state. A similar measure was passed at the session four years ago and repealed two years ago, and a tax of ten dollars on cigarette dealers imposed. The bill today passed by a large majority, but will probably be opposed vigorously in the senate, on constitutional grounds. The entire morning and afternoon session of the senate was absorbed by a debate over the motion to sustain Governor McGraw's veto of the bill, passed by the legislature two years ago, repealing the deficiency judgment law. The veto was sustained by a vote of seventeen to fourteen. The Republicans voted solid to sustain the governor.

GENERAL CRAIGHILL
Will Be Retired, on His Request, from Office of Chief of Engineers.

Washington, January 26.—General William Craighill, chief of engineers, after a most brilliant military and scientific record, will be retired next Monday on his own application, under the forty years' service law. The retirement will leave to the president the filling of a most desirable position. It is not yet known whom the choice will fall upon, but the general opinion seems to be that it lies between Col. J. M. Wilson, superintendent of buildings and grounds in Washington, and Col. H. M. Robert, division engineer at New York.

THE MARKETS.
San Francisco, January 26.—Hope—\$49 1/2 for fair to choice, and 11 1/2 for fancy.
Liverpool, January 26.—Wheat—spot, quiet; demand, moderate; No. 2 red spring, 6s 9d; No. 1 California, 7s. Futures—May, 6s 5/8d.
RESULT OF POPULISM.
Olympia, January 26.—The First National Bank of Olympia failed today. President Phillips claims the institution will be speedily able to pay every

dollar due creditor. The failure is due to unexpected and heavy withdrawals.

THE WHY OF IT.
What Caused the Failure of the Olympia Bank.

Tacoma, January 26.—An Olympia special to the Ledger says: The following notice this morning was posted on the door of the First National Bank: "Owing to unexpected heavy withdrawals of deposits this bank is compelled to suspend until we can realize on our assets. Depositors will not lose a dollar. A. A. Phillips, president." Phillips stated that the immediate cause for the suspension was the withdrawal by the state treasurer of \$35,000 of state money. This frightened the other depositors, who made a run on the bank, forcing it to close its doors. The state deposits were withdrawn on January 13th. The liabilities of the bank are \$190,000, \$75,000 being individual deposits of residents of this town and county. The assets are stated to be \$225,000, a large amount of which can be realized on very soon. The principal stockholders are A. A. Phillips, John F. Govey, Olympia; Ladd & Tilton, Portland; and Dexter Horton. The bank has been in business since 1883. When the financial crisis came, a number of the principal debtors of the bank were forced to the wall. The bank was crippled and has never been able to fully recover, it being unable to make collections of notes taken during the halcyon days.

COOL NIAGARA WEATHER.
Niagara Falls, January 26.—The cold is intense here, and a glittering ice bridge was formed in the gorge. Frozen spray upon the trees of the parks and faces of the cliffs presents a dazzling spectacle, and trains are bringing many sightseers.

THE FISH TRAP BILL.
What They Think of It in Wasco County.

The Dalles Chronicle. Senator Smith, of Astoria, has introduced a bill abolishing fish traps and all other fish appliances for catching salmon. The bill provides that the law shall not go into effect until 1899. It also regulates the length of leads traps and wheels may use. The bill ought not to pass, for the reason that it is unjust. It pretends to be made for the purpose of protecting the salmon, but in reality it is for the purpose of turning the whole fishing industry over to the fishermen of the lower river, and should be entitled "A bill to prevent persons catching salmon on the Columbia river above Warrendale," for that is what it will do, and all it will do. It is claimed the fish-wheels catch so many salmon that the industry will be ruined; but it does not provide for limiting the catch at the mouth of the river. Astoria catches all the salmon it can—and all it can catch. The real intention of the bill, it would be only fair to place some limit on the number of miles of net to be used on the lower river. We of the upper Columbia have made no complaint against the methods of fishing followed on the lower river. We have been content to take our chances on what Astoria and the lower river leaves to us. The same methods used on the lower river for taking salmon cannot be used here, for conditions are entirely different. There the river has a sand bottom and a moderate current, all well suited to drifting. Here the bottom is rocky, the current swift, and the stream filled with surging eddies. It would be as fair to say to the fishermen of the lower river, "You must only catch salmon in fish wheels," as to say to us, "You must catch them only in drift nets." Either proposition is an absurdity. The lower river has the best of the law now by long odds, and should be satisfied. The fishing season is made in reference to the run at Astoria. It begins at the time the fish enter the river, and it continues until they cease to come in. Originally the season ended August 1st, but a few years ago a big run of chinook was coming in at that date, and to cover a recurrence of that event, the season was extended to August 10th. The Astorians have, in an average season, three weeks' or a month's fishing before it begins here, and they fish during the whole time the salmon run. Here the wheels are stopped August 10th, just when the best run is on, and the fish that escape the nets of the lower river in July, nearly all pass the Cascades after the close of the season. We realize the necessity of protecting the salmon industry, but we certainly object to that form of protection that turns the whole business over to the lower river.

JONES CALLED DOWN.
Idaho Democrats Resent His Interference in Their Senatorial Battle.

Washington, January 26.—The Democrats of Idaho yesterday sent a dispatch to Senator Jones, chairman of the national Democratic committee, informing him that his interference in behalf of the re-election of Senator Dubois, was unwarranted. Senator Jones replied as follows: "My action and that of prominent Democratic members of the national committee, was in no sense an interference in local affairs. Prominent Republicans abandoned their party and gave hearty support to the platform and candidates of the Chicago convention, and it would be in my opinion an exceedingly narrow and undemocratic course for the party to fail to testify its appreciation of such conduct. We cannot discriminate against such men without harm to the great cause. We have acted for a cause, not for any man; for the whole country, and not for a state. This question is not and cannot be confined to Idaho. We, therefore, urge that our friends in Idaho shall not lose sight of the effects of their action on the whole country and our great cause, in their excitement over local affairs. Having proposed for weeks to vote for a Populist satisfactory to you, and being denied an opportunity to do so, Democrats cannot be charged with the violation of any agreement referred to. They have discharged every assumed obligation."

WORK OF FLAMES IN MID-WINTER
Philadelphia and Chicago Visited by Disastrous Conflagrations.

JOHN WANAMAKER'S STORE
Badly Damaged—Williams Block in Chicago Completely Destroyed—Many Injured.

Special to the Astorian. Philadelphia, January 26.—The most disastrous conflagration that has visited this city in recent years broke out shortly before 7 o'clock this morning in the basement of the big grocery of Hanscomb Bros., at 1317 Market street. Property to the value of \$250,000 or more was destroyed. Immediately adjoining Hanscomb Bros. on the west side, was the five story building occupied by Blum Bros., manufacturers of ladies' cloaks. The water seemed almost to freeze before it touched the building. The next building on the west to be eaten up was that occupied by Geo. Marshall, as a restaurant, then came the hat factory of G. E. Wells, and the rear of the wholesale grocery of Showell & Freyer. While the flames were sweeping west on Market street the umbrella manufactory of Hirsch Bros., the largest in the world, caught fire. In half an hour the building was a mass of flames. North of Hirsch Bros., immediately across Silver street, stood the new seven story building of Dunlap Bros. The flames swept through this structure, gutting it completely. At 8:15 a. m., fire was discovered in the tower of the John Wanamaker big dry goods store. A stream of water from one of the water towers was run up the burning structure, but the supply of water was either too small, or the apparatus defective, as the stream did not reach the flames. The tower contained a handsome clock and chimneys. At 9 o'clock the entire tower collapsed, the clock falling through the first floor. Two lines of hose were then gotten on top of the gigantic structure, and the flames which threatened to destroy Philadelphia's most famous store were soon under control. The fire had been confined entirely to the Market street front, and the loss sustained by Wanamaker was principally in the destruction of the clock and chimneys, and the breaking of all the large plate glass windows on Market street.

Chicago, January 26.—Seven firemen and two spectators were badly hurt at the fire this evening which destroyed the Williams Block, extending from 130 to 202 Monroe street. The fire originated in the basement of the building, and spread with such rapidity that within a few minutes it had become utterly useless for the firemen to attempt to save the building. After a hard fight they managed to confine the fire to the Williams block, but they were unable to save anything in it. The total damage to the building and contents is estimated at \$385,000.

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