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**THE NORTHERN'S  
NEW PRESIDENT**

C. S. Mellen Gets the Plum and Lamont is Vice President.

ROAD TO BE INDEPENDENT

But Friendly to Great Northern—Frederick D. Underwood the General Manager—J. F. Morgan Controlling Power.

New York, August 12.—(Special to the Astorian.)—C. S. Mellen was today elected president of the Northern Pacific railroad and Daniel S. Lamont was elected vice-president. Mellen is now second vice-president of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, and was formerly general manager of the Union Pacific.

Mr. Mellen was born August 16, 1851, at Lowell, Mass. He entered the railroad service when a boy of 15, as clerk in the office of the Northern New Hampshire railroad. From March, 1872, to January, 1873, he was clerk to the chief engineer of the Central Vermont, at St. Albans. Later he was superintendent's clerk, cashier, chief clerk and assistant treasurer of the Northern New Hampshire.

It is believed that President Mellen will select Frederick D. Underwood as general manager of the Northern Pacific.

Mr. Lamont is supposed to represent the Morgan interests and is regarded as especially fitted for the task of assisting in the active management of the property. At the office of J. P. Morgan & Co., Mr. Coster, of that firm, said to a reporter that the change in the presidency was a decisive indication that the Northern Pacific will continue to run as an absolutely independent property. When asked whether Mr. Lamont was to be considered as particularly a friend of Mr. Hill, of the Great Northern property, Mr. Coster replied that he was not, and that Lamont had been made vice-president on account of the high regard for him and respect for his abilities entertained by the Northern Pacific directors. Mr. Coster added that the friendly relations which exist between the Northern and Great Northern would be continued and strengthened in every way. While the Great Northern and Northern Pacific have stockholders in common, all parties interested in either company recognized that each property must be allowed to stand on its own merits and none of them wish to see any other policy followed.

BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS.

Wheat Still Climbing Towards the Dollar Mark.

New York, August 12.—Wheat shot up today in leaps and bounds, surpassing by more than a cent a bushel all previous records since the bull campaign opened. Cash was in the market strong. No. 1 was quoted at six and a half cents over September and No. 1 red at four and a half cents over September, while late in the day the latter option attained a premium of one and five-eighths cents over December.

Chicago, August 12.—September wheat today reached \$1.06, the best price of the year.

Portland, August 12.—Wheat—Valley, 54c; Walla Walla, 54c; San Francisco, August 12.—Hops—7 and 8c; fancy, 10 and 11c.

Liverpool, August 12.—Wheat—Firm; No. 1 standard California, 55s 3d.

HARVEST HANDS WANTED.

Spokane, August 12.—There is an unprecedented demand for harvest hands throughout Eastern Washington and northern Idaho. Farmers are expressed that enough men cannot be found to harvest the large crops. At various places farmers are bidding from \$2 to \$4 per day and board for harvest hands, and cannot find men even at these wages.

**THEY NOW SING  
ANOTHER TUNE**

Both Stewart and Jones Admit that Prosperity is Restored.

THEY WANT THEIR SHARE

And Are in Wall Street After It, with Many Congratulations for the Republican Party.

New York, August 12.—The Times today publishes the following:  
Senator Stewart is one of the latest converts to commercial optimism. He is a built on everything except silver. He is engaged in a vigorous campaign in Wall street, and he said yesterday that he heard so much about better times that he had determined to gather in a part of the prosperity which is now not only rampant in the street, but outside. When asked what had brought about the change in his views, he said:  
There is no room for pessimism in this country. No one can be a bear in the face of the wheat famine in Argentina, Russia, Hungary and India. In view of these conditions abroad I should not be surprised to see silver sell for 25 cents and what a high as a dollar.

There is nothing in talking at the present time, and my advice to my friends in the West is to fall in line with the forces of prosperity and progress and receive their due share of the reward.

"Are the people in the West alive to this new situation?"

"The people in the West," he replied, "are wide awake. They know a good thing when they see it. Most of them are laughing at the old-time conservatism born of hope and actual knowledge of what is going on around them. With their immense crops they will be able not only to liquidate their indebtedness to the money sharks of the East, but will inaugurate a buying movement that will surprise the people in this part of the country. I think that by the late fall the truth of what I said and reiterated during the campaign will be generally recognized, and this is that there can be no general prosperity in a country that is not born and sustained in the West."

Senator John P. Jones, of Nevada, who is spending a vacation in this city, said yesterday that the fall in the price of silver ought not to surprise anyone.

"Silver is falling in the common price," he said, "because of a falling off in the demand for it as money. Japan has gone into a gold basis and so lessened the demand for silver. Besides, there has been, because of universal hard times, a great falling off in purchases in the East. Oriental countries use silver as money, and our purchases are paid for in that metal. The demand has been cut off by reason of the hard times."

Of the increasing gold production in Alaska, Mr. Jones said:  
"I am not opposed to prosperity through any increase in gold. The Republicans are very lucky, and I congratulate them on the fact that this great discovery falls within their administration. I believe a great deal of gold will be found in Alaska and it is certain to restore prosperity, for which the Republicans will claim and receive the credit. I shall welcome its return whether through gold or silver. Much glorification and congratulation is heard over the fact that our Western wheat is going up to a dollar because of the famine in Argentina, Russia, India and other countries. I do not like to think that our prosperity is founded upon destruction and starvation in foreign nations. I want a flood of money to turn the little mill wheels and irrigate the waste plains of our land."

"Another result that will follow from an abundance of money, be it silver or gold, will be a decrease of the value of the trusts. The people hate trusts, and only prosperity will drive monopolies out of their minds. Plenty of money will crush out the trusts. They flourish only in hard times."

CANADIAN PACIFIC HARD HIT.

Dingley Tariff Will Divert Oriental Trade to United States Ports.

Montreal, August 12.—The decision of Attorney-General McKenna as to the interpretation of the clause of the new United States tariff which deals with the imposition of 10 per cent to the duty on foreign goods entering the United States through a contiguous country will be watched with the greatest interest in Canada. "If the clause is put into force," said G. M. Bosworth, freight traffic manager of the Canadian Pacific railroad, its effect will be most serious. It will kill all our China and Japan business in exports intended for the United States and will also kill entirely importation into the United States through Canadian ports. Montreal in summer, and St. John in winter will suffer from the adverse reaction.

The same view was expressed by G. B. Reeve, general traffic manager of the Grand Trunk railway.

THE RUSSIAN MISSION.

Edwin Allen Hitchcock, of St. Louis, Gets the Appointment.

St. Louis, August 12.—A special to the Globe-Democrat from Washington says: Mr. Edwin Allen Hitchcock, of St. Louis, has accepted the Russian mission. He was in no sense a candidate. His name was not suggested to the president by anybody. The first mention of Mr. Hitchcock in connection with the appointment came from the president. When the offer was first made Mr. Hitchcock was disinclined to accept. Before finally deciding, Mr. Hitchcock communicated with the president at Lake Champlain. After a full exchange of views with the president, Mr. Hitchcock decided to accept. Information to this effect reached Washington yesterday. Mr. Hitchcock started on Monday for St. Louis to put his affairs in order to go to St. Petersburg. It may be several weeks before he is ready to qualify and sail.

WILLIAM R. ROBERTS DEAD.

New York, August 12.—William Randall Roberts, a former merchant prince of New York, who was also a politician of international repute, died Monday, a charity patient in Bellevue hospital. [Roberts was a United States minister to Chile in Cleveland's first administration. On May 15, 1888, Roberts was stricken with paralysis and in the following year he was brought back to New York by C. M. Siebert, formerly secretary of the legation, and lived with him, although he had a wife and son here, ever since until the second of this month. On that date he was sent by Siebert to Bellevue. Roberts was born in County Cork, Ireland, in 1830.]

WELLS-FARGO ELECTION.

San Francisco, August 12.—At the annual meeting of the board of directors of Wells, Fargo & Co., today, John Beringham was elected to fill the vacancy created by the death of the late Col. C. E. Crocker. No business of general interest was transacted, but satisfaction was expressed at the marked improvement in the volume of business throughout the country.

WEALTHY COFFEE PLANTER DEAD.

Talpac, Cal., August 12.—Philip Korn, a wealthy coffee planter of San Salvador, died here yesterday. He was one of the best known coffee planters in Central America. He commenced business fifteen years ago and has amassed wealth until the present value of his property is over \$5,000,000. He was a German by birth.

BRITISH ARMY APPOINTMENTS.

London, August 12.—The Daily Chronicle says it has been decided to appoint General Sir Evelyn Wood adjutant-general and Sir George Stuart White quartermaster-general.

**LATEST NEWS  
FROM ALASKA**

The Geo. W. Elder Arrives with Letters and Messages.

"STAY AWAY UNTIL SPRING"

Is the Cry, but More Steamers Are Leaving Daily—Astoria's All Well—Mayflower Sails—New Steamer Line.

Another Klondike day. With one steamer departing for Alaska and another returning from there, yesterday all interest centered in the far-away gold fields. Between bidding friends farewell and eagerly reading letters received from those already in Dyea and Skagway, Astorians were in a fever of excitement all day.

At 12:40 yesterday afternoon the little steamer Mayflower, Captain John Pinkernell, and passengers, with a large barge loaded with freight in tow, turned her nose to the north and set sail for Dyea. All the steamers in the harbor saluted her as she passed to sea and hundreds on shore shouted last farewells to those on board. Hardly had the excitement of the departure of the Mayflower subsided before the report was received that the George W. Elder, which sailed from this port Sunday morning, August 1, for Dyea, was re-entering the harbor on her return voyage.

At 4 o'clock in the evening the Elder made fast at the O. R. & N. dock, and was immediately besieged by reporters and hosts of friends of the Astorians who had taken passage on her to the new Eldorado, all anxious to get the latest news from their friends. A few passengers, who went up simply for the round trip, returned with the Elder and after reporting at the custom house she left up for Portland at 7 p. m. Many letters to Astorians were delivered by the Elder, and others were received by yesterday's post. A number of letters were handed to the representative of the Astorian, a few of which are published.

Captain Jensen and Chief Engineer Smith said that they had a fine passage from Astoria, arriving at Skagway at 7:45 p. m., August 6, and at Dyea at 1 a. m. the 12th, leaving again for Astoria at 9 o'clock Sunday night. The ship, touching on the return trip Monday morning at Killisnoe and at Sitka in the afternoon. They reported that the weather in Skagway Bay is just the same as it is in Skagway—mild and pleasant. At Skagway it looks very blue for the thousands already there. Not one-half can get over the White Pass. This route is more level than Chilkoot pass, though considerably longer, and has the advantage of landing the prospectors on Bennett's lake, or the second lake in the chain from Little German, where prospectors first reach water via Chilkoot pass. The first six miles out from Skagway is a fine road, then comes six miles of marsh which is almost impassable. One thousand men have volunteered their services to carry this place, and will have it completed in a short time. Both passes are blocked by horses and men, and the officers say that more are arriving daily. Horses are at a premium and almost worth their weight in gold. Two of those taken up on the Elder got mired at Skagway and had to be shot. There is still good grass for stock.

At Dyea there are over 2,000 men encamped and hundreds arriving on every boat. Nearly all of the Astorians left there. The steamer could only get within a mile and a half of the shore. Freight and passengers were lightened by barges and small boats at a cost of about \$10 per ton. The country is wild and picturesque. No snow has yet fallen, except a little in the mountains. It is thought that not over half of those now there will get through this winter. Two Seattle men, one named Fowler and the other unknown, who went up on the Elder, were drowned at Sheep's camp, about six miles up the river from Dyea. The present rate for packing freight over the pass is 25 cents per pound, and at that figure all the pack animals are kept busy and more are demanded.

ON THE WAY.

Writing on board the Elder on the up trip, under date of August 2 and 3, Alfred Hyde and Will Clinton say that they had the best lot of people on board ever got together, the voyage was not hard and while a few were sick, none of the Astorians succumbed. Tom Linville was the most popular and best known man on board. McTavish slept on deck instead of with the horses, and all were contented.

GEORGE STETSON.

Weather Not So Bad as Sometimes Represented.

Junesau, Alaska, August 6.—Friend Hart (Phillips): We arrived here last night

and I have been very busy getting what information I could in regard to the trails and the prospect of finding any there. The best information I could obtain, and it is from an engineer who came in last night—also got the same information from other parties who came in from there, and I think they are reliable—is that the White pass trail is open and seems to be the favorite on account of its being a good horse trail clear through and lands you on Lake Bennett, where there is plenty of timber and a saw mill. All kinds of merchandise can be packed over the trail by horses—even lumber. It is 25 miles farther than the Chilkoot pass trail, but it seems you get portage between Lakes Linderman and Bennett, as the Chilkoot pass trail lands you at Lake Linderman. There is no timber there and you have to get your goods from Linderman to Bennett by rail before you can get timber suitable to build a boat. There are some horses there—probably between three and four hundred head. The price for packing at present is 25c, but this price will rise and fall with the demand for the horses. At present the indications are that it will be higher, as there are more goods going than horses and at present they are in good demand.

It is my opinion that it is not such a hard trip as one would suppose; also, the weather is not so terrible as they would make you believe. Of course, on the mountain peaks in a blizzard it gets pretty cold; still, they go in and out at all times through the winter. Parties who come in should bring enough provisions to last them until spring, as they cannot be got here.

There are plenty of reports coming in every day of rich strikes being made and new diggings being opened up right along. From all reports the country must be very rich and it is no exaggeration or transportation company scheme. There are hundreds of men stranded here at Junesau who only had enough to get them here. In regard to going this fall, all the old-timers here tell me that unless a man can get in here in the next forty days it would be better to wait until spring.

GEORGE STETSON.

JOS. SUPRENTANT.

Dyea Bay, Alaska, August 7.—Dear Ed (Olsen): We arrived here last night all in good shape and expect to be able to start over the pass in a day or two. You would like to see the excitement and confusion that exist here. There are about 2,000 people camped all around on the beach waiting to get over the mountains and the amount and variety of the goods scattered all over the country would make you smile out loud. Our party are all in the best of spirits.

JOE SUPRENTANT.

M. S. BOUNDS.

Dyea, Alaska, August 12.—Joe Hoch: We are now lying in the bay; will land this evening. Some of the boys have been ashore. Many have been on board. Both passes are blocked and the price of packing is now 25c per pound from salt water to the lake, and many are selling out and going back; but all of the boys from Astoria are sticking to it. It may be different when they strike the trail. We had a good trip on the ocean. Every body from Astoria is well except Will Clinton and he is only hungry. They lost two horses in loading (or threw them overboard). I would not advise any of the boys to come here, as there is nothing to do except pack and mine. Good minor can get \$2.50 and board, and from what I can learn of the trail it is a hard job to work for wages, but we are going over some way. M. S. BOUNDS.

CHAS. WISE.

Don't Go to Alaska Until Next Spring, He Says.

Friend Sam (Harris): We arrived here last night. This is five miles below Dyea. They are building a new trail from here to Lake Bennett. It is 15 miles, more or less, but all of us are going up to Dyea. Frank Green is the only Astorian getting off here. There are about 2,000 men here at present, all excited, but more of them are homesick than anything else. A man can get most anything he wants in the shape of an outfit at his own figures—that is, anything but horses, and they are worth their weight in gold. Linville is the most popular man on board ship. He knows every man, woman and child on board. He and old McTavish are going on over the trail tomorrow, while the rest of us fix camp. A man that comes up here needs money and lots of it. The charges are from a cent a pound up to 25 cents in about a hundred different places, but I guess we will get through all right. If there is anyone thinking about coming up here, tell him for God's sake to stay away till spring, for I don't believe half of those here will get through. There are men here who have all the way from one pound up to two tons of freight cash, and no money, so you can see how things are.

CHAS. WISE.

THE BLOCKADE AT DYEA.

It Is Reported to Be Growing Worse Than Ever.

San Francisco, August 12.—Rumors have recently been spread in this city that

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