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## J. J. HILL; GREAT FINANCIER DEAD

### Son, Louis W. Hill Likely to Succeed in Control

Attempt to Ward Off Death by Operations Fail. Stock in Great Bank Transferred to Son

St. Paul, Minn. May 29.—James J. Hill, aged 78 years died here today of an illness caused by intestinal catarrh of several years standing.

More than any other one man, he has aided in the upbuilding of the great Northwest. The "empire builder" and financier—his wealth is rated in the hundreds of millions—became gravely ill only a few days ago and operations of Friday and Saturday failed to check the infection which had resulted and gradually lost strength losing consciousness late Sunday night and remaining in a state of coma until life passed at 9:30 Monday morning.

That absolute control of the First National Bank at St. Paul passed from Mr. Hill to his son, Louis, two weeks ago became known today following the death of Mr. Hill.

### OREGON TRIBUTE IS PAID

James J. Hill State's Best Friend, Says Governor.

Salem, Or., May 29.—"The Empire of the Pacific Northwest owes a debt of gratitude to this great builder, which words can scarce express," said Governor Withycombe today in commenting on the life of James J. Hill, who died today. "Mr. Hill's foresight, optimism and energetic ability represented the very finest spirit of Western development. He was Oregon's best friend and a friend who utilized his colossal power for real constructive good. He was one of those great men who see a need and understand fundamental things, and realizing that the West would grow only as fast as its agricultural productivity increased, he was always in the forefront encouraging scientific agricultural betterment.

"There can be but one James J. Hill, and the magnitude of the loss of Oregon and all the West through the departure of this wise leader will be realized more and more from year to year."

### HENRY BANCROFT DEAD

Henry Bancroft, an old citizen and pioneer of this place died Thursday at 12 o'clock of consumption. He had been confined to his home with illness for several months and his death was not unexpected when the end came.

The deceased was born in Ohio and had spent many years of his life in Michigan before coming to this country. He was a Union soldier during the Civil War. He was 70 years of age.

The body was laid to rest in the lot reserved for the Old Soldiers in the City cemetery. The pall bearers were made up of old veterans and ex-Spanish-American war soldiers.

### SERVICES AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Rev. Howard McConnell of Dallas will preach at the Christian church at this place Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Everybody invited.

Geo. W. Brentner and wife visited in Independence last Sunday.

A. C. Fleming, a donkey fireman at Spaulding's got the thumb of his right hand crushed in shaft of engine Tuesday. The bone was broken and the flesh torn open across ball of the thumb.

### The President And Our Merchant Marine.

It seems inevitable that Mr. Wilson is to be renominated. No other candidate is seriously mentioned, and all Mr. Wilson's recent utterances make clear that he has assurances enough to make him certain. His main comfort must be the hope that Colonel Roosevelt will elect him either by himself being nominated or bolted again and run on a ticket of his own; and that other fact that the rank and file of his party will, as usual, vote their ticket straight. But in the campaign there will be some ugly questions confronting him. Four years ago his party platform was pledged to maintain the Panama canal free from tolls for American coasting vessels. After his inauguration he never rested until the same tolls were laid upon American coasting ships passing through the canal that are laid on all other ships. He gave to congress as a reason for his demand that certain foreign countries had complained of the discrimination against their ships and our coasting vessels.

A law nearly one hundred years old has prevented any foreign ships from trading between our home ports, as between New York and New Orleans or New York and San Francisco. That made it possible to create our great merchant fleet—greater in tonnage than Great Britain's merchant fleet—in the fifties, and has kept for us a little fleet ever since.

Now imagine a natural case. Imagine an American ship loaded with cotton at New Orleans and bound for San Francisco, and Great Britain protesting against its passing toll-free through the canal. She took no part, did not spend a cent in the building of the canal, has no cotton to export, save a little from India and Egypt, which has to be mixed with American cotton to be worked and then imagine the president of our country compelling an American congress to heed Great Britain's protest against our country's discriminating in favor of our ships in our local coast trade.

But what the president wanted was not only to levy the tolls, but to have repealed the law prohibiting foreign ships from trading between American ports. This was openly advocated by more than one of the president's friends while the measure to put the canal under toll was pending.

But to a company of reporters the president said that to pass our coast ships free would in effect be paying them an indirect subsidy which the platform condemned.

Now keep the above in mind and then consider what the president has done regarding our merchant marine since the breaking out of the great European war two years ago, when the need of such marine was made clear, and no other possible conclusion can fairly be reached, except that he wants no such marine, and is determined that the building and sailing of such ships shall never be if he can help it. He has proposed that some ships shall be built and run on government account, but every time he has opened their running a day longer than the time when Great Britain and Germany can resume their over-sea trading.

Since Webster's reply to Hayne the Democratic party has steadily fought against this country having a merchant marine and no experience seems to be able to change their minds.—Goodwin's Weekly.

### The Printer Who Aims to Please

BY B. FRANKLIN.  
(Reprinted from the Pennsylvania Gazette of 1731.)

Being frequently censur'd and condemn'd by different Persons for printing Things which they say ought not to be printed, I have sometimes thought it might be necessary to make a standing Apology for myself, and publish it once a Year, to be read upon all Occasions of that Nature. Much Business has hitherto hindered the execution of this Design: but having very lately given extraordinary Offence by printing an Advertisement with a certain N. B. at the End of it, I find an Apology more particularly requisite at this Juncture, tho' it happens when I have not yet Leisure to write such a Thing in the proper Form, and can only in a loose manner throw those Considerations together which should have been the Substance of it.

I request all who are angry with me on the Account of printing things they don't like, camly to consider these following Particulars.

1. That the Opinions of Men are almost as various as their Faces; an Observation general enough to become a common Proverb. So many Men so many Minds.

2. That the Business of Printing has chiefly to do with Men's Opinions; most things that are printed tending to promote some, or oppose others.

3. That hence arises the peculiar Unhappiness of that Business, which other Callings are no way liable to; they who follow Printing being scarce able to do any thing in their way of getting a Living, which shall not probably give Offence to some, and perhaps to many; whereas the Smith, the Shoemaker, the Carpenter, or the Man of any other Trade, may work indifferently for People of all Persuasions, without offending any of them; and the Merchant may buy and sell with Jews, Turks, Hereticks and Infidels of all sorts, and get Money by every one of them, without giving Offense to the most orthodox, of any sort, or suffering the least Censure or Ill will on the Account from any Man whatever.

4. That it is as unreasonable in any one Man or Set of Men to expect to be pleas'd with every thing that is printed, as to think that nobody ought to be pleas'd but themselves.

5. Printers are educated in the Belief that when Men differ in Opinion, both Sides ought equally to have the Advantage of being heard by the Publick; and that when Truth and Error have fair Play, the former is always an overmatch for the latter; Hence they cheerfully serve all contending Writers that pay them well, without regarding on which side they are of the Question in Dispute.

6. Being thus continually employ'd in serving both Parties, Printers naturally acquire a vast Unconcernedness as to the right or wrong Opinions contain'd in what they print regarding it only as the Matter of their daily labor; They print things full of Spleen and Animosity, with the utmost Calmness and Indifference, and without the least Ill will to the Persons reflected on; who nevertheless unjustly think the Printer as much their Enemy as the Author, and join both together in their Resentment.

7. That it is unreasonable to imagine Printers approve of every thing they print, and to censure them in any particular thing accordingly; since in the way of their Business they print such great variety of things opposite and contradictory. It is likewise unreasonable what some assert, "That Printers ought not to print any Thing but what they approve;" since if all of that Business should make such a Resolution, and abide by it, an End would thereby be put to Free Writing, and the World would afterward have nothing to read but what happen'd to be the Opinions of Printers.

8. That if all Printers were determin'd not to print any thing till they were sure it would offend no body, there would be very little printed.

and corruptly educated that good things are not encouraged. I have known a very numerous Impression of Robin Hood's Songs go off in this Province at 2s. per Book, in less than a Twelvemonth; when a small Quantity of David's Psalms (an excellent Version) have lain upon my Hands above twice the Time.

10. That notwithstanding what might be urg'd in behalf of a Man's being allow'd to do in the Way of his Business whatever he is paid for, yet Printers do continually discourage the Printing of great Numbers of bad things, and stifle them in the Birth. I myself have constantly refused to print anything that might countenance Vice, or promote Immorality; tho' by complying in such Cases with the corrupt Taste of the Majority I might have got much Money. I have also always refus'd to print such things as might do real Injury to any Person, how much soever I have been solicited, and tempted with Offers of Great Pay; and how much soever I have by refusing got the Ill-Will of those who would have employ'd me. I have hitherto fallen under the Resentment of large Bodies of Men, for refusing absolutely to print any of their Party or Personal Reflections. In this Manner I have made my self many Enemies, and the constant Fatigue of denying is almost insupportable. But the Publick being unacquainted with all this, whenever the poor Printer happens either through Ignorance or much Persuasion, to do any thing that is generally thought worthy of Blame, he meets with no more Friendship or Favour on the above Account, than if there were no Merit in't at all. Thus, as Waller says,

Poets lose half the Praise they would have got Were it but known what they discreetly blot. Yet are censur'd for every bad Line found in their Works with the utmost Severity.

I take leave to conclude with an old Fable, which some of my Readers have heard before, and some have not.

"A certain well-meaning Man and his Son, were traveling towards a Market Town, with an Ass which they had to sell. The Road was bad; and the old Man therefore rid, but the Son went a-foot. The first passenger they met, asked the Father if he was not ashamed to ride by himself, and suffer the poor Lad to wade along thro' the Mire; this induced him to take up his Son behind him: He had not traveled far, when he met others, who said, they are two unmerciful Lubbers to get both on the Back of that poor Ass, in such a deep Road. Upon this the old Man gets off, and lets his Son ride alone. The next they met called the Lad a graceless, rascal-y young Jackanapes, to ride in that Manner thro' the Dirt, while his aged Father trudged along on Foot; and they said the old Man was a Fool, for suffering it. He then bid his Son come down, and walk with him, and they traveled on leading the Ass by the Halter; 'till they met another Company, who called them a Couple of senseless Blockheads, for going both on Foot in such a dirty Way, when they had an empty Ass with them, which they might ride upon. The old Man could bear no longer: My Son, said he, it grieves me much that we cannot please all these People. Let me throw the Ass over the next Bridge, and be no further troubled with him."

Had the old Man been seen acting this last Resolution, he would probably have been called a Fool for troubling himself about the different Opinions of all that were pleas'd to find Fault with him: Therefore, tho' I have a Temper almost as complying as his, I intend not to imitate him in this last Particular. I consider the Variety of Humors among Men, and despair of pleasing every Body; yet I shall not therefore leave off Printing. I shall continue my Business. I shall not burn my Press and melt my Letters.

## Our Grocery Prices

### Are Unequaled In Falls City.

Large full size high grade Sour Kraut	10
Fancy Table Peaches, Per can	15
An excellent grade Catsup, per bottle	15
3 Packages Quaker corn flakes	25
Peanut Butter, per pound	15
A very fair grade bulk roast coffee at, lb.	20
Try White Mountain Flour, a pure hard wheat at, per sack	\$1.65
Sunshine Valley Flour	1.30

### 10-Per Cent Discount

Still prevails on Ladies shoes and Oxfords. Supply your shoes needs.

## Selig's Cash Price Store,

"Meeting and Beating Competition".

### NOTICE OF SALE ON EXECUTION

By virtue of a writ of execution against the real property hereinafter described, duly issued by the County Clerk of Polk County, Oregon, on the 17th day of May, 1916, and to me, the undersigned sheriff of said County directed, for the enforcement of a decree of foreclosure and sale given and made by the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for said County of Polk on the 16th day of May, 1916, in a certain suit in the said Court wherein John T. Hughes was plaintiff and Alvah G. Lineback, Rida Lineback, Alex Christ, Rina Christ, Walter L. Tooze and Phil Arthur were defendants, (Register No. 4813), which decree was given in favor of said plaintiff and requires the payment of certain sums of money, viz., \$637.58, with interest thereon at eight per cent per annum from May 16, 1916, until paid, I am commanded to sell at public auction in the manner prescribed by law the following described real property, to-wit:

That tract or parcel of land, being a part of the Donation Land Claim of John Sheldon and wife, Notification No. 6832, Claim No. 41, in Township 8 South, Range 6 West of the Willamette Meridian, in the County of Polk and State of Oregon, and bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point which is 32.00 chains South and 25.00 chains West from the North east corner of said Claim; thence South 18.80 chains; thence West 5.00 chains; thence North 18.80 chains; thence East 5.00 to the place of beginning, containing 9.40 acres, more or less; subject, however, to the right of the public to travel and use, as an open and unobstructed roadway, a strip of land 20 feet wide off the North side of said parcel of land; and excepting therefrom the 40 ft. strip of land released for railroad purposes, as described in an instrument executed

by W. H. Boals and recorded on page 428 of volume 3 of the Record of Satisfaction of Mortgages of said County.

Notice is hereby given that on MONDAY, the 19th day of June, 1916, at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon of said day, at the front door of the County Court House in the City of Dallas, in said County, I will sell the real property hereinabove described at public auction to the highest bidder for cash on day of sale, subject to redemption in the manner provided by law, for the purpose of satisfying the said decree, with interest and costs of sale.

Dated this 17th day of May, 1916.

JOHN W. ORR,  
Sheriff of Polk County, Oregon.

### "CATCHING CLARA"

A high school play was given at the Wagner hall Thursday night by the students. The house was very well filled with people and the proceeds from the sale of tickets netted \$70. Excellent music was furnished by the High School orchestra.

The performance began at 8:15 and the first scene was in a dormitory room in the Falls City High School; and the next was on the following day in a dormitory room in the Falls City High Teck Department; the third act which was the last was an evening in South Hall of Falls City High.

The play was very good and the students were very efficient in the parts they took.

### QUARTERLY MEETING

Quarterly meeting will be held at the Free Methodist church, commencing June 9, and continuing until the 11th. Elder W. J. Johnston will be present. Everyone cordially invited.

N. Welter, Pastor.

C. L. Starr of Portland has been appointed on the board of regents of the Oregon Normal school to take the place of Col. E. Hofer, resigned. Mr. Starr was at one time superintendent of schools in Polk county and is well known in Falls City.