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## JAMES J. HILL DIED ON MONDAY

### EMPIRE BUILDER'S ILL- NESS SHORT

Operations on Friday and Saturday Failed to Check Infection—Funeral Is Today—Louis W. Hill Expected to Succeed as Head.

(The Oregonian.)  
ST. PAUL, May 29.—James J. Hill, aged 78 years, railroad builder who probably more than any other one man has aided in the upbuilding of the great Northwest, died here today following an illness by intestinal catarrh of several years' standing, but only of recent severity.

The "empire builder" and financier—his wealth is rated in the hundreds of millions—became gravely ill only several days ago and operations of Friday and Saturday failed to check the infection which had resulted and Mr. Hill gradually lost strength, losing consciousness late last night, and remaining in a state of coma until life passed at 9:30 o'clock this morning.

**Family at Bedside.**  
All the members of Mr. Hill's immediate family, with the exception of Mrs. M. Beard, of New York, a daughter, were at the bedside when the end came.

The funeral will be held Wednesday at 2 p. m., and interment will be in a private mausoleum at Mr. Hill's summer home five miles from St. Paul.

Louis W. Hill, son of the railroad builder and general manager of his properties and business interests, was visibly affected upon leaving the Hill residence with Rev. Thomas J. Gibbons, vicar-general of the St. Paul arch-diocese, who was with Mr. Hill at the end. He will probably remain as the head of the various Hill interests, becoming executor of the vast estate.

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

The First National Bank has a combined capital and surplus of \$5,000,000, and more than \$54,000,000 in deposits, which makes the institution the second largest west of the Mississippi river.

Mr. Hill had planned a great future for the bank and his policy will be carried out by his son.

In passing over the control of the bank, Mr. Hill told his son that he was more responsible for its rapid growth and development than any other person, including himself, and that his son was entitled to the reward of his efforts.

At the time Mr. Hill gave his son the control of the banking institution he transferred his stock to him.

**Flags at Half-Mast.**  
Governor J. A. A. Burnquist ordered all flags at half mast on the Capitol and other state buildings in honor of Mr. Hill. The Governor then issued a statement, saying:

"In the passing of James J. Hill the greatest constructive genius of the Northwest is gone. He was acknowledged as its foremost railroad builder and business man.

"He was ever greatly interested in agriculture, art and education. The loss which his city, state and Nation has sustained through his death cannot be measured."

Mr. Hill's last public bequests were gifts for the advancement of education, in which he was deeply interested throughout the latter years of his life.

One of the most important donations was a \$50,000 gift to the College of Puget Sound at Tacoma, Washington, made shortly before the beginning of his last illness. Another bequest of \$25,000 was promised the Marquette University at Milwaukee at the same time.

**High Tribute Paid.**  
Archbishop John Ireland, commenting on Mr. Hill's death, said: "A great man has gone from earthly life. Not only a man of rarest talent of mind, a genius such as is seldom to be seen amid the moving scenes of humanity, but also one who has put his wondrous talent to the service of fellow men, whose whole career was marked with strict integrity and highest sense of honor."

"This much, too, I must say in simple truth, that he loved and respected religion and held the Christian faith to be the supreme principle of human righteousness and human life."

Dr. Gillilan, describing the progress of the disease, said: "Mr. Hill has suffered from intestinal catarrh and hemorrhoids for a number of years. On May 18, he had a chill. It was followed by a fever, due to infection of a hemorrhoid.

Operations of No Avail.  
"The fever passed away next morning and it appeared the trouble was over. Three days later slight fever was present and on May 22, Dr. William J. Mayo saw Mr. Hill. At the time, there was evidence of infection of the skin of the buttock.

"This infection progressed slowly and Friday Dr. William J. Mayo made a small incision in the infected area.

"Saturday Doctors William J. and Charles H. Mayo returned and opened freely the area of infection. From this time on the infection spread down the right thigh to below the knee and Mr. Hill gradually lost strength."

## HEAVY SNOWS GIVE PROMISE OF DANGEROUS LATE SEASON

Forest Officials Prepare Against Summer Fires—Protective Force Is Increased 25 Percent in Size.

A shorter, but more dangerous fire season than has been experienced in the Deschutes National Forest in many years, is expected to keep the forest officials on the alert this summer. Heavy snows will hold the season back about one month. Forest Supervisor W. G. Hastings believes, but with the late season will come dangerous conditions when the summer season advances. It has been found that whenever there is a heavy snow fall the under growth is much heavier and when it dries is very inflammable.

With this to face the protective force in the Deschutes forest will be increased this year about 25 percent giving the forest the largest regular summer force it has ever employed.

Every precaution will be taken this summer to reduce the fire losses to the minimum. More efficient handling of the fire fighting force and tools and the placing of them at points where they will be most accessible and also to keep them separate from other equipment has been arranged.

The summer protective force includes the following men: Frank Childers of Gold Hill, Oregon, will be stationed at the Lookout station on Paulina peak; J. R. Christensen of Fort Rock at the Odell ranger station; Chester A. Smith, of Brothers, at the Pine Mountain ranger station; L. W. Zumwalt, of Sisters, at the Allingham ranger station; Claude Woods, of Bend, at the Lookout station on Black Butte; C. C. Mahn, of La Pine, at the Davis Lake ranger station; B. G. Stevens, of Crescent, located at the Odell ranger station; C. G. Bowers, of Bend, at the Maiden Peak lookout station; Harry Childers, of La Pine, at the Roslyn ranger station; Walter P. Hunt, of Fort Rock, at the Summit ranger station; James Childers, of La Pine, at Crane Prairie ranger station; Benj. G. Hill, of Fort Rock, at Pine Mountain ranger station; Elmer Tyler, of Bend, at Crescent; Albert Wagner, of Fleetwood, at Fox Butte; H. E. Herrick, of Fleetwood, at Fox Butte; George W. Wilson, of Sisters, at the Sisters ranger station.

The forest protective force will be at its height about July 5, when the greatest number of fires begin, and continue until late in August.

## SECOND CLASS OFFICE JULY 1

REMARKABLE GROWTH IS SHOWN

Postal Requirements are Met—Changes Will be Made in Office—More Boxes to be Added—No Free Delivery at This Time.

The Bend post office will enter the ranks of second class post offices on July 1, all the requirements of the Post Office Department to this end having been complied with.

Showing, what is said by the postal inspector, C. W. Linebaugh, who last week checked the records of the local office, to be a remarkable record of increase in business, the Bend post office will receive the unqualified recommendation of the Postmaster General for the change. The average daily sales, according to postmaster Henry B. Ford, have shown an increase of 75 per cent in the last eight months and the total revenue for the last fiscal year has far exceeded \$11,000, more than \$3,000 in excess of the amount required to become a second class office.

**To Make Changes.**  
With the change in the classification will come changes in the operating schedule in the office. Clerks will be put on a regular eight hour schedule, and it may be necessary, should the business of the office continue to grow, to increase the force. One man was recently added to the clerical force. Alterations will be made so that at least 160 new lock boxes may be added for the accommodation of the demand which has been pressing for the last eight months. It is estimated by postmaster Ford that there is a waiting list of at least 200 persons who desire to rent boxes. When the office goes into the second class box rents will be raised 15 cents a quarter.

**Free Delivery Held Up.**  
The inaction upon the part of the persons who would be served by a city delivery will delay the recommendation of Mr. Linebaugh in the matter of free city delivery. Continuous side walks around every block in the city where free delivery is given is a prerequisite for service.

"We hope very soon," says postmaster Ford, "to bring this matter to the attention of the people. We are anxious to see city delivery put in, but the conditions necessary for the change have not been met and free delivery cannot be made until this requirement is fulfilled. It would not be a difficult task or even very expensive as the department requires only that a board plank, if necessary, be laid continuously around every block."

**JAMES J. HILL HONORED.**  
Out of respect to the memory of the late James J. Hill all places of business in Bend were closed from 11:45 to 1 o'clock today following a proclamation by Mayor Eastes suggesting that this be done. Messages of sympathy have been sent to Mr. Hill's son, Louis W. Hill, by the Commercial Club and City Recorder Ellis, on behalf of the City of Bend.

**BEND TEAM WINS 13 TO 0.**  
With Clow in the box the Bend team on Sunday gave the Shevlin-Hixon nine a drubbing on the new diamond by a score of 13 to 0. The game was a practice game.

## NEW SITUATION IN JEFFERSON

MAJORITY MAY MOVE COUNTY SEAT

Attorney General Brown Advises That Bill for Change May be Initiated By People—Measure Must Go on Ballot—Text is Given.

A new situation in the county seat fight, which is warming up in Jefferson county, has just been disclosed by the publication of a letter from Attorney General Brown to Secretary of State Olcott, giving his opinion on the possibility of placing an initiative bill for removal on the ballot in November.

The opinion, which was printed in the Madras Pioneer last week, indicates that it is possible to get the question on the ballot by means of the initiative and that when this is done, a majority vote will decide the question. This can be done, apparently, without reference to the special statute providing for removal which makes onerous requirements to get the matter on the ballot and calls for a high percentage vote to carry.

In addition to creating new interest in the Jefferson situation, where both Madras and Metolius have plans to get the county seat away from Culver, the opinion suggests several possibilities for this section which will be studied thoroughly.

The opinion follows:  
Salem, Oregon, March 21, 1916.  
Mr. Ben W. Olcott,  
Secretary of State,  
State House.

Dear Sir:  
I have your favor of the 20th instant, transmitting a copy of petition for a proposed law for the County of Jefferson to remove the county seat from the City of Culver and to establish the same at the City of Madras in said Jefferson county, which has been presented to your office for approval as to the form and kind and size of paper on which such petition shall be printed for circulation for signatures, as provided by chapter 359, Laws of 1913.

"You ask me to advise (a) whether the law proposed by such petition is such as comes within the scope of said chapter 359, Laws of 1913, insofar as the Secretary of State shall approve the form of petition as provided therein before the same is circulated for signatures, and (b) shall he file the completed petition when presented and certify the same to be printed on the official ballots for Jefferson County at the General Election, November 7, 1916?"

"An examination of the petition shows that it is a petition to propose, under the power of initiative provided in sections 1 and 10 of Article 4 of the Constitution a local law for the County of Jefferson and as such is within the scope of said Chapter 359, Laws of 1913, and Chapter 11, Title XXVII of Lord's Oregon Laws, as announced by the Supreme Court in the case of Schabel v. Olcott, 60 Or. 593, although the more recent case of State ex rel. v. Port of Astoria, 154 Pac. 399, does not seem to apply the authority of municipal corporations other than cities and towns to legislate quite as fully as the earlier case, but the former case

being directly in point on the case now raised and the latter not in terms reversing the former, I conclude that the decision in the Schabel Olcott case is to be followed in the present instance. I would, therefore, answer the first question affirmatively.

The answer to the second division of your question follows from the answer to the first part, namely: that the statute providing for the filing of the completed petition and certifying the same to be printed on the official ballots at the ensuing General Election should be followed in all respects.

Very truly yours,  
GEO. M. BROWN, Atty. Gen.  
By T. H. Van WINKLE, Assistant."

**DEMONSTRATION FARMS ARE NOW PROVING THEIR VALUE**

So Says Agriculturist Lovett at Commercial Club Meeting—Unusual Winds Make Trouble This Year.

The demonstration farms, maintained by the Bend Commercial Club on the high desert, are proving their usefulness in a marked degree, according to County Agriculturist Lovett in a talk at the club luncheon on Saturday. Last year, Mr. Lovett said, it was learned that fencing against rabbits was necessary if a crop was to mature and this year the three plots had been fenced but a new difficulty had developed in the winds.

There had been more frequent and more severe winds this year, Mr. Lovett said, than had ever been known in the homestead country. As a result most of the seed had been exposed and killed, thus teaching the necessity of planting some crop to protect against the wind. One valuable discovery made was that February sown wheat did better than any other.

For the committee on the excess acreage matter C. W. Erskine reported asking that a longer time be given to study the matter and suggesting that it might be a subject for cooperative action on the part of the clubs of Bend, Redmond and Prineville.

There was also discussion of the time to hold the next joint meeting. A committee was appointed to work for the Chamberlain well drilling amendment to the agricultural appropriation bill.

**SHEVLIN PINE ADVERTISED**

Local Company Uses Series of Six Attractive Poster Stamps.

The first poster stamps to be used by a Bend firm is a series of six stamps used by The Shevlin-Hixon Company. In other parts of the country these stamps, the "confetti of commerce," have had a growing vogue and are largely used as an advertising medium.

The Shevlin series show scenes connected with the lumber industry and are of strikingly contrasted colors, making very attractive and beautiful stamps. Two of them show pine timber, one with snow on the ground and the other with a stream of water flowing through, one pictures the Hike stacker, one a sorting shed with loads being hauled away, and the remaining two show a saw mill, one with the log pond in the foreground and the other with a logging road. All bear the words, "Shevlin Pine."

## BOX FACTORY TO START UP SOON

MOTORS FOR PLANT ARE DELAYED

Last of The Shevlin-Hixon Company Factories, Which Is to be Operated by The Knapp-Cheney Company, Is Modern in Every Detail.

Within two days after the arrival of 18 motors, which are being held up, it is believed, on account of the press of war orders, the Knapp-Cheney Company, operators of the box department of The Shevlin-Hixon Company, will be ready to commence cutting in the box factory. Mechanics are working at top speed to have all the machinery in place upon which to attach the motors as soon as they arrive. The motors are expected to arrive within the next week.

The box factory, the last of the factories to be put into operation at The Shevlin-Hixon Company's plant will have a total annual capacity of forty million board feet of box shooks or five cars daily. The factory will cut a large assortment of box material, but it is the intention to specialize upon the highest grade of merchandise boxes. During the fruit and berry season, the cutting of box material in the knock down for berry and fruit centers will be carried on extensively. It is for the accommodation of the latter market that G. W. Cheney, manager in charge of the plant, is urging all possible speed in getting the factory in shape for operations, as the company already is planning for a heavy market in eastern and northwestern centers.

**Machinery is the Latest.**  
Like the other departments of The Shevlin-Hixon Company plant, the box factory will have many new features in machinery. Among the ones which Mr. Cheney says will be departures are the cut off saws, which are designed by the Knapp-Cheney Company of Portland and will be tried out here in the California white pine of Central Oregon. The machinery, in harmony with the other features of the plant, is of the latest design to meet the demand for a high grade of product and the requirements of a large output.

The number of men which the box factory will employ remains uncertain, at least until the plant gets going. It is expected to employ at the beginning between 50 and 75 men on one 10 hour shift.

The factory will be driven by electricity, 400 electrical horsepower being necessary to propel the entire equipment. As in the saw factory all the machines will be direct drive.

"We believe," said Mr. Cheney, "that the lower grades of California white pine, such as is cut in Central Oregon, represents the most valuable quality of timber that can be obtained anywhere in the country for manufacture into box material. The clean white texture and its lightness will be a big drawing card for the products in centers where box shooks of this character are demanded. Quality, service and capacity will be the watchwords of the company."

"There is every reason to believe that the market for wood box materials will be good, owing to the excessive demand for pulp, paper and metal containers created by the demand for paper in foreign countries. The paper and metal being devoted to other uses has caused a much heavier demand for wood containers the country over."

The Knapp-Cheney Company will maintain a sales office in Portland under the management of J. B. Knapp.

**BOARD ELECTS PRINCIPAL**

Eric Bolt of Lebanon Chosen for Coming Year.

Eric Bolt, last year principal of the Lebanon high school, has been selected by the Bend school board to occupy the position of principal of the Bend high school next year. Mr. Bolt's selection was made largely upon the recommendation of Franklin Thoradson, recently elected superintendent of the public schools for the coming year.

Mr. Bolt is a graduate of Willamette University, where he had a remarkable career as a student and athlete. In the latter capacity he has had much experience and will have full charge of that Bend next year in the public schools.



JAMES J. HILL, THE EMPIRE BUILDER, AT BEND ON RAILROAD DAY, OCTOBER 5, 1911, ADDRESSING THE AUDIENCE AT THE NEW STATION AND DRIVING THE GOLDEN SPIKE TO MARK THE COMPLETION OF THE RAIL LINE TO BEND.

