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My dear Sir:

I have heard with pleasure of Mr. C. S. Mellen's selection for the presidency of the Northern Pacific, in which I believe you are largely interested. Although I have known Mr. Mellen a long time, I do not suppose that I can tell you anything new about him, as he is well known in all railroad circles in this country; but I want to congratulate you on the acquisition of so thoroughly good a railroad man. We once thought very seriously of asking him to take the place made vacant by the decease of our Mr. A. N. Towne, but reasons of consistency and good railroad policy made us choose one of our own officers for this position, and we have never been disappointed in Mr. Kruttschnitt, under whose management the most gratifying results have been accomplished.

With kind regards, as always,

Sincerely yours,

C P Huntington