

August 9, 1899
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To The Northern Pacific Railway Company:

The undersigned is informed that you have succeeded to the rights, and consequently to the obligations, of the Oregon Short Line and Utah Northern Railway Company, under the contract, dated October 13, 1890, between that company and the undersigned, for the building of the Portland and Puget Sound railway. The undersigned has been prepared and willing to proceed with the fulfillment on its part of that contract, whenever the Oregon Short Line and Utah Northern Railway Company, or its successors in the rights and duties arising from the contract, should be found prepared to fulfill the same on the other part. Unquestionably you are able to fulfill those obligations. Therefore this is to notify you, that the undersigned is now ready to resume the prosecution of the said work, and demands from you the co-operation therein which your predecessor in said contract agreed to give. Preparatory to resumption of the work the Board of Directors, and official staff of the Portland and Puget Sound Company should be re-organized. The contract mentioned, contemplates that the two parties to the same should have equal representation on the said board.

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The undersigned requests that you give prompt attention to the subject of this letter, and designate a representative on your behalf, to meet one from this company, to arrange for finishing, as soon as practicable, the work contemplated by the said contract.

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY,

By _____ President.

St. Paul, August 9, 1899.

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Track mileage	Ton mileage density	Gross earnings	Net earnings
\$	\$	\$	\$
4.95	18.38	17.43	23.35
29.70	25.24	25.42	22.13
8.84	4.36	3.45	0.84
1.13	0.10	0.19	0.27*
3.82	2.75	2.03	1.46
3.41	1.96	2.28	0.78
15.50	18.25	19.11	18.39
5.15	1.82	2.18	0.38
5.75	4.68	5.94	3.79
18.15	15.28	16.29	22.18
1.53	2.03	1.85	1.55
5.13	3.70	3.68	4.08
2.33	0.45	0.80	0.66*
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100.39 (slide-rule results)			

*Red figures indicate a deficit.

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