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He had that he was chaffing me I mounted my bicycle and wheeled out to the edge of the village where there is a vacant lot, where three half-rotted logs, a stone or two and a small heap of crumbled brick and plaster remain to mark the place where the humble home stood.

Across the mill, at the top of the hill, an old frame storehouse stands. In this store "Jim" Hill worked as a clerk. That was his first job. Here he used to spend his evenings after school, weighing turnips and taking care of the books. When not in the store he did odd jobs to pay his tuition at the Rockwood Academy, for his widowed mother was poor.

Farther down the road I found a man who had been a playmate and schoolmate with the Hill boys. He was an interesting man, who showed the influence of the old academy that flourished some 30 years ago.

"The secret of Jim Hill's success," he said, repeating my question, "is Jim Hill." He had it in him, and he has hacked out his own fortune with his own hatchet, and deserves it all. What sort of a boy was he? He was a good boy, intelligent, industrious, kind-hearted, scrupulously clean and honest. I did not know then, have never known since, and know not now a finer young fellow than James Hill was when, after making his way through the Rockwood Academy, he quit Passmore's store and walked down the road and out of the village. He may have lost some of his lamblike meekness working his way in the wild West and later battling with bulls and bears in the tumultuous East, but as a boy James Hill was a model.

Many quaint and interesting tales are told of "Jim" Hill around Rockwood, some possible and others impossible. Of a piece with the coal-shovelling story, though more likely, is an incident related by farmer McNabb. He claimed until he died, he employed young Hill to mow a meadow, the contract price being eleven dollars, and that Hill being anxious to have new boots to wear out West, went barefooted while he mowed, and that was the eleven dollars that carried him out of Canada.

Another man was of the opinion that all told, the President of the Great Northern had sent back to Canada about one hundred dollars for every dollar he had taken away. There is plenty of evidence that from one hundred to two hundred thousand have come back, and there is evidence also that of ready money he had not enough to rattle as he walked down the dusty road from Rockwood.

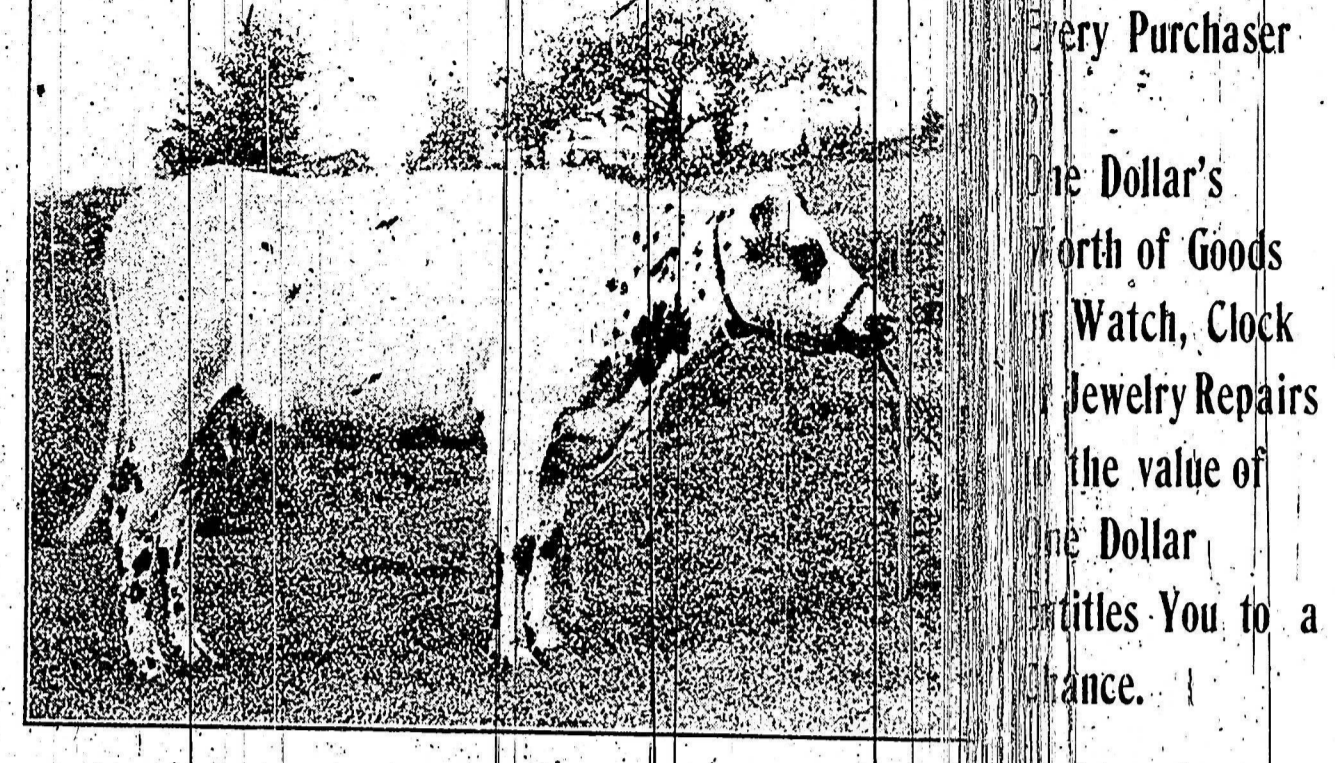
We hear of him next on the Big Water. Here again his head helped his hands, for he is clerking on a Mississippi mudboat. Farther out and higher up there was another river without boats. Here on the Red River he established a "little line of steamers, doubtless with the grub-stake he had from home. He became forwarding agent for other shippers, passed flour, and bacon, tobacco and calico up into the hills and caught the dust and pelts the prospectors sent down. A vast amount of the Hudson Bay Company's business passed through his hands, and he was in a new academy—taking his first lesson in transportation. By this time "Jim" Hill was pretty well known on this continent and England, for you could not pass through St. Paul without seeing him and you could not pass him without hearing of the wondrous West, of the undiscovered mines in the mountains, unploughed fields of the Red River Valley and the unknown bounding prairies of British Columbia. He talked, too, to men of means, of a poor little railroad that pointed west from St. Paul, in bankruptcy and disgrace. Mr. Hill wanted this railroad, wanted to put an end to its troubles, wanted it for the development of his new empire.

The Bank of Montreal became the unwilling owner of a lot of steel at Joliet, Illinois. The matter was in litigation; two of the bank's representatives were in Chicago with six days to kill. They decided at once that they would not return to Montreal. Should they stay in Chicago or go out and see Jim Hill and his new country, of whom and of which they had heard from the assistant governor of the Hudson Bay country, who is now a Lord.

To decide the matter they flipped the copper. The West won, they saw it, saw the Red River Valley, and the wide, wild prairies that billowed away to the north beyond the border. All the while Mr. Hill was between them, talking low and earnestly, inspiring them with his honesty, his quiet enthusiasm, and his never-failing faith in the future of the Northwest.

"It was a wonderful country he had shown them, a wonderful tale he had told them, and he brought them out panting for the West as the hart panteth for the waterbrook. One of the bank officials journeyed to Holland, told what he had seen and heard, and asked the Dutch bondholders to find a few more pennings to reclaim the little

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railroad, and extend it still farther into that wonderful new world that lay asleep on the eastern slopes of the Rockies.

"No," said the Dutchman, and his voice shook the sides of the house of gold. "We will sell our bonds to the Bank of Montreal."

"But we have not the money necessary for the extension; besides it will take six months to secure the legislation needed to allow of the continuation of the road."

"Take a year," said the Hollander, looking over the gold rim of his glasses, "and you can have our bonds at so much on the dollar."

The Canadian staggered, gripped the mahogany and added, meaning that the offer would be accepted.

Now, the Montreal people needed a man who looked like a Methodist minister, but wasn't, to work among the Minnesota legislators, and Jim Hill was at hand.

During that winter Mr. Hill fell in with a young man (who has since been successful), and made as much mileage if not so much money as he himself has made on a like mission, but whose business and desires lay rather to the Southwest and the two became friends and allies. Mr. Hill talked soft and low to the fellows from far away while his friend talked fast and fluently to the town boys, making on the backs of envelopes lightning sketches of things to be, and wonderful word pictures of unpeopled provinces still asleep in their virgin beauty in the boundless west. He joked them and jollied them, stayed awake and walked with them to the forks of the road where they met and mingled with the far-aways, when they all filed and voted—voted better than they knew, gave a few acres of wilderness away to men, who, in return, gave to the world a new empire.

Mr. Hill has had luck, but he did not sit down in the little glen at Rockwood and wait for it—he went after it, and who shall say he has not deserved success? I know not how the other fared with his people—the young man who talked fast and fluently to the town boys—but when these Montreal men met to cut up the caribou which all had helped to capture, they gave a hindquarter to Hill, and from that moment he was a millionaire. Yes, "You get well, stay well, look well, he had made a million dollars in a Do try Ferrozone, it's sure to be few years, but he has done much

more for the West and for the world, and is still up and doing. He has taken a little wrecked and bankrupt road and stretched it across the biggest and best half of the continent, and made it possible for you to cross this once wild West in luxury, with your library, bath, and barber at hand. You know from what you have heard and read that all this, if not actually created, was helped and hastened and brought about by the pluck and patience of "Jim" Hill—Philadelphia Saturday Evening Post.

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"Jim" Hill's Boyhood

(By Cy Warman.)

The artist who pictured "Mr. James J. Hill, President of the Great Northern Railway, shovelling coal at fifty cents a day," drew from his imagination and the reader who regards the famous railroad man as one who got his first money by rough toil has been misinformed. If the writer has not been imposed upon, Mr. Hill inherited his first few hundred, and from his boyhood his head has always helped his hands.

In the first half of the past century many Hills of Scotch-English origin came from the North of Ireland and settled in the Canadian wilderness. Only two of the original Hills lived long enough to raise families. One of these had two sons, James J. and A. S. T. "Jim" and "Alec," and one daughter. Hovering about a rocky glen, cleft by the crystal water of the little Grand, sleeps the picturesque village of Rockwood—the home of the Hill boys. Although but sixty years old, Rockwood has six hundred inhabitants, and deserves even more, for it is one of the quietest and most picturesque places in Canada. Moreover it is in the Ontario turnip belt. Here the turnip is entrained and shipped in carload lots to the United States to be made into marmalade and pear preserves. One farmer who was probably trying to be funny, informed me that the Canadian cheese which bore such a striking resemblance to the late William Nye, and which captured first prize at the Pan-American Exposition, was only an ordinary Ontario turnip chemically treated by an enterprising Yankee. A Hartford man he said, had put whiskers on some, stuck pine needles in others and sold them for coconuts and pineapples. When I became satis-

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On Nov. 28—One hour after death occurred here in the penitentiary from cancer of the stomach, a pardon was received for Capt. W. F. Harbottle, serving a two-year sentence. Capt. Harbottle was collector of inland revenue, and defaulted. He was arrested on here for the discharge and never rallied. He was a brother of Colin Harbottle, former secretary of the Toronto Club.

After his death a pardon came from Ottawa, granted by the Council, after the precarious condition of his health was made known. He leaves a wife and children.

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