

Bull, W.L.

October 29, 1898.

W.L.Bull to J.J.Hill.

Mellen and Coster have met with Mohler and Harriman. Mellen has stated that surveys and locations are being made west of Lewiston toward Pasco. This was considered so serious that a conference was immediately held by Schiff, Harriman, Mohler & Clough. Encloses copy of letter drafted at this meeting to be submitted to Executive Council in protest of Northern Pacific's action. States that "the original aggressive move which has led to the m understandings and differences that have e_usted between the
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Navigation Company and the Nor. Pacific, was the purchase of the Washington & Columbia River lines in flagrant violation of what is known as the "Portland Protocol."

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Believes that nothing short of an absolute agreement on the part of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company to keep out of the Nez Perces and Camas Prairie country will satisfy the Northern Pacific R.R. people. Thinks Mellen has persuaded those in control of the N.P. that they are strong enough to act as they think best. Believes the Navigation Co. must "fix the aggression where it clearly belongs."

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