

Portland & Puget Sound Road

February 7, 1901

Hill to Robert Bacon

Decodes wire of this date. Lamont, for me, sent wire telling how we got ~~tax~~ titles against entire [Portland &] Puget Sound railway property in Washington (state). "Condemnation would only cover part of the line" and Union Pacific could get it later. We have it held by others, however. Have invested over \$900,000 in it, "which investment was made with a view of securing a line between Puget Sound and Portland. We can accomplish this connection by using the Northern Pacific line and working the Portland and Puget Sound into the Northern Pacific in close places where it will improve their line." Schiff is

getting data on Oregon Railway and Navigation
Company affairs for me. Harriman's attitude
toward OR& N.

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