

The Weekly Chronicle.

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A FEASIBLE PROJECT.

THE CHRONICLE notes with satisfaction that the business men of The Dalles are taking an increasing interest in matters connected with the welfare of the city. Frequent discussions are heard at the Commercial Club and elsewhere over plans to aid the material interests of The Dalles, and the result of this awakening can not help, in the course of time, from being beneficial.

One of the topics most frequently under discussion is the influence which the new railroad from Biggs into Sherman county will have upon The Dalles. While it is generally believed that the damage done to the trading interests of this city will not be so great as some alarmists predict, yet it is conceded that substantial injury will result.

There seems but little doubt now that the road will be continued on through Moro, Grass Valley, and tap the wool territory farther to the south. It has been the intention of the management of the Columbia Southern to project their line as far as funds will permit, and, in all probability, a great deal will be done the present season.

Just what effect this extension will have upon The Dalles may be a matter of difference, but all will agree that it will in no wise add to its commercial advancement unless this place be made the terminal point instead of Biggs.

The project, which has been proposed and talked about some, of building a road from The Dalles up to Deschutes, then probably up the Fulton canyon into Sherman county, connecting with the Columbia Southern at Moro or some convenient point, seems to be a meritorious one.

If this road were built, and a traffic arrangement made with the Columbia Southern whereby the wool shipped from interior points should come by the new railroad to The Dalles, instead of going to Biggs, then this city would be in a position to hold the trade of the great interior country, which it now possesses.

It is just as well to take stock once in a while and see where we stand. There seems to be a well-founded opinion that the present season will see the Oregon Pacific pushing across the Cascade mountains and tapping the rich stock country of the central part of Eastern Oregon. Should this be done and no way be provided for bringing this trade to the Columbia river other than by wagon roads, it is unquestioned but that The Dalles will suffer severely in her commercial interests.

But if the Columbia Southern were built to Prineville, or to some point where the traffic of that section could be obtained, and then a line built from The Dalles to some point in Sherman county connected with the former road, The Dalles would be in a position to fear no competitors.

This plan has the commendation of some of our shrewdest business men, who are willing to place their influence and money behind it. What is needed more than anything else is spirited action. If the thing is worth doing, it is worth doing at once. It would not take much capital, and the returns would be sure. The Columbia Southern was built under circumstances enough to discourage most men, yet the undertaking was successfully completed.

We trust this matter will be persistently agitated among our business men, and THE CHRONICLE will do its share. In this connection, we note an excellent article on this subject in the Times Mountaineer, the spirit of which we heartily endorse.

The Panama canal is again before the public, notwithstanding the repeated assertion of its absolute failure. Of the fifty-four miles from Colon on the Atlantic to Panama on the Pacific, only fourteen miles have been finished. The work has been going on now since 1882, and up to

1889 there were continually at work no less than 10,000 laborers. Then the work was mostly discontinued, and today about \$100,000,000 worth of machinery lies rusting in sheds, canals and ditches. It is now asserted that with the machinery on hand the remaining work can be accomplished in eight or nine years for \$150,000,000. An American party of thirteen contractors and engineers, representing some American capitalists, is inspecting this canal. The Panama officials are offering them every facility to see the works, and the newspapers are telling them the superiority of the Panama route to the Nicaraguan one.

NOW IS THE ACCEPTED TIME.

Every city in the state, of any importance, is making preparations for growth and advancement during the year 1898. Some are making a greater endeavor than others, and it is but fair to presume that the results obtained will be in proportion. La Grande is glorying in its coming beet sugar mill; Pendleton looks for a still larger business for its already prosperous woolen and scouring mill; Baker City is providing for greater development of the mining interests adjacent, while Astoria expects the completion of the railroad to bring grain elevators and all the appurtenances connected with a large shipping port.

Compared to these places what is The Dalles doing? True we have one of the finest set of club rooms to be found in the state, and are building a public school which would be envied by any of the cities named. Improvements are continually going on in our business and residence districts; but, however gratifying they are, their influence is but local. The time has come when The Dalles must reach out to increase her trade in certain directions and to hold what she already has in others. For thirty years this city has enjoyed the exclusive business of a large section of country, now threatened by the building of railroads, which will divert the golden treasure which has heretofore been ours.

A few years may make a great difference in the commercial importance of The Dalles. We have made many mistakes in the past, but cannot afford to make one now. It is, we believe, a necessity that some steps be taken in the direction of building a railroad which will counteract the influence of the Columbia Southern and Oregon Pacific, should the latter be extended.

Six or seven years ago the people of this section were suffering from the exorbitant charges of the railroad company. All prayers for relief were unheeded, till, forced at last to help themselves, the business men of this city reached into their pockets and raised the money for the establishment of the D. P. & A. N. Co., running boats from here to Portland. At that time the venture was considered a hazardous one, but by the working together of common interests the D. P. & A. N. Co. was made to bring about the desired relief; and not only that, but it has proven a success for the stockholders, till now it is one of the most prosperous transportation companies on the coast. What was done on water can be repeated on land, and there is little doubt that a railroad reaching from here to Sherman county and connecting with the Columbia Southern, would be a paying venture, as well as the means for making the future of The Dalles secure.

At least the subject is one which will bear investigation, and we trust our public-spirited business men will not allow the opportunity to pass.

BUSINESS IMPROVING.

Every industrial report shows continued improvement in all lines of trade. No better argument is needed than statements like the following from a non-partisan commercial journal:

"The industrial situation is satisfactory. Extensive strikes have taken place in the New England cotton industry against a reduction of wages; but the consequent curtailment of production is benefiting manufacturers, and there is little anxiety over the future. Other in-

dustries are well employed. The outlook for the iron trade continues hopeful. Wheat again passed the dollar mark, touching \$1.04, and exports present and prospective are exceedingly heavy. Last week 4,000,000 bushels were shipped from American ports, compared with less than 1,000,000 bushels same week last year. The visible supply of wheat in this country is 37,800,000 bushels against 52,400,000 bushels a year ago.

WOOL-GROWERS CONVENTION.

The convention of wool-growers, which meets in The Dalles next month, promises to be the means of drawing attention to the resources of Eastern Oregon as a stock country, as well as to this city as a wool emporium. Every indication points to the success of the meeting. The committee appointed by the Commercial Club to have charge of all arrangements has received assurance from the governors of Washington, Idaho, Montana and Oregon that they will send accredited representatives, and, if possible, attend in person. Prominent speakers from different portions of the Northwest have promised to address the convention on matters of interest to wool-growers, while the assumed attendance of stockmen will give to the meeting the representative character desired.

The holding of this convention, as well as others of similar nature, is in line with the progressive policy now adopted by the O. R. & N. Co., which is seeking to develop the territory adjacent to that line. It is a gratifying sign of the progress of the country when railway corporations are learning that the prosperity of the largest number means increased earnings for them, and the pursuance of this liberal policy will go far to smooth down the antagonism which has so long existed between the railroads and the people.

It is peculiarly fortunate for all concerned that The Dalles has been chosen as the place for holding the convention; fortunate for The Dalles because its citizens will be able to demonstrate to the visitors the remarkable advantages possessed by this city as a wool-shipping center, and fortunate for the members attending because they will come as welcome guests to a city which will receive them with open arms, and which has the means and spirit to entertain them properly.

Much good may be made to result from this wool-growers' meeting, both to our visitors and ourselves, and as citizens we shall use our best endeavors to make this first meeting a notable pattern for those which follow.

To the wool growers of Oregon The Dalles bids an hospitable invitation, and trusts that everyone who can will come and partake of the welcome prepared.

Representative McCullough, the member of the South Carolina legislature from Greenville, is reported to stand sponsor for an act which throws an amusing side-light upon the new sociological conditions in the Palmetto State. The bill in question, according to the Columbia Register, makes it unlawful for a citizen of South Carolina to wear what is known as a "hip-pocket" in the rear of the trousers, and affixes a minimum penalty of \$100 fine and imprisonment for six months for violation of its provisions. The object aimed at by this bill brings out one phase of the revolution in thought which distinguishes the new South Carolina of today from the old South Carolina which crumbled to pieces with the triumph of the "Reformers" in 1890. The bill aims to reduce the number of homicides by making the means more difficult.

The politicians are coming to the front, and candidates are being carefully groomed. Among the gubernatorial possibilities mentioned are Governor Lord, who earnestly desires a re-nomination, it is said; Charles W. Fulton of Astoria, T. T. Geer of Waldo Hills, and Phil Metsohan, the present state treasurer. With these as active contestants, the battle will be a royal one and the issue uncertain; only it is safe to say that Governor Lord will be among

the unsuccessful ones. As a candidate before the people his name would not cause the wildest enthusiasm; but, on the contrary, many knives would be sharpened for use. Any of the remaining candidates mentioned would make an admirable nominee.

Evidently Spain does not wish mediation by the United States, as she has refused the offer now the third time. Is it not undignified to longer continue the farce? Either this government should declare to the world that it has no interest in the Cuban war, and that Spain may butcher as much as she pleases, or else, in the cause of humanity, step in and stop it. Our present shilly-shallying course is becoming ridiculous.

The relief expedition to Dawson City may be unnecessary, but if it calls to the government's attention the need of stationing troops in Alaska, it will have served its purpose. With the coming together of such lawless elements as are to be found in Skaguay, as in all towns of quick growth, the civil authorities will be unable to preserve order, and until the conditions of the country are brought to a more stable basis, the presence of government troops are necessary.

NEWS NOTES.

**Saturday's Daily.**  
 Commercial reports show less failures during January of this year than in the same month of any preceding year.

The latest reports state that prompt action on the part of the United States has brought Germany to terms on the fruit question.

There were several Oregonians on the floor of the senate Thursday during the discussion of the Corbett case. Besides Senator Corbett there were Senator McBride, Representatives Tongue and Ellis, and ex-Senator Mitchell. Other interested listeners were J. B. Montgomery, Charles Newell and H. H. Gilfry, all Oregonians.

Representative Ellis has of late been pressing the matter of the consideration of the Indian war veterans pension bill in the house. The chairman of the house committee on pensions has received a letter from Governor Lord, of Oregon, in which he urges the justice and equity of the bill, and asks for its early consideration.

**Monday's Daily.**  
 Judge Balleary was stricken with paralysis yesterday.

The Klondike fever is reported to be raging in the East. Iowa has more than its share.

Mr. J. Clohesy is said to be a candidate for mayor of Portland on the Democratic ticket.

Two men were killed in a wreck on the Northern Pacific, near Pasco, Washington, yesterday morning.

At a meeting of the Peoples party central committee held at Oregon City, Saturday, W. S. U'Ren resigned as chairman of the same. He says he prefers to work in the Populist ranks.

**Tuesday's Daily.**  
 It is rumored that ex-president Harrison will be a candidate for the United States senate from Indiana.

Oscar Taylor, a Salem brick mason, had a miraculous escape from death yesterday. He was working on the Willamette hotel, when he lost his balance and fell a distance of about ninety feet. It is thought that he is not seriously injured.

The trial of Emil Zolo, who is being prosecuted by the government as a result of a letter which he wrote last December to the Aurora, strongly reflecting on high officials connected with the Dreyfus case, opened in Paris yesterday. The most keen public interest was manifested in the case. Hundreds of people surrounded the court anxious to gain admittance. The crowds increased in number all the morning. The arrival of Henri Rochefort was the signal for shouts of "Vive Rochefort!" and counter cries of "Abas Rochefort!" Zolo says that he has no hopes of a fair trial.

**In Memoriam.**  
 In memory of Hazel Adams, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Adams, who died with pneumonia February 3, aged 11 months and 3 days:  
 Call not back the darling angel,  
 Anchored safe with trials o'er.  
 On the border land we left her,  
 Soon to meet and part no more.  
 Far beyond this world of changes;  
 Far above our grief and care,  
 We shall meet our absent darling  
 In our Father's mansion fair.  
 Father, mother, cease to mourn your loss.  
 Her trials are ended; her sickness is past;  
 And she has gained the beautiful crown at last.  
 It seems hard that she must be taken so young;  
 But 'tis His will, and His praises must be sung.  
 And when your trials are o'er and your race is run,  
 Strive to meet little Hazel in the life she's begun.  
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A Woman's Strong Constitution Wrecked. Effects of a Treacherous Disease. A Wonderful Case.

From the Bulletin, Monroe, La.

Mrs. Stephen Robbins is the wife of a prominent farmer living on a large and well-kept plantation just at the edge of Monroe, La. They have resided in this community but two years, having moved here from Illinois. The change was made for the benefit of Mrs. Robbins' health, her physicians having advised her that it was the only hope of her ever regaining her lost health.

"Three years ago this last winter," said Mrs. Robbins, "I was very sick with that most treacherous disease, the grippe. I had a very severe time with it, but was able to get out after being confined to my home several weeks. I think I went out too soon, for I immediately contracted a cold and had a relapse, which is a common occurrence with that disease. For several more weeks I was confined to the house; and after this I did not fully recover until recently. I was able to get out again, but I was quite a different woman.

"My former strong constitution was wrecked, and I was a dwindling mass of skin and bones. My blood was thin and I had grown pale and sallow. My lungs were so affected that I thought I was going into consumption. During my illness I had lost thirty pounds in weight. I tried to regain my strength and former good health by trying different medicines and physicians, but nothing seemed to help me. My appetite was gone, and when I ate the food it would not stay on my stomach.

"The only thing my physician said for me to do was to take a change of climate, and on his advice I came here. At first I seemed benefited, but to my sorrow it proved to be only temporary, and in a few months I was in my former condition. The color had left my cheeks, I had no energy, and life was a misery. I had become a burden to myself and family. Finally I happened to read in a newspaper of how Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People had effected a miraculous cure with the same disease which a neighbor of mine had in Illinois.

"On the strength of this testimonial I decided at once to give the medicine a trial. I accordingly sent for a box of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and gave the pills a thorough trial. I did not notice any change till I had tried the second box. I was discouraged a little with the result of the first box, but knowing that I should not expect a sudden cure of such a chronic case as mine, I tried the second box with the result that I immediately began getting better. I used five boxes of these pills and was completely cured, as you see, me to-day, weighing more than ever before."

As evidence of the truthfulness of her story Mrs. Robbins volunteered to make the following sworn statement:

"I hereby affirm that the above statement is every word exact and true."

"Mrs. STEPHEN ROBBINS.  
 "Monroe, La., March 2, 1897."  
 "Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for the Parish of Winn, State of Louisiana, this 2d day of March, 1897."  
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