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One Fellows-St. Helens Lodge No. 117-meets every Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock in their hall, over Deitz store.

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Junior Order United American Mechanics-Columbia Council No. 10-meets in Odd Fellows hall, St. Helens, every Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Order of Eastern Star-Misph Chapter meets every second and fourth Saturday at 7:30 p. m. at Masonic hall, St. Helens, Oregon.

ST. HELENS, OREGON, DEC. 7.

The total vote of Idaho is but 24,000. Next to Nevada, Idaho is the smallest state in the Union in point of population, yet one of the richest per capita.

The republicans in the legislature should not go into caucus for United States senator. Such a proceeding cannot help but defeat the will of the majority.

Since the county court and city council of this municipality cannot agree as to who should keep in repair the bridge west of town, it has been suggested that our city charter be amended that all road taxes collected within the city limits be applied upon the streets and roads within the corporation.

Football and football are twin sisters. About the only difference is that the former is participated in by only two bruisers, and the latter by twenty-two. The one is as brutal as the other.

In the republican state convention last spring there was an unanimity of sentiment in favor of a "new deal" in making the selections for the various state offices.

Thirty-eight talisman were examined before a jury was impeached to try "Bunco" Kelly for murder, says the Telegram. The majority were rejected merely because they confessed that they had read newspaper reports of the tragedy, and believed what they read.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The president's message read before congress last Monday seems to be a very impartial review of international affairs during the past year. In regard to our foreign policy the president offers some very timely recommendations, which should receive consideration at the hands of the national body. The most conspicuous part of the message was the absence of anything directly touching our financial policy. In years gone by Mr. Cleveland has been a staunch advocate of the gold standard, and republican newspapers of that belief have persistently lauded him for his stand on the financial question, and are consequently sore over the tenor of the message on this point. One must infer from the message that the president has receded from the gold standard theory, and no longer opposes a more liberal coinage law. He is a man of strong convictions and great firmness, but is always willing to admit the fact when convinced he is wrong. On the whole the message may be said to be a conservative and comprehensive document.

The next legislature will be called upon to do something to protect the sturgeon of the Columbia river. Many people will be surprised to learn that there is no close season for sturgeon, nor any law whatever, on our statute books governing the catch of that variety of fish. At the present ratio of destruction it is only a question of time when the supply of sturgeon will be exhausted. Two years ago the supply was about double what it was last year, and this year it has still dwindled down. The price in the meantime, however, has increased from 1 1/2 cents to 4 1/2 cents; still the fishermen cannot make as much money as they did two years ago. Those best acquainted with the industry say that there should be a close season lasting during the entire summer, and that no sturgeon less than thirty pounds weight should be caught. If properly protected this will become one of the principal sources of revenue of the river counties. Let the legislature do its duty towards this industry.—Kalamazoo Bulletin.

Our people may look forward to a marked revival of business with the opening of spring. In addition to the increase of business in a general way, the commencement of work on the Astoria railroad, which seems now a sure thing, will, in our opinion, bring about a return of prosperity to Columbia county. The building of the road will furnish employment to a large number of people and thereby create a demand for farm products, which will benefit the producer as well as the consumer. Not only this; but short switches or spurs will be built into the interior from the main line for the purpose of getting out sawlogs, shingles, building and other materials of which we have an abundance. The Astoria road cannot help but greatly benefit Columbia county.

VERNONIA VERSIONS.

Will Brown has returned from East-on Oregon.

George Bagley, of Hillsboro, was in town Monday.

K. E. Nickerson and J. W. Rench are in Hillsboro this week.

Willard Denlow and Frank Wilson killed a bear and a wildcat last week.

G. W. Rice has rented a tract of land east of Hillsboro which he intends farming next season.

Low McGoon, with a couple of friends from Gaston, spent a few days rusticated in this valley last week.

The republican club of this place held an interesting meeting last Saturday. Three new names were added to the membership list.

Louis Siebert and wife have moved to their ranch near town. Mr. Siebert is usually employed by the cable car company at Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Ordway received the sad intelligence Saturday of the death of a married daughter in Washington on Thanksgiving day.

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CONTRACT IS SIGNED

Astoria Railroad Will Be Completed in Twelve Months, WILL CONNECT WITH N. P.

The Contract Signed Last Saturday by A. B. Hammond, to Build the Astoria-Goble Road.

ASTORIA, Dec. 1.—The Astoria railroad contract was signed this evening, and Astorians generally are jubilant tonight. This morning's post from Portland brought A. B. Hammond, of Missoula, accompanied by J. C. Stanton, of New York; H. I. Kimball, of Atlanta, and Walter C. Smith, of Portland. Mr. Smith has made over a dozen trips across the continent in connection with the Astoria railroad scheme. When their presence became known it was whispered around that Mr. Hammond would, in the course of the day, submit a contract to the railroad subsidy committee. The news was confirmed at a meeting of the committee in the morning, which Mr. Hammond's contract was read and accepted. All the necessary papers were in readiness soon after 5 o'clock, and at 5:30 a tremendous burst of cheering from the rooms of the chamber of commerce announced that Mr. Hammond had affixed his signature to a contract, the provisions of which mean as much to Astorians. The contract provides: "For the construction of a standard gauge single-track road from a point at or near the east end of the bridge line of the railroad owned by the St. Lawrence Railroad company, i. Astoria, Clatsop county, O., through the city, on the north water front thereof; thence easterly along or near the south bank of the Columbia river to a point of connection with the Northern Pacific railroad, or some other railroad constructed and running cars into the city of Portland, at or near Goble, in Columbia county, State of Oregon, on or before the 30th day of October, A. D. 1896."

It is also agreed by Hammond and Bonner that they shall expend at least \$30,000 each month in the carrying on of the work, or in furnishing materials to be used in construction until the road is completed.

During the afternoon Mr. Hammond had a meeting with the Seashore road directors, and made them a proposition to purchase the line. In this connection Mr. Hammond made the following statement: "I made a proposition to the only two Seashore directors, who are in the city, and they are satisfied with the terms. The directors who are absent from the city, I have given to understand, will agree to any arrangement these gentlemen might make, so you see the matter is virtually settled. The affair will not be closed up until my return from New York. It is the intention to place the road-bed in first-class condition and equip it with as good rolling stock as can be found on any road in the West."

Does the purchase of the Southeastern line that is to be extended into the Nehalem country?

"That scheme will be thoroughly gone over in due time. I am favorably disposed toward the Nehalem country and have great faith in its future. Further than this I cannot say anything definite regarding that branch of the road. Yes, the road is a certain fact, and I hope it will be considerably less than the time allowed by the contract before we can commence active operations. I go from here direct to New York city, where the final arrangements will be made."

Regarding the Oregon Pacific which is to be sold this month, and over which he has made a thorough inspection trip, Mr. Hammond said: "I do not wish to say anything regarding my intentions in this matter. I consider it a good speculation, and whoever purchases it will secure a first-class property that has cost several millions. The last time it was sold it went for \$60,000, but it is hard to say just what price it will bring at this sale."

Mr. Stanton was belted with people who wished to shake hands with him, and he was promised a royal reception if he would remain over night. But his presence being required in New York at an early date prevented him from partaking of their hospitality. Mr. Stanton, like W. C. Smith, has worked long and persistently in endeavoring to interest capital in the Astoria road project, and while his name does not appear in the contract, it is understood that he figures with Mr. Hammond and Mr. Bonner in the deal. All of the visiting railroad men left for Portland this evening.

The land subsidy given by the people of Astoria is valued at over \$2,000,000.

COLUMBIA RIVER & ASTORIA

It is the Intention to Employ White Labor Only.

The name of the new line will be the Columbia River & Astoria Railway Company and its completion may be expected within another year. Mr. Stanton, who has been the moving spirit of the project for the past year and a half, is one of the pioneer railroad builders of the United States, his operations extending through all the New England and many of the Middle, West, and Southern states, during the past fifty years. Speaking of the Astoria road—his latest project—he said to an Oregonian representative Monday: "You may rest assured that the railroad will be constructed as speedily as possible with the exception of about thirteen miles, the right-of-way has been obtained, and there will be no trouble in securing the remainder. The line has been fully surveyed and located by Mr. W. H. Kennedy, now chief engineer of the O. R. & N. Co. In all probability he will occupy a similar position with our company. Very little time has as yet, been devoted to the discussion of details, but undoubtedly Messrs. Bonner and Hammond will transfer their contract to a construction company, to which the work of the railway project will be transferred. This construction company will also have the full management and improvement of the lands granted as a subsidy.

"The many details necessary to be arranged to secure manufacturing enterprises, etc., now in contemplation, are by far too large to be determined upon without the most mature deliberation. With other parties interested I leave tonight for New York city, where all matters pertaining to the building of the road, and other projects will be carefully and fully considered. Until our plans are consummated, it will be impossible to give out to the public all the intended to be done."

"The contract entered into provides that the headquarters of the company shall be at Astoria, and all disbursements shall be made at that place. The estimated cost of the road, including the purchase of the Seashore line, just made will be about two million dollars, and other improvements in contemplation will necessitate the expenditure of five times as much. While we are given twenty-three months in which to complete the road in all probability the work will be finished within a year from the time of commencement. The people of Oregon doubtless understand the unwieldiness of building railroads during the winter months, and so far as starting the work is concerned, we will make haste slowly.

"Active operations will commence early next spring, about March, I think, and, when we begin the work we hope to find the needed labor here in Oregon. It will give employment to a great many laborers, while the construction is carried forward, and we are in favor of being the work to those who are not employed at the time. So far as Chinese are concerned, I experimented with that once in the South, and it was not satisfactory. If suitable white labor can be procured we will certainly give it preference.

"I hope to return to Oregon in about one month, and remain as long as my presence is required. This is my sixth visit to Portland within the last eighteen months, exclusively on this business; so you can see that I do not consider the trip across the continent a hardship. I do not expect to remain in Oregon during all the time, but hope to be able to do my part from the East. Only today I received a telegram stating it was desired to have me appointed a receiver for one of the Russell Sage roads in Massachusetts, but I will have to decline as I want to devote my whole attention to the Astoria road. While I am absent from Oregon Mr. Kimball will represent me here, as well as others in interest.

"So far as money is concerned to build the proposed road, I can but repeat what I have always said from the time of my first visit to Portland—the money is ready."

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