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BROAD GAUGE ASSURED.

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for Wallowa county possesses a large area.

Railroad Assured to North End. (Wallowa Sun.)

News that means much to residents of the north part of the county comes in the form of an announcement by the Nibley-Minnagh Lumber Co., that they will start the construction of a railroad up the Whiskey creek canyon within the next thirty days.

The primary object of the road is for logging purposes, but it is the opinion locally that the road will eventually become a common carrier, its purpose being to tap the rich northern valleys of the county.

Should the road become a common carrier, there is no doubt that it will be extended as far as Flora, and may eventually reach some point on the Snake river, especially if the Snake and Columbia rivers are opened to navigation.

A movement is on foot now to make Lewiston an important harbor upon the opening of the Panama canal, and there is little doubt but that Wallowa county will, in such an event, find some means for a direct line to this point, its then nearest seaport.

The grade up the Whiskey creek canyon is said to be the only feasible one by which a railroad could reach the northern part of the county. It

is the intention of the lumber company to build the line into the timber this summer, increasing it as the demand for logs justifies, and it will probably be two years before the line will be completed to such an extent that it will be of material benefit for purposes other than logging. As to the common carrier feature of the undertaking, the company is non-committal, and would not verify any reports that the road would eventually be made such.

WILSON LIKES TARIFF BILL

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new tariff bill is concerned, beet and cane sugar factories in America can compete with other nations in the open market. He expects some trust-controlled factories to close to make it appear that their arguments for protection were well founded, but expects them to reopen as soon as convenient. The president doesn't think there is a single ruinous cut in the entire bill.

SIRES AND SONS.

Wilson S. Klemm, the man who built the \$1,000,000 tunnel through the Detroit river, the first of its kind in the world, began his career as an axman with a surveying crew on the Santa Fe railroad.

Richard Lorenz, a member of the German consulate in St. Paul, Minn., has received the golden cross in token of his elevation to membership in the Knights of the Order of the Prussian Crown. The honor is conferred for long service in the consular service.

Langdon Warner, until recently a member of the Chinese and Japanese department of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, will leave this summer for China, where he will secure practical data for the establishment of a new school of archaeology in that country.

Seldom Willmore, an Englishman, enjoys the distinction of being the only European who has ventured to appear at the native bar in Egypt. He was educated in England, but has lived in Egypt for years and has served as counselor of the native court of appeals.

Gustave Eiffel, the French engineer who built the famous tower in Paris bearing his name, has just been honored by the Smithsonian Institution, whose regents have voted him a Langley medal "for his researches relating to the resistance of the air in connection with aviation."

Train and Track.

Upward of 625,000 miles of railway are in use in the world.

Chicago street railways yearly collect over \$10,000,000 in fares.

During the past year there were 411

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ed to the railroads of this country less than 3,000 miles of new line, which is away below the average.

One of the great railroads running out of New York has inaugurated a series of test surprise signals because of the great number of accidents from which the road suffered. The tests will include improper train orders, displaced switches and a number of changes of signals.

Animal Oddities.

The hare runs sixty feet a second. A bat cannot rise from a perfectly level surface.

A camel when in want of water means continually.

A squirrel comes down a tree head first and a cat tail first.

Young condors cannot fly within twelve months of being hatched.

Pheasants and domestic poultry rarely pass beyond the age of fifteen years. A curious butterfly exists in India. The male has the left wing yellow and the right one red. The female has these colors reversed.

German Gleanings.

There are in Germany more than 10,000,000 milk cows.

Germany's foreign trade last year exceeded \$4,829,000,000.

State relief is sometimes given in Germany to sailing vessels for loss of finishing gear when necessity is proved.

Emperor William is said to be planning to retire most of the veteran German army staff officers, intending to replace them with younger men. The veterans will be pensioned.

Matters Mexican.

A man is always "president ad interim" or "pro tem." in Mexico.—Philadelphia Inquirer

At least Mexico is an ideal republic to the extent that any man in it may aspire to be president.—Cleveland Leader.

Porfirio Diaz will come back from Europe if his country needs him. If his family needs him he had better stay where he is.—Kansas City Journal.

Aerial Flights.

There are 5,900 licensed air men in the United States.

In addition to its aeroplane fleet the French army will be equipped with a squadron of swift dirigible balloons that will carry machine guns.

Added strength and safety are claimed for a new English material for aeroplane wings made of the mesh steel gauze coated with a preparation to make it impervious to air and water.

Science Siftings.

The moon is without atmosphere is proved in several different ways.

The invention of a flame derived from electric energy that will not give off heat is claimed by a French scientist, who is keeping the details secret.

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Garments made of silk heavily impregnated with lead have been invented in France to protect X ray operators from the dangers attending the manipulation of the rays.

Cost of Living.

"What goes up must come down" evidently does not apply to the high cost of living.—Life.

"Up goes all meat except beef alone." But who cares about so rare a luxury as beef?—New York Tribune.

Now the warm winter is made the excuse for boosting the price of honey. Bees kept active by sunny days were unusually hungry and have eaten up stored honey, so diminishing the supply. Can you beat it?—New York World.

DAINTY COBWEBS.

How Spiders' Fine Spun Threads Compare With Human Hair.

It is hard to realize how small a spider's web really is. A famous microscopist once made some interesting comparisons of a cobweb with human hair.

"I have often compared the size of the thread spun by full grown spiders with a hair of my beard," he says. "I placed the thickest part of the hair before the microscope, and, from the most accurate judgment I could form, more than 100 of the spider's threads placed side by side could not equal the diameter of one such hair. If, then, we suppose such a hair to be of a round form it follows that 10,000 threads spun by the full grown spider, when taken together, will not be equal in substance to the size of a single hair.

To this, if we add that 400 young spiders at the time when they begin to spin their webs are not larger than one full grown one and that each of these minute spiders possesses the same organs as the larger ones, it follows that the exceedingly small threads spun by these little creatures must be still 400 times slenderer, and consequently that 4,000,000 of these minute spiders' threads cannot equal in substance the size of a single hair."

A Playful Prelate.

Dr. Magee, who was for a brief period archbishop of York, was once induced by a friend with whom he was staying to go and hear a certain preacher. Asked afterward what he thought of the sermon, Dr. Magee answered that he thought it was rather long. "Yes," agreed his host, who was a great admirer of the preacher, "but there was a saint in the pulpit." "And a martyr in the pew!" was the doctor's prompt return. The same prelate in giving advice to a newly appointed suffragan said, "They will send for you to open churches, cemeteries, schools, vestries and cloakrooms, and to unvel windows and clocks, and it may be that eventually they will want you to open an umbrella!"—London Mail.

Little Things as an Index.

"Here," said an observer, "was a machine upon which appeared the name plate of the manufacturer; a small and not essential feature, but this plate had been set on true, and then the screws by which it was held in place had all been turned up until the slots in their heads all showed in precisely the same position, alike, uniform.

"Whoever put this plate on made a nice finished job of it, and I should be inclined to think that a shop that had such pride in even the minor details of its work would do good work throughout."—New York Sun.

Had Four Legs Anyhow.

Chollie had decided to give up the sporting life and settle down to farming and was now buying a cow.

"Now, here's a cow," said the agent that I can highly recommend to you. She has won several prizes at our county fair, and"

"Really?" said Chollie, looking the animal over admiringly. "Er—trotting or steepchase?"—Harper's Weekly.

Genius.

At his villa in Biarritz Sarasate, the great musician, was once called a genius by a famous critic. But Sarasate frowned and shook his head.

"A genius?" he said. "For thirty-seven years I've practiced fourteen hours a day, and now they call me genius."

It Reminded Him.

"The dew is falling," she said. "Let us go in before it settles."

"Yes," he answered, but a worried look stole into his face. Little did she dream that with him many dews were falling and that he was utterly unable to settle.—Magazine of Fun.

The Result.

"What was the result of that popularity contest?"

"It spoiled the dispositions of a whole lot of fellows who thought they ought to have won the prize."—Washington Star.

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"Miss Twain once missed the train which she had taken to her work. He did not wire any excuse. His telegram to his employer took this form: 'My train left at 7:20. I arrived at the station at 7:25 and could not catch it.'"

Statistical Error.

Gabe—According to the census reports, there are only 125,000 idiots in the United States. Steve—Some one has been cheating. Why, I know that many every day.—Cincinnati Enquirer

Tried to Do Better.

A tramp told a woman a good luck story about losing his wife and family and home in an explosion.

"But," the woman said "that isn't the same story you told me last week."

"I know, lady," said the tramp, "but you didn't believe last week's story."

Worse Still.

Willie—Does your neighbor send you to bed before 7 when you're neighbor Robby—Worse than that. When I've been bed he makes me get up before 7. Boston Transcript

Wisdom and Love.

How shall we help the life of the future? Simply by putting wisdom and love into our own life and into human affairs. All genuine virtue is vital and vitalizing. It carries in it the power of God to conquer evil and establish righteousness. It is a living seed, holding in itself interminable harvests of its own kind. Planted in human society, it will bear fruits of welfare through the centuries.—Charles G. Ames.

Stood by His Theory.

Thales, the ancient philosopher, declared that there was no difference between life and death. "Why, then," cried one of those to whom the remark was made, "don't you put an end to your life?" "Because," was the reply, "there is no difference."

His Mind Occupied.

"Sir," she exclaimed when he kissed her. "You forgot yourself." "Possibly," he replied calmly. "But I can think of myself any old time. Just now you are occupying my undivided attention." Boston Transcript

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