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## WASHINGTON NOTES.

Walla Walla is considering the proposition of the New York Life Insurance Co. to erect in that city a large hotel to cost \$250,000, in consideration of the citizens taking policies in the company to the amount of \$1,000,000. Aside from the consideration mentioned, such an investment by the company would be a paying one, simply as a business proposition.

Report comes that a Nevada syndicate will construct a large irrigating canal from the Columbia river at Priest rapids to the vicinity of Pasco and Wallula, and thus render productive many thousands of acres of land now but a desert. More of this will be given if the report has good foundation.

Means have been provided by the sale of bonds for a long continuance of construction on the Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern, both on the line extending westward from Seattle to Davenport and beyond, and on the line running to the Canadian Pacific by the way of Snohomish.

Surveyors of the Seattle & Southern have completed the preliminary survey of a route from West Seattle to the Columbia river at Vancouver. It is claimed that construction of this short line between Portland and Seattle will be soon commenced and pushed with vigor.

The fourth annual fair of the Walla Walla Agricultural Society will be held at the splendid grounds of the association near that city during the entire week beginning September 30. This is one of the leading events of the kind in the northwest and will be largely attended.

Five miles only of track laying remain to be done on the Puget Sound & Gray's Harbor railroad to connect the sound with Montesano, at the head of navigation on the Chehalis. It is expected that trains will be running between Kamliche and Montesano early in October.

At Cardmoor, seven miles south of Seattle, on the Columbia & Puget Sound railroad, is a fine quarry of sand stone, which will be gotten out for market by the Cardmoor Stone Co., recently incorporated in Seattle.

Seattle has begun the erection of four new school buildings designed to accommodate 1,500 pupils. The constantly increasing demand for new school accommodations in that city is marvelous.

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