

WASHINGTON NOTES.

The Seattle land office received nearly \$80,000 during October.

Centralia is taking action for securing electric lights and water works.

Among the business projects in prospect for Ellensburg are a beef packing house to cost \$150,000, and an iron furnace.

E. J. Estop, a fruit raiser near Olympia, recommends Italian prunes, Bartlett pears and Royal Ann cherries as the three leading fruits suited to that locality.

A deposit of fire clay has been discovered twelve miles north of Seattle. Preparations are in progress for establishing a brick manufacturing plant there.

The contract for the erection of a new court house for King county, at Seattle, has been let, the price being \$163,000. The work of construction will be begun at once. This will be the finest county building in the state.

The Cornwall company is busy on Bellingham bay, having 300 men employed on the railroad from Whatcom to New Westminster, 100 on the water works and large forces at work on the saw mill and electric light plant for the the bay cities.

The saw mill of Blackman Bros., at Snohomish, was burned in September and the company is now preparing to build a more extensive plant, including saw mill, shingle mill, sash and door factory and dry kiln, capable of turning out 100,000 feet of lumber a day.

Finally Seattle has been given freight rates over the Northern Pacific on equal terms with Tacoma, and, as a consequence, the Queen City expects to grow rapidly in importance as a transcontinental terminus. This concession, however, comes too late to head off the other lines projected to give Seattle feeders and shipping advantages and it will be interesting to watch the competition that will ensue.

Articles incorporating the Tacoma & Olympia Railway & Navigation Company have been filed with the secretary of Washington, with a capital of \$1,000,000. The object of the concern is to operate a continuous transportation line from Tacoma in a northwesterly direction across Admiralty inlet, Hood's canal and through the Olympic mountain region, either to the Strait of Fuca or the Pacific ocean.

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