There are over one thousand miles of railroad now in construction in the state of Washington, much of which will be completed during the present year. This exceeds the railroad construction of any state in the Union.

J. C. Banks has located some coal mines near the headwaters of the Cowlitz river, in Washington. The specimens are good samples of semianthracite, of which there is claimed to be a field of 9,000 acres.









On last Saturday afternoon the Indians of Lemhi agency, with some of their red brethren from Fort Hall, who are visiting them, had a sham battle. The exhibition took place on the flat near the high bridge, and was participated in by about two hundred warriors. They had been getting ready for the fray for several days, and appeared in all the glory of paint of every hue, and had their horses decorated in the same manner. Three different battles were fought; in the first two, the charge and the skirmish, the Indians were mounted, while in the last, a fight at close quarters, the warriors were on foot. This fighting was just the same as in real battles in every particular, even to robbing and scalping the dead, an exhibition of which was given that made the blood of the spectators run cold. About seventy-five white people gathered to witness the novel sight, and felt amply repaid for their trip. The Indians were very friendly and went about to the carriages and shook hands with many of the people, and appeared very proud to have such a large and appreciative andience.-Idaho Recorder.

J. D. Bennett, of Montesano, Washington, has discovered a mine of iron ore on North river. He sent a sample to San Francisco, and the assayer in his report stated that the rock carried eighteen per cent, of iron, and that the iron was of excellent quality. The sample sent was an outcropping only, and an effort will shortly be made to get some of the rock from the main ledge, which it is expected will assay much richer. There is a veritable mountain of the rock, it having been traced by the outcroppings for several miles. The ledge is only about eight miles from Montesano.

Hood & Leaven's shingle mill, near Kelso, Washington, was burned last week. Loss \$4,000.

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