There are over one thoumand miles of railroad now in construction in the atate of Waehington, much of which will be coupleted during the pres-
ent year. This exceeds the railroud construction of any state in the Union.
J. C. Banks has located soma coal mines near the headwaters of the Cowlitz river, in Washington. The specimens are good ramples of semianthracite, of which there ir claimed to be s feld of 9,000 acres.


On last Saturday atternoon the Indians of Lemhi agency, with some of their red brethren from Fort Hall, who are viniting them, had a sham bat tie. The exhibition took place on the flat near the high bridge, and was participated in by about two hundred warriors. They had been gatting ready for the fray for several days, and appeared in all the glory of paint of every hue, und had their horses decorated in the same manner. Three different battles were fonght; 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 jost the same as in real battles in every particular, even to robbing and acalping the dead, an extibition of which war 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 nhook hands with many of the people, and appeared very proud to have such a large and appreciative andience.-Idaho Recorder.
J. D. Bennett, of Montesamo, Washington, has discovered a mine of iron ore on North river. He sent a sample to San Francisco, and the aswayer in his report Atated that the rock carried eighteen per cent, of iron, and that the fron was of excellent quality. The eample sent was an outcropping only, and an effort will shortly be made to get some of the rock from the main ledge, which it in expected will asaay 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.

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