

Should no unforeseen circumstance prevent, the Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern railroad will reach Sedro, in Skagit county on the fifteenth of this month, when through trains will be put on connecting Seattle, Sedro and Anacortes. An effort is also being made to arrange for through coaches to run between Portland and the two latter named places. The road was to have been completed to Sedro a month ago, but a combination of circumstances prevented.

According to the statement of W. P. Watson, assistant engineer of the Great Northern, the location of the line of that road from Portland to Puget sound is nearly completed and the work of securing the right of way far advanced. The bridge across the Columbia will be much shorter than that of the Union Pacific, as it will be only 2,800 feet, against over 5,000 feet for the Union Pacific bridge. The depth of water is about fifty feet, but Mr. Watson says the engineers found a better foundation for the piers than the Union has. It will cost about \$800,000. The location has been practically decided on, but will not yet be made public.

The people of British Columbia are preparing to utilize the great fishing resources of the waters adjacent to that province. A short time ago a deep sea fishing company was organized in Vancouver, and now another has been formed in New Westminster. They will establish stations on Queen Charlotte islands and at other points in northern waters, and will employ steamers to transport the catch to market. This industry is destined to develop to enormous proportions in a few years, for the fisheries are far more extensive than those of the Atlantic, while the dangers from storms and cold weather are but a tithe of those to which the fishermen of the Atlantic are exposed.

A great deal of excitement has been occasioned over the recent discoveries of valuable mineral deposits in the region of Lake Chelan, Washington. In commenting on the subject a correspondent of the *Spokane Falls Review* says that next spring will in all probability witness a great influx of people to that section, and also draws the attention of Spokane's merchants to the fact that a rich trade is in prospect if proper steps are taken to secure it. To one acquainted with the spirit of the business men who have made Spokane Falls what it is this admonition seems scarcely necessary.

Portland and California parties are making efforts to get the privilege of supplying the city of Roseburg with electric lights. The parties controlling the abundant water power of that place are reported as being opposed to the move, and refuse to allow a power station to be erected to utilize the water for generating electricity. It is probable the projectors of the enterprise will locate their works at the town of Winchester, a short distance from Roseburg, where a large dam has recently been constructed across the Umpqua river, and wires run from there to the city.

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