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Lespiton lays claim to having the most advantageous position of any city in the state with reference to commercial advantages. First, it lim at the bast of river pavigation, a point of special interest now that the question of an open river to the sea is assuming such vast proportions, and creating a demand which will result in clearing the river from Lewiston to tidewater, so that large steamers can ply the entire length of the river between these points. This scentes to Lewiston the most advantageous shipping point in north tolato. The grain and produce of this vast region, composed of the counties of Listati, Shoshome, Idaho and Nex Perce, will be shipped here to be transferred to the river route, it being at all times the cheaper means of transportation again, the topographical location of Lewiston secures for it every line of road extended for the development of central Idaho. The Clearwater flows from its source in the Bitter Roots almost directly west, cutting the state by a deep canyon. The Snake and Satmon rivers from the south do likewise. Any militard projected into the rich mineral and agricultural centers of the sate, must pain up or down these deep river canyons. They form the cheapany rantout projected into the rich infinited and agricultural centers of the state, must pass up or down these deep over canyons. They form the cheapest and only practical routes for railroads penetraing the undeveloped portions of the state. Lewiston, located at the intersection of the Snake and Clear-state, is the common point at which all lines must meet. Its natural location of necessity makes it the future great railroad center of the northwest—Lewiston Feller.

Oundarks is not only a fur trading center of great importance, but also a point of call and base of supplies for the whaling fleet annually cruising in Beriog sea and the Arctic ocean. The natural wealth of the Alcunian chain of islands is confined almost solely to products of the sea. The foreare confined to a braited numbers from year to year. Fish in immorate quantities and of great variety can be found in the waters surrounding these islands. Nearly all the mamerous bays and harbors are visited by schools of herring two or three times a year and every stream and rivulet has its run of salmon, while the bays and adjoining bases are crowded with confinh and a striped fish resembling to be keed, which is of most excellent flavor and great richness. No part of this picentory wealth, however, is utilized at present beyond the annual supply or dried fish for the natives of the jalands, who have decreased during the less decade from 3,500 to less than 900 of both sexes. The climate of these inlands is mild, and there can be no doubt that many of them contain level land that could be utilized for stock and sheep raising were it not for the directly as bringing the product to market—Cassus Bulletin.

The report of the comptroller of the currency shows that the number of national banks in Washington has increased fifty per cent, during the past year, now numbering striy. The total capital stock is \$5,864,500, an increase of metrly \$2,000,000; surplus fund, \$1,502,407; undivided grafits, \$622,957; undivided diposits, \$13,061,731, an increase of about \$1,000,000; loans and fluctions, \$14,136,391, so increase of nearly \$3,000,000.

The government has authorized the sale of lots in the townsite of Pocasello, Idaho. The register and receiver of the land office will conduct the sale which will commence July 13, and continue until all are sold.

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