

Other Resources of Nehalem Worth a Railroad.

A LINE WILL SOON BE BUILT

Only Uncertainty is as to What Market Shall Produce of Valley and Handle its Commerce—Portland or What?

The advisability, the necessity of getting direct railroad connection between Portland and the Nehalem Valley does not rest upon the one fact that there is coal in that country. If there were no coal to be reached the timber and general resources of that section would call for a railroad, and Portland's position makes it the most favorable market for the products of that country.

RAILROAD MEN CONFERENCE PRESUMABLY OVER READJUSTMENT OF OFFICES.

Another Rumor of the Stations Various Men Will Take, but No Official News Given Out.

There was a significant conference of railroad men at the O. R. & N. general offices yesterday. Among those present were H. M. Adams, general agent of the O. R. & N., and superintendent of the Union Depot Company at Spokane; Robert Burns, general agent of the O. R. & N. at Walla Walla; A. McQuigley, traveling freight agent of the O. R. & N. at Spokane; H. L. Wilson, general agent of the Union Pacific system at Butte; E. J. Ellis, general agent of the O. R. & N. at Seattle; J. H. Lothrop, the retiring general agent of the Union Pacific in Portland, was also present.

THE CAUSES OF INSANITY Theory That They are Hereditary and Inebriety.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 12.—(To the Editor.)

On reading your editorial in your issue of December 12, on the question of the causes of insanity, and the numerous suggestions as to the cause of the increase. It is not "pleasant statistics," as you say, which show that "the number of insane persons in this country has increased from 100,000 in 1850 to 200,000 in 1900." Statistics also show that the increase in crime is about in the same proportion as the increase in insanity.

Y. M. C. A. symposium. Friday evening at 7:30 an evangelistic meeting for young men will be held in the association gymnasium.

OREGON SPORTSMEN OFFER HINTS TO LEGISLATURE.

State Fish and Game Association Get Together on Needs for Field, Forest and Stream.

TEXT-BOOK COMMISSIONERS.

Governor Geer Discusses Matter of Appointment in a General Way.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 18.—In response to inquiries today regarding the appointments of text-book commissioners to be made in January, Governor Geer discussed the matter in general, and touched upon the various questions in particular, though without indicating the names of persons whom he may appoint. He said, in part: "The duty of dispensing public patronage will reveal the true nature of a good many applicants for office. There are now in Salem a number of persons who claim that they had been my friends for 10 to 20 years, who do not now speak to me. They have no fault to find with the men who were appointed to the places they wanted. They know all the requirements of the public service are being fully met by them, and are even very friendly terms with the men who succeeded in getting the jobs. They say that they have no use for me, either now or hereafter. There are even two or three newspapers in the state whose editors are affectionate to me, and who would not take the place thus made vacant at Walla Walla.

ASTORIA IS BOYCOTTING. Won't Patronize O. R. & N. Till It Grants Commo Rates.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Seward Webb, president of the Wagner Palace Car Company, is the defendant in a suit for damages now being heard in the City Court, before Justice Fitzsimmons.

Oppose a New Franchise.

OREGON CITY, Dec. 18.—Over 40 prominent business men and taxpayers were today, and almost unanimous opposition was shown to a franchise for a street car to come up for final passage before the City Council Thursday night, granting Fred S. Morris a franchise for a motor car line from the city to the coast.

Revival in the Y. M. C. A.

Conference of the Religious Workers Tonight.

The Young Men's Christian Association of Portland will begin tonight a series of conferences, with a view to doing a more efficient work during the next few months, and also to quicken the religious life of the young men of the city and to unite for an aggressive religious movement. These conferences are to be conducted by Fred Smith, general secretary of the international secretaries of the Young Men's Christian Association of the United States and Canada. Mr. Smith is a remarkably forcible speaker. Upon his return from the west coast, he can be seen in the mantle of Mr. D. L. Moody seems to have fallen. He has been addressing from 1000 to 2000 young men almost every Sunday for the past year.

MEMBERSHIP. We have a large and influential membership, but nothing to the spirit of leaving to others what we should do ourselves.

WORK DONE DURING THE YEAR 1900.

LEGISLATION.

You will be called upon to consider proposed changes in the law. A recommendation made by the Fish Commissioner in his report should, in my judgment, be adopted. It reads as follows: "In regard to the trout, the care and protection of them and all game fish should be eliminated from the Fish Commissioner's duties and placed under the Game Warden. At any rate, should this not be done, more money and help should be furnished the Fish Commissioner to aid him in performing his duties in this regard."

OREGONIAN NOTES.

Couille has awakened to the necessity of better protection for the minds of the people. Voting is in progress at Marshfield, the Queen of the midwinter carnival. Lottine will have a bank during the coming year. If present plans are perfected, Tom Kelzur trapped 15 coyotes in 10 days in Ferry Canyon, says the Condon Times. It is reported that the peddler who was incarcerated at Weir a some time ago for contempt of court will sue for \$5000 damages. The Recorder's Court at Enterprise was busy last week. Fines aggregated \$125. Five indictments were returned against a peddler for disorderly conduct. The proposed new road between Drain and Allegheny will lessen the distance between Marshfield and the former place some 10 miles. It can be seen that in Marshfield 47 miles of new road; thence the travel Coos Bay points will be made by steamer, a distance of 13 miles. Over the mountains the present route is 14 to 24 days' travel to make Marshfield, while with the new route the distance can be made in something like 10 hours.

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Must Pay Market Price.

ARLINGTON, Dec. 17.—(To the Editor.) I have been reading in the 41st issue a statement made by J. I. Carson, the Wyoming sheep-buyer, that Mr. Carson and Mr. Macy had contracted for 10,000 yearlings in Montana to be delivered next summer after shearing, at \$1 75 a head, and that there are many sheep for sale in the vicinity of Helena and in the line of the Northern Pacific, in Montana. Mr. Carson is quoted as saying he wants to buy several thousand yearlings in Oregon next Spring, on condition that the yearlings be delivered in Oregon next Summer after shearing, at \$1 75 a head, and that there are many sheep for sale in the vicinity of Helena and in the line of the Northern Pacific, in Montana. Mr. Carson is quoted as saying he wants to buy several thousand yearlings in Oregon next Spring, on condition that the yearlings be delivered in Oregon next Summer after shearing, at \$1 75 a head, and that there are many sheep for sale in the vicinity of Helena and in the line of the Northern Pacific, in Montana.

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