

RAILROAD WILL BE BUILT TO RICH FIELDS. CITY WILL GET CHEAP FUEL.

Properties to be Tapped Are Sixty Miles From Stella.

8000 ACRES TO BE DEVELOPED

Bituminous Coal Will Be Shipped to Columbia River, Shipped to Portland on Barges, and Handled for \$3.50 to \$4 a Ton.

The Portland Coal & Coke Company will build a railroad 60 miles in length from Stella, Wash., to the company's coal properties in Lewis County, Washington.

Negotiations are now pending with Eastern capitalists for the money necessary to develop the 8000 acres of coal lands owned by the company and to construct the railroad and other plants which will be necessary to market the fuel.

Especially the rich bituminous coal the company owns, it has a rich deposit of anthracite, assaying 90 per cent carbon. This is the only anthracite deposit known in the Northwest, and it itself will prove to be a bonanza for the operating company.

The opening of negotiations that will lead to the construction of a railroad and line to tap the coal deposits in the market for the beginning of active business operations. The company has been at work for three years in developing its coal properties, but has not attempted to market any of the product.

Comparatively little has been done with the anthracite proposition. A vein 13 feet in width has been opened up, and it has been followed for a slight distance, but no effort has been made to trace the extent of the deposit.

The coal fields of the Portland company lie in the eastern part of Lewis County, Washington, thirty miles farther north and west than the Portland capitalists building the Tacoma Eastern Railroad over an extensive deposit of coal.

The Portland Coal & Coke Company proposes to build a railroad from Stella, north along the banks of the Cowlitz River for a distance of about 60 miles. A few miles of the road will be constructed in a northerly line away from the river.

In certain periods of the year, when spring freshets increase the depth of the Cowlitz River, streambeds which are so shallow that only the very lightest draft boats could ascend the river. This makes railroad construction necessary.

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But at the Twelve-Mile House still further details of Donagosa's homecoming were gathered. Here Sheriff Storey and Hartman met a man who had just come from the farmer's ranch. The horse and buggy had reached home safe and sound. Everything which was in the buggy before his departure for the robbery was there untouched. A box of peaches, a shotgun and two gallons of claret had been through the hands of the murderous highwaymen unharmed.

The Sheriff and the detective, being well versed in the way of returning farmers on Saturday night, were suspicious from the first. This was a little too much. Twelve miles' chase on Sunday. Hunting highwaymen who had killed a man and then left peaches, gun and wine in his buggy. Horse-drover who let the horse find his way home. Sheriff Storey seized the luckless farmer in his grasp.

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Printed slips with complete details of every item given out at the different entrances, or see yesterday's Oregonian. No mail or telephone orders for "Hourly Sale" Merchandise.



- 8 to 9 A. M. Handkerchiefs 2c each, Bath Sponges 8c each, Sewell Girls 13c each, Bathroom Rugs \$1.27 each, Oregon Grape Cream, Fancy Vans 3c each, Ladies' Fests 9c each, Flour Sifters 10c each.

- 11 to 12 A. M. Toilet Paper 5 1-2c package, \$4.50 Smokers' Stands \$2.68, Children's Coats 1/2 Price, \$7.50 Trunks \$5.87, 25c Neckwear 14c, 75c Pin Cushions 29c, Huck Towels 16c, Misses' Shoes \$1.29 pair.

- 1 to 2 P. M. Bibles 20 Per Cent Off, Hat Pins 1c each, Maraschino Cherries 55c, Card Tables 77c each, Japanese Tea Pots 11c, \$1.25 Chatelaines 83c each.

- 4 to 5 P. M. \$3 Flannel Waists 49c, \$3.50 Hats 49c each, \$1.00, \$1.45 Drawers 75c, \$1.50 Pongees at 89c, Tray Cloths 21c each, Ladies' Shoes \$1.89 pair.

- 5 to 6 P. M. Kusalan Tea 50c Pound, Skin Soap 4c Cake, 75c Stocks 33c, Tubular Braids 2c Yard, Men's Oxfords \$2.55, Men's Underwear 52c.

- 8 to 9 A. M. Perry Pictures 3 for 1c, \$1.50 Alarm Clocks \$1.09, \$1.25 Kid Gloves 59c, Linen Mattings 18c, High Chairs 89c, Crash Toweling 4c Yard, Pillow Tops 11c Each, Men's Handkerchiefs 5c Ea.

- 10 to 11 A. M. Tooth Brushes 6c each, Laces 3c yard, Notion Bargains, 50c Wash Silks 18c a yard, Passepartout Binding 5c bolt, 60c Corset Covers 29c ea., Wash Fabrics 5c yard, Ladies' Shoes 89c a Pair.

- All Day. A decided bargain in Ladies' Walking Skirts—mixtures and wire cloths in checks, plaids and stripes, knit effects, very best styles, \$10.00 and \$12.00 values, tomorrow your choice. \$4.98.

EXHIBIT OF EDUCATION.

Superintendent Lyman Will Hold Meeting of Committee Next Month.

It is Lyman, of Astoria, superintendent of the educational and historical exhibit to St. Louis, says that it is as yet too early to formulate definite plans. There will be a meeting in September of the committee appointed at the last meeting of the western division of the Oregon Teachers' Convention, at which practical efforts will be discussed and final arrangements devised.

Mr. Lyman is strongly of the opinion that an educational exhibit, which carries with it also the history and geography, is a necessary, and will prove a very valuable, part of Oregon's display. Home-makers, whom it is hoped to interest in this exhibit, desire to know to what educational advantages or privations those bringing their families. A demonstration that Oregon has as good, or perhaps better, schools than those they would leave behind, would convince such persons that they were not coming among savages.

It is believed that for a pro rata display Oregon can make a fine showing. Students and travelers, many of whom will be present from Europe, will also be deeply interested in the historical vestiges that may be seen at the fair.

ROAD TO THE COLUMBIA.

Fairview Wants Road Opened to Catch Washington Trade.

Next in importance to an electric railway are the improvement of the Barr road from Montavilla to the Columbia close to the opening of the road from Fairview northward of the Columbia River. Some of the business men seem to think that this latter project is even of greater importance than the electric railway.

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CONSECRATE NEW BISHOP.

Grand Function Will Mark Elevation of Pastor O'Reilly.

The consecration of Bishop-elect Charles J. O'Reilly, of St. Mary church, Portland, will be the main feature of the grand function to be held at the cathedral of August 25 at 9 o'clock. Preparations are already being made for the great ceremony, which will be one of the most notable in the history of the Catholic Church of this city.

On the occasion of the consecration the church will leave off her mourning worn for Pope Leo XIII, and the occasion will be one of joyous celebration.

The pontifical high mass will be followed by a banquet to the bishops and priests, given by Rev. Father O'Neil and the faculty of Columbia University on the occasion of the public reception which will probably be given on the following evening, but this as yet has not been decided upon.

WHO WILL BE THE QUEEN?

MULTNOMAH CLUBMEN COULD NOT DECIDE QUESTION. Committee of One Will Elect and She Will Be Crowned After Grand Water Parade.

Who will be queen of the merchants' and manufacturers' big Fall carnival, September 14 to 25 inclusive, given under the auspices of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club, is the question of the hour at the Multnomah Club and among its friends.

The members of this popular athletic organization wrestled with the question for two weeks and were unable to decide. Every unmarried member and many of the benedicts had a favorite queen. Long and spirited meetings were held at the clubrooms to discuss the question. No conclusion could be reached and it was voted to leave the matter to President Pradel, who in turn appointed a committee of one to select a queen, with the instructions that the selection should be kept a profound secret until the opening of the carnival.

Something unique and novel in the way of the queen's entry into the city has been decided upon. A beautiful water spectacle has been planned in which dozens of gorgeously decorated boats will participate. The queen and her escort party, along with the entire water front, will be burned and several hundred dollars' worth of fireworks will be set off during the parade.

SEPTEMBER NUMBER OF THE MARTIN LUTHER TODAY.

A MAGAZINE OF CLEARNESS.

The horses became frightened and Mrs. Wilson was violently thrown to the ground. enable all those lumbermen who have come to the Coast to attend the meeting of the congress to be in Tacoma in time for the lumbermen's gathering. The fact that so many prominent lumber manufacturers are to read papers will probably result in a large attendance.

LUMBERMEN OF COAST. Whole Country to Be Represented at Tacoma Meeting. The semi-annual meeting of the Pacific Coast Lumber Manufacturers' Association will be held in Tacoma August 22. Invitations have been sent out to lumbermen of the entire country, and the programme calls for a discussion of different phases of the lumber business by some of the best-known manufacturers in the United States.

Excursion Rates East. The Canadian Pacific will again place on sale very low excursion rates to all points East. Dates of sale August 18, 19, 20 and 21. For full particulars call on or address F. R. Johnson, 113 Third street, Portland, Or.