

rapids are safe for boats of all kinds. The ascent was made yesterday in a small gasoline launch, the Simplex, which the hoat besides two employes of the craft were Messra Dumbar, Moore, Teal, Mari-

At Big Eddy the party was joined by Governor Chamberlain and Mesara Smith, Peters, Senfert and George McClellan, one of the State Engineers. Thence the in burgtes

is made up of five piles. One and one-half miles of the grading is filled in with sand, which must be riprapped to protect it from wind and river. The visitors were eager to have the fills protected as soon as possible owing to possible danger from wind, but were consoled by the thought wind, but were consoled by the thought that, if such a misfortune should occur, the contractors Nelson & White, would be liable. W. F. Nelson, one of the contractors, however, was easy in mind, and

The contractors have been at work since February 6, and, according to the esti-mate of the visitors, probably one-fourth of the construction is finished. In the next month construction will proceed much more rapidly. By the terms of the contract the road is to be finished by May 15 on penalty of \$500 for each day's tardiness. Mr. Nelson said that, unless some unforceeon delay occurs, the road will be complete on contract time. Most active of the party in pushing the

was recognized by the contractors and engineers as a sort of director of the work. Mr. Teal was a foremost mem-ber of the Open-River Association in secuiring subscriptions of money to supple-ment the state appropriation of \$165,000 Yesterday's trip was arranged by him, and he acted as steward of the party. Owing to the certainty that the Colum-bia River will have but a small freshet this sure the party of the party.

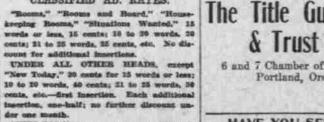
this year, the portage road can be oper-ated all Sammer. Usually it will be necessary to suspend operation during June and July, the months when floods

will be highest. The portage follows closely the line of the proposed Government canal, and ul-timately will be superseded by that water-way. The party was interested in tracing the course of the canal, but the route was marked only by stakes set by the Government surveyors.

Fire Protection for Hood River.

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HOOD RIVER, Or., March Ro--(Special.) --the property-owners and business men of Hood River conferred last night with C. J. Stone, of the Portland board of insurance underwriters, concerning the re-quirements for a system of fire protection that would guarantee a reduction of in-surance rates. Mr. Stone promised to recommend a reduction in the present pains provided the water company main-Finnders street, a gith



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