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EUROPEAN GRAPES A Fortune in Ten Acres. Growing the European and California varieties of grapes has become a science. They are the most profitable crop grown (barring no other fruit) in this section.

STRAWBERRIES. Strawberries from "The Columbia River Early Fruit Belt" are put on the markets of the Northwest from the 25th of April to the 15th of May.

POTATOES AS A FIRST YEAR'S CROP. One of the first questions generally asked by the purchaser of a new tract is, "What can I put this year to make it pay for my time?"

FINE STOCK RAISING. It is only a matter of a few years when this valley will be the home of more livestock than any other one point in the United States.

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FENTON MAKES PLEA In Eloquent Address Argues Against Annulling Grant. INTERVENORS ARE SCORED Attorney Characterizes Them as Timber Speculators Hiding Behind Skirts of Government in Quest for Valuable Land.

SMUGGLER HIS OWN LAWYER "J. Wells" Pleads Not Guilty and Will Conduct Defense. Incidentally muttering the name of J. Wells as his true name, J. Lawrence, alias J. Williams, believed to be the most active opium smuggler operating in the Pacific Northwest in recent years, was arraigned before United States Judge Wolverton yesterday.

BUILD OWN BRIDGE Power Company Wants Span for Sole Use of Cars. COST WOULD BE \$300,000 Traffic on All City Lines Will Be Routed Over Structure and Corporation Will Save Heavy Rentals Now Paid.

MILL-STREET BRIDGE AGAIN A. Van Hoomissen to Start New Petition on East Side. A. Van Hoomissen, who spent many months in circulating a petition for a bridge across the Willamette River at East Mill and East Second streets, has been asked to take up the matter again.

AFTER PUBLIC BUILDINGS EAST SIDE WANTS CAPITOL AND COURTHOUSE. Petitions Will Be Circulated for Change in Location of Both Important Structures.

CLARK GETS NEW HOTEL Secures Lease of \$80,000 Building Being Erected at The Dalles. THE DALLES, Ore., March 2.—(Special.)—An enthusiastic meeting of the stockholders of The Dalles Hotel Company was held at the Commercial Club rooms tonight to discuss the feasibility of improving the original plan of vote by adding another story.

State Senator Kellaher brought up the removal of the state capital to Portland. He said that the members of the Legislature are favorable to it. He said further that the present Capitol building at Salem may be replaced soon, as it is in a state of decay, and that the place to rebuild it is in Portland.

Speaking for the Oregon & California Railroad Company, W. D. Fenton did not conclude his argument in support of the railroad company's demurrer to the Government's bill of complaint in the land grant suit until late yesterday afternoon. Mr. Fenton's plea was an eloquent and eloquent and forceful presentation of the reasons why the railroad company would have the grant annulled.

W. B. Price, alias J. J. Vajr, indicted for impersonating a United States Deputy Marshal, was arraigned and asked until Monday to plead. Price operated in the vicinity of Shaniko, where, by reason of his impersonation, he is said to have succeeded in cashing a number of worthless checks.

A new bridge across the Willamette may be built by the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company for the sole use of streetcars in crossing the river. The company will refuse to pay the \$18,000 a year demanded for the use of the Madison bridge and will probably refer the matter to the people.

A petition, signed by 1200 residents of the East Side, is soon to be presented to the Board of County Commissioners and the Board of Public Works for the Madison bridge to be reopened and used for streetcar service until the new one is built.

It is proposed to secure 3000 signatures to the petition and the vote is to be taken inside of Multnomah County. The necessary ingredients can be secured from any good prescription druggist, and the mixture easily prepared.

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