LUCKIAMUTE VALLEY & WESTERN RAILWAY.

The above is ths name of a new railroad that is under course of construction in Polk county. A dispatch in Monday's Oregonian says: "The object is to construct a standard guage railway from Falls City, via Dallas, Rickreal and Eola to Salem. The matter has been talked of for some time, but now has taken tangible shape, with every prospect for completion at an early date.

The valley of the Little Luckiamute, west of Falls City, is an unbroken forest of Douglass fir, white in places, hemlock, spruce, larch and cedar. The timber is of the finest quality, and has been for years nibbled at by small sawmills, but the only means of locomotion being by wagon on country roads, no serious commercial effort to turn to account these vast stores of wealth has been made. More than 3,000,000,000 of feet of timber are standing in this basin and its tributary streams, with easy grades to the summit of the Coast mountains.

A new county road through the precinct of Rock creek and the headwaters of the Siletz leads to Newport on Yaquina Bay, a distance by this route of not more than forty miles on a well graded mountain road, and passing by the only granite quarry in the Coast range, which is now about to be developed for building stone, to be shipped from Toledo to any point on this coast. Although present efforts are directed to the connection between Falls City and Salem, yet an easy means exist over a low divide of extending the road to Newport, thus developing the enormous stores of fir on the Siletz, and the granite quarry. A survey and levels made last spring by A. L. Porter and Frank Butler, show a distance to Dallas of 9¼ miles; and to Salem from Falls City of 23 miles. Leaving Falls City, the line will follow eastward down the Luckiamute valley for some four miles to Bridgeport, thence northerly over a low divide, with a cutting of only 12 feet at the highest point, into the valley of the La Creole to Dallas; thence down this valley by Rickreal and Eola to West Salem, on a water grade. The iron will be 56 pounds to the yard. The right-of-way has been nearly all obtained and the line is graded for three miles out of Falls City, and work will be prosecuted vigorously during winter and spring."

Byron, the 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Norton, of Blodgett, in Benton county, was found dead in a ditch a few yards from the family home last Thursday. The lad who was subject to epileptic fits went after the cows, and it is supposed that he was attacked by a fit while crossing on a footlog, and fell into the ditch, which is only two feet deep and a few feet wide.

There are 4,603 persons drawing pensions from the United States in Oregon, and the sum of $609,518 pension money is anually paid to them. This is equivalent to 1,015,586 bushels of wheat at 60 cents per bushel. This inflow of pension money did a great deal to break the force of the past years of hard times, says the La Grande Observer.

The expenses of Jackson county, for the year ending October 1, were only $16,064.33. The county has warrants outstanding drawing interest of $155,435.74, which adds to the county's expenses more than $12,400 for interest.

Statutes and decisions of courts that are not entitled to respect do more to produce anarchy than all the incendiary speeches that were ever uttered.—American Sentinel.

All just legislation is not for the purpose of making men do right, but of compelling them to respect human rights.—American Sentinel.

Lostine, in Wallowa county, has built 35 or 40 houses this year. Enough carpenters cannot be had to do the work or Lostine would grow faster.

The editor of the Salem Independent says: "One of the waves of prosperity struck us the other day and nearly pulverized us. A fellow paid us 50 cents on subscription, and on our way home we found a nickle on the streets. The next morning the cat had nine kittens. We are strictly in in it."

Lon and Steve Moore are among some of the Eugene men who will go to the Klondike in the spring. They are now training a team of nine good sized dogs to work single file. They will continue to train them until early spring, when they will ship them to Skaguay and use them to pull sleds over the mountains into the Klondike country. Two of the team have already developed into great pullers.—Eugene Journal.

A Great Magizine Feature.

The Ladies' Home Journal has secured what promises to be the great magazine feature of 1898. It is entitled "The Inner Experiences of a Cabinet Member's Wife." In a series of letters written by the wife of a Cabinet member to her sister at home, are detailed her actual experiences in Washington, frankly and freely given. The letters were written without any intention of publication. They give intimate peeps behind the curtain of high official and social life. They are absolutely fearless, they study Washington life under the searchlight as it has never been before presented. The President and the highest officials of the land, with the most brilliant men and women of the Capital are seen in the most familiar way. As these are all actual experiences the name of the writer is withheld. The letters will doubtless excite much shrewd guessing by readers and study of internal evidence to discover the secret. The "Experiences," which will be beautifully illustrated begin in the December number and will continue for several months.

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