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THE SEATTLE EXTENSION OF THE "OREGON" ROAD.

The flippancy tone the Oregonian is pleased to assume toward the grave question of "Jim" Hill's designs in forcing the O. R. & N. company to extend its line to Seattle may fool the few Portland people to whom that astonishing piece of news—just now an absorbing topic of discussion in the railroad world—has only penetrated as a vague rumor, but intelligent men outside of Portland who read other papers than the Oregonian will not be so easily pacified.

The purpose is distinctly stated to be that of diverting the trade of the Orient to Seattle, where it may be divided among the members of the Northwest railroad combination, and its effect will be to build up Seattle as the chief port on the Pacific coast for the Oriental trade.

If the Astoria chamber of commerce should take hold of the matter and investigate a rumor so pregnant with concern for Oregon and bring it to the attention of all the boards of trade in the Columbian basin. It is doubtful if a single member of Portland's chamber of commerce has even so much as heard of the rumor.

In its further discussion of the matter, the Post-Intelligencer in last Monday's edition says: The rumored movement on the part of the Union Pacific to extend the Oregon Short Line into Seattle is the principal subject of discussion among railroad men these days.

BRITISH AGENTS BUYING MULES WILL BE SENT TO AFRICA

Prices of Horses and Mules Greatly Advanced by the Philippine and Boer Wars.

Had the sixteen mules who on Sunday afternoon dashed through Fortieth st. from the North River to First-ave. in one exciting charge put their heads together to bring before the public an American side in the Transvaal imbroglio, they could have devised no better way. Not only are the mules now famous, but they have again called attention to the rumors that the British government is buying in great quantities horses and mules for South Africa.

WAR AND PEACE STILL IN THE BALANCE.

Philadelphia Times. The Transvaal situation continues unchanged, and there is nothing on the surface to indicate what the ultimate outcome will be.

But it is evident that President Kruger is no longer a free agent in this grave matter. Herein lies the danger. The younger element of the Boer community, taught from their childhood to regard England as the unrelenting foe of the Transvaal, are quite willing if not quite anxious to try conclusions with the hated Britons.

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