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## TOWNSITES ON THE NORTHERN PACIFIC

**Idaho Extension Will Result In  
Many Town Lot Booms and  
Speculations.**

## LEWISTON'S BRIGHT FUTURE

**The Palmer Cut-off Will Be Ready  
for Trains In February—Much  
New Country Opened Up.**

The new lines of the Northern Pacific will open up several new townsites and there will be many new localities developed. The Northern Pacific has gone out of the "town lot" speculation, and all news of the new townsites to be located and the stations named on the new lines is denied by railroad officials. After the towns have been named by the railroad, the officials state, the public will be on the same footing regarding townsite speculations.

To some extent this is true. The railroad itself and the railroad officials will not be parties to townsite speculations, but it is impossible in the extensions of new lines to keep the location of all new towns from those who make an effort to learn. Too many people must necessarily know of the road's intention, and it is probable the new towns' locations will all be known before they are announced by the railroad. Then, too, the town lot speculator could locate the new stations by following the road's work. Preparations must be made for stations and sidetracks at townsites.

There will be a few towns of importance to be located on the Palmer cut-off. They will be principally small stations for farmers to ship to and from. A few good towns will be settled along the twenty-two miles between Palmer and Auburn. The location of these towns has been practically decided upon, but not all of them have been named.

The bridge work on the Palmer cut-off is nearing completion. There are three important bridges to be built, two over the Green river and one over the White. A number of small bridges are scattered along the line. These will be completed shortly after the first of December, some of them probably before that time.

The road is rushing the work of grading the right of way as fast as possible,

but the progress is not as rapid as had been anticipated. The grading is being done in small sub-contracts and not enough has been completed at any one point to admit of the commencement of tracklaying. Railroad officials are unable to state any definite time when tracklaying can begin, but this must await the completion of the grade at one end of the line and finishing of the

road connection with the outside world.

Stuart, probably headquarters for next year's operations, gives the best promise of temporary "boom." It may be permanent.

**GROWING TRADE WITH HAWAII.**

Ships going to the Islands From All Parts of the World Carrying Supplies.

**Tacoma Ledger.**

The American ship Jabez Howes, Captain Clapp, cleared yesterday with a cargo of coal, valued at \$7,673, for Honolulu, and will be towed to sea this morning. Captain Clapp has been in port some time, but as he met a nephew whom he had not seen for many years, the delay has not been irksome to him.

Captain Clapp remarked yesterday on the wonderful growth of the trade of the Islands during the past few years.

Everything the people wear has to be imported, as well as machinery and manufactured goods, while coal is almost as valuable as diamonds.

There are immense sugar plantations that use up a large amount of coal, and since the war in the Philippines and the annexation of the islands by the United States, great quantities of coal are shipped there for the use of warships and transports, enroute to the seat of war.

There are now loading on Puget sound for the Hawaiian Islands nine vessels, which are taking on cargoes of coal and lumber, and to show the immense amount of freight which is being shipped there it is necessary to mention that the tonnage on the way includes:

New York, 9,571 tons; Norfolk, 1,477; Bremen, 2,478; Hong Kong, 2,128; Liverpool, 5,272; London, 981; Newcastle, 25,402; Newcastle-on-Tyne, 1,198; nitrate ports, 2,874; Sydney, 2,147; Tientsin, 1,452; Westport, New Zealand, 492; Yokohama, 2,196, making a total, not counting the ships loading on Puget sound, of 62,685 tons.

Coal is shipped to the islands from Tacoma, Departure bay, Australia and Norfolk, Virginia, and still there is almost a coal famine there. The greatest difficulty the ships have is getting a return cargo, as sugar is the principal product, and as there are no refineries in the islands, the raw material must be shipped to some port which has a refinery.

**AN ENDLESS CHAIN.**

One of the officials of the Canadian police at Niagara Falls tells the following story:

A German from Pennsylvania blew in the other day and asked the officials what there was anything about the place worth seeing.

"You see," he said, "it's shust like dis: My friends und frau told me I should take it in, and I want to take everything in der iz to see. Dey did say there was someding great here, und I forget id already, und I had walked all ouer und see nodding."

The visitor was at once taken to the finest view of the falls, where he stood a few minutes looking around.

"Well?" said his conductor at last.

"Well," returned the man, "I see nodding."

"Don't you see the falls?"

"Wat! Dot water falling? Im dot vat

I cum all dis vays to see, a liddle water dripping? Ach, Gott! I go me home."

Memphis Scimitar.

Some weeks ago a gentleman left a small package at the home of a young lady upon whom he was making his first call. She wrote him a note telling him he had left it. He wrote her one more, telling her it was some edibles, and that she might appropriate it to her own use. She wrote again to express her appreciation. He replied to express his

appreciation. She retaliated with an expression of her appreciation of his appreciation of her appreciation.

At the present time the expression of appreciation is going forward in arithmetical progression as the letters multiply, and as they contain something a little more serious in its nature there promises to be some very interesting complications resulting from a correspondence, presumably for the expression of appreciation.

**THROUGH STEAMERS TO SIBERIA.**

When the New Railroad Is Completed, Pacific Coast Will Be Greatly Benefited.

**Tacoma Ledger.**

There is talk among shipping men along the waterfront about a direct steamship line which is to be established between some point on the Pacific coast and Vladivostock, Siberia, the terminus of the trans-Siberian railway. It is expected the road will be completed with the next year, and the project will then take definite shape.

It is said the Russian government will lend aid to the scheme.

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