The Eugene Journal has the following from a Washington correspondent: Certain finding New York equals will, at an early day, enter upon the work of opening up the western part of the Columbia river, and the construction of a railroad to the mouth of the Columbia, in a southerly direction, with a view of connecting ultimately with the Pacific at a point on San Francisco or San Diego, and making this a link in, or branch of the main line through the Union Pacific to Portland. This is the first practical notion, being the first backed by the necessary capital in a great enterprise—the building of the long talked of and much needed railroad between Portland, or some point on the Columbia river, and Fayette—by which Oregon will have direct railroad connection with the Atlantic States. When this line of travel shall be completed, Oregon will speedily attract a numerous population, nay, it will become a great and prosperous State. The presently existing unincorporated in this matter possesses the patriotic citizens of the energy, and the financial resources adequate to accomplish whatever they undertake. They have already purchased 31,500 acres of land, and will commence operations with a capital of one million dollars. When the work shall have been commenced, it will not doubt undertake the most important work of building the main line through from Portland, or the Columbia river, to the Union Pacific, should their interest and the travel and commerce demand it. The building of this line will hurry up the completion of the line between Roseburg and Medford. The prospects for Oregon are bright. Mayor Mitchell has taken an active part in organizing this immense project, since the 4th of March. He has been engaged by the company to attend to their local business.

The New York Sun, in respect of California's new Constitution, says: The present idea at the time respecting California's new Constitution is that it embodies conservative teaching and political creed of the Democratic party. That is a mistake, and one that Democracy too soon will discover. The new Constitution must be accepted or the expression of the will of the people of California, for it was adopted first, by a fairly representative body of the people's delegates, and then, after a canvass among an uninitiated, it is thoroughly and by the people themselves at the polls. It is an ingenious instrument, unlike any that ever before shaped the laws of a commonwealth. It is a novel in the science of self-government and as such it will be watched in its working with deep interest by the people in every part of the civilized world. Its provisions are so directly opposed to established principles, and in several particulars, as the spirit of the Federal Constitution is, that it is certain to raise many questions which will give employment to the Courts for some time to come. The best test of a good law, and the surest guard for a bad law, is its faithful execution.

His friends claim that Gen. John Potter is vindicated, others take an oppo-