

NEW RAILROAD.

The Eugene Journal has the following from a Washington correspondent: Certain wealthy New York capitalists will, at an early day, enter upon the work of opening up the portages of the Columbia river, and the construction of a narrow gauge railroad from the mouth of Snake river, in a southeasterly direction, with a view of connecting ultimately with the Union Pacific at or near Salt Lake, and making this a link in, or branch of the main line through from the Union Pacific to Portland. This is the first practical move, 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 Salt lake—by which Oregon will have direct railroad connection with the Atlantic States. When this line of railroad shall be completed, Oregon will speedily attract a numerous population, and become a great and prosperous State. The gentlemen who are moving in this matter possess the ability, the experience, the energy, and the financial resources adequate to accomplish whatever they undertake. They have already purchased iron for 34 miles of road, and will commence operations with a capital of one million dollars. When the work now about to be commenced, is completed, they will no doubt undertake the more 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 Redding. The prospects for Oregon are bright. Ex-Senator Mitchell has taken an active part in organizing this important movement, since the 4th, of March. He has been engaged by the company to attend to their legal business.

The New York Sun, speaks of the new Constitution of California as follows: "The prevalent idea at the east regarding California's new Constitution is that it embodies the teachings and political creed of Dennis Kearney. That is a mistake, and one that does Kearney too much honor. The new Constitution must be accepted as 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 almost unparalleled in its thoroughness and bitterness, by the people themselves at the polls. It is an aggressive instrument, unlike any that ever before shaped the laws of a commonwealth. It is a novel instrument in the science of self-government, and as such it will be watched in its workings with deep interest by the people in every part of the civilized world. Its provisions are so directly opposed to established methods, and in several particulars, as we think, to the spirit of the Federal Constitution, 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 death for a bad law, is its faithful execution."

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