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PLENTY OF ROOM FOR A STANDARD TRACK.

A walk from one end of the Cascades portage track to the other failed to find any place where a standard gauge road could not have been laid and operated without hindrance to anybody or anything. Mr. Farley however, says that the space where the track passes under the concrete mixer is rather confined for a standard gauge track, but that it could have been easily widened by removing a couple of posts, that might have involved an outlay of \$300. At every other point on the track there is all the room needed for any kind of a track. But the great man in whose hands an inscrutable Providence has placed the power to say just how wide a track he will let us have, confined the road track to a three foot limit and the people of the greatest nation on earth had to submit. The true reason for Handbury's cussedness, we suppose, lies in the fact that he wanted to be able to run his donkey engines on the portage track, when desirable.

THE PORTAGE ROAD.

The entire track of the portage road is laid from end to end, except the trestle work at the western incline which is being pushed rapidly forward by the bridge building crew. Laborers are busily employed ballasting the track and the whole presents the appearance of being a good, substantial road. In fact its substantiality is the one feature that struck us most. This feature is so marked that Major Handbury himself said that lighter timbers might have been used in the trestles, but Mr. Farley told the great man that he was building a road to last a long time as nobody now living ever expected to see the locks completed. We may not be an impartial judge of Mr. Farley's work but we left the Cascades with the impression that the superintendent of construction is doing everything in his power to spend the state appropriation wisely and economically and that he is succeeding. When asked if the appropriation would hold out and be sufficient to finish the work he replied emphatically "I'll make it hold out, if I have to foot the bills out of my own pocket." Between forty and fifty men were at work yesterday out of about sixty men on the pay roll. Mr. Farley has had suit entered for the condemnation of about three acres of land, on the Atwell claim, near the eastern terminus. He and the owners could not agree about the price. This space will afford ground for office, round house, wood shed and other needed buildings. Three houses which were on the grounds have been purchased for \$750 and carpenters are converting them into suitable form. About 1700 feet of 3 1/2 and 2 inch pipe is being laid from a spring, which will afford a gravity supply of excellent water for all needed purposes. Mr. Farley could have pumped water from the Columbia, but true to his old time preferences, he chose the gravity system as being cheaper and better. It may be remarked to the honor of Mr. Farley that he is neither afraid nor ashamed to throw off his coat and take up a blacksmith's hammer when something is to be done that needs extra skill. But the sight of the superintendent of construction donning a blacksmith's apron is a great curiosity to Major Handbury's twelve or fifteen laborers who are arduously engaged in the tedious duty of drawing a salary for pretending to act as clerks for about 100 employees.

An Oregon Portage.

From Mr. I. C. Nichelson, who has just returned from a trip to Sherman county, we learn that the people over there are dead set on having a line of railroad from Wasco to some point on the Columbia river. They have resolved to offer a bonus of \$25,000 to any parties, with whom they can make suitable arrangements, for building and equipping the road. They figure that ten miles of narrow track road can be built for about \$4000 a mile. They have no doubt they can raise the \$25,000 and have been encouraged by receiving subscriptions amounting to \$4000 the first day the sub-

scription list was out. Many others besides have promised to subscribe from \$100 to \$500. They are very anxious to have railroad connection with this city by a portage on the Oregon side, and will do everything in their power to advance the project. All this is very pleasant news to the people over this way. They cannot be much more anxious to be connected by rail with The Dalles than we are to be connected with them. It will be interesting to state in this connection that a party of Portland capitalists will arrive in this city on Saturday evening next and leave early on Sunday morning for a trip over the newly surveyed road between this city and the mouth of the Deschutes. They will go in buggies and wagons, and it would be well for our Sherman county friends to meet them some where on the road, or better still come into this city Saturday and accompany them on their trip. The prospect for a road on this side was never so bright as it is at this moment and we fully believe one will be built before months will pass away.

OREGON NEWS ITEMS.

Mrs. S. C. Calvert, of Helix, widely known in Umatilla county, died Friday of paralysis.
A large force of women and children are at work every day at the Eugen cannery, canning peas.
J. T. Silman, a prominent resident of Burns, died at that place last week of brain fever, after a very short illness.
A Chinese truck farmer at Oregon City underseals his white competitors, as he hires hands at 30 cents per day and board.
Late grain in some parts of Morrow county will be somewhat damaged by dry weather, but the yield will be twenty bushels to the acre.
A 14-year-old boy was overcome by sunstroke at Huntington a few days ago. The thermometer stood 110 degrees in the shade at the time the lad was stricken.
Reports from Spring Hill, Benton county, across the river from Albany, continue to show splendid prospects for coal. It is undoubtedly there in large quantities.
Creditors of J. W. Kitchen, a contractor of Pendleton, are somewhat anxious over his long continued absence. He has been missing since July 19 and his wife followed him three days later.
The county court of Baker county has given notice that the county clerk is authorized to receive no more scapls, make no more affidavits, nor issue any more scrip in payment for coyote scapls as heretofore the practice.

"Shan" Conser, wife and two children are visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Conser, of this city, says the Heppner Gazette. Mr. Conser is a brother of our George, and is recovering from the effects of a broken leg, received in the Lake Labish disaster on the Southern Pacific last winter.
Old Joe, a John Day dog, has quite a history, inasmuch as he was born on the Atlantic ocean many years ago. A party of Scotch immigrants were bringing their dogs along with them. The pup was given to Eli Lester when the people arrived in Oregon, and Joe has been an heirloom in the family ever since.

Quite a number of horses are dying in the Haystack section of Grant county from distemper. The disease first appeared in the neighborhood of the Wall creeks, but has extended to other sections. Range horses are suffering more than others from the disease, so far as our informant was able to learn.
Thomas Bedman, the administrator of the estate of John Wilson, deceased, has been missing from his home in Lost Basin for some three weeks. His friends advance the theory that he has been murdered for money, \$2100 of which he was known to have in his possession, but others are inclined to think he has skipped.

One day last week John Circle, who resides on Beave creek, this county, had occasion to be away from home, and did not return until after dark. When nearing the house he discovered a blaze in the upper room. Hurrying thither he found that some old clothes had caught fire from a hot stove pipe up stairs. He soon extinguished the fire.

An engine was hauled to Coquille City Wednesday from Dunham's to be used in hauling rock for the jetty at the mouth of the Coquille river, which is to be begun in a few days. Captain Littlefield has pushed the work of pile driving and track laying so far on the north jetty that the work of filling in will be begun in a short space of time.

Monday last a boy set fire to a fir tree on or near the ranch of David Hunter, who lives about eight miles up Deer creek, near Roseburg. The grass was plentiful and dry and so were Mr. Hunter's rails and soon a beautiful fire was raging among and around them. It was only by great exertion that the barn and other buildings were saved. The fire entered the wheat field, but the wheat was too green to burn, otherwise the danger would have been great.

Union, county seat of Union county, and one of the prettiest towns in Eastern Oregon, if not the prettiest in the state, is to have a woolen mill, owing to the enterprise of one of its wealthiest citizens, A. E. Eaton. It will consist of three buildings, to be constructed of brick. The main building will be 80x100 feet, two and one-half stories high. Work will commence at once. The citizens of Union subscribed a bonus of \$4000 to Mr. Eaton.

Send Them to New Orleans.
ROME, Aug. 5.—Fifty-five hundred Italians sailed from Genoa for America.
San Francisco Market.
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 5.—Wheat, buyer '91, 1.62. Season 1893.

Intellectual Men and Ouida's Novels.

Some time ago a busy man of the world asked Mr. Charles A. Dana how he managed to keep himself mentally so fresh and vigorous. Mr. Dana gave several explanations, and among others he admitted that he had taken to reading novels. Frequently Mr. Dana is seen riding on the elevated reading a novel or a volume of short stories, and the smile which plays on his face indicates how thoroughly he delights in such pursuit. He is a great admirer of a novelist whom Mr. Howells would esteem with horror, and that is Ouida, and it is a curious thing, perhaps, that among the many readers of this popular writer in this city there are to be numbered so many vigorous intellects.

Roscoe Conkling anticipated a new novel of Ouida's with as much pleasure as a Frenchman used to look for a new installment of Alexander Dumas' romances, and he regarded Ouida's "Under Two Flags" as one of the best stories which he had ever read, and even went so far as to recommend that grim and dignified justice of the supreme court, Samuel Blatchford, to read it if he wanted a mental tonic. Congressman Reed is a great admirer of Ouida, and Joe Choate confesses to the pleasure he has taken in reading the works of this woman.

Novel reading has become a passion with many of our professional men, and I saw the other day the dignified president of Yale college trotting across the street to the Grand Central station with a couple of novels under his arm and another one in his hand, with his fingers inserted between the pages, as though he had just been reading it and even begrudged the interruption which took him from his hotel to the railway station.—E. J. Edwards in Philadelphia Press.

Fooled by a Filibuster.
A. P. Hines, late of the custom house, tells a good story of some filibustering that came under his notice years ago:

In 1859 Harry Maury, a midshipman, who had resigned from the service of the United States government, was in command of a brig off Mobile bay. The vessel was loaded with filibusters for Walker and was overhauled by a revenue cutter. An officer went aboard in the night with instructions to seize the vessel and bring her to Mobile. Maury, who was equal to the emergency, prepared himself by unshackling the anchor from the chain and fastening a lantern to a pole. When the vessel arrived at Dog River bar it was hailed from the cutter and ordered to come to.

Then came the order: "Let go your anchor! Maury let go." "Pay out thirty fathoms of chain!" was the next order. Maury ran the chain through the hawser hole and over the rail back on deck. He was ordered next to hoist a light, which he did by lighting the lantern already affixed to the pole and sticking the latter in the mud. He then, when all was quiet, put off down the bay, leaving the cutter watching the light, which it did until morning.
In the meantime the officer from the cutter, who was in charge of the filibustering vessel, was down in the cabin playing cards. On arrival at the entrance of the harbor the officer was tapped on the shoulder and told of where they were and asked if he wished to go ashore. A boat was at his service and he took it, returning to the cutter in time to share the chagrin of his mates.—San Diego Sun.

Electricity That Kills.

Dr. C. F. Chandler of the Columbia School of Mines says: "An interesting misapprehension that exists in the minds of a good many persons is concerning the vital dangers that lurk in the pressure of, say, 1,000 volts. The newspapers often tell us that a man has been killed by such a pressure, whereas, in fact, such a pressure alone couldn't kill a hummingbird. I have frequently caught in my hand sparks possessing an electro-motive force of 100,000 volts without feeling anything more than a very slight burn.

"The danger arises only when the volts are re-enforced by a good many amperes or currents, as when one takes hold of a charged wire. Then one feels a shock that is unmistakable, because force of a great many currents in the wire suddenly decompose all the fluids in the body. The salt in the blood at once turns to chlorine gas, and the man whose veins are charged with this deadly poison cannot in reason be expected to live long."

A Youthful Yankee's Ingenuity.

A boy we know had some chickens of which he had made pets. He and his father went to their work early in the morning, and while the rest of the family were away for the summer it became a question how the chickens were to be fed with proper regularity.
The boy was equal to the occasion. He took an alarm clock and fastened it securely to one side of the barn by means of two spikes. Next he hung a bucket of corn to a rafter and connected it with the clock by a stout cord.
He wound up the alarm and set it at 4 o'clock. At that hour the alarm went off, wound up the string and tipped over the bucket. And so the chickens were fed by clockwork.—Cleveland Leader.

Proportions of the Human Figure.

The proportions of the human figure are six times the length of the right foot. The face from the highest point of the forehead, where the hair begins, to the end of the chin is one-tenth of the whole stature. The hand from the wrist to the end of the middle finger is also one-tenth of the total height. From the crown to the nape of the neck is one-twelfth of the stature.—Current Literature.

John Wilson, better known in literature as "Christopher North," was a robust walker. A forty or eighty miles tramp was no unusual undertaking for him. He often walked at the rate of five miles an hour for a whole day, and at the end of those long walks would write off columns of the brightest things that adorned the pages of his Edinburgh Review.

General Personal Mention.

Rudyard Kipling has begun the use of the typewriter.

The oldest banker in the world is a lady—Deborah Powers, aged 99, senior partner of D. Powers & Sons, Lauenberg.

Mrs. Amelia Rivers Chanler does not figure in the will of her late uncle, Francis R. Rivers, who left an estate valued at \$3,000,000.

Empress Frederick is fascinated by the genius of H. Rider Haggard, and by way of returning the compliment he has dedicated his last book to her.

Gladstone's best portrait is the one which Sir Everett Millais painted thirty years ago. It is now owned by Sir Charles Tennant, who bought it of the Duke of Westminster for \$10,000.

Since his return to Italy Signor Salvini has turned his attention to play-writing, and one of his productions will be given in this country next season by his gifted son, Alexander Salvini.

King Alexander, the youthful ruler of Serbia, arrived in St. Petersburg, on the 3d inst. on a visit to the imperial family. He was met at the railway station by the czar and several grand dukes, and accorded all the honors paid to a ruling sovereign.

Professor Koch has not resigned his official position on account of the failure of tuberculin or Kochism, but because he is upon the point of accepting a new office, that of the director of the Institute of Infectious Diseases, which has been organized by the German government.

Miss Phoebe Cousins wishes it understood by the free millions of Americans who have been moved by her woes, that she is in St. Louis for rest and recreation; that she has not given up the fight, and that when she speaks again the world's fair management will think that a Kansas cyclone has blown over from the wide and windy expanses of the west.

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