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CROSSING THE CASCADE RANGE.

Time to Begin the Work of Preparation for a Vast Scheme of Development -- Other News.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 1.—The Examiner has taken up the old subject of a railway direct to Ogden with much more possible hope of success than when the scheme was talked of years ago. The country is ripe for such development now. Then it was not. The construction of a railroad from this city to Ogden would certainly find itself crowded with golden possibilities, were it to traverse our growing state in the natural direction of such indications as give promise of the greatest amount of traffic. A railroad from Astoria, with Ogden as its terminus, would doubtless have to go as far south as Albany, as it is directly west of there, at the head of Rock creek, that the first and most feasible pass through the Cascade mountains is found. This would open up great bodies of timber which lie in the southern portion of Clatsop and our more southerly counties, as well as bring about the development of the agricultural valleys and improvement of a vast amount of land tributary to this city. In reaching Albany the fertile and prolific Willamette valley is tapped. After crossing the Cascade mountains, this yet imaginary railroad would enter Crook county, and following in the lines of the greatest amount of traffic, would run eastward to the Des Chutes river, cross the same and continue on the north side of Prineville, the county seat. Prineville is a live little town of some 800 people that has not yet, owing to its isolation, outgrown some of the features which formerly characterized the frontier trading posts. From Prineville this road would continue directly eastward to Canyon city, the county seat of Grant county, a thriving little town that leads its western neighbor a merry race in point of size, its population being but a trifle less. Canyon city is situated on the John Day river, and the road would have to cross to Prairie city, thence wend in a northerly direction and cross the Blue mountains via an old stage route north of Britten station. Thus far, a wonderful and promising country is traversed. Hemmed in by the Blue mountains on the east and the Cascades on the west, within this state, comprising Crook, Gilliam, Grant and the southern portions of Wasco and Umatilla counties, is an empire whose area is greater than the combined area of New Hampshire and Massachusetts. A vast country virtually without transportation facilities. The lumbering stage-coach and cumbersome freighter's wagon offering the only modes of travel and transportation. The nearest railroad point to Prineville is The Dalles, 120 miles distant and the nearest railroad point to Canyon city is Baker city, ninety miles distant. Within this empire lies the great future wheat district of Oregon. Here miles of rich grazing lands and fertile prairies await the sword that has undergone the peaceful metamorphosis of agricultural drift. Countless heads of sheep and cattle are at present growing fat upon the rich grazing of this verdant empire. Of the 13,000,000 pounds of wool annually clipped in Oregon, three-fourths are produced within the counties named, and principally in that district which the Ogden road would traverse. This alone would be an important item in the amount of traffic which would await the railroad at the outset. It is estimated that 100 carloads of livestock are shipped from this district annually. Entering Baker county this road would encounter heavy but not impossible grades, and enter the Sumpter valley, passing through one of the richest mineral belts in the United States. Within this belt apparently inexhaustible mines of copper are found, which owing to the lack of railroad facilities, have not yet been developed. Some of the richest gold and silver quartz mines lie within this district ready to pour an immense volume of

traffic into the lap of the first railroad that may chance that way; almost in itself a sufficient inducement for any railroad. Many of these mines have been undergoing development work for years, and are today far in.

The limitless forests will supply the business in the growing demand for building lumber in Ogden, Salt Lake and thereabout, and the west bound traffic would form a ceaseless volume toward the mouth of the Columbia. Train loads of ore, wheat and wool, as well as timber, would soon cause our harbor to wear an aspect rivaling the busiest scenes of our greatest shipping mart, as the new line would bring in cargoes now secured elsewhere, and build up ocean traffic from this point. Astoria would undoubtedly be called upon to supply a country whose early settlement would soon cause untold riches to pour into her coffers and make her indeed the greatest marine city of modern growth and the Queen city of the Pacific coast. Such a road would by connection with the Rio Grande Western at Ogden, and subsequent connection with the Union Pacific give Astoria virtually the choice of two great transcontinental routes.

THE LARGEST NUGGET.

A Miners Discussion on The Topic of General Interest.

Mining men often indulge in argument as to when and where the largest gold nugget was ever found, how much it weighed, etc., it has been reported that the largest nugget ever found was discovered in Australia and that it weighed about \$25,000. But a more recent statement has been widely printed in mining journals showing that the heaviest nugget of gold ever discovered was found in February, 1869, near the village of Molisgel, Victoria. Two diggers found it on the extreme margin of a patch of auriferous alluvium, within two feet of the bedrock of sandstone. It lay on stiff red clay, in a loose gravelly loam, and was barely covered with earth. It was brought to light by the wheel of a cart turning it up. The nugget was twenty-one inches long, ten inches thick and, though mixed with quartz, the great body of it was solid gold. The finders heated the mass in a fire to get rid of the adherent quartz. They also detached and gave away a number of specimens of gold before they took it to the assayer. When melted the gold was found to weigh 2,268 ounces, 10 pennyweights and 14 grains, and contained only 1-75 of alloy, chiefly silver and iron. Including the pieces given away the nugget is estimated to have yielded 2,280 ounces of pure gold, the value of which was \$46,336. Near the same spot where the nugget was unearthed two other nuggets were found later, weighing respectively 114 ounces and 36 ounces.

A Political Puzzle.

Roseburg Plaindealer. Hon. LaFayette, Lane is considerably bothered over a political puzzle, as it were. It is a well known fact that Mr. Lane was bitterly opposed to the fusion business before election. In Roseburg there were 77 straight democratic votes cast. Since it has been ascertained that the fusion failed to succeed, Mr. Lane has been congratulated by over 200 persons, who stated that they also had voted the straight democratic ticket. The query is, what became of the extra 133 votes? Had Weaver carried the state it is quite probable that Mr. Lane would have found it in an equally difficult problem to find 77 men who voted a straight democratic ticket.

The Lover's Lament.

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INTEREST AWAKENED.

America to Become Conspicuous in Panama Canal Affairs.

GENERAL JOHN NEWTON SIZED UP.

Holding Two Lucrative Offices in Violation of his Obligation.

SECRETARY ELKINS SUGGESTION.

Must Resign From the Army or Take His Leave of Absence From the Panama Railway Co.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Secretary of War Elkins, in his official capacity, promises to become a conspicuous figure in the Panama canal proceedings, whereby American interests are seriously jeopardized. Secretary Elkins' attention has been directed to the fact that General John Newton, who is president of the Panama Railway company, is a major-general on the retired list of the United States army. The Panama Railway company was organized under the laws of New York and given a charter which guaranteed that the enterprise should always be controlled by American stockholders. The company passed almost entirely into French hands, but General Newton remained as president, and has regularly drawn both the salaries of a retired officer and of the president of a railway company, which only awaited the expiration of its contract obligations to immediately attack American interests.

As soon as Secretary Elkins' attention was drawn to this state of affairs, he recognized that General Newton was occupying a commercial position inconsistent with the spirit of his military position and inimical to the interests of the American government, under whose flag he is still enrolled, since officers of the retired list are considered by the war department as being still in the service of the country. It is stated that Secretary Elkins, in view of General Newton's anomalous position, has addressed him a letter in which, after directing his attention to the inconsistency of his two salaried positions, has suggested to him, by intimating at least, the propriety of resigning one place or the other. Congress is almost sure to take the Panama question in hand and deal with it vigorously from an American standpoint.

American Grapes in England.

RIPLEY, N. Y., Dec. 1.—The trial shipment of grapes to England by the Chautauqua and Northeast grape union, which consisted of two carloads, was a success. The grapes sold at from thirty-nine to fifty-seven cents a basket and as it cost only seventeen cents to deliver in Liverpool they will net the grower a good price. A private letter from a London (Eng.) commission-house to its representative in this place states that its customers say the grapes are bitter at the core. Growers here think that all that is indicated by this complaint is that the English buyers chew the pulp and seeds.

The Home Rule Scoop.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—The London press are saying all manner of mean little things about the press of America which got in a scoop on them on Gladstone's new home-rule scheme for the Irish provinces, as called here. A few papers print the cable dispatch, but none comment on it. A representative of the associated press yesterday had an interview with Herbert Gladstone on the subject. Asked whether the scheme as published was based on an autograph letter of his, Gladstone said there was not a word of truth in the report that any such autograph letter was in existence. In regard to the alleged scheme, which purports to be a plan of government, Gladstone said it was unworthy of notice, adding it contains its own most effective denial.

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