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THE PORT OF COLUMBIA.

What seems to be a new scheme of Portland to defeat an open Columbia river, has been mapped out by the Oregonian as a plan for an open river; but it will not become a popular plan by any means.

A new scheme is on foot to secure the opening of the Upper Columbia to navigation. It is proposed to apply to the legislature to create a commission having the same powers in regard to removing the obstructions at the dalles as the Port of Portland commission has in regard to improving the Lower Columbia and Willamette rivers.

The last clause in the above paragraph should be read over again. "The citizens of the counties to be included in the district to be taxed," as well as the citizens of all Oregon; have long ago realized that there is nothing to be expected from Portland, unless Portland gets the lion share from the investment; and further, that Portland has never "taken kindly" to any scheme except the Oregon Transcontinental scheme.

The Inland Empire has learned to expect nothing from Portland in the shape of influence or anything else, to assist in opening up the Columbia river to free navigation from its source to the sea.

The Dalles people taxed themselves to put the freight on to the portage railway from this city. Did she do it? No! and The Dalles people were compelled to make another assessment upon themselves and complete the line.

A rough estimate of game now in Yellowstone park would include, according to the Helena Independent, 40,000 elk, 1,500 antelope, 400 buffalo, 1,000 black tailed deer, 300 mountain sheep, with plenty of bear, beaver and other varieties.

The death of Jay Gould, by which a fund of over \$700,000 was converted to the New York state treasury, has directed attention to the advantages of an inheritance tax, and our legislators when they convene at Salem next week might consider the application of a similar law in Oregon with the effect of benefiting the state's financial condition and lifting a load from the shoulders of struggling taxpayers.

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