Times-Mountaineer.

SATURDAY.....OCTOBER 7, 1899

ITEMS IN BRIEF.

From Saturday's Daily.

J. Nace of Hood River, is registered at the Umatilla House.

W. W. Hodson, of Centerville, is a guest at the Umatilla House.

E. Jacobsen returned this morning from a business trip through the country east of this place.

Sunday services at St. Paul's church, Rev. Geo. Leslie pastor. Morning prayer at 10:30 A. M. Holy communion and sermon at 7:30 P. M. Sunday school at 12:15 noon.

Miss Myrtle Michell went to Portland this morning where will spend a week visiting friends and attending the exposition.

Mrs. Mary Lewis, accompanied by her children and Miss Maud Lewis, who has been visiting at the home of W. H. Holmes, in Salem, arrived in The Dalles yesterday en route to their home on Juniper Flat.

Rev. Ulysses T. Hawk, the new pastor of the M. E. church will begin his labors in this city tomorrow. Mr Hawk is not only an able churchman, but a genial gentleman, who will win the esteem of all who know him.

G. E. Stewart left on the boat this morning for his old home at Hillsboro, where he goes to visit relatives and friends. Mr. Stewart has been on the sick list for the past few weeks and goes in hopes that the change will be beneficial to his health.

The five hoboes arrested by Marshal Hughes yesterday, were discharged last evening under condition that they would leave town. Later in the evening one of them was found prowling around and arrested. He was brought before the recorder this morning and fined $5.00, and in default of payment was put to work on the streets.

Kid Moore, the miserable morphine fiend, who has been twice given a limited time to leave town showed up again last night and was this morning escorted to the top of the brewery hill by Marshal Hughes and given a start and admonished him that if he returned he would get worse treatment than on this, and previous occasions.

The O. R. & N. has bought 33 acres of land at Wiona Junction, in Whitman county, on which it will establish carshops and division and dispatcher's headquarters. The shops now at Tekoa and Starbuck will be removed there before January 1 next. From Winona five divisions will be established, ranging from 102 to 138 miles The place is having a great boom.

Mr. Jackson, who is the duly authorized collector of road and street tax is proving himself to be "the right man in the right place. He is pressing the payment of taxes and serving papers on all who refuse to comply with the provisions of the ordinance. He is now dealing with the Chinese and although they are hard people to make pay his success with them is remarkable and he allows none to escape him.

George P. Sink, brother of Ray Sink, who, it will be remembered, was murdered in the valley last fall, was in Moro recently with a view to takeing some minor contracts on the construction of the new railroad. Mr. Sink has just come from Alaska, where he has been mining and prospecting. He joined in the rush to Cape Nome and says the fabulous finds reported from that section are very much exaggerated. In speaking of some of the mines already in operation, he says they are enormously rich, but thinks that the country has seen the last of the boom.

Z. M. Brown, a Crook county cattleman, recently returned from a three-weeks range riding on the eastern slope of the Cascades, west of Prineville. He reports excellent grass all over the Eastern Oregon country as a result of the August rains, and says cattle and sheep are in splendid condition. Sheep are beginning to come out of the mountains on their way to their winter ranges on the prairies. Cattle will not leave the Cascade reserve until fall snows in the higher mountains drive them down. Then they will come out to the open country of their own accord.

Dr. Russ, one of Portland's prominent dentists, who has practiced in that city for 17 years, has permanently located in The Dalles, and he has taken the rooms formerly occupied by the Portland Dental Parlors. Dr. Russ' long experience enables him to do first class work in every respect, and he guarantees what he does to be the best. Prices are reasonable as are consistent with the class of work he does. Gold tooth crowns and bridge work a specialty. Teeth filled and extracted painless.

Ben Briggs, a Southern Oregon youth, who has been working in the grain fields near Dufur came to The Dalles Tuesday last and proceeded to hilariously enjoy himself. He made many friends by his genial and liberal ways, and was induced to deposit for safe keeping forty dollars with a chance acquaintance. The latter took the first Portland bound train and is evidently keeping Brigg's money as safely as the Portland saving bank kept that of its depositors. Biggs swore out a warrant and the officers kept the matter quiet in hopes that the self-constituted custodian of other people's money would be apprehended. This morning Briggs gave up hope of ever seeing his "friend" or his coin again and departed for Dufur for a winters' job.

J. I. Carson, manager of the Wyoming Livestock Association, of Rawlins, Wyo., has been trying to buy 25,000 lambs in Oregon this fall, says he has given the project up as a bad job, as sheepmen are holding the stock too high for him. He thinks the fine fall grass is largely responsible for this, as sheep-raisers think they can carry their lambs over until spring without much expense, and then sell the lambs as yearlings, after taking about 60 or 70 cents' worth of wool off each of their backs. He could find no lambs in Eastern Oregon under $2 25 a head, while $3 each was asked for dry ewes. Ewes and lambs in pairs cannot be bough for less than $5, which is too high a figue, he says, to justify shipping to the feeding yards at Central City' Neb., where the animals have to be feed on corn for the winter market. He will therefore postpone all attemps at purchasing until spring, when he thinks sheep will be cheaper.

The old man Louis Lawler, who was arrested yesterday noon for drawing a knife on J. A. Johnston and inflicting a scalp wound on the latter was taken before the city recorder yesterday evening and, as the evidence showed plainly that he did nothing more than defend himself against the attack of a brutal aggressor who was attempting to beat him, he was turned loose. Johnston had his hearing also and was fined $5.00 and in default of payment was committed to the city jail for two days.

From Monday's Daily.

C. C. O'Neil, of Antelope, was in the city yesterday.

Leslie Butler is in the city from his home in Portland.

J. H. Grey, sheriff of Coook county, is in the city today.

Alfred Babbage, of Astoria, is visiting friends in The Dalles.

Frank Aldrick, of Goldendale, is a guest at the Umatilla House.

Mrs. Bert Barrel returned Saturday from a visit of three weeks to Oakland.

The regular montly meeting of the city council will be held tomorrow night.

A. Andrews, sheriff of Morrow county, is in the city from his home at Heppner.

Charles N. Clarke, of Hood River was calling on old friends in The Dalles last evening.

Mrs. M. Boynton returned Saturday from a visit with friends in Astoria and the Williamette valley towns.

Leo Schano and sister, Miss Alma returned Saturday from a week's visit with relatives in North Yakima.

Hon. Russell Sewell, district attorney for Multnomah county accompanied by his wife spent yesterday visiting Dalles friends.

Miss Emma Roscoe of Victoria, British Columbia arrived in the city Saturday and is a guest at the home of Miss Alma Schmidt.

Gus Bonn left for Centerville, Goldendale and other points in Klickitat county yesterday, where he will represent Mays & Crowe.

Mr. and Mrs. Judd Fish left on the steamer Regulator this morning for Portland where they will visit relatives and friends and attend the exposition.

J. H. Preston traveling representative of E. Jacobsen & Co., returned from Sherman county Saturday, where he has been working in the interest of his firm.

Dr. J. M. Southerland and wife who have been visiting relatives in the city for some time will leave on the afternoon train today for their home in Spokane.

J. H. Templeton, one of the substantial business men of Prineville, was in the city Saturday en route to Portland on a trip of business and pleasure. He was accompanied by Mrs. Templeton and Misses Maggie Glaze ond Ethel Liggett..

Wheat advanced two cents in price Saturday which raises number one to 54 cens. The price, however, is not yet high enough to induce the farmers to sell and the vast majority are holding with the expectation of a further advance.

Two characters one John Doe the other James Judy were arrested last night for being drunk and disorderly in their conduct. The former resisted Mr. Hughes, the officer who arrested him and was fined $10, while the latter who allowed himself to be taken in without a struggle was let off at half price.

A telephone message received from Antelope last evening stated that one of C. C. O'Neil's children had died at their home on Muddy. Mr. O'Neil was in the city yesterday, but had gone to Portland on the afternoon train before the news was received. He returned this morning on a freight train and left for his home.

The mission, which was given at St. Peter's church, ended with the evening service last evening It was largely attended by members of the church as well as those of other churches who attended for the purpose of hearing the Dominican priests, who are sound logicians and learned speakers, explain the doctrines and teachings of their church. The father left for Portlrnd on the boat this morning.

E. D. Davenport, who for some time past has been a clerk in Pease & Mays' store, left this morning for Eugene to enter the divinity school of the Christian church at that place, Mr. Davenport is a member of the Christian church of The Dalles. On Saturday evening the young people of the church gave him a farewell party, and at the close of the evening service yesterday Rev. Rushing gave a short address in behalf of Mr. Davenport.

A. R. Davis arrived in the city Saterday from Cape Nome Alaska where he has been some time mining and prospecting. Mr. Davis is well pleased with his stay in Alaska as he made considerbdle money there and will return in the spring to work his claim at Cape Nome. He has some good summer claims from which he expects to make a comfortable fortune as they are very rich as far as he has worked them.

Hon. G. Howson, of Arlington, Gillam county, Oregon, spent yesterday in the city. An Arlington man recently stated in a letter to the Oregonian that Mr. Howson was not a resident of Arlington or any place else and from his lengthy article on the subject would give the opinion that he like Mohamet was soaring between earth and heaven. Such does not seem to be the case and to quell all doubt about the matter we give his full address.

Bowling and pool are getting more popular at the D. C. and A. club since the cold whether started, and if the members coutiune to take the interest in future they have shown for the past few days the club will indeed be a lively place this winter. It cannot be expected that the amusements at the club would be indulged in during the summer month, during the winter it will be a pleasure to spend an hour in the gymnasium, bowling alley or pool room.

Tomorrow noon the new steam laundry will begin operations with the finest facilities for doing good work that have ever been put in east of the mountains. Mr. MacAllister has shown commendable enterprise. In spite of the bad luck he has had, he has the laundary in a shape that it can handle work in large quantities and the quality will be second to none. A large force will be employed who will spend their money here and the payroll will increase in proportion to the patronage the laundry receives. With such a plant here no work should go out of the town.

C. A. Claussen, whose funeral took place Thursday, was one of the wealthiest men of Klickitat county. He was born in Germany in 1826, and came to the United States when 11 years old. In Kansas he acquired considerable farming interests, which he held at the time of his death. In 1858 he crossed the plains, and lived in Washington county for about 20 years, coming to Klickitat county in 1878, and making his home there since. He belonged, for 43 years, to the missionary wing of the Baptist church, and often officiated in the pulpit himself. He left an aged widow and six children. The eldest son, Moses, is the most extensive woolgrower in that county.

After Sheriff Kelly had searched Kid Moore Saturday night and found nothing that would connect him with the burglary of Miss Hart's residence he was taken in by the nightwatchman. Moore had been fired out of town three times already only to return and be rearrested. His sister who is in a house of ill fame in this city, appeared yesterday fearing that he would be roughly treated and promised to send him away. She was willing to pay his fare to Portland and supply him with clothing and other things. As this seemed to be the only means of getting rid of him the officers allowed him to go on the morning train today.

On Saturday afternoon some sneak thief entered Mrs. Hart's residence on the hill across the street from F. H. Rowe's residence and stole a gold watch and about $16 in money which she left in the house She came down town during the afternoon and it is likely that the thief saw her leave and took advantage of her absence to go through the house At once the officers thought that Kid Moore, the morphine fiend, who has been so prominent around town for some time might have been the right man and Sheriff Kelly succeeded in locating him in the East End. Moore was searched but nothing could be found on him that would throw any suspicion on that party, and he was left to the tender mercies of the city officials.

About 400 head of Indian ponies from the Yakima reservation were brought across on the ferry today and will be shipped to the cannery at Linnton tonight. They are nearly all small horses of little value for anything but canning and many of them are not even good enough for that as they are old and in poor condition and look as if they would make very poor steak. It is said, nevertheless that much of this meat is served on the tables of cheap resturants in Portland and the patrons think they are eating beef. Twenty years ago a band of horses like the one the Indians are shipping to the cannery would have ment considerable cash, but at present the price received is worth scarcely the cost of transporting them to the cannery.

Mrs. Alex MacLeod, of this city received word a few days ago that her nephew Philip Bassoni, who was working in Butte Montana was accidentally killed on Sunday September 24. No particulars were given. The young man was 21 years of age and was well and favorably known in the Kingsley vicinity. His family have been very unfortunate during the last few years as his younger brother died about four years ago presumably, from injuries received while riding a horse, his sister Miss Annie Bassoni, who was also well known here was accidentally poisoned in San Francisco about three years ago and this young man is the third to meet with an untimely death due to an accident.

Saturday evening and Indian named Joe Stahil who ranks as big man among the Indians in the Mosier vicinity and who is in the city with a scow load of cord wood, got into a fight with Henry Johnston at the O. K. saloon. It appears that the proprietor left Johnston in charge of the saloon and the Indian gave someone 50 cents to purchase fire water with. In place of getting him the liquor he came up town and the Indian went into the saloon to get his liquor. It was refused him and when he insisted Johnston hit him with a bottle. The Indian got a rock and it is said that Johnston proceeded to defend himself with an ax. The nightwatchman appeared in time to prevent further trouble. Both parties were arrested and had their hearing this morning. Johnston was fined $5.00 and Stahle $2.00 and released.

From Tueday's Daily

Peter Rush is in the city from his home near Boyd.

J. D. Driver, of Wamic is in the city on a business trip.

Bert Rogers, of Antelope, is visiting friends in the city.

F. N. Jones, is in the city from his home near Bakeoven.

M. A Thorbourn, of Kingsley, was in the city last evening.

Joseph Purser and wife, of Hood River, are in the city today.

Agent J. L. Cowan, of Warm Springs agency, left for his home this morning.

Thomas Fargher, a genial and prosperous farmer, is in the city from his home near Dufur.

Mrs. Lizzie Karr, of San Francisco, is a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. Frank Seufert.

George Blakeley left for Portland this morning where he goes to attend the meeting of the state Pharmacentical Association.

Marriage license were issued this afternoon to Mr. Albert Cody and Miss Myra Hughes. Mr. Cody is the stewart in the Columbia Hotel and the marriage will take place there this evening.

Mr. Toomey, the genial proprietor of the Columbia Hotel, is having a new floor put down on the entire lower story and making other repairs about the house to make the accommodations better for his guests.

Prof, Lundell will meet the ladies' singing class tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock at the residence of Dr. Rinehart. All ladies who desire to join the class should be present or send their names, as it is necessary to attend from the beginning.

Gillis Kelsay, of Sherman county, sold 2,000 ewes and 600 lambs to William Penland last week, receiving $3 for ewes and $2 for lambs. The sheep are at present on the summer range in Grant county and as soon as Mr. Kelsay delivers them he will quit the sheep business.

Earnest Jensen, who for several years has been in the employ of A. M. Williams & Co. will leave in a short time to accept a position with the firm of Ford & Stokes in Astoria. His married sister is living in the latter place and he for this reason desires to live in that town. While in The Dalles he has proven himself to be competent and trustworthy and we are sure that he will prove such with his new employers.

A drunk was found lying back of Joe Burger's house on Fourth street today and taken to the city jail where sufficient time will be allowed him in which to sober up. A young Indian got an overdose of liquor today and in spite of the fact that he was in shape for anything but a foot race he considered himself swift enough to run away from the marshal. A single attempt was sufficient to convince the native that such an attempt was folly and he marched to the "skookum house" without a struggle.

J. N. Wisner, who has been inspecting the salmon hatchery on the Little White Salmon in behalf of the United States Fisheries department, states that many large salmon were taken this year, but the average yield of eggs has been comparatively light. Although 9,000,000 eggs were secured to date, this number, however, is greater at this time than that attained last year. The greatest number of eggs received from one female salmon is 8900; the average is about 5000. The Wind river hatchery, located eight miles below, will probably yield 3,000,000 eggs. Next year eyeing stations will be put in at various points and other improvements will be made to increase the scope of the department. Mr. Wisner now goes to Vlento, Oregon, in his official capacity.

Large Shipments of Sheep.

Taylor Hill of Prineville, arrived in the city from Pendleton this morning where he delivered 7000 sheep to James Wright for shipment to British Columbia. He started from Crook county with 3000 sheep and purchased 2000 enroute to Pendleton arriving at that place with the 5000 sheep in prime condition.

"Sheep were sold down so closely last spring, after the hard winter," said Mr. Hill, "that grass has been unusually fine this year, and promises to continue just as good.

"I want to say that although I heard about trouble ahead from people who would shoot sheep being driven through the country, and was naturally on the lookout for such trouble, none of it was met. I could not ask for better treatment from people anywhere, and am inclined to think that if sheep men in passing through any part of the country south of Pendleton will strive to regard other men's rights they will avoid most of the trouble of which we hear so often. No one offered to molest me at any place or time, and in fact showed a disposition to help me, rather than to hinder."

Mr. Wright has already shipped from Pendleton about 25,000 sheep this fall, and he has 5000 more due there in a few days. The British Columbia market for Eastern Oregon sheep appears to have grown to a position of importance, and the demand is strong and constant.

Mr. Hill stated that prices are on the top notch now, and that even at two dollars for lambs and three dollars for ewes, buyers are having difficulty in securing any more than are called for in contracts made some time ago.

Columbia Defeats The Shamrock.

The first of the series of yacht races for America's cup the greatest contest of the world was sailed outside of the harbor of New York today the contestants being the Irish yacht Shamrock owned by Sir Thomas Lipton, who in behalf of the United Kingdom has challenged for the cup, and the American yacht Columbia, which has been selected by the New York Yacht Club committee as the defender of the battered old mug, which the Americans have held and prized ever since the Cows regatta in 1851.

Ever since that time British yachts have endeavored to regain poession of the cup but have met with no success, and today in the first race of the series which will be run between the Shamrock and Columbia the American craft won another victory. As far as could be learned from the meagre report the race was close throughout and the successful defender of the American cup had little to spare, as the Shamrock was close on her heels at the end of the course. The second race of the five, which will be held, will take place on Thursday.

A Question Answered.

GRANTS, Oct. 2, 1899.

EDITOR TIMES-MOUNTAINEER.

In last Saturday's Weekly Times-Mountaineer you ask if some one can tell why it is that Columbus is getting the Klickitat wheat?

I will answer the question this way: They have a shorter haul, better road, and get from 52 to 55 cents per bushel, while The Dalles' top price is 52 cents for No. 1. What they can make on a load every day, while it takes two days to make a load to The Dalles, is an inducement for them to go to Columbus. If this is not sufficient, I will come again. N. L.

Street Riot in Chicago

CHICAGO, Oct. 2.—Fifteen men with revolvers, knives and clubs, engaged in a desperate hand-to-hand street battle last night at Black Hawk and Elston avenue. Before the officers arrived in response to a riot call, Colac Lisan, who, the police say, was an ex-convict, had been killed and several others badly wounded. Only two of the fifteen were arrested. The fight started over the assertion of one of the men that some one in the crowd had stolen something from him.

The cut is after an old painting of a man gambling with Death with his life as a stake. Behind the man stands his good angel striving to save him.

This game with life as the stake is the every-day game of men and women. Behind the player stands the good angel Nature, striving to preserve the life. Even when the game is almost in Death's hands, the man who turns to Nature and lets her help him may yet save himself. Medical science knows this, and its highest authorities affirm that the utmost medical skill can do is to help Nature.

The great success of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery in curing wasted bodies, weak lungs, and obstinate and lingering coughs, is based on the recognition of this fundamental scientific truth. "Golden Medical Discovery" supplies Nature with body building, tissue repairing, muscle making materials, in condensed and concentrated form. With this help Nature supplies the strength to throw off diseases of the lungs, heal the sick stomach, re-establish the digestive and nutritive organs in sound health, purify and enrich the blood, and nourish the nerves.

If your dealer offers something "just as good," it is probably better *for him;* it pays better. But you are thinking of the cure not the profit, so there's nothing "just as good" for you. Say so.

In a letter received from A. D. Weller, Esq., of Pensacola, Escambia Co., Fla. (Box 544), he states: "I have, since receiving your diagnosis of my case as stomach trouble and liver complaint, taken eight bottles of the 'Golden Medical Discovery,' and must say that I am transformed from a walking shadow (as my friends called me), to perfect health. I value your remedies very highly and take pleasure in recommending them to any and all who suffer as I did. Four months ago I did not think to be in shape to assist our 'Uncle Samuel' in case of hostilities, but thanks to you, I am now ready for the Dons!"

Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser, In Plain English; or, Medicine Simplified, 1008 pages, over 700 illustrations, paper-bound, sent for 21 one-cent stamps, to cover cost of mailing *only.* Cloth-bound ten stamps more. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

A CHARITABLE DONATION

Two Large Farms Given to the Benedictine Fathers.

They Will be Used for a Boys College and a Home for the Aged—Donation Made by Max Vogt and Mrs. Chapmen.

Today Mr. Max Vogt and his sister, Mrs. Chapman deeded to the Benedictine Fathers at Mt. Angel, Marion county, their two large and valuable farms, one being located at Crate's point, down the river from The Dalles, the other situated on lower Fifteen-mile creek about 12 miles east of this city.

The farm on Fifteen-mile creek, which consists of almost 1,000 acres is one of the most valuable in the county and on this place will be built a home for the aged. Fine buildings will be erected to accommodate the inmates of the institution, while the farm will be run by the Benedictine Brothers. One of the priests of this order will reside there and will be given charge of all the missions and country parishes which are at present under the care of the parish priest of The Dalles. This parish alone is all that one priest can attend to so that an assistant is needed badly to attend to the parishes throughout the interior as well as Hood River and Cascade Locks.

A branch college for boys and young men will be erected on the farm at Crate's point which is a model place for such an institution. There is sufficient land on the place to afford ample grounds for an institution of this kind, as well as farm land on which all kinds of fruits, vegetables and grain can be grown. The place is far enough from the city that boys will be in no danger of falling in with bad associates or contract the evil habits that they might were they closer to the town, while on the other hand, it is but a half hour's drive from here.

The Benedictines are noted for their ability as instructors and their action in putting in a college of this kind in Eastern Oregon will meet with the approval of every citizen in this section who has boys to educate.

No less worthy of praise is the benevolent spirit shown by Mr. Vogt and Mrs. Chapman, in donating property to the value of nearly $20,000, for such purposes as a home for the aged and for the education of the young.

Ever since they have been in The Dalles they have always come to the front with most liberal donations when there was a call for charity. Eighteen years ago when the Benedictine Prior came to this coast to find a location for a college and monastery they offered them ten thousand dollars if they would locate here. A college was badly needed in the Wilammette Valley at that time and their liberal offer had to be overlooked. They have always disired, however, to have an institution of this kind in their home town and have taken the above steps to encourage the building of one. It should not be left to them alone, however, to encourage such an institution but every business man in Eastern Oregon who is interested in education should do all that he conveniently can to encourage the promoters.

WATER COMMISSIONERS MEET.

Reports of Officials—Claims Allowed Against the Commission.

Satury evening the water commissioners held their regular monthly meeting. Those prusent being M. Randall, J. F. Moore, J. S. Fish, T. J. Seufert and J. S. Phirman. T. J. Seufert, president of the commission was in the chair.

The reports of the superintendent and treasurer were read and accepted. They are as follows:

Total book account for month of August	$ 1,559 75
Amount collected	1,192 45
Amount of delinquency	367 30

The treasurer's report for the month of September is as follows:

September 1, to balance cash	$ 4,451 01
Sept. 30 cash from J. B. Crossen on water rent	1,192 65
Total	5,643 56
Credit Sept. 30 by warrants redeemed	267 40
Balance cash on hand Sept 30	5,376 26

The following claims were allowed:

J B Crossen, supt salary	60 00
Chas Borders, helpers sal	60 00
N H Gates, secretary's sal	10 00
Mays & Crowe, mdse	76 87
C A Borkers, 75 lbs. rope	3 75
J W Blakeney, hauling	75
H Clough, labor on pipe	2 00
A A Urqupart, labor on pipe	5 40
William Morganfield, labor on pipe	6 00
F Gibbons, labor on pipe	3 40
Ed Francisco, labor on pipe	4 00
Bobt Murray, labor on pipe	2 00
L A Porter, team hire	3 00
Lane Bros, blacksmithing	1 85
Maier & Benton, mdse	7 13
F S Gunning, repairs	35
Schenck & Beall, insurance premium	7 50

THE O. R. & N. AGREEMENT.

Government Still Undecided on the Boat Railway Question.

The monthly reports of the engineer officers in Oregon and Washington for the month of August have been received by the chief of engineers.

The work of preparing the agreement with the O. R. & N. Co., subject to the approval of the secretary of war, covering the terms under which the company is to surrender to the United States and shift its tracks from the 72.58 acres of land remaining to be acquired for the boat railway at the dalles of the Columbia, has been completed and submitted to the war department. If the agreement is approved by the secretary the work of shifting the tracks will be immediately commenced, but up to the present time no action has been taken, and there is some doubt as to whether anything further will be done until after congress meets, owing to the difference of opinion as to whether the boat railway should be constructed or whether a canal or portage railway shall be substituted. There is a strong prejudice in favor of the canal and locks, and if the next congress should provide for a canal instead of the boat railway, the agreement will be immediately approved and the tracks removed. There is an available balance of $222,320 for this work.

The canal at the Cascades operated continuously throughout August, and aside from an accumulation of mud in one of the locks, there was no difficulty encountered. The $80,811 for improving the Columbia at the Cascades will not be utilized until after the proposals for the work have been opened and the contract awarded.

Nothing was done on the Upper Columbia and Snake rivers in August, but quarrying was commenced in September to obtain stone for repairing the deflecting dikes at Log Cabin island and Wild Goose island. Operations have been discontinued altogether on the Clearwater river.

Preparations have been completed for a survey of the Columbia from its mouth to the head of Haytian island, for the purpose of ascertaining the effect of the dike connecting the head of the island with the Oregon shore, and $14,460 is on hand for carrying on the inspection and other works.

PORTAGE RAILWAY SCHEME.

Everything Points to Its Construction in the Near Future—Contract Let.

It now looks more than likely that the Central Construction and Transportation Company means business and will begin work on the portage between Celilo and the Big Eddy in a short time.

For several days freight teams have been hauling bedding, supplies, tents, lumber for building stables and sheds and other necessary things for a railroad construction camp. All these articles are being hauled to a point known as Jenson's camp about two miles above the Big Eddy, and as everything they are purchasing is of the most substantial kind, there is little doubt but that they mean business.

Paul Mohr, who owns most of the right of way, has been in the city for some time and although he would not give any information as to what his business was it is plain that he is here for the purpase of arranging matters in connection with the right of way.

A rumor is afloat today to the effect that the contract for grading the road has been let to the two well-known railroad contractors Mr. H. Cowan and Mr. McMartin and if such be the case a large force of men will be put to work by them very shortly.

At what point the line will begin at this end is still undecided or at least unknown to outsiders. Some are of the opinion that it will be at a point known as the Big Eddy while others think it will be a short distance above the North Dalles Shoe factory building. This, however, is only a matter of guess work and that which we desire to see is the road constructed around the rapids and a line of boats on the upper Columbia and Snake rivers so that the producers of the great Inland Empire can transport their products to the seaboard at something like a reasonable rate for transportation, and it looks very much as if they would soon have their wants in this direction fulfilled.

Notice to Taxpayers.

The Board of Equalization is now in session for the purpose of equalizing assesments. This is the proper time for all persons to see that their assessments are properly made and entered on the roll. The board will be in session until Saturday night, Oct. 7, 1899. After this, if no application for a change is made, the tax roll will be placed in the hands of the sheriff for collection as returned by the assessor

ROBT. MAYS,
d5 w1 County Judge.

How Are Your Kidneys?

Dr. Hobbs' Sparagus Pills cure all kidney ills. Sample free. Add. Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or N. Y

Assaying.

If you want rock assayed for mineral bring or send to Chas. Summers, care of Umasilla House, The Dalles Oregon. Charges 50 per element. Satisfaction garanteed. d and wlm.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.

To quit tobacco easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c or $1. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address Sterling Remedy Co. Chicago or New York.

See Pease & Mays cotton underwear 25 cents gents furnishing goods department.

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SIBERIAN GOLD MINES

A Country That May Become a Second California.

Many of the Richest Miners Are Political Exiles—The Law of Russia a Drawback to the Development of Riches.

"Keep your eye on Siberia."

That is what a scientific writer on the old problem wrote only six months ago, and those who have visited that supposedly bleak, cold and dismal country may fairly echo his words. Siberia has been misunderstood. For 40 years now mines have been opened all over the country. In Tomsk a minister of mines is permanently resident, as well as at Irkutsk, while the number of people employed in the mining industry is considerably in excess of 100,000.

Yet in spite of the marvelous richness of the country, which has been described by more than one writer as likely to become a second California, little or no attempt has been made by foreigners to enter and to take up the industry of gold mining. Yet the government is anxious that such should be the case, and in order to facilitate the importation of foreign energy and brain to the great Siberian gold fields special concessions are held out to foreigners which the native does not enjoy.

Russian law is peculiar, complicated and a little awe-inspiring, and this may have a great effect upon the capitalist, backed up as it is by the extraordinary prejudice which still exists in civilized Europe against everything Russian.

In many respects Siberia resembles the Klondike district. Many of the mines are situated in places equally as inaccessible in winter, and which have the same characteristics in summer. The alluvial deposits are free and in some cases rich. Quartz there is, but with the exception of one or two places this has never yet been tapped, and in the whole of Siberia at the present time there is not a single efficient battery for quartz crushing—this statement on the authority of Mr. Shostok, the minister of mines for Siberia. Nor is there any machinery for the proper washing of alluvial gold, and yet millionaire gold miners, free men or exiles, may be found by the dozen in Tomsk, Irkutsk and Krasnoairsk. The practiced miner, fresh from the fields of western Australia, British Columbia or California, would doubtless laugh hugely at the primitive arrangements in use in Siberia.

The foreigner desiring to become a mine owner in Siberia must first have a letter of recommendation from his ambassador or consul, and then he can either rent or buy existing mines or prospect for himself. He is not allowed more than five versts, or 3¼ miles of land in any one particular spot, but he can have as many mines as he likes, provided they are not on one run. All the gold he obtains he hands over to the government, which assays and smelts it for him, crediting him with its value, less three or five per cent., according to the district, which is tax money. Once in possession of the concession, the miner may go to any part of Siberia, and if he knows his business and is careful there is every prospect of him becoming a rich man, for, if anything, the protective laws of Russia are more severe than in any other country. Such a thing as claim jumping is unknown, robbery or murder almost unheard of, and food is astonishingly cheap, as also is labor. The government provides each mine owner with Cossacks to guard the precious metal, and, in short, when one thoroughly understands the conditions, there can be no better way of pursuing the fascinating hunt for gold than under the Siberian regime.

One of the most astonishing features of Siberian gold mining is that many of the richest miners are exiles sent to Siberia years ago for some political or criminal offense, and, although they have wealth in abundance, they cannot leave that land of snow, of steppes and mountains until the great white czar should be pleased to grant his gracious pardon.

Now that the great Siberian railway is slowly but surely forging its way through the heart of Asia, it is hoped that in its wake will follow a steady tide of western civilization. It goes without saying that wherever the railway engine snorts its way civilization must follow. Already the line has reached within measureable distance of Irkutsk, the capital of Siberia.

The large cost and the great discomfort of a journey to central Siberia have prohibited foreign enterprise up till now, but the future will be different. Dispatch and comfort will be the order of the new railway, and when this has been completed then may Siberia be the new Klondike, but with many less disadvantages.—N. Y. Herald.

CRANKS AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

Some Are Harmless, But Others Are Violently Insane.

The white house was beset with the usual number of cranks while the president was in town lately. These gentry came from every part of the civilized world and for every conceivable purpose. Some of them are mild and some wildly insane. The harmless ones are sent on their way, while those who are really insane are placed in the hands of the authorities, and eventually go to some asylum, says the St. Louis Republic.

Women are not lacking among the poor creatures who come to see the president, and occasionally one appears with a baby in her arms, which she wishes to lay in the president's bed for good luck or which she wishes him to touch or kiss, or to look at, believing that contact with the president will bring success to the child.

The most persistent crank which has called recently at the executive mansion is a man named Jackson, from Newark, N. J. He is a good-looking fellow, well dressed and with good manners, who labors under the delusion that he is the chosen agent of God to warn people of approaching disaster. He came all the way from his home in New Jersey to advise with the president and to predict that the death of some high official, possibly the president himself, would occur in the next few days; to announce that the world will come to an end in November, 1899, and to offer his services to unveil the mysteries of the future. He talked fluently of his hobbies, but was so evidently out of mind on this subject that he was placed in the hands of the police, who will send him back to his home.

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