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How Railroads are Built.

A great many people do not understand how it is that poor people can enjoy railroad facilities. The Coos bay News, commenting upon the building of the proposed road between that place and Roseburg, takes the ground that there is not money enough in the two counties to construct it. To which the Plaindealer replies: "Its reasoning, even from this premise, is very erroneous. In the first place, the proposed road would cost but little over half a million of dollars. Of this amount the iron and rolling stock would represent one half-the ties and grading the remainder. Now, the iron and stock can be purchased on twenty years' time, a moderate rate of interest, and a mortgage given on the road for security. The grading can be done by the citizens of both counties, and for their pay they can be given stock in the road. The timber will be gladly donated, and the various sawmills will cut it, and likewise take stock for their pay. This we know; therefore, it will be seen that if local corporations take the matter in hand but a very small outlay of cash would be required. If the road is built by foreign capital, our people will of course, be compelled to pay for it, and they will be charged as high rate of interest as the monopoly wishes to levy. Had they not, then, as well pay for it in the first place? As to outside capital having "made Coos bay the second shipping point in Oregon" -there is no proof for the News' assertions in this fact. The ocean is a highway open to all competitors. If one vessel overcharges its patrons, another vessel is called to their assistance. A railroad is vastly different. When one is constructed the people have no recourse but to patronize it, though at the same time they may be fostering a monopoly that is crushing them. A road built by foreign capital is infinitely superior to none at all. No one will deny that. But if one can be built by home capital is it not much better?

Resources of Oregon.

In looking over the essentials that figure prominently in the prosperity of a state, says the Washington Republic, we find that Oregon has commercial position, breadth of area, salubrity of climate, fertility of soil, and an unbounded latent resource, which places her at once in a condition to successfully compete with any state or territory on the Pacific slope for congressional favor, and the attention of immigration.

She is particularly favored in regard to commercial position, and will ultimately build up a large commercial trade with the northern territory, San Francisco, China, Japan, and the islands of the sea. Her rapid development will soon force eastern land communication and connect her with the principal cities of the Atlantic states.

Oregon possesses more arable land than any state or territory on the Pacific slope, and has unclaimed thousands of acres, awaiting development. The salubrity of climate is remarkable considering her geographical position. Her valleys fringed with lines of evergreens, give her a vernal as-

pect through the heat of summer, which is, however, not of that sultry character that characterizes the temperature of the Atlantic G.W. HUME slope. There are climatic changes, but they are not of that sudden Corner of Water and Olney Streets. severe nature that mark the climatic features of the eastern sea-

Her soil is rich and susceptible of propagating all classes of cereals, fruits and vegetables. In fact, all of the natural elements, that combine to form state prosperity, are lavishly bestowed upon her. Oregon is young in development. Her resources are immense. She wants capital and population. With these vitalizing factors she will march forward rapidly in the path of progress.

-The seamen, engineers, laborers, and employes of the Australian Steamship Navigation company in Sydney have been on a strike be- Golden cause that company employs Chinese to a large extent on board their steamers. As soon as ves- Fishermen's and sels come into Sydney the Europeans leave off work and go ashore. Many of the vessels are now laid up, some have cargo on board and cannot be unloaded.

-Whenever the people of the upper country decide to store wheat at Astoria in the future, there will be no lack of accommodations for storage. There is now storage capacity here sufficient to keep the docks free with any sort of dispatch of ships. No vesse's ever yet remained over a month at Astoria for cargo. There are vessels here now, however, that have waited in Portland some four, some nine months.

WANTS, LOST, FOUND, ETC.

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NOTICE.—All persons are hereby notified not to pay R. F. Wickham any tax due the city, he having been dismissed from the office of Superintendent of streets of the city of Astoria, and not authorized to collect taxes. J. H. D. GRAY, Acting Mayor

OLD PAPERS,—We have a valuable lot of old papers on hand, just the thing for making scrap-books, or what housewives need for shelf covers. Will be sold in lots to suit purchasers at 50 cents per 100, First come, first served. ASTORIAN OFFICE.

NOTICE.—The annual meeting of the legal voters of school district No. 1, Clatsop county, Oregon, will be held at the school house, on Main street, in Astoria, on Mon-day, March 5, 1879 at 7 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of electing one Director for three years, one Clock for one property of the purpose. years; one Clerk for one year, and to levy a tax to support a school in said district for the ensuing year, and to transact such other business as may come before the meeting.

By order of Board of Directors,

0-10d J. G. HUSTLER, Clerk.

Fish Commissioners Notice. THE UNDERSIGNED FISH COMMIS-sioner for Washington territory, hereby gives notice that he will visit all the camer-ies on the Washington territory side of the river, from the first to the twentieth of March, and after that will be at Brookfield for the rest of the season.

for the rest of the season.

ALBERT F. STREAM.

NORTH COVE, W. T., Feb. 17, 1879.

Fish Commissioners Notice. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT
the undersigned, having been duly appointed deputy for Clatsop county, by C.
Lienenweber, Fish Commissioner, under the
laws of the State of Oregon, will be in readiness from and after this date, to issue li-

ness from and after this date, to issue fi-censes, at his office up stairs, corner of Cass and Sqemocqhe streets, Astoria, Oregon. Persons sending in applications for licenses will please send No. of boat and the name of the fisherman or captain of the beat. H. B. FERGUSON, Deputy Fish Commissioner.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Notice is hereby given that all persons are forbid tresspassing upon, or in any way occupying any portion of the land or beach surrounding TONGUE POINT, or upon any part of the Henry Marlin land claim in Classop county, State of Oregon, without permission from the underegated; and also from setting out fires upon said claim, whereby the secondary timber may be now way be injured. Notice is hereby given that all persons standing timber may hanny way be injured.

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