 day we had the benefit of an hour with Mr. Henry vilard. were pleasanty received, and in-
vited to a seat. During our visit negotiations for the Wester Mr. Villard received a Frankfon cablegram informing lim of that patches busineses and cans attract plans. Since the first day of last December he has raisedorer twen-
ty-two millian dollars for the purpose of carrying railway and trans. portation enterprises in the Pacific
Northwest. When be came among Northwest. When be came among
us look at what we hat! now look? and at prices, too. Twelve dollar on wheat per ton from Walla-wallia eight. Last month the farners of Walia-wnila valiey audressed petition to Mr. Villard asking for
${ }^{2}$ further reduction upon down Ireights, but, as if in anticipation he had already orderca the reduc tion, and within three days from thi mailing of that petition to bing the papers notifying the public interested of the reduced rate-
Putting this and that together Putting this and that together singular that the Oregon Railway and Navigation company can have an enemy in Oregon or Wasting
ton territory? Since the sale of the old Oregon Steam Navigation company to Mr. Villard and his associntes they have spent in Ore gon five dellars or more for every
wenty-five cent piece they hav carneed in the state and are now putting forth all their energies to meet the Union Pacific railroan company at Baker city next spring,
thus giving Oregon an outlet the Atlantie side direct by rail Our prediction that in the course
of time this combination would absorh the Northera Pacific rail rood company has come to pass
earlier somewhat than we sup. posed would be the case; but whil it is true that Mr. Villard and his asssciates have the future manage ment and direction of the financial part of the Northern Pacific rail road company Mr. Villard has no
desire whaterer to assume further responsibilities involved by another Presidency, and the management of the Northern Pacific railrea present remain as $i t$ is.

St. Louis is jubiluot over her increasing importance as an expor The other day a steamer left that city with the largest number poonds of grain that had eve
descended the river, viz, 20,847 , 900 , a cargo that would have re quired 700 freight cars, in thirty five trains. The Misssissippi route however, does not offer as much advantage as might appear, since compared with rail is offset by port charges, the cost of trans ferring grain from barge to steamer at New Orleans, and higher marine
Estimates of the cost of the pro posed Whitman Monument hav been reeeived from the New Eng. land granite works, on board vess sel in the port of New York There will be about 150 tons of it The only question to be decided the nuip it. The ship it. The estimates are for liths, that is to sey, in the in pere 2 The whole ing , in liree piece In fifteen pieces, With the ties of throngh nilw fo dian York to Walla-walla, so soon be oltanned by the so soon recently formed between the Ore gon Railway and Navigation com pany and the Union Pacific, this monument, if procured in New York, will probably be shipped t
its destination by rail. usa
 reciprocate reasonable concessions,
and are prepared to be content and are prepared to be content
vith an arrangenent in keeping with substantial justice and a wise expediency. What the public de-
sires is the creation by congress of sires is the creation by congress of
an intelligent commission which will make a scientific inquiry into hie cost of the transportation,
taking into account the actual money cost of the milroad doing the business and allowing a fair
return upon the same and making allowances for the keeping sp and
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