

Villard-Billings Talk.

We have given through these columns says the Oregonian, the document prepared by Mr. Villard, and embodying his suggestions as to relations between the two companies, together with his views as to plans of construction and operation. Our readers will likewise be interested in a statement of the views of Mr. Billings, as embodied in a letter to Mr. Villard. By comparing the two documents it will be seen that the views presented in them are at variance on a single point. The difference may be thus stated.

Mr. Villard suggests that the Northern Pacific postpone all new construction west of Wallula, until the main line shall be finished to Ainsworth, with the exception of a short extension from Ainsworth to the Yakima country; but, after the completion of such main line to Ainsworth, the Northern Pacific to be at liberty to build over the Cascade range or along the Columbia river, or both, as the best interests of the company may require. Mr. Billings answers, in substance, that he does not wish to consent by such arrangement to postpone construction of the western division of the Northern Pacific.

The surveys for the Cascade line are not completed, but he believes a practicable route will be found. If, however, there is no practicable route, that ends the matter. He argues the case on grounds wholly different from those stated in Mr. Villard's reasoning, which set forth very strongly the advantages that would accrue to both companies from the arrangement proposed. There is force in either argument; but it is plain that the plan of Mr. Villard would hasten the completion of the Northern Pacific across the continent, and, by saving the present expenditure of many millions on the most difficult part of the line, where there is no local traffic demanding a line, would prove—taking the whole situation into account—to be the better business proposition.

The Dalles Mountaineer suggests that the rapid extension of that city to the south and east renders the present means of communication beyond the bluff disagreeable. Fully one-fourth of the citizens now reside in that portion of the city, and the necessity of opening better facilities for communication between the two sections is daily growing more urgent. You want the elevator railway, Bro. Hand, such as they have about Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. If The Dalles is to keep up its reputation of a live town which it is now acquiring, you must see that all necessary improvements are made at any rate. You have got started in the march of improvements and now keep it up.

The proposed Union Pacific extension from Granger, Wyoming, to Portland, runs from Granger to Bear river, thence through Soda Springs, Idaho, down Snake river and to Portland. The line is about 800 miles in length and will be ready for the work of construction at the earliest possible day. Mr. Clark, of Omaha, has charge of the surveying of the first 150 miles from Granger, and expects to be engaged until the middle of the summer or longer. This extension will give a valuable outlet to Oregon, as well as reaching some valuable points in Idaho. When we passed Granger coming west, on the 25th ult., six days after the final agreement between the Union Pacific and Oregon Railway and Navigation companies, tents of the engineer corps were in the field. The intention is to have the road finished and in complete operation by the end of June, 1882. It will cross the Utah and Northern about as far north of Ogden as it leaves the main line east of Ogden.

The Best Homes.

There is much wealth and considerable culture in cities of California and Oregon, but what is needed is more homes where the talented and accomplished could occasionally meet. Homes like that of Lady Bessington and the Holland mansion in London, and the late Carey sisters in New York. The houses occupied by these ladies will remain forever famous for the delightful society that gathered there. It was at Lady Bessington's that Lord Macaulay first met Tom Moore. In fact most of the celebrated authors and men of genius in England of the past generation have made the acquaintance of each other in one or another of the homes mentioned. At the Carey sisters in New York could be found almost any evening, either Horace Greeley, Bayard Taylor, Bancroft, the historian, Rev. Dr. Chapin, Stedman, the poet, and men distinguished in science or philosophy, thinkers and orators. It was always regarded a very high honor to be invited to the home of Alice and Phoebe Carey, on account of the brilliant company one was always sure to meet there. Why do not some of our Oregon and California ladies of wealth make her house a rendezvous for men and women of talent? Surely no position in fashionable society could at all equal the fame such a lady would achieve when she had once gathered beneath her roof the gifted people of our coast. It would not be necessary to invite the bohemian penny liners. There are plenty of thinkers and people who write and talk brilliantly, who are ladies and gentlemen as well. This most delightful home of the Pacific has yet to be made. It will be the one where cultured and talented people can always find a welcome and be kindly entertained. The pleasure and instruction such guests give in return for hospitality far exceed the cost and trouble their visits make. What can be more refreshing than to know that at a certain home you can always find some one who has knowledge to impart—a place where genial wit meets mellow humor, and where not an hour can be spent without improvement of some kind?

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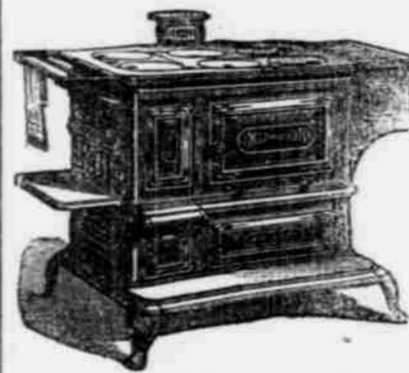
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