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COMPETING LINES.

The O. R. & N. Co. have made extensive preparations to build upon the line to Baker City as far as Pelican station on the edge of Grand Ronde, and there they have ceased. Were they to build no further than this, they would at once secure trade and travel enough to make the route pay. But the completion of the proposed Short Line being a through route, would at once destroy the O. R. & N. Co.'s business, consequently it can be safely predicted that the O. R. & N. will build to Baker City, and possibly extend further. On the other hand the Short Line has reached the Wood river country, and it is also projected for a distance which will bring it to the Weiser through a country that will yield a ready trade. When it gets beyond that point it will be in a profitless country, one whose productions could be taken out with a single train.

Then it is evident that, should they make any attempt to pass this point of paying traffic, they will do so with a view of controlling a through line to tide water. They have already made preparations for a bridge at Burnt River Pass. At that point the O. R. & Co. are also grading. This conflict caused a proposition to be made by the O. R. & N. Co. to the Short Line company, to connect roads. No definite action was taken on the matter at the time, though about a month afterwards it was whispered around that a meeting was to be held at Salt Lake, and negotiations were then to be opened between the rival companies. This was in December. Nothing since has been heard of conciliation or settlement of the complication. When the O. R. & N. Co. started their road—the Baker Branch Road—they knew their destination. They also were aware of the Short Line's progress, and the Short Line had its eyes open to the action of the O. R. & N. Co. There is one thing evident, the O. R. & N. Co. must have started out with the intention of building a through line, but the subsequent acquirement of the control of the Northern Pacific rendered that plan undesirable. Yet being aware that the proposed route of the O. R. & N. Co. was superior, they have labored with a view of defeating the completion of the Short Line, which is certain to be the shortest route across the continent. Whether they will accomplish this result remains to be seen. If they can enter into a combination with the Short Line, they will do so. If not, they will attempt to dispose of their road to that company, and a war will be waged between the N. P. and U. P. roads. The O. R. & N. and N. P. are on the defense.

There is plenty of timber land yet untaken on Puget Sound, says the *Argus*, if you only know where to find it. Parties desiring timber claims should inquire and make the acquaintance of a "timber cruiser," who will put the applicant on the track of a claim for say \$50. These experts or cruisers have full knowledge of vacant timber land, and if you apply to the right parties they will show you a claim of five or six million feet of timber for the small sum of \$50; then you go to the land office and file thereon, and after the usual public notice of ten weeks, prove up and pay for it at the rate of \$2.50 per acre and the land is yours, at an expense of about \$500. Then the claim is worth from \$1,000 to \$3,000.

Brace up the whole system with King of the Blood. See Advertisement.

Intelligent readers of newspapers may well be surprised to learn that there is (among unintelligent readers) a belief that letter postage has been reduced from three to two cents per half ounce. It seems almost incredible that persons who can read and write should have gained this notion merely from the printed headings in the daily journals. But it is likely that the deluded people who have besieged the postoffice clerks to exchange three cent stamps for two cent stamps, under the impression that the former are no longer of any use, have gained this scrap of news from the hasty reading of a "display head" in a newspaper. There are people who pride themselves on their ability to pick up all the really desirable news of the day in this manner. They are "too busy" to read anything but the head line. But when it comes to trading old stamps for new on the basis of information acquired on the wing, as it were, the necessity of taking a little time for the sake of accuracy is apparent.

While the open lands of the west coast valley are occupied, there are yet, says the *Farmer*, immense areas of unoccupied territory through every part of western Oregon and Washington. The coast counties of Oregon offer many inducements and contain much rich land that is vacant. The counties are mostly forest covered but when cleared present inexhaustible soil. There are settlements all along, and chiefly at the sea-ports. This region will always be near market, with the ocean for its highway. Its forests will become valuable and be sought for as the forests of our counties disappear. Stock, chiefly cattle, thrive along the ocean shore, and sheep do well in some locations. Stock browse or eat native grasses. The air of the ocean with its moisture, keeps the grass green all summer; the winters are so moderate that snow or ice seldom comes, so that pasturage is good the year round. Owing to this fact dairy farming is the most desirable occupation.

The year 1882 will be remembered in the political history of the country as a year of peaceful revolution in party politics. With the exception of its reverses in 1874 and 1876 the Republican party since it attained power in the nation has suffered no defeats comparable with those which it sustained in the year now drawing to a close. Since the country is prosperous in spite of misgovernment the results cannot be attributed to "hard times," as the result of the political campaign of 1874 was. The outcome of the recent elections was largely due to the fact that there is a widespread desire for a change in party supremacy, the Republican organization having charge of national affairs for more than twenty-one years, and to the unpopularity of the federal administration and a congress which had disappointed the just expectations of the people.—*Buffalo Courier*.

Cattle will be cattle next spring. Indeed a good fat steer is no "sardine" now, and brings forty and fifty dollars without a struggle. A few years ago stock could be bought for a song, but it takes coin now.

A late issue of the *New York Herald* contained special mention of the cure of Thaddeus Davids, Esq., of the great ink firm, 127 William street, New York. He was suffering from rheumatic gout, (an inherited ailment,) and St. Jacobs Oil cured him in twenty-four hours.

Perhaps the biggest grain farm under one ownership in California, is that of Dr. Glenn in Colusa county. He has under fence 60,000 acres, all in a good state of cultivation. His staple product is wheat. In the harvest year of 1880-81, he shipped for export from this one farm no less than 28,000 tons. Estimating this quantity at the low rate of \$1.50 per cental, we have a value of between \$800,000 and \$900,000 for this single tract of grain land. The grower sent his produce directly to the European markets, loading twelve large sized vessels. The doctor did not have as large returns this last season, owing to unfavorable influence. It may also be incidentally remarked that this one parcel does not comprise all of the possessions of this large land proprietor. He has other tracts in less compact form in different sections of the state.

Much of the value of the Pacific Northwest depends on its mild temperature and salubrious climate, its exemption from the extremes of summer's heat and winter's cold. Any description of that region will be insufficient that does not show how it comes that the western part of it is so certainly supplied with moisture, when California, occupying the same relative position on the south coast suffers from droughts. The western valleys of Oregon are abundantly watered by springs and streams and propitious rainfall, while the fields of California have to be irrigated to make agriculture a certainty. It is the sweep of this great Japan current, that is lost before it reaches California, that gives to western Oregon and Washington temperate climate, abundant rainfall and certainty of harvests.—*Willamette Farmer*.

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SYMPTOMS OF A DISEASED LIVER.

Pain in the right side, under edge of ribs, increasing on pressure, sometimes the pain is on the left side; the patient is rarely able to lie on the left side; sometimes the pain is felt under the shoulder and is sometimes taken for Rheumatism in the arm. The stomach is affected with loss of appetite and sickness; the bowels in general are constive, sometimes alternating with laxity; the head is troubled with pain, accompanied with a dull, heavy sensation in the back part. There is generally a considerable loss of memory, accompanied with a painful sensation of having left undone something which ought to have been done. A slight dry cough, sometimes attended. The patient complains of nervousness and debility; he is easily startled; his feet are cold or burning, and he complains of a prickly sensation of the skin; his spirits are low, and although he is satisfied that exercise is beneficial to him, yet he can scarcely summon up fortitude enough to try it.

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