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EFFORT is being made in the legislature to have the incorporation law amended so that the O. R. & N. lines can be leased to the Union Pacific Railroad Co. Shortsighted men in and out of the legislature oppose it. The measure is one that would be of benefit to the state; it would admit a new line of transcontinental railroad, and the property now here would be as subsidiary and as effectually controlled as at present. Pass the bill by all means on its merits and because of its evident benefit to the state.

It is one of the strangest spectacles in the world, says the News, to see people of the nineteenth century endeavoring to prevent the entrance of a great transcontipental railway into their state. The spectacle, however, can now be seen in some portions of Oregon, but there are enough progressive and wideawake people in the state to welcome the strangers and accord to them every facility for gaining a footing. There is plenty of room in Oregon for doz ens of railroads and millions of live people. Throw the doors

Mr. PARNELL'S power, 58ys s London journal, is almost wholly due to his force of restraint. He has absolute control over his temper and never "lets himself go." The leader of a race famed for jovial wit, passionate oratory, reckless abandon and a more than regal generosity, he never made a joke in his life, is a cold, unimpassioned calculator, who holds himself in reserve even with his intimates, and whose oratory has never been relieved by a single burst of passionate fervor. He is the mystery-man of modern poli-

tics. SPEAKING of the remarks of the English and Canadian press regarding the action of the senate in passing the "fisheries retaliatory bill," Senator Ingalls, of No braska, says: "They are attempting to divert the issue from the gravity of the accusation to the insignificance of the accuser. We have been so submissive and so forbearing in the past that the nation of cowards. There has been so much transfusion of the dry rot of the Anglo-mania into our social system, and nonsense about kindred blood, that there has been temporary aberration of intellect and suspension of selfrespect on the part of the American people, who forget that England is the only enemy we have on the face of the earth. It is time that America awoke to the fact that statesmanship of the nineteenth century requires the unification of this continent, under one homogenous government, from the frozen sea to the interoceanic canal, wherever it be built. That canal should be our southern boundary. My dream, and I believe the settled conviction of the American people, is a continental republic. That is our manifest destiny: that is the inevitable tendency of the political forces of the American people. It is their only safety, and instead of wasting our power in petty intrigues with savages for a naval station in the Pacific sea, a wiser and more commanding policy would be to establish relations of international friendship with our Canadian neighbors on the north, and our Spanish neighbors on the south, and not permit the machinations of Great Britain to foment disturbances which will defer such alliance or render it impossible."

The O. R. & N. Lease.

With reference to the lease of the O. R. & N. to the Union Pacific, Eli-jah Smith, who is in Washington, tells me that up to a few weeks ago most of the attorneys who had examined into the case, held that the Oregon Short Line could legally lease the first named line. Judge Dillon, gen-

eral counsel for the Union Pacific company, was very decided in his opinion that this could be done. About the first of this month, however, other attorneys were called in, and after a consultation and exchange of views an agreement was reached that it was at least necessary that the Oregon legislature should ex-pressly grant the O. R. & N. Co. authority to lease its road before a legal lease could be effected. Mr. Smith intimates, if he does not so state in direct words, that if the Oregon legislature grants the authority asked, the lease may be regarded as a certainty.-Oregonian Special.

Washington Correspondence.

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Whatever may be said of "Boss Shepard" who, by the way, owns a gigantic silver mine in Mexico now, there can be no doubt that he has done more for the city of Washington than any other man in the way of improvements, for he has redeemed it from its old time slush and mudholes. As I write I hear a dirge played.

It leads the funeral procession of Gen. Hazen. So one by one the sol-diers are stepping off. In the year 1856, Oregon had three since illustrious men in one of her companies sent out to fight the Indians: Capt. U. S. Grant, Lieut. Phil. Sheridan and

Lieut. Hazen. Mrs.Logan's pension bill has been deeated in the house and the Democrats object to it (or rather part of them
do) on the grounds of "a more equal
livision of favors," and it is rather
hard that one old fellow should
"scrub along" on four dollars a
month when some body else who performed less service gets several hun-ired for the same length of time. If the present weather is a sample

of the "sunny south" and "Washing-ton weather," it would be advisable for persons who desire a mild climate to set sail for Greenland's toy mount-

Senator Mitchell's speech on the canal and locks of the Columbia river was a "howling sucress," and caused a good deal of rattling amongst the dry bones of political fossils. There is no doubt that Mitchell is one of the sblest men and most earnest workers in the U.S. senate.

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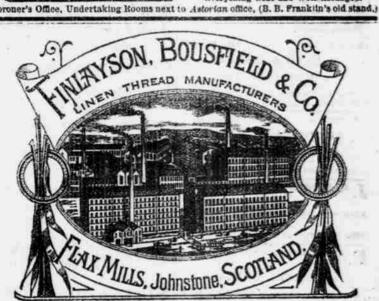


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