A GREAT ENTERPRISE.

The council of the Russian empire has just decided upon an enterprise that will doubtless prove the greatest undertaking of the twentieth century: the construction of a railroad from Petersburg so Pekin.

This tremendous enterprise is not, of course, entered upon for the henefit of the traveling public. State and trade reasons are the only ones that have suggested it. Russia wishes to be able to carry out its pet scheme of Asian conquest more readily, and also to divert the current of commerce now flowing towards the Pacific, and which the British are endeavoring to turn towards Burmah, and the French towards Tonquin in the di rection of Siberia, the Ural and Russia in Europe. Siberia is provided with enormous rivers, all navigable, and already traversed by quite a fleet of steam crafts. It is to connect these silent highwa--open to navious:

owion for nearlythat the year-that the first sections of this immense line of railroad will be laid.

The news of this decision on the part of the council is said to have already caused the greatest excitement among the Siberians. The cities are vying with each other in offers of money and other inducements to secure the construction of the road through their at their hall at 8:30 o'clock A. M. on territorial limits, and thus secure Monday, the 4th of July, to take part in the parade. By order of for them permanent prosperity. The expense of building such a line will be less than might at first be supposed. No land will have
to be purchased, labor is what may
be termed "dirt cheap," and in
some localities the cities have
offered to pay the navvies, while
the country is so flat that no costly be supposed. No land will have the country is so flat that no costly engineering works will be necessary. Besides, mines abound in Siberia, and iron is abundant. The labor of Russian exiles can be utilized in the great work, and Chinese help will also be readily obtainable. In short, the construction of such a line of railway will present far fewer serious obstructions than were encountered in laying the iron bands that unite the Atlantic and Pacific slopes of the American continent.

To Represent the States

The following named misses will present the different states on the The following named misses will represent the different states on the Liberty car next Monday: Dolly Campbell, New York, Daisy Ferrell, Ohio, Mamie Belcher, Oregon, Annie Woodfield, California, Pearl Bemis, Nebraska, Rose Hill, Nevada, Mollie Foster, Pennsylvania, Lizzie McClean, Minnesota, Pearl Holden, Iowa, Frankie Holden, Massachusetts, Emma Twilight, Maine, Hila Tucker, Missouri, Isabella Snuith, Mississippi, Myrtle Welch, New Hampshire, Maude Stockton, New Jersey, Katie McCue, Illinois, Katie Grant, Virginia, Nellie Mitchell, Rhode Island, Carrie Berendes, Florida, Annie Christiansen, Kentucky, Etta Voigle, Mary-Berendes, Florida, Annie Christiansen, Kentucky, Etta Voigle, Maryland, Gertrude Montieth, Alabama,
Annie Gratke, Vermont, Violet Bowlby, Indiana, Ruth Garner, Michigan,
Maggie Davison, Louisiana, Kate
Sinnott, Texas, Edna Peeples, Arkansas, Reba Hobson, Tennessee,
Eva Shaffer, West Virginia, Dora
Shaffer, Kansas, Mary Handren,
North Carolina, Winnie Goodman,
Delaware, Annie Nolan. South Carolina, Nellie Jeffries, Colorado, Mary
Jeffries, Georgia, Dollie Levings,
Wisconsin.

But No Actress, All the Same.

Mrs. Langtry is not a great actress nor even a good one. Standing by the staircase of Claude Melnotte's the staircase of Claude Melnotte's home, her arm raised, a glint of light shining on her wonderfully handsome side face and chestnut hair, her beautiful back nearly bare and her snowy bust well exposed, while the soft, elinging, uninflated robe showed all the handsome curves of her figure and hid its angularities, she made a beautiful picture, and one about which no two men would agree; though all must admire it.—S. F. Post, June 28.

An Acceptance and Invitation

Having accepted the invitation of the Fourth of July committee to parade on that day, we hereby invite all honorably discharged soldiers and sailors, as well as all members of the G. A. R. who may be in the city, to participate with us on the coming occasion; and Canby Post, of Ilwaco, W. T., are specially invited to attend. By order of the Post,

W. B. Ross, Adjutant.

The merchant tailor has left town to to be absent about two weeks. He will bring back a full line of fine suitings and tronserings for the fall trade.

What They Say in San Francisco.

San Francisco, June 30.—The Southern Pacific company will soon put on a line of steamers of its own between here and the Columbia river and Puget Sound.

This is believed in railroad circles to be the key by which the future plans of the Southern Pacific company may be predicted. No one acquainted with the railroad situation along the coast, and the intense rivalry between all of the American lines for business, together with the rapid and bold struggles of the Canadian Pacific, thinks for one moment that the Southern Pacific secured the Oregon and California road merely with a view of reaching only Portland, no matter how valuable such a point may be to the company.

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That the Southern Pacific company will eventually extend its line to Puget Sound seems to those who are best posted on the railroad situation to be a foregone conclusion. They also say that the road could scarcely ignore the advantages offered by the route to Astoria.

The establishing of the proposed line of steamers to the Columbia river and the Sound is understood by well informed railroad men as simply a temporary arrangement, and will be maintained only until the railroad is extended. It is also considered an indication that there was a sound basis for the report which leaked out about the branch road from Forest Grove to Astoria.

San Farnessoo, June 30.—A report that the Southern Pacific is preparing steamers to carry passengers to the Columbia river and the Puget sound country is denied at the company's headquarters.

A Prediction From The "World."

We predict that whenever Astoria is connected by rail to the inland em-pire, it will be down the Columbia river.-Portland World

Not a few of the citizens of Astoria Not a few of the citizens of Astoria have recently become greatly excited over the astounding facts, that several of their friends who had been pronounced by their physicians as incurable and beyond all hope—suffering with that dreaded monster Consumption—have been completely cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, the only remedy that does positively cure all throat and lung diseases, Coughs, Colds, Asthma and Bronchitis. Trial bottles free at W. E. Dement & Co.'s Drug Store, large bottles \$1

Members of Columbia Assembly K

Seaside Lodge No. 12, A. O. U. W

All firemen are hereby ordered to meet at their respective engine houses at 9 o'clock a. m., July 4th, 1887., in full uniform. By order Board of Foremen, B. S. Worsley, E. Z. Ferguson, Chief Engu'r. Secretary.

Northwestern Legion, No. 2, Select Knights of A. O. U. W., having ac-cepted the invitation of the Fourth of July committee to take part in the parade on the Fourth, the members of the lodge are requested to meet at m in full uniforn half-past eight on the morning of the Fourth. By order Com.,

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE
bill of sale, now on record in the Custom
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Astoria Or June 20th 1882

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