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**The Latest Railroads.**

The announcement made two weeks ago that a company had been incorporated for the purpose of building a railroad from The Dalles to Dufur caused people to display a greater interest and the presence of the incorporators in the city yesterday brought with it a realization of the true state of affairs.

The name of the company which has in hand the project is the Great Southern Railway Company, and the incorporators John Hemrich, Sr., president of the Washington Trust Company, of Seattle, W. F. Nelson, an extensive railroad contractor, and John J. Hemrich, capitalist. G. W. Joseph, of Portland, is the attorney. The capital stock of the company is \$100,000 and it is estimated that in building and equipping the railroad as far as Dufur \$300,000 will be required. The road will be standard gauge and of not less than 64 pound steel.

Speaking unreservedly of the project yesterday Mr. Hemrich said that the plan is to commence at the mouth of Fifteen-Mile creek, three miles up the river, following the Fifteen-Mile route for a distance of twenty-seven miles to Dufur. "It is our intention," said the capitalist, "to have the road completed in time to move this year's crop, and when this is done we expect to extend the road to the southeastern boundary of the state, the first objective point being the extensive irrigation country of the Deschutes and the timber district of the Matoles."

The contract has been awarded to W. F. Nelson, who has an extensive plant for constructing, which will be shipped from Seattle soon and work be commenced.

Referring to the route which the road will take we say from The Dalles to Dufur, when in reality it is projected from a point three miles above the city. It is not however, the intention to allow the mouth of Fifteen-Mile to gobble up the terminus but to bring it on in to The Dalles. Otherwise the city would receive anything but benefit thereby. With this city as the terminus, the wealth of the immense regions through which the road passes will be brought to its natural port, and what was formerly transported hither by team will find its motive power in the steam engine.—The Dalles Chronicle.

**The World's Fair Route.**

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**A Mysterious Disappearance.**

J. C. Conn, a merchant of Silver Lake, is missing, and the circumstances of his disappearance are very strange. It is said that Conn regarded the recent sheepkilling raid in Lake county as an outrage and freely expressed such opinion. Reports have it that he afterwards received threatening letters commanding silence on the subject. Conn owned his own freighting outfit and his wagons were laid up under a shed until freighting should begin again. Some weeks ago the shed and wagons were burned, and the fire must have been of incendiary origin. Conn's disappearance occurred in the morning. He received his mail and started to walk towards the bridge near that place. On this road he was seen by two persons. No trace has been found of him afterwards. The Central Oregonian says that a shot was heard near the bridge that morning and that inquiry was instituted, and soon developed the fact that no person about Silver Lake had fired a shot on that day. Silver Lake people at once formed searching parties and dragged the river for several miles and searched the surrounding country without results. Mr. Conn had been gone a day before any alarm was felt for his safety. The affair is a mysterious one.

**An Easy One.**

A subscriber asks the Journal who paid the funeral expenses of the Pilot Butte Development company. In reply we beg leave to state that we were not on intimate terms with the deceased before death claimed it and the matter will have to be referred to the Deschutes Echo for answer.—Crook County Journal.

Ans. The late lamented was composed of superheated air, and after demise the remains amalgamated with an east wind and wandered away.

A subscriber asks the Echo what the "cocaine stone" in the Journal's cartoon of two weeks ago meant. Of course we don't know, and request an explanation from the Journal.

**The Congressional Situation.**

The Simon-Moody party of Multnomah was defeated by the Mitchell-Williamson people by an overwhelming majority. Out of 129 delegates to the county convention the Simon-Moody faction only elect 15. This victory gives Williamson 71 votes in the congressional convention out of a total of 180. Moody carried Wasco, his home county, by strong majorities but lost Wheeler county with 5 votes, and Morrow county with 6 votes, both of which went for Williamson. Mr. Williamson needs but 91 votes in the congressional convention to succeed, and of these he now has 32. Thus Williamson needs but 9 more votes to win the nomination. Multnomah county settled matters and other counties will fall in line. Hermann is the only member of the Oregon delegation who is on friend-

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ly terms with Moody and Hermann may meet a fate very similar to that of his friend.

The following is the apportionment of the congressional committee.

Baker	14	Morrow	5
Clatsop	19	Multnomah	71
Columbia	7	Sherman	4
Crook	5	Umatilla	16
Gilliam	4	Union	19
Grant	7	Wallowa	6
Harney	4	Wasco	12
Malheur	5	Wheeler	1

**Without Foundation.**

The charges against W. A. Bell, U. S. commissioner, as set forth in last week's Journal, are not borne out by the facts. Mr. Bell's attorney has looked into the matter in Judge Bellinger's office at Portland and notified his client that no charges were preferred against him. The facts in the case are that Mr. Bell's commission was revoked simply because only one commissioner is needed in Prineville, and Judge Bellinger, being a democrat, gave Mr. M. R. Biggs, also a democrat, the preference. There is no charge of falsifying or overcharging

against Mr. Bell, who is one of the squarest men that ever breathed.—Prineville Review.

**News of the Week.**

The eldest daughter of Senator Mitchell, Mrs. T. H. Griffen, died at New York City.

Dietrich, of Nebraska, is not holding his own in his state. This is probably his last term in the senate.

Postmaster General Payne is suffering from the gout. Gout is a disease said to arise from high living and insufficient exercise.

The carbarn murderers, who were captured near Chicago after a desperate battle, and sentenced to hang, have confessed to a number of murders in various parts of the country.

James H. Tillman, of South Carolina, who was acquitted of murder some months ago, is a candidate for congress. According to the evidence given during his trial he deserved the death penalty.