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RUMORS FLY FAST

RAILROAD TALK GOING best it attaches itself by the ligature-THE ROUNDS

Harriman Interests Said to be Busy Surveying in Eastern Oregon for East and West Line-Bend Given as the Eventual Terminus of the Road

Rumors of railroad building still excite Bend people although they have heard countless stories of this kind. This was shown by the excitement last Thursday evening when the report got started from some source that the Hill people had let the contract for a line from Bend to Burns. It developed that there was absolutely no truth to it.

The report gained credence probably on account of the activity of the Harriman interests in Eastern supernatural. They believe it to be Oregon. The Oregonian carried part vegetable and part animat. The long stories Thursday and Friday of what is going on around Vale. According to these reports, Burns will can is composed principally of the be the western terminus of the extension the Short Line is now building from Vale towards the Malheur the fiber and grow downward until canyon. More than 100 civil engi- they enter the earth. It is this peculiar neers have gone into the field, it is said, since Judge Lovett visited Vale ness claim that after it has reached several weeks ago and construction of 140 miles west of Vale has been authorized, it is reported. The near it.-Wairarapa Times. Oregonian says:

"Plans of the Harriman system provide for extension of the new of Krakatos, in the strait of Sunda, in road to Burns, which at present is the proposed terminus. However, the line will extend eventually to Bend, and may possibly penetrate and depth of the cavity left covered the Cascades and find an outlet in the Willamette Vally.

"As soon as the road is completed to Bend, less than 50 miles will remain to connect it with the main partial ring formed by the three reline of the Southern Pacific at Crescent, which will be one of the principal points on the Natron-Klamath cut-off, work upon which now is

"It is probable that the extension even before the cut-off is finished. Steady construction from Burns westward, therefore, is expected so that the Eastern Oregon country will have direct connection with the Willamette Valley, and that the heavy traffic of the valley, which constantly is growing heavier, may be handled eastward without the circuitous haul through Portland and over the main line of the O.-W. R. & N. Co.

The Harriman system will commation coming from the general in their original form by spraying of the Oregon Short Line at Salt Lake City. W. H. Bancroft, general manager of the Short Line, beautiful, and all are characteristic of will have charge of construction the species to which they belong, so work, while Carl Stradley, chief that from a scientific standpoint their engineer, will direct the field permanent preservation is very desir-

A Blind Painter,

blind painter"

"Impresible." "Not at all. His work is perfect." "A billed painter? His work is perfect? Why, what does he paint?" "He paints blinds, you chump."-

Cleveland Plain Dealer. London and New York.

New York will never give in the same degree as London the impression of being a real city. It is on too big of too small a scale for that; its rivers are too wide-they brenk the sense of continuity. At Charing Cross, with eleven miles of London in every direction, one gets a feeling of mass of Immensity that is tacking in little old New York, as Manhattan is properly described.-Springfield Republican.

Not to His Liking.

"How did you enjoy your wish to your grandfather in the country. Rob?"

"Oh, it was fine, 'cept I had to wash my face and hands in raw water at the pump. I like it cooked best, like that you made your bushand happy we have it at home "-Judge.

Continental Currency.

Continental currency notes were in July, 1780, worth 2 cents on the dollar and it took a "wagon load of currency to buy a wagon load of provisions"

Wedding Venice to the Sea. By dropping a ring into the ocean at Venice in 1177 the doge "wedded the city to the sea." The ceremony is repeated annually.

We ought to avoid the friendship of the bad and the enmity of the good -

The mussel's natural home is at the

bottom of the sea, never in very deep water and yet deep enough to be nearly always covered at any state of the tide. For preference it likes a bed of sand or smooth, fine gravel. To this like growth on the shell known as the bysaus, and thus, standing on end with its point to the bottom of the sea, it forms itself in a dense mass so closely packed together that not an inch of the sea floor is visible. new ones come they do not extend the ground space occupied, but range themselves one on top of another in layers, all firmly fixed together by a fiving cord of connection. In this position they are exposed to many dangers. A heavy storm may break the mass to pieces and disperse its constituents far and wide. An alteration of the tidal current may sweep a sand avalanche upon them and bring about their end by suffocation. Even if they escape these dangers it is certain that bottom layers will be crushed out of

One of the most remarkable nat-ural fetishes in the world is the Chinese keucht, called by some people "the vegetable tamb." It is regarded by the natives of China as something plant certainty bears a resemblance to an animal, aithough it might be taken for a pig as readily as a lamb. Kouphat known as rhizome and springs from seed. After attaining its full height roots and tendrils spring from formation which has caused it to be regarded with so much awe. The Chiits full size it censes to be vegetable and turns animal, feeding upon the tender shoots of plants which grow

A Submerced Crater.

During the explosion of the volcano 1883, a large part of the biland of Krakaton was blown away, and the sea took its pince. Not long afterward measurements were made of the shape with water at the northern end of the disrupted island. The results were published by Dr. Verbeck in 1890. Lately Dr. Von Bemmelen has remeasured the submerged basin formed by the explosion, and he finds that within the maining islands of the Krakatoa group there is a central basin, eval in shape and with a fairly level floor, having a depth over a considerable area of 820 feet. Comparison with the former neasures indicates that there has been no change in the sea floor during the from Bend to Crescent will be made intervening years. There is no sign of volcanic activity.

Preserving Spiders' Webs.

Naturalists employ an ingenious method of preserving all kinds of apt ders' webs. The webs are first spray ed with an atomizer with a thin solution of artists' shellar, and then, should they be of the ordinary geometric form, they are pressed carefully against a glass place, the supporting strands at the same time being sev ered. After the shellar solution has dried the places carrying the webs can plete the work planned for Eastern be stored away in a rabinet. Even Oregon without delay, is the infor- dome shaped webs may be preserved en with sheline and then them to dry before removal from their supports. Many spiders' webs are very

How Flying Fish Fly

The wonderful sixth sense supposed beat their "wings" is a mistake, if we to be possessed by the blind is not a are to rely upon the results of studies fable. I know a blind musicipa. He of these fish made by no less an au thority than Captain Barett Hamilton "That's not so remarkable, I know # It appears that the wines are not true organs of flight, but rather play the part of a parachate or an aeropiane The whole motive power is supplied by the tail, which nots as a propeller. and the vibration or quivering of the wings to the air currents and their occasional shift of inclination are not phenomena connected with the propulsion of the fish to its serial flight.

Deer in Scotland. The deer are probably the safest crop in Scotland. Oats may perish and never ripen by reason of too early frosts and long continued wet. Grouse may have disease and reage to count on any moor for several years. Steep are generally voted of less value than grouse. But deer are very furely af fected by the sensons in such a way as to touch the sport and the letting value of forests.-Hlustrated Sporting

Where Now!

The Family Friend-My dear, I dare say you find comfort in the thought while he fived. The Widow and realtzing the donble meaning of her words: -Yes, indeed. Poor Jack was in heaven until he died.-London Sketch

"How shall I close this letter to Slowpay-'yours truly or 'respectfully?' "Say 'respectfully,' but add, in parentheses, 'for the last time.' "-Filegende Blatter.

Great men should think of opportunity and not of time. Time is the excuse of feeble minded and puzzled spirits. - Disraell.

Longfellow's Incomplete Library. remember there was one little boy of whom Longfellow was very fund and who came often to see him. One day the child tooked cornestly at the long rows of books in the library and at length said. "Have you got thick

the Glant Killer?" Longfellow was obliged to confess that his library did not contain that venerated volume. The little box lock ed very sorry and presently slipped down from his knee and went away but early next morning Laughellow saw him coming up the wark with something tightly coasped in his little fists. The child had brought tim 2 cents with which he was to buy a "Jack the Ginnt Killer," to be his own Annie Field, "Authors and Friends.

Insect Tones.

An investigator given to the collecthere are at least three different tones emitted by insects a low one during flight, a bigher one when the wings are held to such manner that they do not vibrate and a yet higher tone when the lusect is held so that none of its timbs can be moved. This last, it is pointed out, is the "voice proper" of the insect. In some cases it is produced by the stigmata of the thorax,

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