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RAILROAD COMPLETED. Moro is now a railroad town, the track of the C. S. being now completed and trains running.

Last Wednesday the construction gang laid the rails into town, and in the evening they were tendered a banquet by their employers.

A short but very lively impromptu celebration was gotten up the same evening—snails were fired, bells tolled, whistles tied open, and the yelling machines of various small boys and larger ones were taxed to add to the din that was heard ten miles or more.

With the railroad here, and good prospects for flour mills soon, and electric light and power, as well as other enterprises, Moro to-day stands on the threshold of a grand increase in population and importance.

Messrs. Lytle and O'Reilly are proving themselves able to cope successfully with adverse circumstances, such as many would give way to.

A glance at the figures for 1896 and 1897 on exports and imports of merchandise and gold, show a very gratifying balance in our favor.

Gabber—"What does your son do for a living?" Nabber—"He's a scientific boxer."

The Secretary of the Department of Superintendence, a department of the State Teachers' Association has called a meeting of the Department for Dec. 28 and 29, 1898, at Portland, for the purpose of discussing thoroughly the various phases of needed school legislation with a view to making recommendations to the legislature, that is to meet in January next.

There can be no longer any truth in the cry of scarcity of money in this country. Rates of interest all over are getting lower, and even the legal rate in this state has been reduced from 8 to 6 per cent.

In accordance with recommendations of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce, a meeting has been called for Friday, Dec. 30, for the purpose of electing delegates to a convention to be held at The Dalles, Jan. 11th, for the purpose of hastening the removal of obstructions to navigation in the Columbia river.

Grass Valley, Wasco and The Dalles, were treated over the telephone to the diluted edge of our celebration last Wednesday upon the laying of the railroad track into Moro.

LITERATURE. [Continued from last week.] In the curriculum of the public schools literature should hold a coordinate rank with History and Geography, its purpose being to give the pupil an adequate conception of the most notable things written by the wisest and best of the human race.

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Everett West—"Here's a woman's conference has adopted resolutions denouncing men who let their wives support them."

"Well, I'm not going to run any such risk, my dear." "That's just like you, John! Ever since you've got your life insured you're been awfully afraid you'd get killed!"

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