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AND now Pendleton wants a railroad to Canyon City and Granite and John Day, and a meeting has been held there to announce this desire. Mass meetings and resolutions don't build railroads.

THAT long talked of double train service on the O. R. & N., it is now announced, will be inaugurated April 1. The announcement is not official, but is thought not to be an April fool joke.

FIVE hundred small boxes of eastern Oregon ore samples have been prepared for distribution among the editors at their meeting in New Orleans next month. Some splendid specimens have been loaned for exhibition on that occasion.

TITLE to the Granite townsite is apparently perfect, and any effort to throw a cloud upon it will doubtless fail. No man with any sense would refuse to invest there merely because he has heard some rumor of a defect in the title.

THAT is rather a broad statement which the Boise Statesman makes, when it declares that American genius has blazed the trail in all matters affecting the affairs of man. A book as voluminous as a congressional record could be written proving that such is not the case.

THAT was a sensible interview with J. T. English which was published in the Portland Telegram Saturday, in which he pointed out the nerve of boards of trade, and others, who expect mine owners to "fall over each other" in their anxiety to accommodate them in supplying valuable gold specimens for exhibition.

THAT brave American soldier, G. H. Hudson, who was killed in the Philippines and buried last week at San Francisco, was a son of J. Nat Hudson, formerly of Sumpter, and a brother of Mrs. Philbrick. He was widely and favorably known all through this section of country, and his death is mourned by many friends.

THE San Francisco Mining and Scientific Press declares that the discovery of the cyanide process of extracting gold is the cause which led to the present war between England and the Dutch republic in South Africa. Few doubt that gold in the Rand is the motive which actuates England in prosecuting the war. These ores were not profitably worked until the cyanide process was introduced there. The yearly output now is about a hundred million.

EVERY artery in a persons hand is there for one purpose, and only one. That purpose is to gather up the blood from every extremity of the hand, and return it to the heart. Portland should be to the state of Oregon what the heart is to the individual—the center around which life revolves. If the arteries cease to bring the blood back to the heart, the result is inevitable—death. This is as surely true of Portland, though not to the same extent. Break the natural connection between Portland and the state at large, and there would be no cause for her existence. Tap the arteries and the veins half way, and turn back the vital tide,

and Portland loses half her inheritance and half her glory.—Oregonian.

To change this labored metaphor to plain speech; if Portland should lose the trade of Oregon, its name would be Dennis. On the other hand, "tap the arteries and veins half way," and after a little commercial rearrangement, the rest of the state wouldn't notice the difference. Portland is not only not the metaphorical heart of the state, it has none of its own and not much of a head. It is purely a commercial town, made so by necessity, without any effort of its own. The rich trade from the gold fields of eastern Oregon which it now receives, was called into existence by the enterprise of men from other cities. Our gold ledges would have remained undeveloped a thousand years hence had it depended on Portland people. Today if a mining proposition is placed before these Portland merchants who are selling goods in Sumpter, they become suspicious and act as if the promoter were trying to sell a "gold brick," instead of a gold mine. We do not love Portland, but are forced to buy goods there, and wish with all our heart that the veins and arteries would be "tapped."

IT IS announced that Portland is finally to have a smelter—that is, Portland papers state that the thing is "fixed." Some smelter company from the south has agreed to put in a plant there if Portland people will subscribe \$30,000 towards the stock—as an evidence of good faith, as it were. One man, who was evidently touting for the game, in a burst of well portrayed enthusiasm, put his name down for \$5000. Now there is the customary pitiful appeals to, pleading with and scolding of local capitalists by the papers, in a wild effort to raise the other \$25,000. That Portland town is essentially slow and mossback and jay.

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