

&c., that reaches a foreign market, except what little direct trade we have with the Sandwich Islands, is shipped first to San Francisco, where it has to pay wharfage, drayage, storage and commission, before it can be reshipped. Our merchandise coming to this State has to pass through the same taxing process at San Francisco, in addition to the profits of the importer before it. It is no wonder that Oregon is in the shade of California, and it ought to remain so as long as we will not make some effort to remedy this state of affairs."

The above quotation throws some light upon the commercial condition of the Northwest Coast, and explains pretty clearly the feeling of its people regarding that position. So far the Manufactures of this country have been confined to lumber, flour, woolen goods, some coarse leather, a little turpentine, an inferior article of pottery, a limited quantity of matches, and as much machinery as three or four small foundries and machine shops could turn out. Everything that is used on the farm, in the garden, household, or in the mines, is imported at a great expense. Iron has begun to be manufactured in Oregon, and so has salt, but the complete development of these things must wait, first for capital; secondly, for railroads.

*Probable Railroad Routes.* The only railroad under construction on the whole Northwest Coast, is the one now building down the Wallamet Valley, and called the Oregon Central. It is intended to connect the Columbia River with San Francisco Bay, and will form a portion of that great line of railway by which Lake Superior, Puget Sound, and San Francisco Bay will eventually be united. Owing to the influence exerted by Portland capital, the Oregon Central has been commenced at that point, but that Portland will long remain the northern terminus is incredible, when its position, and its distance from the Columbia River are considered. A point for the northern terminus of the Oregon Central will undoubtedly be fixed where it will connect by ferriage over the Columbia, with a road down the Cowelitz Valley from Puget Sound, thus