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RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLY NOTES.

The Grand Trunk is reported to be asking prices on 2,500 tons of structural material, for constructing a number of small bridges in the United States.

Work is to be commenced at once on the Portland Canal Railway. J. Spruck, of Seattle, holds the charter for the construction of the road.

The Laramie, Hahn's Peak & Pacific, it is reported, will let contracts shortly for grading 55 miles of road. This road now has 40 miles of line in operation and 15 miles under construction.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, which was reported recently in this paper as being in the market for bridge work, has ordered 1,360 tons for bridge work at Manson Creek, Wash., from the American Bridge Company, and 750 tons for work at Milwaukee, Wis., from the Toledo Massillon Bridge Company.

The contract for the construction of the Northern Pacific branch line in Eastern Washington, from Connell to Adrian, has been awarded to Caughren, Winters, Smith & Co. The line will be 65 miles long.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul has placed the following contracts for bridge work: To the McClintic-Marshall Construction Company, 800 tons, for a viaduct across Turkey and Glade creeks in Idaho; to the Fort Pitt Bridge Company, 395 tons, for a bridge at Hastings, Minn.; to the Ritter-Conley Company, 250 tons, for the Kinickinnic overhead crossing at Milwaukee, to the American Bridge Company, 680 tons for a three-girder span. In addition to these contracts the road is said to be in the market for the following material: A large tonnage for track elevation work at Milwaukee; 600 tons for work at Dominion creek, Montana; 500 tons for bridges over Bear creek, Idaho, and 800 tons for a viaduct at Renslow, Wash.

The Northern Pacific has ordered 12,500 tons of Bessemer rails from the Lackawanna Steel Company and 12,500 tons of open-hearth rails from the Indiana Steel Company. These orders are in addition to 15,000 tons which the road ordered recently from the Illinois Steel Company.

It is announced that within the next two weeks bids will be called for for the construction of the new union depot at Tacoma. Plans for this depot have been received at Tacoma.

Harry Crosby, formerly in the tow boat business at Seattle, has bought the tug Petrel and with Captain Erickson will go into the tug boat business out of Seattle. He is also fitting up a fleet of gas powered boats.

Walter Sutter, chief of the steamer Sentinel, returned last week from Kentucky, where he attended the meeting of the Knights Templar. A very good time is reported and notes were taken on a number of the high class river steamers on the 'Missipp.'

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