Railroad Men Coming in April.

### MAY HELP THE 1905 FAIR

Opportunity of Which Advantage Should Be Taken.

#### SUGGESTIONS OF A. D. CHARLTON

How the Transcontinental Passenger Association Came to Select Portland for Next Meeting, and What We Should Do.

on will hold its next meeting in Portland next April. Thirty-six railroads west of Chicago are members of tt-all the important lines. A. D. Chariton, assistant general passen agent of the Northern Pacific, suggests that the Lewis and Clark authorities take advantage of this opportunity to get the co-operation of the passenger traffic officials, thus securing a promo-tion agency of inestimable value.

Before adjourning its meeting in San Antonio, Tex., last week, the Transcontinental Passenger Association voted to hold its next quarterly meeting in Portland in the latter part of April. No Portand representative was present to work ap a campaign for this city. This had een done some time before by A. D. Charlton, assistant general passenger agent of the Northern Pacific. His father, James Charlton, is chairman of the ascontinental Passenger Association, and to him the Northern Pacific man first presented the propriety of holding a meetother prominent members of the associa-They received it favorably, and when the suggestion was made to the association at San Antonio there was practically no objection to coming here next

This does not mean that there will be great crowd of visitors in Portland, a lot of excursionists for the railroads and hotels to reap profit from. Perhaps there will be 100 persons here by reason of the meeting. Its significance lies in the fact that the men who attend these meetings are the best advertisers in the world, and st is of great importance to Portland and the whole Pacific Northwest, and, at this time, particularly to the Lewis and Clark pelebration, that they should come out here and get in personal contact with the hountry. They have been in official contact with us for a long time. A closer knowledge is highly desirable, and this will be the opportunity to gain it. Many of the passenger traffic officials in trans-continental territory have never virited

the Pacific Northwest.

It is only within the past year that the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern Railroads have been members of the Franscontinental Passenger Association.

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Opportunity Should Be Improved. That A. D. Charlton appreciates the im portance of getting the Lewis and Clark Exposition before the transcontinental passenger officials is shown by the following letter, which he yesterday sent to President H. W. Corbett:

You have undoubtedly noticed by the press dispatches that the next meeting of the Trans-continental Passenger Association will be held at Portland the latter part of April. When I was East last October I urged that it was due the Northern transcontinental lines, members thereof, that the association should, at an early fate, select Portland as the place of meeting.

This, you will note, has been done.

The Transcontinental Passenger Association comprises about all of the transcontinental ines and their connections west and southwest of Chicago. The importance of this meeting in connection with the Lewis and Clark Cen-cennial cannot be overestimated. As this asso-ciation will, at a much later date than the April meeting, fix the rates, etc., for our 1905 Pair, it is desirable that the members thereof should be proceerly posted and impressed with the magnitude and importance of our Fair. No better opportunity will present itself than the meeting the latter part of April. The rail-roads are the big factors in advertising such fairs and expositions as the Lewis and Clark Centennial, and as the railroads comprising the association mentioned cover all the territory west and southwest of Chicago, you can readily see the benefit our Fair will derive by being properly placed before its members.

I would respectfully suggest a meeting be ar-anged between the Transcontinental Associa-ion and the Lewis and Clark Centennial board of directors, and that the association be made acquainted with the importance of our Cen-tennial. It seems to me that some printed pamphlet should be prepared setting forth in concise form the importance and objects of our Pair, the pamphlet to be distributed among the members of the association at their April meeting. These meetings are held but four times per year, and generally in the large busisens centers west and southwest of Chicago. I Sould very much if there will be another meet-ing in Portland for some time to come, and our Fair directors should take advantage of

the April meeting properly to place our Cen-tennial before the members of the association. For your further information I enclose here-with a list giving the names of the railroads comprising the association. You will note there are about 50. Each road has from one to two in more representatives in attendance at the meetings, such as the traffic manager, general passenger agent and assistant general passenger.

If there is anything further that I can do t

advance the interests of the Lewis and Clark Centennial, command me. Mr. Charlton is much impressed with the idea that here will be the best possible occasion for securing wide interest in the Lewis and Clark Exposition, an op-portunity that will not occur again, and that may now be easily selzed. "Those men," said he, "not only have the means of reaching the great public, whether it rends or cravels or stays at home, but they also know how to moke the most of such an event as this will be. It is their siness to get the attention and interest of the people, and they are experts at it. We have not money enough to buy the service which they can render without money and without price. The railroads are glad enough to have something like to push. By getting their good-will and starting early both the Exposition and the railroads will be able to make the ost of the occasion. Co-operation will

of the enterprise; at least, it may repre-sent the difference between success and

'However, the visit of these passenge officials to Portland for this meeting will be of general value. They will probably make a trip to Poget Sound and will also take excursions up and down the Columbia, and possibly up the Willamette Val-ley. The Pacific Northwest will thus be brought to mean something definite to them. The Lewis and Clark celebration will not be an isolated fact to them, but will take its place in relation to the social and industrial development of the country. We must see that they have facilities for getting acquainted with the people and the country. Other cities think it worth their while to make a favorable impression on the passenger officials of the great railroads, and Portland would go liself great injustice if it were not to make an effort to win favor of them.

"The Lewis and Clark people should, in my opinion, have a session with the association, at which the scope of the Fait chould be adequately presented and the nearty co-operation of the railroads should be invited. An exchange of sentiments on this matter would be proper and helpful. The railroad men will probably be able to give pointers as valuable as those they receive. But the main thing, after all, is to establish a fraternal interest, a spirit of cordial co-operation and good fellow-

Clark into all the railroad literature. Every new folder that is issued should rave a page or two about this celebration and its significance, and the country which it will in a measure exploit. This will supply a fresh text upon which to preach the old gospel of Western progress and opportunity in new terms. I tell you things are opening up in great shape, and if we have the good sense and energy to ces we will come out all right, and the Fair will be a giorious sucous in every respect. The thing to do is get the railroad passenger men actively with us."

### THEIR HOUSES SLIPPED.

Three Residents of Willamette

Heights Drive Piles in Back Yards. Three residents of Willamette Heights ave been forced to drive rows of piles in their back yards to keep their houses from settling down in the filled earth that the frequent rains of the past few days have made very soft. Warren Knight, Charles Huggins and A. Tucker are the unfortunate owners of the three houses, which are respectively numbered 302, 372 and 376 Thirty-second street, North.

The bouses were originally owned by Messrs. Russell and Blyth, and were sold to the present purchasers on the install-ment plan. Huggins' house is probably the ment plan. Puggins house is producty the most hadly injured of the three, and Bus-sell & Blyth will exchange it with the owner for some other house he may choose in place of the present injured

structure. The houses face the west, and are situated on the crest of the first elevation beyond Balch Creek. The only damage that can befall them is to settle in their present situations, as it is hardly possible that they will slide toward the foaming creek below. Mr. Knight's house is built on cement plers extending far down into the made terrace, and the only damage he has suffered has been to have his back wall fall for a few feet. "The damage is very slight to me," he said yesterday. "My house is on piers, and the wall doesn't support anything, so I will just board up the space and it will be as good as ever. I put in a row of piles to keep off any dan-ger in the future.

"Huggins' house is all right with the exception of the back wall, and the same may be said of Tucker's. His is on piers, too, and beyond the cracking of some plaster there is no harm done. He had to take off his back steps so that the piledriver could get in close, but they can be put back again very easily. Still, it's not pleasant to think your house may settle, and I am glad we have a good, strong lot

Took the Cook Stove.

File Affidavits.

DENY CHARGES IN COMPLAINT

Frank C. Savage and His Wife Claim They Issued No Orders to Prevent Freemasons From Seeing Decrepit Capitalist.

Frank C. Savage and his wife, Dora Savage, who are defendants in a suit in which property valued at \$40,000 deeded to Mrs. Savage by John R. Foster, is involved, say the complaint is a lie from beginning to end.

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Savage states that Foster brought them here from New York in 1889, and he worked for the firm of Foster & Robertson for seven years. They fived with Mr. and Mrs. Foster at different times covering a period of over seven years. Mr. Savage also claims that he assisted in

known Cook a great many years and know him to be an honest, upright man. I had business dealings when I was in the rail-roud services and he was a ulconstant rond service, and he was a pleasant man

road service, and he was a parameter to do business with."

With regard to other features of the case Savage said a false impression has been created. He said:

"Mrs. Savage was a niece of Mrs. Foster

nd Mrs. Foster left her all her property My daughter, Lizzie, lived with Mr. and Mr. Foster for over two years past, and up to the time of Mrs. Fostere death, which occurred recently, she took full charge of the house. She collected all of the rents and paid all the bills. Mr. Foster has no children and never had any. The property mentioned was deeded to us at the request of Mrs. Foster." Attorney W. W. Cotton, for the defend-

ante, will appear before Judge Seare this morning and argue a motion to dissolve the injunction recently granted. It will be denied that Foster has been deprived of the society of friends, or that Mrs. Savage gave orders to exclude Freemasons. He will present affidavits in contradiction of the affidavit filed Monday by Homer D. Sanborn. These counter affidavits have been filed in the State Cir-

cult Court.
An affidavit signed by Frank C. Savage states: "It is not true that my wife and myself refused to permit the friends and acquaintances of John R. Foster to visit him. I have never excluded any person, and have never directed any person to refuse to allow persons to see Foster."

An affidavit signed by Bertha Kruger, the cook in the Poster domicile, recites that Mr. and Mrs. Savage never told her to exclude friends and acquaintances of Foster. On the other hand, she states:
"Since January, 1902, H. D. Sanborn has
taken most, if not all, of his meals in the
house. Sanborn had a key to the front
door, and was able to admit himself-sat all times. I know of no friends or acquaintances of Foster who were excluded from the house. On December 16, 1902, San-born, in my presence, informed my sister, Sophia Graves, that if Masons called to see Mr. Foster, they were to be told they could not see him. The matter was afterwarsis brought to the attention of Dora W. Savage, and she revoked the instruc-tions given to my sister by Sanborn. "I have read the affidavit of H. D. San-

of timbers driven down now to prevent any future recurrence."

ouse as cook or first girl, and asked her Oriena Coates has sued John C. Coates if she had the same orders about admitfor a divorce because of cruel treatment, ting Masons that Sophle had, and she said and she also asks for \$30 per month all-she had. This conversation took place

uctions to the effect that I should exclude any friends or acquaintances who sought to visit Mr. Foster." Sophia Graves has subscribed to a simi-

lar affidavit about Sanborn having a key to the house and taking meals there. She states further that Sanborn told her to Defendants in Foster Suit structions, she did keep one man out, and that when Mrs. Savage heard of it she was angry and informed her she must not receive instructions from Sanborn, who had no authority in the house.

Miss Graves also denies that she made

the following statement to Sanborn, as he states in his affidavit: 'She said to me that she had orders not to admit any Masons. I asked her who gave the orders. She said. 'Mrs. Savage.' f said: 'You will have to be very careful,

Sophie. In the first place, you must ask them and know that they are Masons, and then you have to obey your orders.' No one was present other than said Sophie and myself, and the conversation occurred in the dining-room just as I was going out of the dining-room into the hall."

Mrs. Dorn W. Savage has signed an affidavit denying that she ever excluded

visitors or gave orders to others to do so. She concludes as follows: "My mother, who is now deaf, was a sister of Mrs. John R. Foster, and upon the death of Mrs. Foster my husband, my daughter and myself moved into the residence of said John R. Foster at the re-

quest of Mrs. Foster, expressed prior to her death, and at the request of John R. Foster. My husband and myself have lived in Portland for 21 years, and during this time visited the house of Mr. Foster, and my daughter Lizzie lived in the house with John R. Foster and Mrs. Foster for a period of two years prior to the death of Mrs. Foster John R. Foster had no relatives living in the City of Portland or in the State of Oresens and my brother William Bellee Ing a period of over seven years. Mr. Ithe house with John R. Foster Savage also claims that he assisted in planning the present Foster residence. He denies that in speaking of the suit a week ago, he accused J. W. Cook, who appears in the case as the next friend of John R. Foster had no relatives living in the case as the next friend of John R. Foster had no relatives living in the City of Portland or in the State of Oregon, and my brother, William Bolles, my daughter and myself are the only relatives of Mrs. Foster living in the said city and state." and state."

### RIVER BOATMAN DROWNED Peter Gearla Leaps From Steamer

Into Columbia River. For some unknown reason Peter Gearin, a well-known river boatman, leaped over-board from the steamer Metlako into the columbia yesterday about noon, and be fore aid could be rendered, he sank beneath the seething water and was drowned. The accident occurred just above Reed's Island, east of Vancouver, and from the evidence given by the mer aboard the boat it cannot be determined whether it was a case of suicide or whether the unfortunate man lost his balance and fell over the side.

Gearin, who has served for many years past on local boats, left Portland Mon-day morning on the Tahoma, bound for The Dalles and way points. When the hoat reached Vancouver, however, Gearin walked off and did not continue his pass-

age, remaining all night in town instead The Metiako left yesterday morning, and when she arrived at Vancouver Gear-in was on hand, climbed aboard and started with the boat up the river. He walked around over the boat, apparently acting as usual, and as the boat was pass-

acting as usual, and as the boat was passing Reed's Island, he walked to the upper
deck and remained there for a short time.

After the Metiako passed the upper point
of the island he started down the companionway to the bow of the boat, when
suddenly he plunged down the stairs and
over the side. The fireman quickly sigmaled to the captain to stop and back
water, but all trace of the unfortunate
man was lost, and the Metiako proceeded man was lost, and the Metiako proceeded on her way. When she met the Tahoma, which came down from The Dalles yester-day, news of the accident was conveyed

to that boat and brought to Portland.

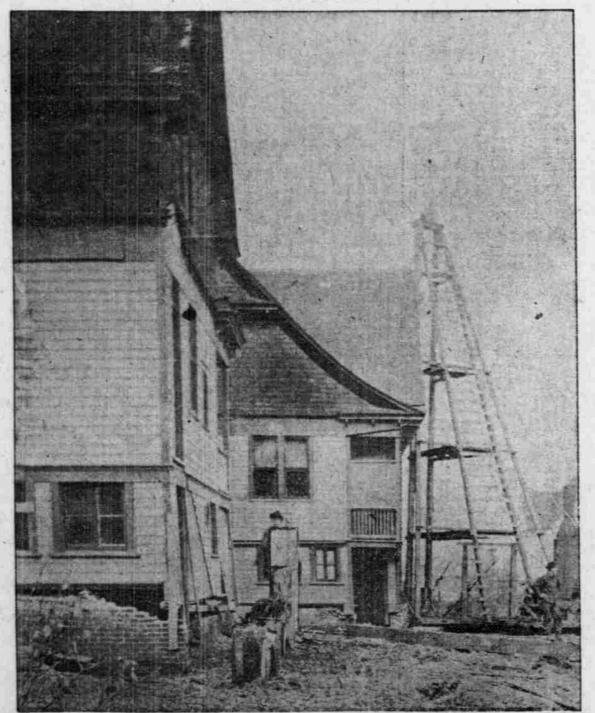
Gearin's family live at Hubbard, Or., and a elster lives at Kelso. Another sister is reported as living in Portland, but she could not be located last evening. He was 35 years of age, and had been in the boat business for the past 15 years. He was one of the charter members of the River Steamer Employee' Association, and was very well known by all the steamer people, both on the Willamette and Co

### Bertha Kruge, an unmarried sister of FEW ENTITLED TO PENSION Sophic, who was then and there in said One on Southern Pacific in Oregon One on O. R. & N.

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and called her vile names. She asks the court to compel him to pay \$100 to defray the costs of the suit, and \$10 per week alimony, while the case is pending.

### .................. WILL SETTLE NO MORE



WILLAMETTE HEIGHTS PROPERTY-OWNERS KEEP THEIR HOUSES IN PLACE BY SINKING PILES

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There came to us by express yesterday twenty-five beau-

tiful new Dress and Walking Suits in addition to the new styles which arrived the day before, picked up by the cloak buyer now in the New York market at prices 50 per cent below values and offered to you at the same reduction -Many of the Walking Suits are samples from one of the most prominent manufacturers in the country of high-class garments, who is duplicating these styles for Spring. Best materials-Blue, black and men's mixtures, plain and novelty effects. The greatest bargains of the year-No trouble to show them to you.

# Four Days More

Of the 1903 Clearance Sale. Vigorous price-cutting in every department. The crowds are increasing as the end of the sale draws near. Most comfort in morning shopping. Look to every want, household and wearing apparel, because not for another year will the opportunity present itself to provide at such extremely low prices. We call your particular attention to the great bargains in Shoes, Linens, Silks, Dress Goods, Undermuslins, Hosiery, Underwear, Small Wares, etc.

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On the second floor-Prices that are business bringers-Clothing of style and quality from the best makers in the land-Suits, Overcoats, and Trousers-Every garment in our immense stock at special clearance sale price. We can save money for every man having a need in wearing apparel.—Second Floor.

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California Ratiroad and clerk in the land Railway, 43 miles of track, which now asdepartment of the company. He will be sures the United Company complete contentitied to retirement on pension. Ft. P. trol of every suburban line, as well as In the O. R. & N. it is said but one man more. Under the deal the United Rallis entitled to retirement on pension be-cause of his age. He is Ahio S. Watt, Tax Commissioner, who is 78 years old and still a very efficient official. Colonel Crooks, assistant to President Mohler, is of age to permit his retirement, but he has been with the O. R. & N. less than five years and would not be entitled to a

Unless there are special circumstances to work for the retention of men over 70 they will be retired, for the regulations say "shall" in mentioning them. Much is left to the discretion of the pension board, however, and it is not probable that the pension system will be made to work un-A great many of the men have served

the requisite 20 years continuously, but this fact does not entitle them to retirement on pension unless they are disabled or have arrived at the age limit.

#### CHANGES IN PROSPECT. Railroad Men Who Advance When Bancroft Goes Out.

F. A. Bancroft has not yet resigned the local freight agency of the Southern Pa-cific, but he is expected to do so ae soon as his bond as postmaster is approved in Washington, whither it has been forward-ed. When the expected resignation of Mr. Bancroft comes it is understood that William Merriman, of Salem, will be his successor, and that Byrd Houston, of Roseburg, will take the agency thus made vacant at Salem. None of these appointments have yet been made, however.

Mr. Merriman is recognized as one of the

best agents the Southern Pacific Company He is a young man, but 30 years of He learned his business with the Southern Pacific, beginning at Glendale. About two and a half years ago he was transferred from McMinnville to Salem. Mr. Houston is freight clerk at Roseburg, where he entered the railroad service sev

Morgan Goes Over Into Canada. NEW YORK, Jan. 27.-A dispatch to the World from Boston says that J. P. Morgan, according to an Advertiser sto will go to Ottawa and submit to Canadian government a proposition to take charge of the Dominion rallways. In case this mission is not successful, he will propose as an alternative to finance the new Canadian transcontinental line.

Baltimore Lines Under One Control. BALTIMORE, Jan. 27.—The United Railway & Electric Company has signed a contract for the perpetual lease of the pore, Sparrows Point & Chesapeake

ways & Electric Company guarantees principal and interest of an issue of \$2,000,om of bonds by the Bay Shore Company, as the new acquisition will be known.

New Railroad Work in Oklahoma. GUTHRIE, O. T., Jan. Z.-Work was commenced today extending the Arkansas Valley & Western (Frisco) from Enid, Okla., toward Denver. The contract for the extension has been let as far as Al-vard, Okia., a town on the Panhandle branch of the Santa Fe, @ miles west of

It was announced from Enid today that the Rock Island also has a force of graders ready there for an extension to a but Denver connection.

May Get Gould in Harmony. BALTIMORE, Jan. 27 .- It is reported in railroad circles that a movement is on foot to draw the Gould-Wabash lines into the "community of interest" ar-rangement of the Pennsylvania, the Read-ing and the Baltimore & Ohio. The Gould engineers have surveyed for a connect-ing line between the West Virginia Cen-tral and the Western Maryland and from Cherry Run, W. Va., to Cumberland, Md.

From Great Northern to Rock Island MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 27.—C. H. Can-non, who has been superintendent of car-service of the Great Northern for several years, has resigned to accept the same office with the Rock Island Railroad, with headquarters at Chicago.

Vanderbilts Get Another Railroad. CLEVELAND., Jan. 27. — The Laky Erie, Alliance & Wheeling Railroad was sold today to the Lake Shore & Michl-gan Southern Railway. The price is not announced. The Vanderbilts will take

SPREADS NEWS OF OREGON G. M. McKinney Writes of the Work of the Harriman Bureau.

Secretary Reed, of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday received the following letter from General Immigration Agent G. M. McKinney, of the Harriman lines at Chicago, acknowledging the receipt of the 1600 copies of the New Year's Oregonian, and making a general stament of the work that is now being accomplished by the

Harriman Bureau:

In reply to your esteemed favor of January 19 I beg to advise that we have just received the 19 sacks containing 1600 copies of the New

Year's Oregonian, and I assure you that I am very grateful for these, and can use them to good advantage. We have often received in-quiries from different people asking for a paper from Oregon, and also have numerous inquiries here at the office for things of this kind, and these papers will come right in play. I am also mailing out several hundred copies to in-terested people throughout the Middle West, and I am sure that they will have a good effect. from Gregon, and also have numerous inquiries

In regard to the pamphlets, "Oregon and Its-Resources," we can use any quantity of them. I am at present mailing out about 2000 copies dally and expect by the end of this month to have one in the hands of every farmer in the State of Iowa, and I expect to send them all through the entire Middle West.

I understand from Mr. Potter that you are sending use 20.000 more of these parameters.

I understand from Mr. Potter that you are sending me 20,000 more of these pamphlets, and I trust that they will be here in a short time, as the supply that we have on hand is nearly exhausted. This 20,000 will last us until about April I, at which time I hope you will be able to send me at least 100,000 more.

Thanking you for your interest in this matter and assuring you and your people that I am doing everything possible to boom your state, I am, yours truly,

G. M. M'KINNEY.

### Lesson on Ment-Cooking.

A practical demonstration of meat-cooking was given at the cooking school yesterday to a large and attentive audience. Miss Voorhees showed how to prepare Miss Voorhees showed how to prepare and cook prime ribs of beef and rolled roast, and bow to broll steak properly. Flank, which is not noted for tenderness, she rolled and stuffed, making a vers appetizing dish. The lesson throughout was ne of great value, showing how to get the best results from both the choice and cheaper cuts of meat.

Pope Will Make More Cardinals. WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.-Word has eached here from Rome that the next

consistory probably will be held at the end of February, when the pope will cele-brate the attainment of the 25th year of his pontificate. The occasion, according to the best information, will mark the creation of eight or ten cardinals, all of whom, it is understood, will be Italian, save one. The exception, it is said is a German prelate, possibly the head of the Strasburg dlocese,

