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Since the directors of the Portland chamber of commerce have summed up in an greed statement the opinin of the business community on the railroad merger, all efforts of the rival railroad sysshould cease. Whatever is gained by one will be encountered by the other, so that both will be in the same relative position in the end. When petitions signed by several hundred business men in the same community, some favoring the Union Pacific side, others the Southern Pacific side, of the case, are presented to the interstate commerce commission, the two groups will neutralize one another. The effect will be to present Portland and the other Oregon cities where propaganda is carried on as sadly divided in the eyes of the commission. Then the commission is likely to disregard all petitions that display partnership for opposing solutions and to attack the problem according to its own knowledge, judgment and experience and in

the light of the testimony and

arguments that are presented at

formal hearings.

Oregon's interest in the matter has been well defined by the chamber in resolutions to which champions of both railroad systems agreed. All agree that certhere should be real competition between parallel systems. This disagreement is as to the process by which these desirable things can best be gained. Surely the wisest course would be to concentrate our energies on presenting to the commission the needs of Oregon as well as the dangers against which the state wishes to be guarded, and then leave the commission to devise means by which one shall be secured and the other avoided. More good and less harm would be done by that community to be divided into factions, which would have adverse effect on our dealings with other problems of equal moment So many things need attention that energy should not be expended on the quarrel between two railroads. The combatant corporations should call off their forces, and the business men of Portland should expedite such action by ceasing to interest them-

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