Two Postal Agents Have Not Been Heard of for Many Weeks.

LOOKING FOR NEW ROUTE

Spring Break-Up Puts the Country in Such Condition That No Relief Parties Are Willing to

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, May 18 .-(Special.)-Lost in the wilds of Alaska while endeavoring to locate a new mall route for the United States Government Is believed to be the fate of Mr. Galen and his companion, a man named McKay. The men have not been heard from since the first week in March, and the Govern-ment has been asked to send out searching parties into a country that is now most

ifficult of access.

Major R. K. Evans, military secretary, bepartment of the Columbia, is in recipt of a telegram to this effect from Major Buck, the commanding officer at St. Michael, Alaska. The telegram is fasted May 14, and was received that even-ing via Seattle over the new Government rable between that point and Valdez. Alanka.

The tolegram states that "Galen, brother-in-law of Senator Carter, Helena, Mont., a thought to be lost between Kuskokwim River and Lifamna Lake," and that he has been asked to send out searching parties. The telegram also calls Major Evans' attention to the fact that the country is now impassable, except on foot and in boats, and not passable for soldiers and doubtful for Indians and old mushers. Major Buck inquires of the de-partment officials at Vancouver Barracks what amount he is authorized to expend in an effort to induce civilians and na-

tives to make a search for Galen. Upon receipt of the telegram Major Ev-ans telegraphed to Senator Carter an in-quiry as to whether he had received any later news from Mr. Galem It was beleved at the time that Senator Carter might know if Galen and McKay had eached the States. Senator Carter re-siled under date of May 15 that Galen had once under date of May Is that Galen had not reached the States. The last letter that was received from him was dated Nome. Alaska, February Is, and antounced a proposed trip through unexplored sections, with Cook's Inlet as the objective. Senator Carter also requested Major Evans to advise him if authority was necessary; and, if so, he would all on the Secretary of War.

Major Evans later in the day wired Sen.

Major Evans later in the day wired Sen-ator Carter that the Government has no funds with which to pay searching parties and that he had asked the commanding officer at St. Michael, Alaska, for an esti-mate of the amount necessary; that the present time of the year is the most unfavorable season for travel in Alaska, and it was difficult to induce searchers to go out, and also suggested that Sen-ator Carter take the matter up with the

Secretary of War. In another telegram Major Evans requested Senator Carter to name what amount of money he would authorize to be expended to induce parties to search for Mr. Galen, to which latter telegram Major Evans has not received any reply. Major Evans states that since these telegrams were sent and received he retelegrams were sent and received he re crived another teigram from Major Buck, commanding officer at St. Michael, Alaska, stating: "Thaw and overflow of streams makes it impossible to do anything from

that point in the search for Mr. Galen. No civilian or Indian can be found who will undertake it until navigation opens with any probability of success." Major elegrapl could get none to make terms or to prom-ise any possible success at this time, nor will they state any sum for services. "It is thought at may be possible to opproach from Valdez side by boat up to diamna Lake and thence inland. The men may have reached some point on the

coast, but nothing can be done on this coast, but nothing can be done on this side until after navigation opens and then it will cost several thousand dollars to get any reliable party to undertake the shareh, which could be made only by civillans who know the country, or ladians who know the trail. The country in which Mr. Galen is supposed to be lost covers about 200 miles cast and west and

200 miles north and south."

Major Buck also states that he has consulted with men who have been in that country many years, and that they all say that nothing can be done from that station at this time.

A later telegram from St. Michael, received, today, stated that Galen and

received today, stated that Galen and 'his companion, McKay, had been traced fas far as the Kuskokwim River, east

GRAY'S BID WAS OVERLOOKED Offers to Paint State House at Much Less Than Others.

SALEM. Or., May 16.-(Special.)-After bid on painting the Capitol was found, which had been overlooked. This was the bid of C. A. Gray, and since his figures were about \$1800 below the next highest bid, and within the estimate, the board has taken all bids under advisement, in-stead of asking painters to figure on the work, as was announced yesterday. The bids for all work were as follows:

For painting of superstructure and roof-
C. F. Pearson, Portland
Frank Williams, Salem 5,110.00
C. H. Tucker, Salem 4,800.00
C. A. Gray, Salem
Furnishing paint- Per Gal.
Fisher, Thorsen & Co., Portland-
Superstructure \$1.55
Reof 1.60
W: P. Fuller Co., Portland-
Superstructure
Roof 1.10
Repairs to dome, etc
C A. Gray, Salem-
With canvas floor \$1,830,00
Without canvas floor 1,759.00
nteiner & Berger, Salem-
With canvas floor 2,000.00
Without canvas floor 1,806.00
Cement and concrete work-
August Kehrberger
M. H. Vjesko, Salem 1,486.76
W I Lindstrom Salem 2 000 00

SUITS ARE ALL WITHDRAWN

California Mine Will Probably Soon Be Started.

BAKER CITY, Or., May 16 .- (Special.) For some months past there has been litigation in the courts of Minneapolis between the Killen-Warner-Stewart Company and the Turnagain Arm Mining Company, involving the California mine in the Cable Cove District. It is reliably in the Came Cove Instrict. It is reliably reported that this matter has been amicably adjusted and the suits withdrawn. The Turnagain Arm Company, the officers of which are all well known in Eastern Osegon-Joseph Michaels, president; Dr. Moulton, treasurer, both of Minneapoliss, and Lee S. Ovitt, of Milwaukee, secretary was first incorporated to handle big placer property in Alaska. It after-

ward acquired from the Killen-Warner-Stewart Company & seven-tenths interest in the California Mountain Mining Com-pany, which owns the California mine above mentioned, the Killen-Warner-Stew-

above mentioned, the Killen-Warner-Stewart Company retaining a three-tenths interest. It was regarding this latter holding toat the suits were instituted by the Turnagain Arm people.

It is stated that Mr. Ovitt has bought all the holdings of Messra Michaels and Moulton, giving him a controlling interest, and he then negotiated and consummated the deal with the Killen-Warner-Stewart Company. The details of this transaction are not known, but it is said that Mr. Oviti remains as secretary of the

transaction are not known, but it is said that Mr. Oviti remains as secretary of the company, while the Killen-Warner-Stewart Company will have charge of the management of the company and the operation of the California mine.

Professor Nicholson, the consulting engineer, will go to the property as soon as he returns from the Standard one day this week, take possession and at once proceed to make a series of tests, to ascertain what changes are necessary in the mill to make a more satisfactory saving in values. It is therefore probable that the California will resume operations at no distant day. at no distant day.

Hyde Is Not Commandant. .

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 16.-(Special.)-OLYMPIA, Wash, May is.—(special)— The report recently published in some of the Puget Sound papers that ex-Congress-man Sam Hyde, of Spokane, would be-come Commandant at the Soldiers difone, on May 15, proves to have been incorrect. Temporary Commandant S. A. Callvert is here for the purpose of storing his household goods and giving up his resi-dence in this city. He will return to Octing this week to remain in charge of orting this week to remain in charge of the home during the Summer months. "Who shall become permanent Companid-ant is not settled," says Governor Read

BERRIES RED ON THE VINE

HOOD RIVER FARMERS CANNOT GET THEM PLUCKED.

Colonies of Pickers of Former Years Are Not in Evidence in the Yards.

HOOD RIVER, Or., May 16 .- (Special.)-Unless 2000 berry-pickers arrive here be-fore the first of the week. Hood River farmers will be losing thousands of dollars a day. With strawberries \$4 a crate. lars a day. With strawberries H a crate, some of the growers are unable to gather all their ripe berries, because of the scarcity of pickers. Fortunately, the season has been backward, but the arrival of colonies of pickers that usually flood the city and valley at this time of year has been delayed until it looks serious for the been delayed until it looks serious for the

season, and are hanging heavy on the vines. Packers should be able to make good money. There are some cruel enough to suggest that pickers are slow to come this year because Hood River is a dry

VIAL FORFETTS HIS BAIL.

Wounded Mrs. Dumbleton at Win-

ROSEBURG, Or., May 18.—(Special.)—in the Circuit Court here yesterday Leon J. Wial, under arrest charged with assault with intent to kill, falled to appear, and his cash bail of 1300 was declared for-felted and a bench warrant, issued for

his arrest. When last heard from Vial was im Portiand. He is wanted for shooting but not fatelly wounding Mrs. L. G. Dumbleton at Winchester, on March 21. 190. It is now believed that Vial has left the equitry, as his conviction was assured had he appeared for trial.

Local to Run From Eugene.

EUGENE, Or., May 16.—(Special.)—F. W. Osburp has received a letter from Superintendent L. R. Fields, of the South-Superintendent L. R. Fields, of the South-ern Pacific, stating positively that the local train now leaving Albany early in the morning, will be changed so as to start from Bugene. The change will be made June 1, and the business men of this city will have a train service, which they have been asking for many years

Faithful Adherents Will Probably Insist on His Succeeding Himself in Congress.

TOOZE'S EYES ON HIS SHOES

W. I. Vawter, of Jackson; Percy Kelly, of Linn, and W. C. Hawley, of Marion, All Have Hopes.

SALEM, Or., May 16 .- (Special.) Hermann is always a possibility," said prominent Republican today, when, the discussion of political affairs, it had been suggested that the present Congressman from this district will be impossibility as a candidate to succeed himself in Congress. "Hermann is always a possibility, and those who already count him out of the contest next Spring may find themselves poor prophets. Hermann has a following in this district that can't be taken away from him. If he should be brought to from him. If he should be brought to trial before the primaries are held next Spring and the ovidence should be such as to show that the Government did as to show that the government did as to show that the Government did not have a good case against him, the chances would be good for his renom-

"And he might be nominated even And he might be hominated even though it be known that the Administration at Washington is against him. Even if it be admitted that his standing with the Administration at Washington is such that he could not give this state the representation to which it is entitled, still he might be numbered if his friends feet that the obinated if his friends feel that the objection to him at Washington is with out good cause. You can count Her-mann as a possibility."

There are only two men who are at present counted as candidates for the Republican nomination for Congress from this district—W. I Vawter, of Jackson, and Walter I. Tooze, of Marion. Though neither of these has made an announcement of his candidacy, both an announcement of his candidacy, both are generally credited with laying are generally credited with laying plains to getting into the race when the time seems opportune. Politicians speak of them and their prospects as though there was no doubt-whatever of their being candidates before the Republicans of the district, in the direct primaries. rect primaries.

Vawter was a candidate for the nom

ration before the district convention at Eugene in 1962, when an election was held to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Congressman Tongue. He was defeated at that time and part of the strength as and accumulated went the strength he had accumulated went to Hermann, who won the nomination. Vawter was a member of the last Legislature and was a candidate for the Speakership, but secured little support. He was able, however, to throw enough strength to Mills to win the fight for the Multhoman County candidate. Vawter's record in the Legisla. date. Vawter's record in the Legisla-ture seems to have been good, the only fault the people are likely to find being that he was chairman of the House ways and means committee, and aided in preparing the omnibus \$1,600,000 ap-propriation bill, upon which the referpropriation bill, upon which, the reference of the friends of the normal schools which were to be protected by the manner in which the bill was drawn.

Walter L. Tooze is chairman of the Congressional committee in this dis-

was a candidate for Congress, and is posimaster at Woodburn.

There are two men in the district who are taked of as probable candidates for Congress but not with the assurance with which Vawter and Tooze are mentioned. These men are Percy R. Kelly, of Linn County, and W. C. Hawley, of Marion, Kelly is a lawyer and was Senator from Linn in 1825-1901. He was a candidate for the nomination for Congress in 1902, but, like Vawter, went down to defeat before Hermann. He is a campaign speaker of considerable experience.

considerable experience.

W. C. Hawley is professor of aistory and economics at Willamette University and the talk is that if he enters the race it will be upon the ground that his study of American political problems fits him for the work of a Congressman. He has never been confident to the contraction of the confident to the in politics, except as a campaign speak-er after nominations have been made. Republicans in Salem have not been talking politics much up to this time, for the reason, calefly, that they have been waiting to see how the direct pri-mary worked in Portland. The general mary worked in Portland. The general opinion at present seems to be that the primary system of nominations is at least as good as the convention system and as satisfactory in results. There is a disposition to believe that the people will be more willing to accept popular nominations than convention nominations and that in state. Congressional and county elections the nominess of a party at the primaries will be generally supported by the will be generally supported by the members of the party.

To sil spearances, the direct pri-mary system in Portland worked more

satisfactorily than many people ex-pected it would. It will take a state contest, however, to satisfy many peo-ple upon the question whether the di-

SPOKANE SOCIETY MAN IS AC-CUSED OF GRAND LARCENY.

Earned \$90 a Month and Spent \$250-Firm's Books Have Disappeared.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 16 .- (Special.) -enry H. Milburn, ex-cashier and bookkeeper for the Jensen, King, Byrd Com-pany, a local hardware firm, stands charged with grand larceny, and will be brought from Scattle to be tried here. He is accused of stealing a journal, cash-book, salisbook and eight leaves from the firm ledger.

the firm's ledger.
Milburn was formerly a prominent so-ciety man of Spokane. He now lives in Seattle. His wife was Miss Anna Thomsen, daughter of Moritz Thomsen, pres-dent of the Centennial Mill Company. When Milburn had trouble with the Jen-

sen. King, Byrd Company, a year ago last Winter, he and his wife moved to Scattle, where he secured a position with the Northwest Commercial Company, in which Mr. Thomsen, his father-in-law, is a heavy stockholder. A year ago last November there was trouble in the Jensen, King, Byrd Company. Adrian Judson was discharged, and was accused of em-bezzling some collections which he had made. Milburn was present, when the accusations were made and Judson re-taliated by implicating him.

The next step came when the firm's

books disappeared. It was always supposed by the police that they were taken away to cover up somebody a defaication, Milburn was accused of stealing the books and throwing them into the river. He denied the charge and defied his accusers.

The Oregon to prove it, then the firm suspended him from its employ. When the scandal developed, it was as-

certained that Milburn had been drawing a salary of \$50 a month, and that he had been living at the rate of about \$250 a month. Detectives discovered that prior to the discovery of the shortage in the Milburn is a little over 30 years of age,

manner in which the bill was drawn.

Walter L Tooze is chairman of the Congressional committee in this distance went to work for himself. It is said that he was somewhat wild in his habits trict and is a Republican campaign prior to his marriage. While here he was speaker of wide acquaintance. He was a member of All Saints' Protestant Epis-

People Are Beginning to Understand, Says Governor.

MONEY IS NOT WASTED

Highways Is Extending in the State-Co-Operation of the Ruilways.

PENDLETON, Or., May 18 - (Special.) -The joint convention of the state Good Roads Association and the Oregon Development League closed this evening, after a two-days' searion, and tonight most of This morning's session was taken up by addresses given by Governor Chamber lain, Dr. James Withycombe, of Corvallis, and Colonel R. W. Richardson, sec-

Governor Chamberlain spoke of the re-Governor Chamberlain spoke of the re-form movement in this state in the mat-ter of road building. "The people are gradually being educated to tax them-selves for road improvements," said he, "and the time will soon come when a road tax will be just as legitimate as any other tax." Dr. Withycombe said that the extensive

Dr. Withycombe said that the extensive resources of Oregon must be largely developed by the aid of better highways, adding that much of the future of the state depended upon public road system. Colonel Richardson gave an interesting address and told of the result of good roads in other states. Speaking of the railroads, he said:

roads in other states. Speaking of the railroads he said:

"We do not always recognize and appreciate the valuable service of theme great agencies, or comprehend the magnitude and scope of the work they do and accomplish. While some may say they profit, for they only share in the general prosperity, railroad companies are like individuals, they prosper as the country prospers. Therefore, as a rule, the great railway systems of the country favor and substantially support all proper efforts for commercial, industrial and agricultural advancement. They recognize the value of good public roads, open and in condition for travel all seasons of the year. They are the surest evidence of prosperity for the country, and are lateral feeders to their main lines."

Resolutions prepared by Judge Thomas F. Ryan, of Clackamas, S. A. Lowell, of Pendieton, and Thomas Richardson, secre-

Pendleton, and Thomas Richardson, secre-tary of the Oregon Development League, were passed just before adjournment. The use of convict and county prison labor on public works, especially on the improve-

public works, especially on the improve-ment of roads, was recommended.

The resolutions included the recom-mendation that the principal public roads should be under state supervision and the direction of a highway commission or state engineer to provide for a uniform system of public highways. Special stress was laid on the importance of having a strong delegation from the various indus-trial and commercial organizations at the National Good Roads convention, which is to be held in Portland the latter part of next month.

The Resolutions.

The Oregon Development League and State Good Roads Association in joint convention assembled in the city of Pendleton today. May 18, 1905, recognizes that the work done has been of value, and that the conclusions reached should be promulgated to the people. Therefore, be it resolved:

We recommend that the County Courts of the several counties of the State make provision for the construction of some permanent road in their respective counties during each year.

year,
We recommend that public officials, before proceeding with any permanent improvement, employ connectent engineers to assure proper grades and safe estimates, to the end that the cost of the different plans may be fully understood.

We favor the use of convict and county prison labor, as far as practicable, on public contents of the code.

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and streets and in the preparation of road and street materials.

We recognize the Oregon road law of 1905, known as the "Trittle act." as just and could able in original and we express the hope that the heople and the County Courts of the State will make a special study thereof and utilize its provisions as far as possible, to better roads for the commonwealth to the end that its purposes in securing may be reached.

That in this connection the newspapers of Oregon are urged to publish the vital portions of laws governing public roads and highways and impartially to explain the provisions of the new laws which go into effect May 19, 1905.

Roads Under State Supervision.

Reads Under State Supervision.

We believe that the principal public roads should be under State supervision and the direction of a highway commission or State engineer, in order that a uniform system of public highways may be provided; and, further, that the State by general law should provide for this highway decartment and should make appropriations from time to time to aid the countree and districts in the soctruction of these public roads, the proportion to be paid by each to be provided equitably; that we respectfully commend this subject to the consideration of the State Legislature next to assemble.

to assemble.

In acceptance of the principle that publiroads are integral parts of our transportation
system and are primarity evential in out
internal development; that they are necessarto the extension and efficiency of rural mad
delivery; that they are essentially interstata
and national in character; we favor the cooperation of National Sinte and local govern
medits in their construction and maintenance
and most respectfully urge the favorable consideration and support of this principle is
our representatives in National Congress.

Since this will be the last gathering of the character before the National Good Road Association meets in convention at Portian June 21, 22, 23 and 24, we now urge the con-

clated. We extend to the citizens of Pendleton its Commercial Club, the organizations of its women, the County Court of Unsatific County and to the sneakers who have come from abroad, to the railroads of the State, and to all people and organizations contributing to the success of this convention, hearty and sincere thanks.

Respectfully submitted.

submitted. S. A. LOWELL, THOMAS F. RYAN, THOMAS RICHARDSON,

Nasty Mess at Astoria.

ASTORIA, Or., May 16.—(Special.)— Carl Hogeli, a boy 19 years of age, was arrested this afternoon on an information charging him with criminal as-sault on Louise Benson, a 14-year-old girl. His preliminary hearing will be held tomorrow. The boy and girl were caught last night in a room in a local lodging-house and the most disgusting part of the whole affair is that the The Northern Pacific is a part of the whole affair is that the girl's mother and a man were with all parts whege surveyors are working.

DANCE SHOCKS POLICEMAN

SAN FRANCISCO JUDGE WILL NOT TAKE A CHANCE.

Artist on the Way to the Trail Offers to Exhibit in Court, but

SAN FRANCISCO May 16.—(Special.)
—Miss Lillian Hand and her troupe of dancers shocked Policeman McManus, who dropped in on the performance on Kearney street today, and he forthwith arrested the woman and her manager. Miss Haas is on her way from St. Louis. where she reigned unmolested on the Pike to Portland, where she intends to set up her throne on the Trail as soon as the Exposition opens. Hers is hootchie kootchie and hulahula art

in its very latest developments.
The policeman's description of the dance performed by Miss Haas was attentively listened to by Judge Caba-niss and a crowded auditorium, and at its conclusion the witness recounted a story to the effect that gentlemen were covertly solicited to pay an extra two bits and be privileged to perceive Miss Haus in a private exhibition. Miss Haus offered to do her dance

for the Judge to prove it was not law-defying. The Judge, however, dismissed the charge against her, with a warning. however, to Miss Haas and her manager that they should practice discre-tion by reserving their performances for the edification of visitors to the Lewis and Clark Fair. A charge of oh taining money by false pretenses could not be proven.

CONFLICT WITH SURVEYORS

Lewiston Electric Road Workmen Resent Their Appearance.

LEWISTON, Idaho, May 18-(Special.) Lt. Wiston. Idano, May is.—(Special)—While there are no important changes in the railroad cituation here today, there was a slight disturbance with no bad results on the right of way of the electric line south of the city, when the Northern Pacific aurveyors began to run a line past workmen employed by the electric line company. There was some indications, from the reports, that a hand-to-hand conflict was imminent, but was averted by the Northern Pacific men averted by the Northern Pacific men passing quickly by. The electric line em-ployes endeavored to prevent the North-ern Pacific men from making a survey,

Reports from the reservation country to the effect that the men are divided in three parties and are apparently con-tinuing the work of surveying where it, left off two months ago.

A strong indication that the Northern Pacific is not bluffing is that James E. Babb, its local attorney, has been en-gaged all day at the Courthouse in examining records, taking an abstract of the company's old rights of way.

REMEDY IS IN INFORMATION

Mandamus Cannot Be Used to Make Officers Perform Duties

OLYMPIA. Wash. May 16.—(Special.)— An attempt by F. B. Hawes of Everett, to compel by mandamus the Sheriff of Snohomish County and the City Marshal of Everett to enforce the Sunday-closing and gambling laws, has failed in the Su-preme Court. The court holds that a writ of mandate will not lie in an action to compel the continuous perform-ance of duty on the part of a public The petition for writ asserted that the

The petition for writ asserted has were being violated, but did not specify particular instances, and asked for a writ ordering the Sheriff and Marton asserting to enforce the laws. The shal generally to enforce the laws. The Supreme Court in affirming the lower supreme court in affirming the ower court's action in denying the writ says that the writ could be no more effective than the statute. One is announcement of law by the law making power and the other the ennouncement of the law by

against the officers under the provisions of section 725. 2 Bal. code, which makes dereliction of duty a misdemeanor en-tailing forfeiture of office.

BOY STEALS FROM EMPLOYER Tries to Make It Appear That Bur-

glar Had Done Job. GREAT FALLS. Mont., May 15.—James R. Southwick, aged 16 years, is a prisoner in the County Jall, having confessed that in the County Jail, having contessed that he stole \$20.20 in cash, \$44 in negotiable paper and \$607 worth of diamonds and other leweiry from his employer, Max I. Goldstein. A few hours after the burglary Chief of Police Pontet had recovered all the plunder.

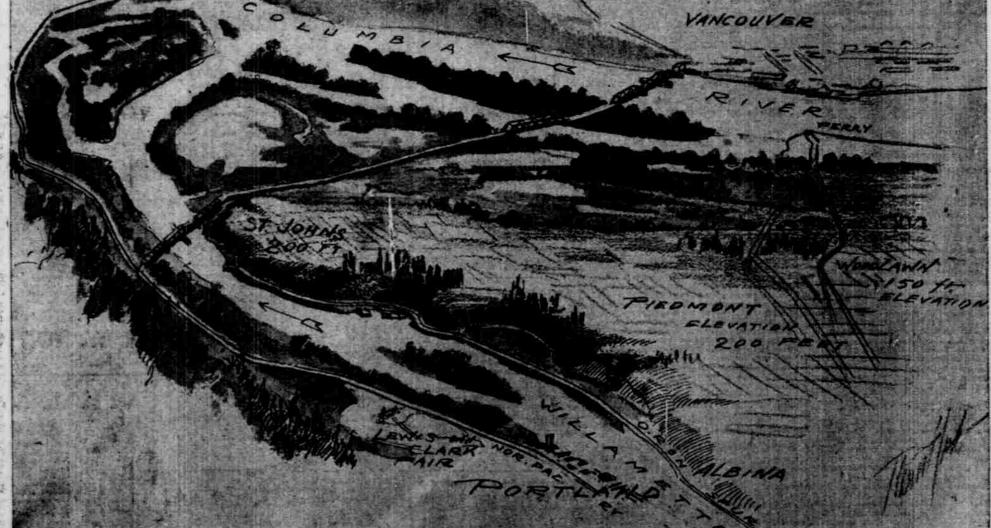
Southwick entered the store during the night and attempted to give the appear.

Southwick entered the store during the night and attempted to give the appearance of the work having been done by burglars. Young Southwick, who is of respectable parentage here, was once before in trouble for a Pat Crowe kidnaping case, in which he secured the young son of a prominent merchant and hold him for ransom. He then escaped through regard for his parents.

Osteopaths Form Organization.

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 16 .- (Special.)-OLYMPIA, Wash, May is.—(Special.)—
The osteopaths of Washington have formed an organization "to advance the science of osteopathy, promote ethical and social relations and protect its members." Articles of incorporation in which the name of the organization is given as "The Washington Osteopathy Association" were filed in the office of the Secretary of State. The incorporators are osteopathe residing in Seattle, Spokane and Tacoma. They are W. A. Potter, Grace M. Nichols, William Snell, J. B. Baldy and Roger E. Chase. All osteopaths may become members.

NORTHERN PACIFIC MAY BRIDGE THE COLUMBIA RIVER



MAP OF THE PROPOSED RAILWAY IMPROVEMENTS.

intention of the Northern Pacific to begin the construction of the bridge across the Columbia River at Vancouver at once, and also to finish the surveys along the north bank of the river between Vancouver and Lyle, is in line with the story printed some time ago in The Oregonian to the effect that the sale of the Lyle-Goldendale road

the transcontinental company.

According to the stories printed and in sympathy with the various rumous current. it is evidently the plan of the Northern Pacific to bridge the river just a little dis-

place where the work was begun some 13 years ago to be abandened at the beginning

Washington side of the river, between the north pank and the island in the middle of the stream. It was the intention at the time, and in all probability the present plans are the same, to build a draw bridge from the Vancouver side reaching to the island and from there to throw another span across to the Oregon shore. The bridge

tracks will be run up the Peninsula to St.
Johns and lead across the Willamette at
that point to the bluffs on the west side of the river, where a junction will be made with the present tracks and connection thus had with Portland. This is undoubtedly the plan of the company as abown by the

numerous surveying parties that have been at work during the past few months.

It is predicted by many persons who have reason to know something of the trend of affairs that the Northern Pacific will per-

in length and would cost approximately hape have some trouble in securing permission from the War Department to build a bridge across the Willamette at St. Johns. It is asserted that the company would not be allowed to build another draw bridge' across the river at that point, as the barbor is now hampered by the number of bridges it is said, however, that the company con it is said, however, that the company con-templates the construction of a high bridge built from one bluff to the other and aligh enough to allow all shipping to pass under-neath during high water with no incon-venience. Permission could be gained for such a bridge, it is alleged, but the struc-ture would be enormously expensive.

pany has some plan which is about to be sprung. The fact that the last of the tern are flocking into Vancouver and have been for some time. that plans are known to have been under consideration for the Willamette-River bridge and that the Weidler property has been purchased for terminal grounds; all these things point to the fact that the long-expected entrance of the Northern Pacific into Fortland on its own tracks, and without the bother of the

Kalama ferry, is at hand.

At any rate, it is patent that the com-

own tracks, and without the bother of the