Morning Oregonian.



"Anything to Beat Tammany" Is Slogan of New York Republicans.

DOUBTFUL OF OUTCOME

With One Accord Prominent Politicians Refuse to Enter the Lists Against Mayor McClellan With His Backing.

NEW YORK, Sept. 17 .- (Special )-The time for the Fall conventions is rapidly approaching and the Fusion conferees are beginning to realize the necessity of selecting someone to run against McClellan.

The citizenship of New York seems to be divided into three classes, men who are willing to run, but to whom objection is made: men who are suggested, but who decline to consider the proposal, and men who are either totally unknown or distinctly unavailable.

The Hearst Municipal Ownership League is dominating the other three or-The German-American gantzations. League has nothing to say-one rumor is that the members do not understand English; the Citizens' Union men are disgusted because Jerome would not run, and the Republicans are willing to agree to everything. They have awallowed the municipal ownership platform in full, and are willing to indorse any candidate that the others want. But here is the record to date.

These Shy at Candidacy.

District Attorney William Travers Ja-rome-Sole candidate of the Citizens' Emphatically declined to con-Ex-Mayor Charles A. Schieren, of

Brooklyn. He could not think of it, Ex-Lieutenant-Governor Timothy Woodruff-"Too busy making money business," is his excuse,

Recorder John W. Goff-He has three years to serve in his judicial office at \$15,000 a year. Says, "I have no political ambition." Would be compelled by the provisions of the constitution to resign his present position before he could run. Supreme Court Justice William J. Gaynor, of Brooklyn-Two years to serve at \$17,500 a year. His explanation just like

Robert Fulton Cutting, caar of the Citizens' Union-When his name was suggested casually the cries of the Municipal Ownership League could be distinctly heard at the Sandy Hook lightship. He is not a candidate.

Lawyer Charles Hughes, who made a tigating con and to now running Strange to say, Mr. the insuran old of political ambi-Mly this year.

Glad Surprise May Come.

Ex-Senator John Ford, Judge Samuel Seabury, J. G. Phelps Stokes and other eminent citizens are proposed by the Municipal Ownership League, but the fact that it has falled to unite on anyone or even praise any individual particularly gives rise to the belief that perhaps there Democratic Candidate Said to Be in is a glad surprise in store for the public. Congressman William Randolph Hearst is on the ocean, homeward bound. He will be here in a few days, and it would surrrise no one if he was proposed as a harmony candidate. The Republicans will accept him. In fact they are perfectly willing to take any candidate. County Chairman Halpin has said time and again of late that he believed a Democrat should be the standard-bearer in the fight on Tammany Hall.

The Republican organization asks nothing," he says. "We are perfectly willing to let the other fusionists pick out the candidates. All we desire is to see Tammans defeated."

Picks Out One Long Gone. A funny story is told about one of the

recent fusion conferences. Various names bad been discussed, and finally one of the German-American delegates arose to make his initial suggestion. "Why not nominate Mayor Strong?" he

said. "He was strong, oh, so strong with the Germans." There was a moment's hush. It was a

brand-new idea. But Mr. Halpin ventured to find fault with it. "Mayor Strong was a good man and s

forceful character," he said gently, "but he died several years ago."

And the German delegate sat down. Everything indicates that the fight will be between Tammany and a fusion ticket, practically named by Hearst. The Citisens' Union may indorse it or may not, but a good proportion of the membership will vote for McClellan.

Cutting has threatened that, unless his wishes are acceded to he will run on a acid. separate ticket, but it is a certainty that he will do nothing of the kind. The Cits are so badly divided that they realize they would only make a laughing stock of themselves by standing up to be

May Swing in Line for Hearst.

Whether Mr. Hearst will personally lead the procession or not is a carefully guarded secret. Some of his followers hint mysteriously that the candidates now under consideration will be "swept away by a great public demand for a man who is loved by the people."

All over the city are "Municipal Ownership League Clubs," made up in most part of the same sturdy, sterling Demo crats who ruled the William Randolph Hearst clubs last year, when the Congressman thought he was a Presidential

way, that all the Hearst clubs have dis-It would be an easy thing to have all its present state

unite in "ringing appeals" to the fusion conference to name Hearst for Mayor. and they will certainly do it unless the Congressman personally squelches it. Chairman Halpin said in private cor

versation the other day that he would stand for Hearst if necessary, because he could be relied upon to finance the campaign.'

The Man to Do the Trick.

im he is the only man who can defeat McClellan, and it is his duty to do so. Perhaps he will believe them-perhaps not, but we will all know about it when the steamer comes in

Washington, and he will be even more unhappy at the coming session. Of his own particular coterie of chums, oost of them are now lamenting the in-

Mr. Hearst never did enjoy life in

gratitude of the Republic. Congressman Shofer, of New York, was refused a renomination by Tammany Hall. It did not hurt him, for the district elected a Republican anyway.

Livernash and Wynne, of California, be lievers in the California brand of municipal ownership and Hearst's railroad rate bill, went down to defeat. So did McAndrews of Chicago, Meiers of Indiana, Wade of Iows, Lucking of Michigan, Van Diver of Missouri and Baker of Brooklyn, all members of the Hearst coterie. In fact, the only real chums who survived the landslide are Griggs of Georgia and Rainey of Illinois.

Disgusted With the Outlook. The rank and file of the Republican party are thoroughly disgusted with the outlook in the city, Said one active par-

tiwan today: "The outlook is as bad for us this ear as it was in 1897, when Tracy was

"The voters of our organization will never stand for a mongrel ticket of the kind that is proposed, and votes gained from the Hearst aggregation will more than be offset by the losses of straight-out Republicans, who will fund, Judge Parker said; either vote for McClellan or stay away from the polls altogether.

"Halpin and Odell have no idea that something that can only be accomplished under extraordinary circumstances.

"When the whole East was aroused against Bryan in 1896, he only lost Manhattan by about 30,000 and in 1900 he carried it.

Rather Look for Defeat.

"This explains why our leaders are willing a Democrat should head the bring them out for the public good. ticket. They would rather see a Democrat defeated than a Republican. Their only hope is to win the county fight in Kings.

"I fear, however, that instead of strengthening, they have weakened us. and we will be in a sad plight on election day.

The Hearst people are now talking of keeping Jerome off the fusion ticket is he accepts a nomination from Tammany Hall.

Jerome really does not care for he and Cits protest against this, but the musterful Hearstites seem to dominate the situation, and if they insist, will el to the gas inves. probably have their way,

DECLARATION OF CHAIRMAN DICK IN OHIO.

Full Accord With His Party's Declarations.

COLUMBUS, O., Sept. 17 .- "The tariff will be the chief issue in the canvass," declared Chairman Dick, of the Republican State Executive Committee, in a formal statement issued today, answering many inquiries regarding the of the Gubernstorial campaign in Ohio.

"The Democratic National platform last year denounced protection as 'a robbery.' Their platform this year leads off with a denunciation of the alleged 'protected monopolies.'

Chairman Dick declares that Mr. Pattison, the Democratic candidate for Governor, is in full sympathy with the party on this question, and that "Demsuccess in Ohio under such cir cumstances would have a distressi effect on the business of the Nation."

LOST YOUNG SON'S LOVE

Prominent Kentucky Society Woman Commits Suicide.

RICHMOND, Ky., Sept. 17.-Griefstricken because her 6-year-old son, from whose father she had been separated a month, grew pale with fear at sight of her and refused to come within her reach, that she might kiss him. Mrs. Laura Walker Chemault, one of the most prominent society women i nthe state. committed suicide by swallowing carbolle

About a month ago Mr. and Mrs. Chemault separated, the father taking the only child, a boy 6 years old. Today the child was brought to the house where Mrs. Chemault was stopping. As soon as he caught sight of his mother he refused to come near. This so chagrined the mother that she immediately took poison.

OLD SHIP MAY TURN TURTLE

Days of the Great Frigate Constitution Are Numbered.

BOSTON, Sept. 17 .- The Herald tomor row will say: The ancient frigate Constitution, familjarly known as "The First Ship of the American Navy," which has for years been one of the most valued possessions This is a good place to mention, by the say, that all the Hearst clubs have distincted.

This is a good place to mention, by the say, that all the Hearst clubs have distincted the good ship cannot last many years in

# USED TO CORRUP

'Hearst's advisers are preparing to tell New York Life Not the Only Subscriber to Campaign Funds Last Year.

JUDGE PARKER SPEAKS UP

Unlawful Acts and Corrupt Purposes of Heads of Great Corporations Roundly Scored by Late Presidential Candidate.

ESOPUS, N. Y., Sept. 17.-Ex-Judge Alton B. Parker, last year the Democratic candidate for President of the United States, referred to the charges made by him in the Presidential campaign last Fall that corruption funds were being used in aid of the Republican campaign. To a correspondent of the Associated Press, who called at Rosemont Judge Parker's home, and asked him if he had anything to say in relation to the state ment made by Vice-President George W. Perkins, of the New York Life Insurance company, before the legislative committee investigating the insurance business to the effect that President John A. Mc Call, of that company, had caused a contribution of \$50,000 to be made last year to the Republican National campaign

'Yes, I believe I ought to say, now that there is no political excitement to attract the public attention, that the president of Tammany can be defeated. That is the New York Life was not the only subscriber. The officers of the other great life insurance companies, such as the Equitable and the Mutual, also contributed from the policy-holders' funds for the campaign purposes last year.

"What has been proved in the case of the New York Life will probably be proved in the other cases. The facts exist, and honest and able counsel, backet by an honest committee, will undoubtedly

Purposes Were Corrupt

"Were there an investigation of rail-oad, manufacturing and other corporations, it would be found that these life insurance officers were not the only corporation officers who put their hands in the treasury and took out money belonging to widows and orphans to help secure a partiean triumph.

That their acts were unlawful and their purposes corrupt goes without saying. They intended to have the money used, as it was, in corrupting the elecis sure of election. The Republicans torate. Mr. Perkins makes the point that John A. McCall, the president of the New York Life, is a Democrat. Apparently he would have the public assume that when McCall unlawfully and wrongfully contributed the funds-the company's share probably, as a member of the underwriting syndicate—it was evidence of political virtue rather than misconduct.

The truth about it is, and I say it without feeling but emphatically, that men like McCall have no political convictions that stand in the way of their personal advantage. Such men desire the triumph of that party which will better serve their personal financial interests and will-for contributions, past, present and futurecontinue to protect those interests by lenient legislation and by pretense at execution of the law which shall be tenderly blind to all their offenses.

Principles Have No Effect.

That party they espouse in the boardroom and contribute to it of the moneys they hold in trust, and occasionally a little of their own. The underlying principeople into parties have no effect upon such men. Their own inquiry is, Will the party organization in its hour of triumph remember our generosity and respond to does remember, for it expects a similar contribution next time; and the expectation is not in vain. Last year was not the first time. Such contributions have been made before in National, state and municipal elections.

'The officers responsible for these raids upon the treasuries of corporations have received their reward in unfettered management of life insurance corporations; in unembarassed raids on the public through trusts-condemned by both common and statute law; in refusal to punish criminally the officers of railroad and other corporations violating the laws, and in statutory permission to manufacturing cornorations to levy tribute on the people

"There can be no hope of checking the unlawful aggressions of officers of great corporations so long as they may thus form a quasi-partnership with the organization of the dominant political party. For in the hour when the administrative official seeks to punish the offender he is reminded by the head of the organization of the magnitude of the contributions of the corporation.

"There is, however, something worse if possible, that renders easy the escape of such offenders from justice. It is the gradual demoralisation of voters and the dulling of the public conscience, caused by the efforts to make these wast sums of money procure the ballots they were intended to procure, corruptly and other-

It is not my purpose to claim that the Democratic party, subjected to the temptation which has overcome the other party during the last few years, would have acted differently. Mere party advantage should not be sought from the disclosures made in this investigation. But the facts should be diligently sought, that the peo

making in different states since Novem ber last, and particularly in this state. But the Republican organization would not consent to it, so the Legislature defeated the bills. And the organization never will consent until an aroused pub lic sentiment shall threaten legislators with political oblivion who fall to enact effective laws upon the subject."

Percentages Received by Officers.

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—A forthcoming phase of the Legislative insurance inquiry, it was said today, will be the investigation of all percentages received by insurance officers in addition to the salaries and fees. It is said that it has been the custom of high officials in several big companies to receive which companies and commis-

ncials in several big companies to receive such percentages and commissions. As regards the rumor that J. P.
Morgan may be called on to testify.
Assemblyman Exra Prentice, the secretary of the committee, said today:
"The committee will have no hesitation in calling on Mr. Morgan, or any
other man, to testify, if it believes that
his testimony is essential to the inquiry, or if it believes he is the best to
furnish the information. Up to date, I
see no reason why Mr. Morgan should
be called." be called." Asked as to the report that Cornellus Bliss may be asked to furnish a list of all contributions received by the Re-

publican National campaign last year, Mr. Prentice said: "I believe that any contributions so made will be furnished by the insur-ance companies, and that there will be no need to call on the treasurers of any

Testimony Will Decide Jerome.

LAKESVILLE, Conn., Sept. 17.—Dis-trict Attorney Gerome, who will re-turn to New York tomorrow, signified his intention tonight of attending the Wednesday session of the Armstrong insurance committee, at which George Perkins will resume his testimony On the subject of the recent testimony by Mr. Perkins before the Armstrong

mmittee, he said: I am not going to conjecture wheth er a crime has been committed or not in the matter of a campaign contribution by an insurance company. I have not seen the official record. Civil suits for restitution may, of course, be brought by the Attorney-General, or an inter-ested party, but a criminal prosecution would largely depend upon the ques-tion of the intent with which the act was committed."

"Will you take any step in the direc-tion of criminal prosecution?" Mr. Je-rome was asked. "I shall have the testimony,

course," he replied, "and if that shows that any crime has been committed, I shall certainly prosecute. That goes

### FEW NEW CASES REPORTED

DOCTOR IN CHARGE AT BARA-TARIA IS ONE OF THEM.

Reported Existence of Yellow Fever in His Section and Was Put in Charge.

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NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 17.-The com paratively few cases reported today added additional encouragement to those in charge of the fever campaign.

Among the new cases is Dr. C. M. Shanely, of Barataria, the physician who is in charge of the district of Upper Barataria, in Jefferson Parish. He reported the existence of the fever in that territory and was placed in charge by the State Board of Health. He moved to that territory from North Dakota a few years ago, and owns a small plantation there. He came to the city Sunday morning, and was taken to the emergency hospital. He has only a light case.

Two cases were reported from the Charity Hospital, which came from Starder. ples which divide the great mass of the La., in Tangipahoe Parish, just across people into parties have no effect upon the lake from New Orleans. The country reports were:

Kenner, 7 new cases and 1 death; La Fourche Crossing, 2 new cases; La Rose, death; Tallulah, 9 new cases; Barataria, our demands? Of course the organization | 6 new cases; Terre Bonne (two days), II

Ten Cases of the Fever. SHREVESPORT, La., Sept. 17.-Local health officials returning tonight from Natchitoches Parish and report the extatence of ten cases of yellow fever there.
They claim the infection is at least two weeks old. Eight of the cases are said LEAPS TO DEATH OFF CLIFF to be at Bayou Natches, and two at East Natchitoches, just acres the bayou.

SPEECH BY FAIRBANKS.

Cheered at Cornerstone Laying as Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 17.-The laying of the cornerstone of the local Knights of Pythias' new-building here this afterwith a parade noon was inaugurated After the laying of the cornerstone, ad-dresses were made by Grand Chancellor George W. Fowell, Governor Hanley and President Fairbanks.

Mr. Fairbanks received an enthusiastic reception. He said he was glad to be present to participate in this historic event; that the order was organized at a fortunate period, coming as it did at the close of a great conflict, some two score years ago. At the conclusion of Mr. Fairbanks' speech the entire audience joined in singing "America."

Oddfellows Gather at Quaker City. PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 17.-Hundreds of members of the independent Order of Oddfellows continued to arrive here today from all sections of the country to attend the annual session of the sovereign lodge of the organization, which will formally open tomorrow. Robert E. Wright, of Allentown, Pa., grand sire of the sovereign lodge, arrived tonical and the control of the sovereign lodge. eign lodge, arrived tonight and was enthu-siastically welcomed. A large contingent of California members also reached here

# LIFE TO BANDIT

Why Stephen B. Elkins, of West Virginia, Has Been Friendly to Youngers.

CAPTURED BY QUANTRELL

Notorious Guerilla Leader in Civil War Ordered "to the Rear," but Federal Soldier Found Friends in Band

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept.-(Special.) Cole Younger the promoter of the electric railway from Kansas City to Lone Jack by way of Lees Summit, says that the money to finance the project is being furnished by Eastern capitalists. Mr. Younger refuses to name his backers, but there is a well-grounded report that the greater amount of the needed capital is being furnished by Senator Stephen Elkins, of West Virginia. In this connection the story of how the Youngers saved the life of Senator Elkins is being

When the Civil War began, the Elkins family was living in Missouri. Stephen enlisted in the Federal Army. At that time the Younger boys and Frank and Jesse James were members of the Quantrell band. It happened that in one of the Quantrell expeditions Elkins was capsured.

Quantrell ordered Elkins turned over a squad of men and taken to the The order to "take to the rear" in Quantrell's parlance meant death, While Elkins' custodians were conducting their prisoner to the rear, Cole Younge and Frank James, both of whom knew Elkins well, stopped the party:

"Hello, Steve," said Frank James "Hello, Frank, Hello, Cole," replied

Use Influence on Guards. When James and Younger found out what was about to happen to a former friend they tried to prevail upon the guards to turn him over to them. At

first the guards refused, giving as a reason that the captain had ordered Elkins "taken to the rear."

Pinally James and Younger, promising faithfully to be responsible for the prisoner to Quantrell, succeeded in prevailing cuon the guards to turn him over. While the company were riding along leisurely, with Frank James, Cole Younger and Elkins well to the rear, a bugle call was blown and the horsemen were soon in a

"What does that mean " asked Elkins, Cole Younger replied: "It means that we are going into a fight, Steve."

"Put Spurs to Your Horse In a few mingtes more the entire company was in a full gallop, then it was

that Cole Younger turned to Elkins and "About half a mile further we are going to come to the forks of the road. We will take the right hand. You put the spurs to your horse and make the left or you are a dead man as sure as your name is Steve Elkins."

Elkins needed no further encouragement. When the parting of the two ways was reached, he lay down flat upon the horse's back and plunged the spurs in and got well out of danger before he was missed by anyone except the men who connived at his escape. An engage ment followed soon thereafter, and Quantrell was under the impression for a while that Elkins had been killed.

Elkins never forgot the service rendered by Cole Younger and Frank James. After the Youngers had been sent to prison for life he was ever ready to aid them in any possible way. He made many trips to St. Paul to intercede with the Governor of Minnesota for them, and it is now said that he proposes to assist Cole Younger in his purpose to build an electric line from Kansas City to the former home of the Youngers.

CAVITE OUTLAW CHIEF WOULD NOT BE CAPTURED.

No Way of Escape for Filipino Who Had Caused Much Trouble in the Island.

MANILA, Sept. 17.-Felizardo, a chief of the outlaws in the Province of Cavite, who for a long time has made trouble for the authorities, was sur-rounded today near the Batangas border and jumped over a cliff. He was killed by the fall.

The death of Felizardo will, it is be

lieved, end the disturbances in Province of Cavite.
On January 24, 300 Ladrones, led by Felizardo and Montalon, attacked the the municipal treasury of \$2000, killed Contract Surgeon J. A. O'Nelli, and ab-ducted the wife and two children of Governor Triaz. own of San Fran de Malabor

DUTY ON REPAIR PARTS

American Government Seeks Adjustment With Argentina.

dates of their offices.

Public Needs to Be Roused.

Efforts in that direction have been with the country are arriving.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—The following statement on the hearing of the steps being taken by this Government in seeking an adjustment of the proposed high rate of duty on repair parts for agricultural machinery imported into the Argentine Republic, was made at the State Department today:

"The American Minister."

tine Republic is, under the President's direction, acting promptly and energet-ically in the matter of trying to secure a satisfactory adjustment of the proposed high rate of duty on repair parts for agricultural machinery brought into Ar-gentine Republic in separate shipments.

"Advices received at the State Depart-ment say that yesterday the American Minister and the Argentine Minister of Finance discussed the question in an amicable way. The probable effect of the proposed clause in the tariff was considered and the injury it might work to Argentine farmers and importers was point ed out. The Minister of Finance expressed himself as favorable to such modification

of the clause as will satisfy the import-ers in the Argentine Republic.

"The Minister of Finance siso stated that he will be present at the meeting of the Senate committee in charge of the tariff bill Monday or Tuesday. The importing interests will also be strongly represented at this meeting, for the purpose of stating their side of the case. The leading importers express the belief that the matter will be arranged in

### TAFT PARTY LEAVES JAPAI

GREAT ENTHUSIASM IS SHOWN BY NATIVES AT DOCK.

Secretary of War Says He Found No Trace of Anti-Foreign Feeling in the Island.

YOKOHAMA, Sept. 17 .- Secretary of War Taft and party sailed at 3 o'clock this afternoon for San Francisco on the steamship Cores, amid Japanese enthusiasm. Secretary Taft was given a reception this afternoon at the American Consulate by local merchants.

Before sailing Secretary Taft said that he thought that representations of the Japanese anti-peace demonstrations had been greatly exaggerated in America. He and his party had traveled all through Japan, and had found no trace of any anti-foreign feeling. When a prominent American party had been in volved in a Tokio mob, he thought that it was because the party happened to be caught in the mob, and not because they were Americans.

Other churches besides American churches had been burned, said the Secretary. There was a special reaon in each case, but no general anti

son in each case, but no general antiforeign feeling was responsible.

Secretary Taft said that he had examined the Chinese boycott closely.

The Chinese, he said, want American
goods badly, and, baving already lost
\$15,000,000 by the boycott, are finding
out that they are cutting off their
nese to spite their face.

Miss Alice Roosevelt will return
home on the steamer Siberia. The le-

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**GOMEZ HEADS PROCESSION** Great Demonstration Made by Liberals in Hayana.

HAVANA, Sept. 17.—There was a great demonstration of Liberala here tonight, the principal feature of which was a torchlight procession, headed by General Jose Miguel Gomez, the Liberal candidate for the presidency. There were 5000 per-aons in line, and the number of specta-tors was estimated at 100,000. There was

not the slightest disorder.

The officials have been notified of a collision which took place between rural guards and police at Las Cruces. According to official advices, the police atdispersed. The disturbances were due to political feeling, the police supporting Gomes, while the rural guards are partisans of the government

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## LAST RAIL TO DUFUR TODAY

Great Southern Completes Its First Section of Railway.

PAYING TRAFFIC ALREADY

Warehouses Filled With Wheat Waiting Transportation to The Dalles--Will Rush Further

Construction South.

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BUILDING TO CENTRAL OREGON. The Great Southern Railroad Company will today complete the track to Dufur, 30 miles from The Dalles. Work will immediately be carried forward on the second section, 22 miles in length, to tap the vast yellow pine belt of Southern Wasco County and also afford transportation for the Juniper Flats farming district. Surveys have been completed and location perfected to a point south of the junction of Warm Springs River with the Deschutes, and the road may be the first to tap the Bend country of

Central Oregon, The Great Southern is projected to iap Central Oregon and eventually to traverse the state to the California line and thence to San Francisco, or make connection with some other California road at or near the state

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Today the last rail wil be laid of the first division of the Great Southern Railroad, at Dufur, 30 railroad miles from The Dailes, where connection is had with the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company line, and also with the steamboat lines of the Column River. Not a great deal has been and concerning this new transportation line that is assured of a grain tonnage greater than can ordinarily be counted upon for a new railroad, and which has been built without recourse to the financial machinations often associated with realization of such an enterprise. Its promoters are principal owners, and have their plans well formulated for immediate further extension to

new fields rich in traffic for the line. From North to South.

Projected to traverse Oregon from north to south, and finally to link the Columbia River basin with San Francisco by a new and direct line, the corporation was organized under the laws of Washington a year ago last February, and construction work was started about a month later. John Heimrich is president of the company; W. F. Nelson, vice-president; Julius L. Meler, secretary; John G. Heimrich, treasurer and general manager, and George W. Joseph, attorney. These officers have been personally engaged in the direction and actual work of construction with the crews engaged in grading, distributing material and layng track, and it is one of the bestbuilt new rallcoads in the Northwest, It is laid with 60-pound new steel, grade throughout will be gravel ballasted with cement gravel, bridges are of substantial character, and equip-

ment is of the best type. Big Grain Shipments.

From The Dules to Dufur the route is along Fifteen-Mile Creek. Track connection is made with the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company at the east end of the yards at The Dalles; thence paralleling that line for a distance of about two miles to the junction of the creek with the Columbia, near Scuferts; thence awinging to the south and pursuing a generally southerly course. Petersburg, the first station, is five miles from the starting point, perpetuating the given name of the farmer on whose land the townsite has been platted. This point has already furnished considerable grain for shipment, and is at the junction of Eight-Mile Creek with Pifteen-Mile. Cooper, the second station, is nine miles toward the interior; Colbys 13 miles; Wrentham, 15 miles; Rice, 18 miles; Boyd, 25 miles, and Dufur, 20 miles. At each of these stations grain warehouses have been erected or are in course of construction, and at all except the last wheat has been loaded on cars in large quantities and forwarded even before switches are put in, cars being "spotted" on the main line by the construction train crew and hauled back to market upon returning from work each day.

First Highland Grain.

It was in the valley traversed by this new road that the first wheat was sown on the highlands of Oregon, a few miles east of Dufur, and now there is produced annually in the region extending from the bluffs of the Columbia River south to the Mutton Mountains, a distance of about 15 miles, 1,000,000 bushels, in round numbers. The total for a single year has been in excess of 1.100,000 bushels, but has rarely in recent years fallen below 800,000 bush-Other products of the farm that will increase the tonnage are barley, oats, other grains and livestock. Probably the growing of hogs has reached larger pr portions in this section of Oregon than elsewhere in the state.

Modern Methods Adopted.

In construction of the line the most modern methods have been employed, and in the accompanying illustration is shown the method by which ties are distributed, steel handled and put in place at the rate of 1000 feet of track an hour, with minimum of hand and muscular labor. This is accomplished by the use of the Rob-

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