

illumette Valley Traction Company with Southern Pacific interests. given the rumor

and announced that the purpose of the meeting was to ascertain the sentiment of the various churches as to the advisa bility of beginning this work on the East Side. Mr. Hutchinsop also said that a special committee from the Ministerial Association had arranged for the first meeting, and that it was thought the movement would be successful. Expressions heartily favoring the move Expressions hearthy favoring the move-ment were heard from Rey. Andrew J. Montgomery, of the Third Presbyterian Church; Rev. J. F. Ghormley, of the Cen-tral Christian Church; Dr. neppe, of Cen-tenary, and also from lay members press-ent. Dr. Ghormley said that it was de-tined to be an enterna of Centerna and Contents. ent. Dr. Ghormley said that it was de-sited to hold the meetings at Centenary for the present, and when the weather permitted to hold them at Hawthorne Park. He promised that a considerable number of members from his church would assist. Put to a vote, it was de-cided to establish this service. Commit-tees on leaders, music, reception, ushers and personal workers will be selected to day by the **0** stors, who meet this mornday by the • stors, who meet this morn-ing at the Y. M. C. A. rooms, All East Side churches are invited and urged to take part in these meetings. Next Sunday there will be a central meet-ing at the Marquam at 5 o'clock, to hear Byangelist Smith, and hence there will be no meeting on the East Side till the following Sunday.

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will be glad to talk with you, as one ch owners, upon the subject. Will meet for that purpose at any time that will your convenience at our office corner renty-eighth and Thurman streets, where an and plans can be seen

of. Main I if you destry to discuss the proposition. Yours very truty. THE PENCE COMPANY. It is expected that the parties in interest will be invited to meet at the office of the Pence Company about next

the order inself. The membershift of almost every political faith. can be raised against any member because o his political opinions. The C The Grand Army of

from, there may be a surprise in store Six hopeful candidates have their shoulders straightened to receive the Senatorial toga, Fred W. Mulkey is

caused some persons to set up the howl that we have no mine, but nevertheless we have the ore to show for it, and when vinced that our property is no wildcat venture. The mine is expected to pay its own way to a great extent, and we do

RUNAWAYS FROM SPOKANE

Two latis, named Herbert Mohndeo and eled to Pertland along the railroad route, most of which distance they walked. The most of which distance they walked. The lads told Captain Bruin that they had walked the last @ miles of their in the last two days and had h

and were very tired. One of the boys had

association by the knowledge that T. R. Sheridan, the Roseburg banker, whose original application for a Front-street ranchise was absorbed in the Willamette Valley Traction Company's aspirations, has long been identified with the Southerts Pacific, both in this state and Califor-nin, his business associates in the Kern "bunty petroleum oil fields for the most part being well-known officials of the

Harriman roads. After the preliminary skirmish for position on Front street had resulted in a victory for the United Railways Company, the scene of action was transferred to the east side of the river, with the resuit that an innocent-looking application of the East Side Belt Line Rallway Com many for a franchise that contemplated the use of portions of East Third street, brought with it a concentration of the Harriman forces in defense of that exposed quarter of the city.

Hill's Hand in the Move.

Sometime ago, long before there were any prospects of the strife that has of iste marked the moves of the different corporations, the information leaked out mysterious way that the Northern Pacific was behind an incipient effort to secure a railway franchise down East Third street, from Hawthorne avenue north H. H. Newhall and Joseph M. Healy were the nominal projectors of the proposed line, but their permanent con-nection therewith is no longer taken se riously by those who assume to be on the inside, and it has been considered from the start that they acted as representarives of Hill, or some other opponent

Harrinan. The argument that the Hill interests mare involved was based upon the fact that the Oregon Water Power Company, helding the franchise on East Water street: the Southern Pacific on East First, and the O. R. & N. on East Second: Harringan is given control of two lines through that portion of the city. The conclusion was drawn from this that the Northern Pacific was the only road that could have any motive for seeking an outlet over the thoroughfare in ques

It is well known that Harrimns is en gaged in a bitter struggle at Los An-reles with Huntington over the control of the street-raliway traffic of the South-

of the street-railway traffic of the South-ern California metropolis, and in the many of the recent divorce suit filed in San Francisco by Mrs. Huntington, it was pointed out that her husband was inversed in some important street-rail-way projects then pending at Portland. Persons who think themselves well in-formed have no besitancy in anying that the United Railways Company is a part of Huntington's plan to fight Harriman analyshesh hoked upon as territory be-benging to the Huntington interests, and that in fulfilment of this desire a coali-tion has been formed between Huntington and Hill, which is calculated to operate souther encochments.

United Railways Men There.

It is also worthy of note that J. Whyte Evans and W. B. Larrabee, the president and general manager of the United Rall-ways Company, were present and took an active interest in the contest for pos-sention of East Third street the other night before the Council committee. This epieode was aufficiently alluring to attract several of the leading Harriman officials, and it is significant that both Evans and Larrabes were enthusiastic advocates of the East Bide Belt Line Rallway, so called

Evans, however, denies that H. E.

Thursday, if that date is found to be agreeable.

agreeable. A large number of people assembled on Willamette Heights yesterday af-ternoon, and for several hours were afforded practical evidence of the pow-ers of hydraulic giants in filling Guild's Lake with earth from the surrounding hillsides. The Pence Company had two streams

at work simultaneously, and the sys-tematic and vigorous way in which the earth was washed down Balch's guich to the lake aroused much wonder.

Blasting at Homley Rapids.

Transportation Company has filed ar-ticles of incorporation, and in addition

is not asking for the election or rejection of any candidate before the primarice occurring April 20 next. The public is entitled to this information and the Grand Arms information and the Grand Army wants to place itself right with the public. B.

The True Messiah.

PORTLAND. March 25 .- (To the Editor.)-Please allow me space to put myself in the right light before the citizens of Portland as regards the true (not new) Messiah. I did not challenge Colonel Fitzgerald, but am ready to defend, in public discussion or other-wise, the promise God made to Abraham. where, the promise too masses to Arcaham that he (God) would give to Abraham and his seed after him (the Messiah) all the land he could see, even all the land of Canaan. for an everlasting possession, and that the promised seed came in due time, made of a buried, raised from the law, was crucified, buried, raised from the deail, ascended to heaven in a cloud, and the promise is that

he is to come back in like manner, with power and great glory, raise the dead, change the living saints, set up his kingdom under the whole heavens and reign over the house of Jacob forever. HENRY GOODELL.

Milwaukie Country Club.

playing a lone hand for the now va-cant seat at Washington. He will be satisfied with the short term, while the other seat in Properties in the Sorthwest. We believe it will be greatly to our advantage to establish a the others are ready for a continuous performance. Four candidates are in the field for Secretary of State and two are figured to be in the running for this office-Claud Catch and Frank W.

So far the Democratic petitions show but one candidate for each office, except that of Representatice in Con-gress, C. V. Galloway and P. A. Cochran are coupled in the running. To names of the Republican and Demo Tee cratic candidates who have filed their petitions to date follow:

Republican Candidates

Governor-Charles A. Johns, Baker; James Withycombe, Benton; Charles A. Schibrede. ons; T. T. Geer. Marion; Harvey K. Brown, Baker.

Secratary of State-Claud Gatch, Marion; Frank T. Wrightman, Marion; Lot L. Pearce, Marion; Frank W. Benson, Douglas, State Treasurer-John H. Aitken, Baker;

Augustus C. Jennings, Lane; Thomas F. Ryan, Ciarkamas; S. V. Carter, Jackson; George A. Steel, Clarkamast Raiph W. Hoyi, Multnomah.

preatly to our advantage to establish a branch factory here in Portland. I am not in a position at present to say just he said was the "capital" with which the not in a position at present to say just how large it will be, but in all events it two intended to start out for themselves. will be a very creditable addition to the manufacturing interests of this city. I cannot say definitely, but I think the fac-The boys are said to have good homes at Snokane, and the local authorities have notified the Spokane officials to call the attention of their parents to the wheretory will be established in Portland within the next six months. I will be in Port-land again about June, when 1 hope to abouts of the lads, who were turned over to Detective Hawley pending advices from be able to make an announcement of our their homes. plans.

"O uT in Washington County we are anxious to have the Legislature

pass a law putting a bounty on covotes, wildcats and other animals which are killing our sheep and goats," said H. W. Scott, of Gaston, who was in Portland yesterday. "These animals have been espe-cially bothersome to the ranchers back in the hills, who keep a few goats to help | saved.

Boy Caught in Buffers. ASTORIA Or. March 25.-(Special.)-While attempting to make a coupling be-tween a fuel car and a motor on the Astoria street-car line last evening. Wind Goldbeck, a 14-year-old boy, was can between the buffers and his left leg at thigh was broken and managled in a rible manner. The injuries are not c sidered dangerous, and the leg may saved





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WORK OF FILLING IN STEPHENS' SLOUGH PROGRESSING RAPIDLY.

The filling of Stephens' Slough, adjoining Inman, Poulses & Co.'s sawmill and lumber yard, with alabwood, sawdust and gravel, is progressing rapidly. For a number of years this filling process has been going forward until five or six blocks next to the lumber yard have been covered with sawdust and slabwood, and now a contract has been let to the O. W. P. Company to cover the blocks so filled with a layer of gravel and dirt about four feet in depth. A sidetrack has been laid from the Oregon City branch along the district to be filled, and considerable progress has been made. This fill extends well out over the slough from Union avenue to the river, and has gradually obstructed the slough at its mouth. The O. W. P. Company has a treatle across Stephens' slough which will also be filled up to grade. As the shumill company owns must of the territory embraced by Stephens' slough up to East Eighth street it will continue to use it as dumpand for sawfinst and slabwood until it is all filled in.

It is expected that the water that now flows into Stephens' slough will be taken care of by the Brooklyn slough. When Clinton & McCoy owned Stephen slough they contemplated dredging it out and making it a "rest" place for ships, but the property passed out of their hands.

operates, it is planned to do a general business along that line, adding other Los Angeles and Oakland races. Take Sellwood and Oregon City cars, First and Alder.

HOVER, Wash., March 25 .- (Special.) -Transportation on the Upper Co-lumbia has come to be a matter of considerable consequence. The Hover