

3 SOLONS OPPOSE 1 BOARD OF REGENTS

Expense of Boards Declared Nominal, While Objects Are Vastly Different.

NEED OF ROADS IS SEEN

Representative Meek Is Opposed to Millage Tax for Colleges, and Would Appropriate "No More Than Former Legislatures."

At least three members of the next Oregon Legislature do not favor the idea of consolidating the boards of regents of the State University and the Agricultural College. They are Senator C. L. Hawley, of Polk County; W. F. Homan, Representative from Malheur County; and A. D. Sage, Representative from Washington County.

Representative Homan, in response to a letter addressed to all members of the Legislature on forthcoming legislative matters, says that he believes no appropriation should be required for either the university or the Agricultural College except for emergencies.

Mr. Homan discusses the subject of road legislation as follows: "In my opinion the sparsely settled regions of the state have no roads, but merely trails. If the state is going to attract settlers, roads must be made. Concerning road legislation, my mind is in a receptive attitude, but I do not intend to initiate any legislative action. The plan of giving farmers credit for road work done adjoining their ranches is a success in some Middle Western states, where the law provides such a credit on taxes."

Senator Hawley favors an annual appropriation for both the university and the Agricultural College, and a separate millage tax for the support of each. He does not favor the consolidation of the boards of regents of the two institutions. "The idea and development of a land grant institution like our Agricultural College is along a certain definite course, outlined by National law or enactment, and has but little in common with a liberal arts or university course. Why try to confuse them by having but one board for both?"

As to road legislation, Senator Hawley says: "I do not believe that we are yet ready for state highways. I am inclined to favor the Grange plan, the building of good roads radiating from the towns into the country. I favor the employment of a state road engineer and one road overseer for each county, these two to work in conjunction with the County Court of each county."

Representative Meek favors appropriating "what former Legislatures gave them and no more" for the university and Agricultural College, and is friendly to a millage tax for either. Nor does he favor the consolidation of the managements of the two institutions.

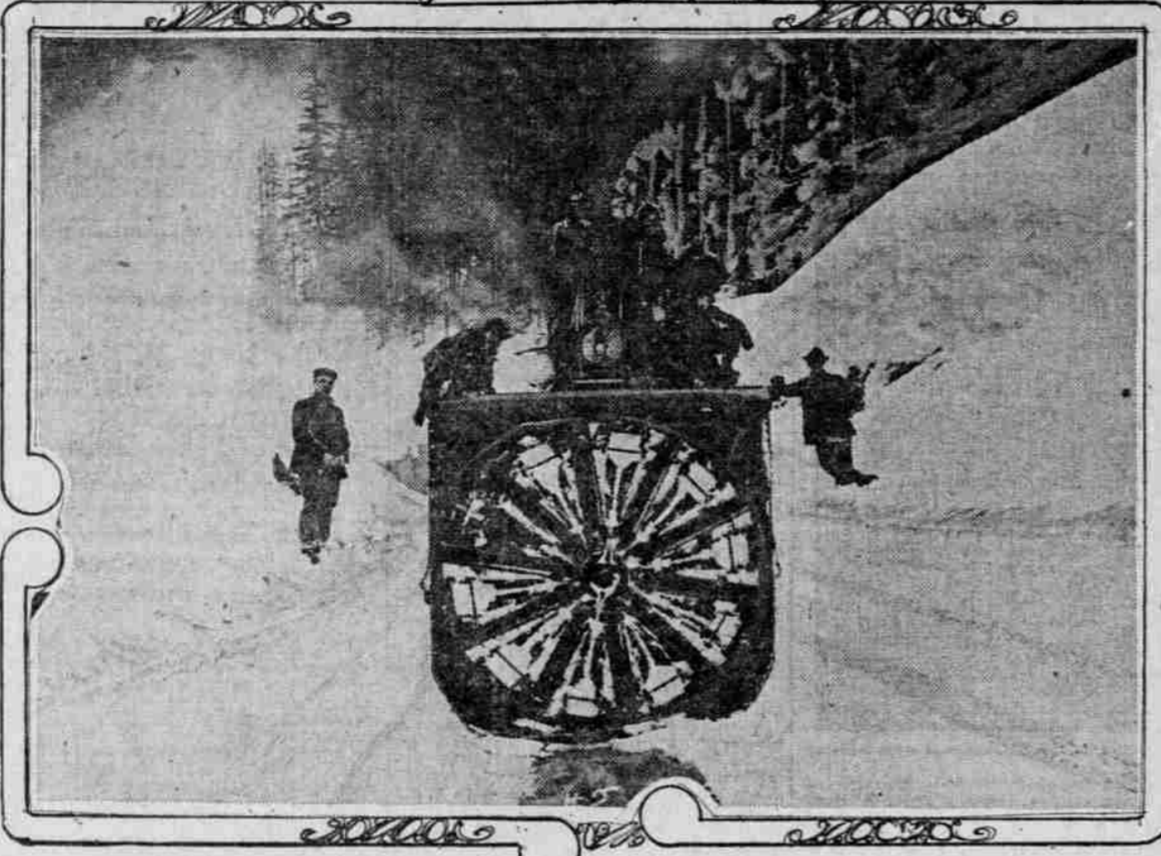
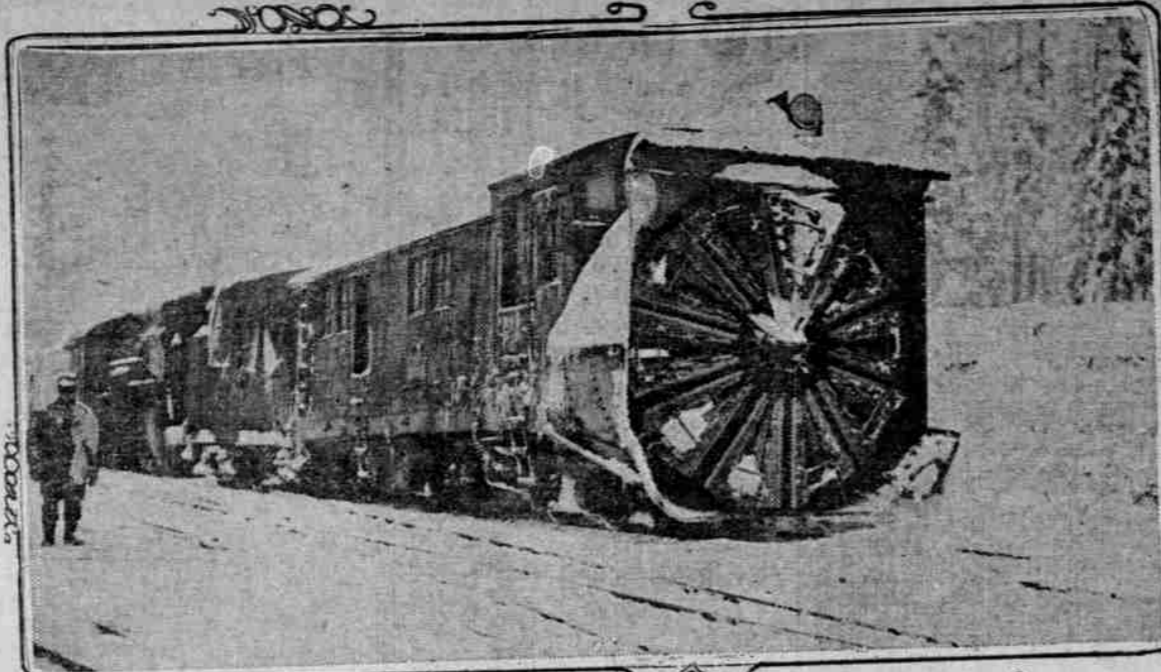
Concerning the proposed compensation act, Mr. Meek says: "I do not favor the enactment of such an act, and am opposed to any measure that forms a commission to investigate."

One of the latest expressions on the question of an appropriation for the Panama-Pacific Exposition is that received from Representative V. A. Forbes, of Crook County. He thinks \$250,000 would be about right.

PERSONAL MENTION.

- S. Newmann, a Corvallis merchant, is at the Perkins.
W. B. Ches, a Lebanon merchant, is at the Imperial.
C. E. Broadbent, a merchant of Myrtle Creek, is at the Oregon.
E. S. Baker, of Roseburg, registered at the Seward yesterday.
A. M. Reeves, a business man of Lebanon, is at the Perkins.
P. B. Dunn, of Eugene, was registered at the Cornwallis yesterday.
E. P. McCormack, a Salem capitalist, is registered at the Seward.
Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Schuman, of The Dalles, are at the Multnomah.
L. D. Elliott, of Centralia, Wash., is registered at the Multnomah.
A. G. Mager, a Salem business man, was at the Imperial yesterday.
T. W. Hobbs, a merchant of Molalla, is registered at the Perkins.
J. P. Atkin, a merchant of Kalama, Wash., was at the Imperial yesterday.
Thomas Gorman, a mining man of Baker, registered at the Oregon yesterday.
S. Hellner, a business man of Baker, was registered at the Portland yesterday.
E. C. Cheasty, a business man of Seattle, registered yesterday at the Portland.
George McGee, a merchant of Hillsboro, was registered at the Oregon yesterday.
Mrs. Anna Silva and Miss L. A. Silva, of San Francisco, are registered at the Cornwallis.
Dr. and Mrs. Stanton Allen, of Hood River, were registered at the Seward yesterday.
G. W. Boomer and A. B. Blawett, of Spokane, registered at the Multnomah yesterday.
Mr. and Mrs. P. C. French, of Hillsboro, were registered at the Portland yesterday.
Will Wright, State Bank Examiner, was registered yesterday at the Oregon from Salem.
Mrs. Willis Van Horn and Miss Van Horn, of Hood River, are registered at the Portland.
Secretary of State and Mrs. Otcott were registered at the Imperial yesterday from Salem.
Dr. E. B. Dutton, a veterinary surgeon of Caldwell, Idaho, is registered at the Imperial.
A. M. Sherwood, Jr., an orchardist of White Salmon, Wash., was registered at the Portland yesterday.
George E. Starr, a New York jewelry manufacturer, accompanied by Mrs. Starr, is at the Multnomah.
W. H. Coles, prominent capitalist and railroad man of Ogden, Utah, registered at the Portland yesterday.
A. M. Wade, a timberman of Aberdeen, Wash., accompanied by Mrs. Wade, was registered at the Perkins yesterday.

CLEARING AWAY SNOW FROM RAILROAD IN CASCADES.



TWO VIEWS OF GREAT ROTARY SNOW PLOW NEAR ELLENSBURG.

COLD GRIPS NATION

Mercury as Low as 34 Below Zero--Late Winter Damages.

BARE WHEAT IS EXPOSED

Forecasters Predict Even Colder Temperatures Over All Parts of United States--Widespread Suffering Is Reported.

(Continued From First Page.)

The cold weather was welcomed by the railroads, which were hampered all last week by snowfalls in the mountains. The Great Northern trans-continental line is still tied up by the avalanche which destroyed a snowshed near the west portal of Cascade tunnel Friday.

Overland trains are being routed over the Northern Pacific to Spokane.

Wire connection with the summit has not been restored, and Great Northern officials were unable to say tonight when traffic over their line would be resumed.

Reports received at Milwaukee headquarters from Laconia, near the summit of the Cascades, said the snow was 14 feet deep. The total fall at Laconia this season has been 25 feet, but much of this was carried away by the rapid thaw that preceded the present cold wave.

COLD MOVING EAST AND SOUTH

Disturbance Predicted for End of Week in Northwest.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The cold wave now prevailing over the northwestern and western portions of the country will extend eastward and southward in the next two days, reaching the Atlantic states Monday night or Tuesday, according to the Weather Bureau weekly bulletin.

"The cold weather," says the bulletin, "will be followed by some moderation about Tuesday over the Northwest and extreme Central West, and after the middle of the week to the eastward and southward, although temperatures probably will remain below normal for the season."

"The week will open cloudy east of the Rocky Mountains, except in the Northwest, with snow over the northern and central and over the southern districts, but by Wednesday generally fair weather should prevail. A disturbance probably will appear over the Northwest toward the close of the week, bringing with it increasing cloudiness and rising temperatures."

MERCURY 17 AT VANCOUVER

Ice Covers Streets and Horses Unable to Keep Footing.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 5.—(Special.)—The temperature dropped to 17 degrees above zero here last night, and formed ice on still lakes and sloughs where the wind did not interfere. This is the coldest spell of the winter so far. The minimum temperature in 1912 was recorded January 8, when 12 degrees above zero was registered, according to A. A. Quarnberg, Government weather observer here.

The pavement in the business district had been sprinkled Friday, and a little rain fell, and when the temperature dropped Friday night it transformed the surface of the pavement to a sheet of ice. Dozens of horses fell.

Mail to department headquarters at the post was carried on the back of

PORTLAND WEATHER IS COLD

Thermometer Gets Down to 22 Degrees Above at 7 A. M.

The coldest weather of the winter prevailed in Portland yesterday, causing inconvenience to persons whose business kept them exposed to the weather.

Although the cold wave has not lasted long enough to freeze over ponds and allow skating, nevertheless there was ample excuse for the handsome furs exhibited in the various costumes seen on the streets. Women hid their hands in muffs, and men turned up their coat collars.

Portland's flowers, particularly the roses, will not be injured by the change in the weather. J. A. Curry, an expert on the subject of raising flowers, said last night that colder weather in the past has caused no damage. Mr. Curry added that climbing roses trellised on wire instead of on wood might suffer some. He also said that it is a mistake to prune rose bushes too early, as the sap may start running.

The congregation which attended the lecture in the Gypsy Smith Tabernacle yesterday afternoon had their staying qualities tested. A few small stoves in the auditorium were not sufficient to lift the chill, and the audience sat shivering, while the breath of the speaker was plainly seen.

The hourly temperatures from 1 A. M. until 7 P. M. were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Time and Temperature. 1 A. M. 22, 2 A. M. 21, 3 A. M. 20, 4 A. M. 19, 5 A. M. 18, 6 A. M. 17, 7 A. M. 16.

CITRUS FRUITS HARD HIT

Temperature of 22 Felt in California Orange Belt.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 5.—(Special.)—Freezing weather, such as Southern California has not experienced in 20 years, swept down from Tehachas' top on the great orange belt of San Bernardino, Ventura, Riverside, Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego counties tonight.

Damage estimated at many millions of dollars is being wrought to citrus fruits, in spite of the desperate efforts of the growers to check the menace by smudging. At Covina tonight the mercury dropped to 22 degrees.

At Santa Ana icicles hung from the orange trees.

Snow is reported from north of Okanogan. Sugar beets, bean and grain crops are suffering also, but the chief damage is to oranges and lemons. High winds are blowing at Santa Barbara, Redlands and Colton, which it is hoped, will prevent heavy frosting.

Reports from the Lompoc Valley say the loss to fruits there will be enormous.

At Santa Barbara the temperature has been below the freezing point all day, except for two hours this afternoon, and at 10 P. M. it is 22. At Redlands the mercury stands at 30, and the sky is black with smogues. At Whittier several hundred thousand young orange trees are exposed to the elements, and the owners fear a total loss.

For the most part the sudden drop, despite the United States Weather Bureau's warning, was totally unexpected by the people, and not more than a tenth of the growers, it is reported, were prepared.

The temperature stands at 18 degrees at Riverside at 10 o'clock. Prayers are being offered in the churches for the saving of citrus groves.

FRESNO WATER PIPES FREEZE

Records for 25 Years Go With Cold, Which Threatens Oranges.

FRESNO, Jan. 5.—(Special.)—Freezing weather was experienced in Fresno early this morning, and residents on rising found water pipes broken and ice three-fourths of an inch thick on the tubs. In small vessels the water was frozen clear through. The temperature dropped as low as 25 degrees

and it is feared that orange trees and nursery stock have been damaged, although the extent cannot be estimated at this hour.

Today was one of the coldest in the history of Fresno. The temperature did not go above 15 degrees, which breaks all records for the last 25 years. The cold spell followed one of the worst wind storms in years, and it is predicted that Monday will be colder. Reports from surrounding country say that the temperature was as low as 15 degrees.

STORM NEARING MOUNTAINS

Snow in Colorado Accompanied by Drop in Temperature.

DENVER, Jan. 5.—Snow began falling here shortly after 5 o'clock this morning and was accompanied by a considerable drop in temperature. Snow also was reported along the eastern slope of the mountains from Colorado Springs and Pueblo.

The local weather bureau said that a severe storm was approaching the mountain states rapidly from the Pacific Northwest and predicted snow and cold tonight for Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico.

Raymond Reports Snow.

RAYMOND, Wash., Jan. 5.—(Special.)—A light covering of snow, the first of the season, covered the streets last night and brought out an army of small boys and girls with improvised sleds, coasters and anything that would carry them down hill. The temperature tonight is at the freezing point.

18 Above at Roseburg.

ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 5.—(Special.)—With the thermometer registering 18 degrees above zero at 8 o'clock this morning, Roseburg last night experienced its coldest weather for three years.

MORE PRIZES ARE NEEDED

Few More Wanted for Students' Industrial Contest at Fair.

"We had hoped to have the prize list for the school children's industrial contest at the State Fair this year, ready to print early in this month, but for several reasons will be delayed some time," said N. C. Maris yesterday.

"One of the most potent of these reasons is the fact that we haven't quite enough special prizes to make the classification as complete as we would like, and as it should be to accomplish the greatest possible results."

"Many who donated prizes last year, are glad of the opportunity to do so again this year; feeling that they are not only aiding a most worthy cause, but that they really get good returns through the advertising feature of it; while some feel that they should be excused this year, and that others who did not assist last year, should take their place. The burden of supporting enterprises of this character, taking care of charity recipients and a hundred and one other subscription paper propositions, comes very heavy on those engaged in merchandise and other prominent lines of commercial business. There is hardly a day that they are not called upon for some sort of a donation, and many really allow themselves to be imposed upon."

"Superintendent Alderman's plan of interesting and assisting the children in this industrial movement appeals very strongly to almost everyone, and few have the heart to turn it down, even when they have already exceeded their annual allowance for such purposes, so we almost feel guilty of imposing on good nature when we call upon them."

"We hope to attract the attention of some public spirited persons who have not come in close touch with this work, but who have means they would like to use in a work like this."

"If anyone who is interested wishes to know more about the proposition, interesting and assisting the children, and to answer any questions regarding it."

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—(Special.)—The following from Portland, Or., are registered at Chicago hotels: Congress, A. C. Slattery, Fred C. Kribs; Great Northern, A. C. Moffatt.

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Standard Pack Tomatoes priced for this Clearance Sale at, dozen \$1.00
Solid Pack Tomatoes, a very fine brand, Clearance Sale price, dozen \$1.40
Choice Canned Corn in this great Clearance Sale at only, the dozen \$.90
Fancy Maine Corn, a standard brand, Clearance price, the dozen \$1.35
A-1 Canned Peas, during this great Clearance Sale at only, doz. \$1.40
Apex Canned Peas are included in this Clearance Sale at, the dozen \$1.50
Princess Royal Peas in the great Clearance Sale at only, the dozen \$1.70
Little Gem Canned Peas in this Clearance Sale at only, the dozen \$2.00
Extra Fine Canned Peas priced for this Clearance Sale, the dozen \$2.60
Pala Stringless Beans go in this great Clearance Sale at, the dozen \$1.10
G. W. Stringless Beans, very fine quality, Clearance Sale price, doz. \$1.50
Lee Stringless Beans in this great Clearance Sale at only, the dozen \$2.00
Harvest Gem Stringless Beans, Clearance Sale price, a dozen only \$2.25
Fancy Selected Stringless Beans Clearance Sale price, the dozen \$2.50
Queen Lil Sliced Pineapple, very fine, Clearance Sale price, a dozen \$2.40
Honey Bee Sliced Pineapple, in this Clearance Sale at only, dozen \$1.65

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EMPRESS YET OPEN

Theater People Contend They Are Within Rights.

RAZING OF BLOCK BEGINS

Workmen for Feichelmer Estate Have Demolition Proceedings in Progress and Sidewalk Is Now Barricaded.

Despite ouster proceedings brought by the Feichelmer estate, owners of the Empress Theater building, the Empress Company continues to hold the fort. The owners maintain that the Empress lease, having expired December 31, the occupation of the premises at the present time by the Empress Company amounts to trespass.

In answer to the complaint of the owners, which will be filed in a few days, it will be maintained that in retaining peaceful possession, even though their lease has lapsed, the Empress people are acting fully within their rights under the Oregon statutes. Until such time as the court has rendered a decision, the Empress management proposes to do business at the old stand as if nothing had happened.

The Empress Theater building will be razed, together with the other buildings fronting on Washington between Seventh and Park streets, by Moran, Filadner & Boyce, who will erect an eight-story building covering the half block, which they have leased for 50 years from the Feichelmer estate.

Work is already under way on the demolition of the other buildings, and the sidewalk on both sides of the Washington-street entrance have been barricaded, leaving the way open direct from the pavement, however. The Empress people have covered the barricades with posters announcing their attractions.

Owing to the wrecking operations, the stage entrance is blocked, and for the first time in the Empress' 20 odd years of life as a show house, the performers go to and from the stage through the regular entrances, thus being compelled to violate one of the most inflexible rules of the business. Stage fixtures and scenery are brought in through the Park-street entrance.

Y. M. C. A. SHOWS AIMS

CIRCULAR TELLS OF WORK TO BUILD UP CHARACTER.

During Year 97 Bible Classes Are Conducted With 912 Men and 775 Boys Enrolled.

"The work of the Portland Young Men's Christian Association is made possible by the co-operation and support of public-spirited men who believe in the doctrine of Ruskin, 'Invest your money in men, especially young men.'"

This is one of the statements contained in a neat folder that has just been mailed by the Portland Y. M. C. A. to citizens who are contributing to the support of the institution. The folder gives a brief summary of some of the association activities and a balance sheet, showing the total receipts and expenses of the organization, work \$141,772.21 for the year ending November 1, 1912.

"Figures tell a small part of the story of fellowship, the counsel, the guidance, the instruction, the sympathy, the heart throbs, the spiritual struggles, the character building work going forward with more than 2400 men and boys in the Portland Y. M. C. A."

"Another view comes when we know that more than 85 per cent of the 1500 young men in the vocational schools and classes of the Y. M. C. A. are working their way by getting up at 4 in the morning, delivering papers, working in restaurants, tending furnaces, running elevators and doing all sorts of other jobs."

"The Hardest Work in the World" is the title of the pamphlet, which concludes that "the work of making industrious, efficient, moral, well-producing men of character out of boys and young men of our cities is the hardest work in the world. To this job the Portland Y. M. C. A. has addressed itself, and only as it succeeds in turning out this kind of product is its work a success."

The folder shows that during the

year 97 Bible classes were conducted with a total enrollment of 912 men and 775 boys. There was an attendance of 40,330 at all religious meetings conducted, and an attendance of 6310 at 164 district social functions.

More than 3000 members took advantage of the physical department privileges, there being 2324 men and 506 boys so enrolled. The advisory and employment department received 2206 calls for men, filled 1685 positions and granted 21,325 interviews. The industrial department received 7462 calls for men and filled 6402 positions. There were 1415 different students in the educational department, with a class registration of 341, in addition to numerous educational clubs.

"The number of members, the size of the building, the multiplied activities are of no avail unless boys and young men are helped in developing character," says the circular.

LIGHT ON DUES WANTED

Measure Would Require Corporations Account for Hospital Funds.

After conferring with a delegation of railroad employees in Portland yesterday, J. E. Anderson, Representative-At-Large for Hood River and Wasco counties, announced that he will introduce in the Legislature a bill requiring railroads and other corporations to make an accounting to their employees for all fees arbitrarily assessed and collected from them as hospital dues. The bill requires these corporations annually on July 1 to furnish the Secretary of State with a sworn statement giving a full and complete itemized list of all money so collected, together with a list of expenditures from that fund.

The proposed bill also provides that all contracts made by corporations with any physician, hospital, sanitarium or relief association shall be subject to a referendum by the men employed by the corporation making such a contract.

"I am advised by the railway employees," said Mr. Anderson at the Imperial yesterday, "that including shopmen, there are 7000 railroad employees in the state today who are paying a monthly hospital or relief fee of 50 cents, or \$500 every month. What the men are demanding is to know where this money goes. They are not furnished any statements as to receipts and expenditures to which they think they are entitled or indebted."

"The men complain that their contributions to this fund amount in the aggregate to a sufficient sum not only to meet all hospital and relief charges against it, but also to pay old age pensions to employees and damages for personal injuries sustained by passengers. The employees are asking to be furnished information as to where the money goes, and also insist that they should have a voice in selecting the company's contract doctor and the hospital which they shall be treated when sick or injured."

Hood River Has Road Funds.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Jan. 5.—(Special.)—The City of Hood River begins the year with a surplus in its general road

fund, the first time such a condition has prevailed since incorporation. It is thought that funds at present in the treasury will be sufficient to meet all needs of the city government until the taxes of the year are received.



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