

The organization, according to Mrs. J. H. Weeks, president, will hold a number of gatherings, before the election, in the interests of the Republican party. The enrollment of women now is 350.

The freight collided head-on with a passenger train in a tunnel. The efforts of the unhurt to pull injured women and children from the burning wreckage forms one of the vivid scenes in *The Key*, a railroad melodrama in two acts, which opened the bill at the Sunset Theater yesterday.

"The Man at the Key" is Bob Norton, whose role is filled by the noted actor Edward Stanton. Norton is sent to the penitentiary for 10 years for his mistake. Years later he escapes and chance enables him to redeem himself and avert another wreck. This redemptive drama will continue today, Friday and Saturday.

"The Home Breakers," a rollicking two-act comedy featuring Sidney Con-

me personally against having to pay
for street and sewer improvements
where the city's rates of wage are paid

When these same people have to work for less than that scale to get money to pay the municipal workmen. The people are overloaded with assessments. If you increase the cost of improvements you cut down the improvements. How does labor benefit them?"

Oregon Electric Sleepers.

Sleeping-car service on Oregon Electric-howl trains will be suspended temporarily until about March 13. Last trip leaving Portland Wednesday, February 24, and Eugene 12:05 A. M. Friday, the 26th. Oregon Electric Ry.—Adv.

St. Johns Merger Is Discussed.

ST. JOHNS, OR., Feb. 24.—(Special).—The board of governors of the St. Johns Commercial Club at Luncheon Tuesday discussed the question of merging St. Johns with Portland. It was decided to hold several meetings for public discussion of the question. Speakers will be invited from Lehigh, Seaside, Astoria and other suburbs to talk at these meetings. A committee was appointed to arrange the time and places.

More than 90 per cent of the alcohol and alcoholic drinks that is made in the Philippines are derived from the sap of palm trees.