FACILITIES FOR TRANSPORTATION

Committee of the Chamber of Commerce Is Hard at Work.

PORTAGE ROAD ASSURED

Other Lines Which Must Now Be Provided For If the State of Oregon Is to Continue to Make Progress,

The transportation committee of the Chamber of Commerce is hard at work vent on its plans for the development of the interior transportation facilities of the state, and from indications its labors will hear fruit in a very short time.

The work on the portage road is practically accomplished, and there remains no doubt but what the line will be oper for operation by the last of the month, as has been repeatedly promised by the contractors and engineers in charge of the construction work. At the present time not more than a day lies before the completion of the track construction work. After that some surfacing work will have to be done, but there is nothing remaining to do that will hinder the opening of the road on time as scheduled.

Now that this task has been practically finished the committee is turning its attention to the interior development of the state, and has in contemplation plans which will result in the opening of the

which will result in the opening of the Central and Eastern Oregon districts to transportation in a short time.

A member of the committee, in speaking of the purpose of the organization now being effected by the Chamber of Commerce respecting transportation facilities in this state, stated that while the work is under the control of the Chamber of Commerce, it is by no means confined to the mercantile classes, but numbers among its workers many of the property-owners in this city, and has connected owners in this city, and has connected with it throughout the state some of the most prominent and progressive citizens.

The conditions which have spontaneously created the organization are so well

known that a repetition of them grows monotonous." said the speaker. "For about 25 years the O. R. & N. Co. has been a dominant factor in the transporbeen a dominant factor in the transpor-tation field in this state. During all this time the people of this city and state have, in every way they could, both by giving it their business and otherwise, shown their loyalty, going so far at times as even to discourage other roads in their attempts to secure a foothold here. During all this time the people have been waiting patiently for the building of branch lines and extensions into tributary country, and for aggressive efforts to develop the state and contiguous territory. Every state and contiguous territory. Every map and folder issued by this company for E years showed extensions in embryo Every year promises have been made to build, until its record is now one long chain of broken promises. To the North, the Great Northern Charles by the core. the Great Northern (backed by the power of Mr. Hill) and the Northern Pacific have pursued an aggressive policy and are doing all in their power to build up a commercial rival to Portland, and have forced the cial rival to Portland, and have forced the O. R. & N. Co. to cease even attempting to serve territory tributary to this city. Immoral, and, as I believe, illegal, 'truces' and agreements have been entered into by it respecting interstate commerce; not only is Portland deprived of the support of as rich a country as there is no the face of the globe but the coveris on the face of the globe, but the country limit is practically set back for years for lack of transportation facilities and railroads; these companies not only divide the territory among themselves as though they owned it, but when they can-not agree as to a division, the interests and wellbeing of states, even, are given no consideration, and yet they wonder at the determination of the President and of the people behind him to do what they can to break away from these conditions and enact laws which will, to some extent,

Truce and Agreements.

"This state, it is understood, according to the 'truces' and agreements, is the property of what is known as the 'Harriman' system. Therefore, in this section, there is no reason why lines should not be extended because of any truces, compacts or arguments.
"The records show that for years in

Oregon there has been but one short branch line of 40 miles—to Condon—built, while at least four-fifths of the state is isolated and without means of getting their products to market, and, therefore,

largely at a standstill. "To the South, in California," continued "To the South, in California." continued the speaker, "the same system is bending every energy in building up San Francisco. There millions are spent to lower grades and shorten lines, while here a water level grade from Riparia to Lewiston is abandoned and freight is forced over three mountain ranges and heavy grades 156 miles further to the sea than by the river level route. There roads are over three mountain ranges and heavy grades 150 miles further to the sea than by the river level route. There roads are built miles in length almost parelleling the present tracks. Here a road like the Columbia Southern is left between the devil and the deep sea, although it is paying well and will pay more if extended. The Alaska trade was abandoned to the Sound without a protest; the Lewiston and Nez Perce country surrendered, although it had been recognized as Portland O. R. & N. Co. territory for nearly 30 years, and nothing done in Oregon. In the States of Washington and California there are railroad commissions and stringent railroad legislation. In this state to the development of the richest section of the State of the richest section of the State of Communication and denies the people living there the ordinary means of communication and transportation, and to this state a rich and growing trade, because it and its partners cannot agree upon a division of territory, then it must be done in some other way and by the people themselves. Nor, under the circumstances, will this movement be confined to Oregon. Idaho and sections of Washington are affected alike, and are equally interested. Nor is the committee starting for a short campaign. It knows the resources of the richest section of the State of Idaho, and denies the people living there the ordinary means of communication and transportation, and to this state a rich and growing trade, because it and its partners cannot agree upon a division of territory, then it must be done in some other way and by the people themselves. Nor, under the circumstances, will this movement be confined to Oregon. In the States of Washington and sections of Washington are affected alike, and are equally interested. Nor campaign. It knows the resources of the richest section of the richest secti there is not a line of adverse legislation .

Reaches Acute Stage.

"This question has now reached the acute stage, and the committee asks the people of this state and those interested in its development where they expect to "get off," with the two great systems pulling for Seattle and one for San Francisco, and nothing being done for Portland or this state—in fact, their own earnings are now being used against 'bem. We

ask the property-holders in this state generally to consider the question and in order to get some idea of the present conditions let them take a railroad map of the State of Washington and compare it with one of Oregon and draw their own conclusions. Let them determine for themselves how this great state can be developed if four-fifths of it is without railroad transportation and facilities.

"To give some idea of the present condition, I quote from the present condition, I quote from the present condition, I quote from the present condition, which states: "Oregon has only

by the Lewis and Clark Centennial Expo-sition, which states: "Oregon has only 1.78 miles of railroad per 190 square miles of territory, a lower ratio than that of any state or territory in the Union except Idaho, Nevada, Wyoming, Arlzono and New Mexico. Central Oregon is the larg-est area of habitable land in the United States without railroad transportation. In short, all Oregon has outgrown its

railroad facilities."

There is no question but what great dissatisfaction exists and is well founddissatisfaction exists and is well founded. As an instance, nearly one year and a half ago the extension of the Columbia Southern was absolutely promised, on condition that the people of this city would subscribe for a certain amount of bonds. This subscription was completed about it months ago, and no step has been taken towards extending the road since. A contract for building a road from Riparia to Lewiston was let after repeated promises that it would be built, and it was abandoned after most of the grading was done. When others took up in earnest the building of a road to Tillamook, every possible obstacle was placed in their way in financing their enterprise, and in order to prevent connections with main lines if it was built. These examples might be mulwas built. These examples might be mul-tiplied, but it will serve no good purpose

For Self-Preservation.

Self-preservation is said to be the first law of Nature and that law is the real actuating force behind this movement.

RESIGNS AS SECRETARY REPUB-LICAN CITY CENTRAL COMMITTEE.



George H. Hill.

George H. Hill, recently elected secretary of the newly organized Republican City Central Committee, yesterday sent to Elmer B. Colwell the following letter of

"I was much surprised to see in The Oregonian of Friday morning the aunouncement that I had been the announcement that I had been elected secretary of the Republican Committee. I had no thought that such a movement would be put on foot and nothing could be further from my wishes, for much as I appreciate the honor conferred upon me it is quite impossible for me to give attention to the many duties required of one who would con-scientiously fill the position.

"Further, I have neither the de-sire nor inclination to participate in politics in any way other than as a citizen taking a proper interest in such matters and exercising my right of voting at the polls. I have given a good deal of time in the past to politics, not with a view of holding any office other than as a mber of the Legislature, and have at all times tried to do my duty and have always aimed to stand for a principle. In this course I have never wavered, have no regrets and hold to the same prin-

"I wish you a full measure of success as chairman of the committee and hope that you may aid in weld-ing the Republican party together as a harmonious whole."

The committee proposes to put forth every effort to get these conditions remeevery effort to get these conditions reme-died, and to get its information in such shape that its truth cannot be gainsaid. It intends to ask nothing but what is right. It intends to take up this matter with the railroad officials, and to get the people of this state to ap-preciate and understand its greatness and productiveness, and to keep constantly at it until relief is obtained. The committee contends that with all the roads in this state under the control of one system, this system should do its duty in develop-ing the state as well as in drawing revthere is not a line of adverse legislation on the statute books. Notwithstanding all of this, this city and other sections reached by this road have supported it most loyally. For year ending June 29, 1897, the gross earnings of the O. R. & N. Co. were 24,677,524; the net earnings, 13,26,367,40; the surplus, 1863,187, after paying of dividends amounting to \$110,000. For year ending June 29, 1802, the gross earnings of the O. R. & N. Co. were 24,677,524; the net earnings, 13,264,574,60; the surplus, 1863,187, after paying of dividends amounting to \$110,000. For year ending June 29, 1802, the gross earnings of the divided this time. A number of meetings have already been held, and some progress made. Certain propositions have been submitted to the companies, and when their answers are received it will be time to discuss them publicly. The committee desires to work on fair and friendly lines; it wants to co-operate with the railroads in the development of the state, but it wants to co-operation; it is only too willing to recognize and act on mutuality of interesting and early of the country now developed is so productive that Mr. Worthington has stated that the results are extraordinary, why should not the rest of the state show like returns? There is not a resident in Portland who lived here at the time the O. R. & N. line was built up the Columbia River but prophesied its failure, and the result has shown how little they knew of the productiveness of their own country.

Reaches Acute Stage. not been difficult to divide and dissipata merchant, a farmer or a property-holder.

NO BOGUS DEGREES

Penalty in New York for Those Who Confer Them.

MASONS GET LAW PASSED

Impostors Who Make Cut-Rate Masons or Members of Other Orders May Go to Jail--Other States May Follow.

NEW YORK, May 12 - (Special.)-The 122,000 members of the Masonic order in the State of New York have won a great victory, and by legislative enactment have provided severe penalties for all impostors who may endeavor to work within the state. Governor Higgins has signed a bill, which passed the Legislature by a practically unanimous vote, providing that "any person who wilifully, by aid of any false token or writing, or other false pretense or statement, or without the authority of the grand lodge of the order, obtains the signature of any person to any written application, or any proper or written application, or any money or property for any alleged or pretended de-gree, secret work or secrets of, or membership in, any secret fraternal society having a grand lodge in this state, or in any subordinate lodge or body thereof is subject to a penalty of imprisonment of not more than three years or by a fine to an amount not exceeding the value of the money or property so obtained, or by both.

The new law takes effect September 1 Although this measure applies to all orders, yet it is particularly intended for the protection of the Free and Accepted

Grand Master Frank Robinson, of Hornellsville, drew up the bill, presented it to the Legislature, and by the influence of his subordinate grand officers had it rapidly pressed through both houses.

Other States May Follow.

This is the first time that any state has taken measures to protect secret societies against impostors, but Grand Secretary Edward M. Ehlers has received a number of letters of inquiry from sister juris-dictions during the past few days, and he expects to see efforts made to adopt New York's plan throughout the United

States.

The Grand Lodge held its annual session this month, and Mr. Robinson officially congratulated his associates upon their success. "We are now in a position," be said, "to drive every lilegal Mason out of our jurisdiction."

The business of "imitation Masonry" has been a flourishing one, particularly in New York City. One of the most active of the workers has been a doctor on the upper West Side, who advertises from time to time that he will confer the degrees of the order at reduced rates. This

grees of the order at reduced rates. This is his ordinary schedule, although occa-sionally he cuts it: Blue Lodge (first three degrees), \$5;

Blue Lodge (first three degrees), \$5; Royal Arch Chapter, \$5; Knights Tem-plar, \$10; Scottish Rite, \$15; and Mystic Shrine, \$5. If a man has not got this much money to spend, the doctor is will-ing to take less, one Mason of high de-gree acting as emissary for the regular Grand Lodge discovered one individual Grand Lodge, discovered one individual who for the small sum of \$10 conferred \$6 degrees upon him and presented a cer-tificate in addition.

96 degrees (whatever 56th-degree Masonry may be) during a brief hour's session held in the presiding officer's parior. Hardly a night in the week passes that one or more of these "cut-rate Masons" is not turned down when he endeavors to obtain admission to a lodge in the

to obtain admission to a lodge in the temple.

Of course these victims are made members of a mythical "lodge" and told that they are entitled to pay fraternal visits anywhere in the world. Their sad disappointment when they discover how they have been fooled, may well be imagined. Another class of secret society men who may be injured are the negro Massons, who have a grand lodge of their own with about 20 subordinate lodges. It is sald that they come within the restrictions imposed by the new law, but it is a question whether the Grand Lodge will feel inclined to interfere. "They only swindle one another, so let them keep it up and be happy," was the general opinup and be happy," was the general opin-ion expressed at the Grand Lodge meet-

Provide Tomb for Tompkins.

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Another thing which the Masons of New York State have determined to do is to provide a proper tomb, and a suitable monument, for Daniel D. Tompkins. Tompkins, a century ago, was one of the leading men in the Empire State. He was Governor from 1807 to 1817, resigning to become Vice-President of the United States and serving throughout the eight years of Monroe's Administration. The body of this distinguished citizen is now resting in an unmarked grave in 8t. Mark's Churchyard, the same burial place from which the body of A. T. Stewart was stolen. Unmarked, uncared for and neglected, few people in New York even, know that a former Vice-President is interred there.

Tompkins was an active Mason during his lifetime, and for several terms presided as Grand Master over the Grand Lodge. Now the Masons of the State have taken the matter up. A fund is being collected, and within a few months a suitable tomb and monument will be provided, and the remains of the former Grand Master re-interred with all due honor and ceremony.

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In addition the Board of Aldermen of the city has granted to the Grand Lodge the city has granted to the Grand Lodge permission to erect a monument to Tomp-kins at any place in the city it may select. A committee has been chosen to take charge of this work and it is ex-pected that before the snow comes again, New Yorkers will be reminded that one of the State's great*sons, although long forgotten, still lives in the memory of his Masonic brethren.

Physical Culture Exhibition

The annual physical culture exhibition of Professor Ringler's school will take place Monday evening, May 15, at his hall, 395 Alder street. Over 100 people will take part. The ladies' classes will be in various numbers, and will show the work they have been doing during the season. A spirited game of basketball between the ladies' morning and evening classes will fol-low the regular programme: Fancy march. 26 ladles: clubswinging, ad-vanced class; the De Garros premier hand balancers; grace movements, la-dies' class; tumbling. Shockley and Wodeage; schottische figure dance, advanced class; horse, parallels, rings, ladies' class; pyramids, ladies' class; club juggling, Mamie Oesch; fancy dance, Rosie Forbes; basketball, morn-ing vs. evening ladies' class.

Jim Burwick Will Speak.

Jim Burwick, well known to railroad men all over the North American Con-tinent, will address a men's meeting on "Side Tracks," at 4 o'clock this after-Special music has been arranged for the occasion, to be led by Conductor

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Hawaiian Band Will Come

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington. May 13.—Secretary Taft today gave permission to the Royal Hawalian Band to sail for Portland on the Army transport sailing from Hawali September 5. This band will give concerts at the Grand Lodge, discovered one individual who for the small sum of \$10 conferred the other small sum of \$10 conferred the conferred the conferred that the candidate was initiated into all the secreta of the same ever since, For six months in the twenty the closing weeks of the same that the candidate was initiated into all the secreta of the same of the same that the candidate was initiated into all the secreta of the same of the same that the candidate was initiated into all the secreta of the same that the same that

HER SYSTEM BROKEN DOWN.

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HIS SKIN MADE CLEAR.

The doctors said I had pustular Eozema; it would break

The doctors said I had pustular Eozema; it would break out in small white pustules, mostly on my face and hands, discharging a sticky fluid; crusts would form and drop off, leaving the skin red and inflamed. I was tormented with the itching and burning characteristic of the disease for five years, and during the time used various medicated scaps, cintments and washes, but these applications seemed to make me worse. After taking S. S. S. a short time I began to improve; the itching did not worry me so much. I continued the medicine, and soon all the ugly eruptions disappeared and my skin is now as clear as anybody's. I have not been troubled since.

Urbana, Ohio.

E. E. KELLY.

Assist nature in getting the system ready for the depressing Summer months.

The change of Nature from Winter and Spring to Summer is no greater than the change that takes place in our physical systems at this season, and few can undergo it without some manifestation of disorder. Some have no particular ailment but are just worn out and tired, with their energies so depleted that they are totally unfit for work or physical exertion

of any kind. The appetite is variable, they are peevish, hysterical and often unreasonable, the digestion is imperfect, the stomach deranged and altogether they are mere drags in their every day life. To others the return of Summer means the return of disease, for warm weather is sure to force out the hidden poisons and seeds of disease which have accumulated in the blood during the Winter, and some old chronic trouble makes its appearance. Boils, Eczema, Tetter, Acne, scaly eruptions, rashes, pimples, etc., break out also at this time, and the heated season is made worse by the burning and itching of these skin tortures.

During the winter months we live a shut-in life as much as possible, breathing the impure air of closed rooms and heated offices; we indulge our appetites to the fullest, eating more of the heavier, richer foods and take a great deal less exercise.

As a result the blood grows thick and sluggish, the Liver, Kidneys, Bowels and other avenues of bodily waste become inactive and dull, failing to carry out the poisons which form in the system, and these are absorbed by the blood. Then when warm weather comes the blood is stirred to quicker action and begins to throw off these poisons, and they find lodgment in the system and produce disorders of various kinds.

The time to prepare for Summer is before any warning symptoms are felt or the seeds of disease have time to get too deeply rooted in the blood. The blood should be cleansed and every part of the system put in good working order, so we can start the trying summer season fully prepared to withstand the disorders and diseases it brings.

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and in cases of debility, weakness, nervousness and that fagged out, run-down condition it is unexcelled. Every part of the system is toned up and rejuvenated by this great remedy. There is one feature of S. S. S. that is possessed by it alone; it is entirely vegetable, while other blood medicines on the market contain Potash or some

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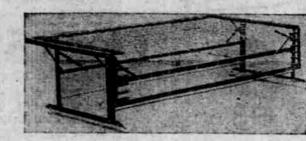
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