Raliroads Hold Out Ollve Branch to Commerce Commission.

ALL BIG ROADS OF ONE MIND

Death Knell to Illegal Practices
Be Sounded at St Paul Meet-

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 one embracing all the railroads east one
Chicago and St. Louis, and the othe
taking in all railroads west of the same points.
The Eastern movement was begur several weeks ago meet a committee u
has been asked to meet men in a conernee regarding
railway men
the situation in the East. The Weatthe situation in the Enst. The Weat-
ern movement is of nore recent date
and J. C. Stabbe, traffie mrager of the and J. C. Stubbs, traffie mrager of the
Harriman linees, is in charge of it
Yesterday Mr. Stubbs wired the Inter state Conmerce commiskion asking for
an eariy conference between that body
and a committee repreeenting every and a committee repreeentirg everg
Westenn railros, to discuss plans sor a
joint effirt to prevent further violations of the laws governing trannportation.
It is expected a date will be set betion the closee of the a date will be set before
is likely to take ponference is likely to take place in St. Paul next
Friday, when the commission has
hisritg in that city. The railroads insist they are in earn-
est and toat, if the commiesion is in
sympathy with the move, it means the death knell of the freight rebate,
seeret rate or "midnight tariff" of pref
erential rates, of arrangements with in dustrial railroads, of the payment o
unlawfol commiasions, and, in short, the end of everything which comee
within the purview of the intertate
commerce act or the Elking amend-

## ALL RAILROAD BIDS REJECTED

 cessions in Philippines.Washington, Dec. 23 - All the bifs
for concestionary contracts or grants for
the construction of railroads in the the construction of railroads in the
Philippine islands, recently gabmitted
to the brireau of insular affaire, wer today rejected because of the departures
Irom the terms of the circular clling
for proposale. Secretary Taft. after a number of conferences with Governor
Wright and Mr Forbes, of the Philip-
pine commiesion, and Colonhl Edwards, phitet of the insular burean, today de
cided to re avdertise the proposals, and
January 20 at $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$, has been fixed as the date for the opening of pew bids.
The terms will be modified in zome

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 their investment, they can vary fromthe original invitation to bid only in
point of time or on the cost of construc
tion ALL RUSSIA PARALYZED
Emfire Tied Up by General Strike
and Food is Scarce.
8t. Peteraburg. Dec. 23.-With the strike in force throughout the entire
empire, conditions are again becomng
more and more alarming. Whilit is
certain that the etrike leaders are abcertain that the atrike leajers are ab-
eolutely opposed to violence, it begins
to look an though they would be unable to control the forces. Famine is the
one thing to be feared, inammuch as the
supplies of tood within the city bave past of the foodstuffs is at an en
prices are beginning to advance and t,
comen French Indo.China, is now proceeding
to Shanghai. The officiale here say this is a measure of prec cation, as no
French intereetat have as yet been dis-
turbed. The recent disturbances occurred in the international concession
which is separated from the Frenc from Pekin today fays an imperi
edict juat iisaued, following energetic
proteets on the part of freign minis.
per Not a Wheel Turns in Moscow.
Mosc)w, Dec. 23. - The town in darknees and the theaters and clab are closed. The employes of the
municipality have abandoned their work. Fifty thousand factory hand
are iale. The troope are confined to the barracks and every poseible pre-
caution for eventualities has been
taken. The strikers' pickete are all over the city pereuaing or ing those whe are reluctant to foin the intrike for freedom

## Troops to Suppress Revolt. correspondent of the Petit Parisien in diapateb diapateh dated yeeterday, eays th the goverument is preparing to aup prees the revolt along the Baltic.

## Leaders Openly Defy Gor ernment by Manifesto. st. Peteraburg, Dec. 20.-A call veneral politiol

|  |  |  | White House Conference. <br> Washington, Dec. 19. - Preeident Roonevelt tonight took ap the matter of |
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|  |  |  | the Tathmian canal meandala as devel oped by debate in the eenate during the past three days. He is determined to |
| , | Elaination of Complicated Primary | Southern Pacific Arranges New West Side Time Card. |  |
|  |  | Portland-Requests for better freight |  |
|  | -The adoption of the direc |  |  |
| decthred their abil |  | Portland and Corvallis have been fruitful, for the company has arranged |  |
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|  |  | give that territory a daily freight in |  |
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|  |  | each direction instead of a tri-weekly |  |
|  |  | Simultaneously with the inangura- tion of the now train, the St. Joreph- |  |
|  |  | Lafnyetto cut-off is opened, and thin meana the eight and one-halt miles of |  |
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|  |  | track between Lafayette and Whiteson, on the Yamhill division, will not be |  |
| way nion and the |  |  |  |
|  |  | Thee principal advantage in the onw paeengeer time schedule will be that |  |
| pra |  | reeidents of Dayton und Newberg can and return home the same day, as the |  |
|  | $\text { clerks Tueeday, January } 2 .$ |  |  |
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|  |  | lime between Lafayette and Whiteson, and but two spurs, so it is figured no |  |
|  |  | tion of the rond is torn up. The deter- mination of the Southern Pacific to |  |
|  | lawe or amendments, 7,489 . | mination of the southern place a daily freight train on the ronte |  |
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|  | Last day for fliling initiative petitione, February 3 |  |  |
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|  |  | secure a beter service, but this could |  |
|  | election sot later than March 21.Last day for fling petitions for |  |  |
|  |  |  | of reform must begin at once, as Secre- |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ing names on ballot for state, congres- } \\ & \text { sional and district officers, March } 30 \text {. } \\ & \text { Last day for flling petitions for } \end{aligned}$ | Good Library at Asylum. Salem-The lack of a supply of good |  |
|  |  | bookg lor the priboners at the state pen.itentiary formed the rubject of comment |  |
|  | Canvesesing poten of primary electionatateatices May 5 . |  | In the meantime Senator Tillman will bexin a strong agitation after the |
|  |  | in the report of Seeretary Cornelin Mar- vin to the Oregon Libray commiterion. |  |
|  | Laent day for filing certifcates of | What is true of the prieon is true aliko | holiday recens for a thorough invertica: tion of the entire canal seitiation. He |
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|  | tions for atate offices, May 4. | ing matter. At the ineane naylumharge library was found, bat it ie aeed | some of the Republicans favor an in quiry, and Mr. Tillman threatens to |
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|  | nomination for county offices by assem- |  | caise much troubse uniese matters areput on such a basis as to prevent just critcism. |
|  | Last day for flling nominating petitions for county officer, May 19. |  |  |
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## OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

 MADE PLAIN TO MR. SHONTS. Panama Canal Affairs DiseussedWhite House Conference. Washington, Dec. 19.- Preside
Roonevelt tonight took ap the matter
GUIDE TO ELECTIONS.
Explaination of Complicated Primary
System by Secretarv Dunbar.

## Boston, Dec. 20.-A communication to Ruasian revolutionist branches in Booton kas been received by mail from Ruaseia. It it is iscoed by authority of the League of Seagues, and in part reade as follows:


a geueral political strike throughont
Ruseia, to begin Thursday at noon, was
iissued tonight. The call is approved
by the Union of Union, the Union of
Peneants, the General Railway union
and the Council of Workmen of St.

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