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## DOUGLAS-COOS ELECTRIC.

THE Douglas-Coos Electric Road torial from the Spokesman, Roseburg: Marshfield is the objective point of the proposed Douglas & Coos Electric railway. The company has been organized and officers elected. Upon these officers scores of interested people are depending to push the matter of franchises and terminals to a speedy conclusion. Franchises are necessary from Marshfield, North Bend and Roseburg. Why have they not been asked for before this date? 'For some reason unknown to the citizens of Douglas and Coos counties, who are a unit in the demand for these franchises, this important matter has been allowed to drag along for several weeks, and apparently it will be weeks before any requests are filed for franchises with the councils of the citits mentioned, if they are filed at all. The News has backed this railroad proposition from the start, and given every encouragement to the incorporators who simply represent the people in the matter. We have believed the work would be consumated. We have Simpson and the other eminent gentlemen composing the five incorporators at the head of the undertaking, it could not fail. We insist that it shall not fail. At the same time this paper urgts immediate action. We urge the calling of a meeting of the incorporators, at which time the matter of franchises be the business considtred, and that at such session, which should be held as soon as notice can be served, the routes be selected so far as the cities are concerned, and the franchises be asked further suggest that President Simpson call the meeting at once.

### DAY CURRENT.

The Coos Bay Gas & Electric Company is to install its day current service on July 1. This will be a great convenience and economy for the many citizens on Coos Bay. It marks another step in the making of our future city. The enterprise and good service of the present lighting company is appreciated. It is a wonderful aid to the city's progress.

# PUBLIC LIBRARIES

In an address at the opening of the Salisbury (Eng.) public library, Lord Avebury expressed the opinion that such institutions, instead of increasing the rate of taxation, as it is often complained, were important factors in reducing that rate. He cited statistics showing how libraries have multiplied in England during the last thirty years, and how during the same period, the rates for pauperism and crime had diminisded lending force to the argument that what the tax payer paid on one account was more than repaid on the other. Expensive as are the means of education, he says, among which the library has a vital place, it is beyoud doubt that ignorance is far more expensive. Estimated even in pounds and shillings, the public library is a public economy.-N. Y.

Side by side in the widerness our forefathers planted the church and the school; and on these two supports the naton has stood firm and grown great. But a tripod is necessary for stable equilibrium. As the country has grown, its industrial, economic and political problems have grown more numerous and more complex; and the nation required a broader base of intelligence and morality for its security and per-The third support for a wider and higher national life has been found in the public library, which, co-operating with the school. doubles the value of the education

# the child receives in school and fur- TEACHERS TO HAVE GOOD MEETING

ing so. It also enables the adult to Coming Convention At Salem Will make up for the opportunities he Be Attended By Prominent neglected or, more often, did not Persons -- Strong Program

Salem .- Never in the history of the not more than one-tenth of the cost Oregon State Teachers' Association has a convention attracted so much attention or a program contained so many prominent names as that which libraries which would enable young will be held in Salem, Monday, Tuesday any Wednesday of the first week In July. Added to the state conveneducation, we spend £97 and stingfly tion are the annual convention of the decline the £3 really needed to make county superintendents and the anthe rest of the \$100 effective." Or, must institute of Marion, Polk and I may say, in homlier phrase, it is Linn countles, making the attendlike giving \$19.50 for an overcoat ance unusually large. In the specific and refusing another hald-dollar for it is doubtful if the ground will ever battons to make it thoroughly ser- have been so carefully covered or so vicable .- F. M. Crunden in the Ex- intelligibly presented.

The two educators of national rep-A library is not a luxury; it is not utation, William E. Chancellor, supfor the cultured few; it is not merely erintendent of the Washington, D. C., for the scientific; it is not for any city schools, and L. D. Stout, superinintellectual cult or exclusive literary tendent of the Stout Manual Trainset. It is a great, broad, universal ing School of Menomonie, Wis, have public benefaction. It lifts the en- been secured to deliver lectures is the subject of much discus- tire community; it is the right arm of which are seldom heard in western sion at present. Following is an edi- the intellectual development of the state conventions, and their presence people, ministering to the wants of at the meeting of itself has been a those who are already educated and power of attraction.

Four state superintendents will be those who are already educated and It is the upper story of the dresses during the convention, being

> The officers of the association are: pal of the Brooklyn school of Portland; first vice-president, R. E. Rob-

spreading a universal desire for edu- in attendance and will deliver adpublic school system, while it is a Miss Belle Chamberlain, of Idaho, broad field wherein ripe scholars W. E. Harmon, of Montana, H. R. may find a fuller for their already Dewey, of Washington and J. H. highly developed faculties. It is Ackerman of Oregon. Practically above all a splendid instrument for all of the college presidents of the the education and culture of those state will attend the sessions. vast masses of boys and girls that are denied the high privilege of the President, Aphia L. Dimick, princisystematic training of the schools .-C. E. Thach, in Mobile Register.

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