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T$\mathbf{T}^{\text {HE Portland A Orgonian is is now strangely reluctant to have }}$ the The following is the lead paragraph of an editorial today 925 exposition will not now prepare nor announce any finanand have to do with the forthcoming May primary and the present, or recent, irritated condition of the up-state mind growing out of the controversies of the late legislature. It is well enough
for everybody to cool off. It is well also that the 1925 fair run no chance of being made an issue in the May primary.
and newspapers were berating the state senate because would not place the exposition measure on the ballot at the primary election. They said then that people should be allowe to express themselves. Now they appear solicious lest the peo-
ple will express their sentiments.
Why this change in front? What is the strategy? Is it posible the versatile mayor of Portland wishes to run for governor but desires to get through the primary campaign without having
The question as to whether the state shall be taxed $\$ 3,000,000$ oday. Why should not the issue enter into the primary election? Why should people be asked to choose candidates for governor without knowing where they stand on the subject that
constitutes the chief source of controversy?

There is more or less ill feeling over the ot that feeling be heightened rather than reduced if Portland

## ST. LOUIS IS WITH US

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HE St. Louis Chamber of Commerce, one of the largest com-
mercial organizations in the United States has mercial organizations in the United States has come out
squarely in support of the Intermediate Rate Association the fight against Countiss' Fourth Section Application.
publication of the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce, appears the
following article.
The Chicago Association of Commerce representative advo-
ated lower rates to the Pacific coast than to intermediate torcated lower rates to the Pacific coast than to intermediate ter-
fitory, but this is not the attitude of the St. Louis shippers, who feel that generally the intermountain territory, which is inte-
mediate to the Pacific coast, should enjoy a basis of rates mo commensurate with the service performed. The general attiphase of the question was carefully laid before the Trans-Con nental committee by Mr. P. W. Coyl
appeared in Chicago November 24.
Mr. Coyle called attention to the fundamental economi
trade and transportation conditions which hould be controllin
factors in the making of these trans-continental "St. Louis has practically all the commodititis, or the poten-
tial elements of producing all the commodities, shipped from the
Atlantic seaboard to the Pacific coast, and is 1000 miles neare Atlantic seaboard to the Pacific coast, and is 1000 miles nearel
the points of consumption.
New York and New England manufacturers are dependen on Missouri for a very large percentage of the pig lead an spelter entering int the production of many of the finishe
articles, which under this proposition would be carried by rail
1000 miles father 1000 miles farther than from St. Louis, and at the same rate.
"Thousands of tons of this pig lead and spelter are move to the east annually (like our cotton), which should be manu
factured into the finished article here, and these trans-conti nental rates should be made so as to promote the production o
the finished articles here instead of stimulating their produc "Therefore:
er the consur York, we should have our trans-continental rates based on our
natural advantages, and our proximity to the consumers, and not on the water competition of New York; and, of course, having would impose a burden on the patrons of this market who are make the rates higher than to the Pacific coast.

The bee industry is a natural industry for a country that raises alraifa; therefore, Umatilla county is decidedly interested
in this line of production and the state bee keepers who are in convention here today are very welcome visitors

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