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OUR RAILROADS.

William Sproule, president of the Southern Pacific Company, last week delivered a most excellent address in ments.

"2—Those who "knock" strangers hurts the railroads burts a very great many American people, and that the gers.
railroad's prosperity is the people's "3

Mr. Sproule didn't waste time de-fending the former practices of trans-portation companies which have done much to get them into the disrepute spirited men. from which they seem now slowly emerging. Nor did he belabor the ment which of the seem emerging. Nor did he belabor the public for the hard knocks it has given the railroads, through its law makers, during the last decade.

Instead, he set about showing that after all the railroad and the people should be close together, because their interests are practically one and the same. Especially he outlined, with some facts and figures, presumably dependable, how intrinsically a "It is a splendid thing to be a part

Of course it was a railroad man's talk, but it was good talk. And because we of Oregon have especial cause to be interested in railroad administration and development, here we retail some of the high lights of Mr. Sproule's speech:

The 250,000 miles of railroads in the United States are owned by about 600,000 shareholders and give em-ployment to about 1,750,000 people. In other words, some 2,350,000 peo-ple are indirectly and personally af-fected by the prosperity or adversity of the railroads.

Our savings banks have depositors numbering about 11,000,000 people. These banks carry about \$850,000, 600 in railroad bonds and stocks. Upon the earnings of these depends the interest returns of the depositors. On this head alone, averaged up, each savings bank depositor has a direct interest in the railroads of about \$80. And there are also countless state and other banks and trust companies holding reffroad securities in

protection of their depositors. Nor does this field of indirect investment connection with the railroads end there. In the United States there are over 34,000,000 life insurance policies. And the income of the insurance companies is to a great measure bound up with the returns

from their railroad securities.

Then there is given much data showing how expenses have mounted and returns decreased for the rail-

But the real meat of the address, we view it, was this exposition of the public's direct interest and extensive ownership of the railroads statement which could be taken infinitively further, for it is a simple matter to show how vitally our trans-portation companies regulate and effect the pulse of business in every conceivable field.

"A young nation and a vigorous country demands development.

Investment precedes construction and construction precedes develop-

people who own the money believe law is provided to protect, the investment safe and the returns desirable. If assured of this, rail-

All of which is worth considering from the cow countles to the capital.

THE PROHIBITION LAW.

George C. Brownell of Oregon City mary election. When the ballots the surroundings you are working in were counted it was found that he as if you were a man who was an also-ran, and not was an also-ran, and not a very strong one at that,

Brownell's present bid for fame is that he is conducting a more less wordy criticism of the prohibition law passed by the recent legislature. He doesn't like it a litthe bit. He says it leans backward in favoring the wets. He says it can't be enforced, and intimates it is the work of the devil, or words to that

The history of that young law, which was brought into this vale of sin through the legislative labors of in through the legislative labors of last February, is that it was preity generally endorsed by dyed-in-the-wool prohibitionists. They have declared it all right. They seem to feel they got about what they wanted, at least so far as any human being gots what he wants from a legislature. In short, the prohibition forces were gatisfied, their leaders and their cured from the Carnegle treasury.

lawyers were satisfied, and the deed seemed to have been done in a fairly

creditable manner. But now comes Mr. Brownell, and rants about the law. Of course just such campaigning as Mr. Brownell is attempting will have some effect in discrediting the law. All that sort of thing weakens any new legislation and makes proper enforcement more

difficult. Some people have been unkind enough to wonder if after all that is Mr. Brownell's purpose. Some hazard the opinion that perhaps he and others have reasons for wanting the new prohibition law to prove unsatisfactory, between now and November of next year. And it is pointed out expiration are mailed subscribers and that, so far as appears of record, Mr. if renewal is not made within reason- Brownell kept his criticisms to himself in January and February when thued.

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The law was being created at Salem, and when his public spirited interest in the matter might have been available to improve the embryo bit of legislation.

All of which is not intended as being especially critical of Mr. Brownell who, after all, is fully entitled to His notions and to their expression. Only it is worth remembering that from ter investigating the matter from all now on we shall hear a considerable deal of spouting about the imperfectival a new library with their own tions of this prohibition bill. And it is reasonably possible that most of it will emanate from those whose in-terest is neither philanthropic nor apt to be entirely disinterested.

MEN WHO HARM A TOWN. The Portland Chamber of Commerce News describes the men who harm a town as follows.

"1-Those who oppose improve

and who "knock" the town to stran-

"3-Those who show hospitality to no one "4-Those who hate to see others

'5-Those who distrust public

"6-Those who oppose every movement which does not originate with

themselves. "7-Those who oppose every enterprise that does not appear to benefit themselves.

"8-Those who enjoy the benefits of the words. spirited, broad-minded men, but who

ereat portion of the investing, insur-ed and banking public is dependent for its financial returns upon the reasonable prosperity of the rail-the strength of other men and by roads. "It is a splendld thing to be a part their town as you do. It is a splen-did thing to feel that the wholesome blood of a community can be united in common purposes, and that frankly looking one another in the face and taking cousel with one an-other, prejudices will drop away, handsome undertakings will arise, a universal spirit of service will be engendered, and that with this increased sense of community of purpose will come a vastly enhanced individual power of achievement; for we will be lifted by the whole mass of which we constitute a part."

> ENFORCE THE WEED LAW. An editorial by County Agricultur-

let A. E. Lovett There are at least three serious reed pests becoming very common in this section of the country. Both the farmers and other citizens of this section should interest themselves in the destruction of these pests as early as postble. We have many weeds with which to contend, but none of them will possibly prove as serious as will tle and the Jim Hill Mustard. Every ludividual weed belonging to any of these families should be pulled or destroyed at once. Some have already eeded. This will mean at least hundreds next year where we had but one this year. There are laws com-pelling the destruction of these pests, and these laws should be enforced. They should, however, be enforced as strenuously upon the absent land owner as upon the man who is trying to make his farm pay. Unless some means is provided and action taken, we will be confronted by farm pests causing as much loss and damage as are the jack rabbits and sage rats today in certain localities.

No law can be, or at least will be enforced until the people are in sym-And the utilimate sermon which paths with that law. It is up to the Mr. Sproule would preach, it seems, people of this section to interest is contained in these paragraphs:

themselves in the eradication of these pests and to demand that the laws be enforced. No officer, either ineal, county or state, can be blamed non-enforcement of a law at. when this or these officers are not The money can be had if the supported by the people whom the

USE OTHER EYES.

The following is from the Madras Pioneer. It is good advice in any

When you open the door of your store or home tomorrow morning and have things started for the day, for-net for once that you are a merchant, our store and go through it and see the service you are giving is the kind of service that a good live stran-ser would welcome enough to want

live near you. "Look over the street your store and home is on and see if it is the kind of a street that a stranger would like to find himself on every day and by night, and especially the town life during those many hours, and see if the spirit of your town, ex-pressing itself in the towns' doings, is the kind of town spirit that would make you want to live there."

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But there is also no doubt that this course has grave disadvantages Many a small community has been saddled with obligations far and task master in its demands upon its beneficiaries. For instance, not so build a new library with their own funds, and independently, than accept Carnegie aid. In the long run \$50. Or it looked like a better and a more F. Harper.

economical business proposition. Central Oregon should have a Good Roads Day in the fall or winter instead of the spring as at present. Practically all roads worked in the spring remain soft and become very rough throughout the summer. Those worked in the fall become packed by the moisture and travel of winter, and make good roads practically the whole summer. This is food for thought for all those interested in good roads in Central Oregon.

Agnail and Hangnail.

Hangnail was anciently spelled agof cuticle hanging from a nail, but a corn on the toe or any hard swelling. Palsgrave writes (1530) "agnayle upon one's too," showing that they were not very particular how they spelled any

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