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matter of freight rates, marks an important step in the development of the state. The priucipal concern of railroads nd of the ralload commission Poriono has been for Portind, because the shippers of Portaud alone were organ own interests.

Up to very recently, the const terminals were the only wealth, political influence and big business interessts of the commonwealth. Without representation before the state commissions the small towns suffered in silence the impositions and injustice showed upon them.
A complete organization of the smaller points can n only demand but enforce recognition for the interior. Th
clamor of the country press, the political power of the coun try vote, the justice of the country cause, cannot be longe ignored.
Hereafter, at every meeting of the state and interstate commissions, the interior towns of Oregon will be militant
ly represented. The quarrel is not one with the railroad but with the rate-making power that dictates to the rail roads. It is not so much for lower rates as it is for equalit, of opportunity.

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The smaller towns or Oregon have no future to look forward to unless they can develope the natural resource in the territory adjacent. To utilize these raw products, equitable rates are necessary. No manufacturer can locate
in any of the smaller cities because of the present discrim ination against these cities in the matter of freight rates No matter what the industry is, how are a payt The growth of Oregon is dependent upon the grov the small towns, which in turn are dependent upon the velopment of the surrounding territory. The growth Portland is dependent also upon the growth of the littl sighted polien they stop, Portland stops, and it is a short to maintain a preferential system of rates that throttles the development of the state by throttling the small towns.
The people of Portland have shown in many ways tha hey are friendy to the smaller towns. The manufacturer are also friendly, for they must depend upon the smal
owns for their market. It is only the jobbers that seek undue advantages to avoid the establishment of brancles and would confine distribution to one point
If the state railroad commission refuses
he smaller towns, the people of Oregon will be appeale o for a square deal. A vear remains in which to educate the public and with the inherent love of fair play possesed by ail Americans, particularly by Oregonians, there is littl doubt but that the appeal will be successful.
It has been said that Medford had nothing to gain and everything to lose by agitating the rate question; that th.
Southern Pacific has been friendly and that its enmity $i$ is likely to be incurred with resultant loss to the city; that its favor is essential to the city's welfare.
First, this is not a quarrel with the railroads, but wi necessity in many of the "favors," that as long as Medfor supplies the business, it will continue to receive the favor and finally, and this is more important that railroad avor-sell-preservation depands it.
When Spokane began her rate agitation, she had but one railroad. she was threatened with railroad boycott. After years of agitation and fighting, however, Spokane
has now six transcontinental lines, railroads fight for the herself for all time a definite tributary territory.
Instead of losing the friendship of railroads, Medford will win their respect. She will be known as a live, aggressive city and one well worth while. She will
she is justly entitled to or know the reason why
History repeats itself. What Spokane has acc $d$ in the north, Medford will acoemplish in the south.
The article on Central Oregon by the editor will be made
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## SMAPSHOTS AT CELEBRTITES <br> Mrs. Larz Anderson, Wite of the Minister to the Minister to Belgium.




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