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### The Railway Commission.

The recent assembly passed a most important measure in the law providing for a board of railroad commissioners to investigate and report on the operation of the railroads of this state, and to make regulations and suggestions for the correction of abuses. Agriculture is the largest interest in the state, and railroad transportation is the next largest; and this board of railroad commissioners is placed by the law in between these two great interests to secure justice to both sides. The importance of this commission is therefore very great, and demands ability of a high order; and not only ability, but knowledge and experience of the great interests involved. Of the two commissioners one is to be a democrat, and the other a republican, and we hear it reported that the Governor will take the democrat commissioner from eastern Oregon, and the republican from western Oregon. The Salem correspondent of the Oregonian reports that Mr. Wagner of Benton county, T. W. Davenport of Marion and Joseph Gaston of Washington, are applicants for the place. Without derogating in the least from the other named gentlemen, we should say at once Mr. Gaston ought to be appointed. There may be other men in Oregon as well qualified for this duty as Mr. Gaston, but we don't know of any outside of the railroad corporations. He has built railroads himself, and always a competing line, and he has been in favor of the state regulating railroads for many years past, and is widely known as being in favor of more liberal treatment of the agricultural classes. The appointment of Mr. Gaston to this position would give great satisfaction to this county, for by his energy we have two railroads, serving all parts of the county, and adding millions to the tax rolls of this and other west side counties, and we sincerely hope he may receive the appointment.

A Wisconsin paper had prepared a sketch of the life of the Hon. John F. Potter, and wrote to the gentleman for a photograph that a cut might be made to publish at the head of the sketch. The following reply, characteristic of Mr. Potter, was received: "I am in receipt of your kind favor of the 27th ult., for which please accept my thanks. My present state of health is such that all the indications point to a rapid approach to the western verge of life, and the 'danger signals' indicate warmer weather and 'high winds.' It would be very grateful to my feelings if you would postpone the publication of my obituary until I disappear below the near horizon. It will require only a little patience, and I should esteem it a great favor. Lest it should be too great a draft upon your patience, I would even be willing to increase the breeze."

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