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is that the railroad companies are prepared to renew their campaign against legislation touching their system of robbery.

It requires considerable legal acumen to fathom the intricacies of the direct primary law. The very lawyers are at sea over it, and dry land will, probably, never be reached except via the stormy passage that leads through the courts to the haven of repeal.

Omaha welcomed Pat Crowe with cheers, indicating its appreciation of the work he has done in attracting attention to the town. It has long been disturbed by the prominence given its neighbor, Lincoln, in the public prints.

Don't allow politics to submerge your interest in the new hotel that must be built in this city within the next 300 days. One is just as important, in its way, and must be looked to.

STAR ROUTE CONTRACTS

Many in This Vicinity Will Be Rnewed During Coming Year.

The present contracts on all star routes in this section expire June 30, 1906, and the post office department is calling for proposals for the service from July 1, 1906, to June 30, 1910; proposals to be in Washington by 4:30 p. m. December 5th. Every postmaster has copies of the advertisements and is loaded with information for all who desire to perform this public service for a remuneration. The routes that particularly concern this community are named below:

No. 73,103 from Melville to Astoria, 10.50 miles, three times a week. Present pay, \$295.

No. 73,104, from Elsie, by Jewell and Olney to Astoria, 39.25 miles, three times a week. Present pay, \$1176.75.

No. 73,101, from Seaside to Nehalem, 27 miles, six times a week. Present pay, \$1395.

No. 73,102, from Push to Seaside, 12.25 miles, twice a week. Present pay, \$300.

No. 71,099, from Astoria to Knappton, (Wash.), Frankfort and Oneida, and Deep River, six times a week. Present pay, 1200.

No. 71,100, from Astoria to Rosburg, (Wash.), to Grays River, 22 miles, six times a week. Present pay \$1500.

TRIES SUICIDE AGAIN.

Nellie Thompson, Woman of Restricted District Takes Anti-Septic Tablets.

For the fourth time in a year, Nellie Thompson, better known as "Big Nell," attempted self-destruction in her room over the Big Swede saloon in the restricted district yesterday. In a despondent mood the woman swallowed three anti-septic tablets. Her shrieks of agony attracted the attention of the inmates of the saloon below, who summoned medical assistance, and the poison was pumped from her stomach. The woman was not unconscious, but suffered intense agony. Several hours after taking the poison, hemorrhage of the stomach set in, and the woman's life was again despaired of.

The Thompson woman appears to have a mania for suicide, and is apparently particular as to the kind of poison she takes. On three previous occasions she has attempted to end her own existence, and on each occasion swallowed anti-septic tablets. Each time she was prevented from accomplishing her purpose, only by the narrowest margin.

With the police, the attempted suicide of the woman has become an old story. She has tried it so many times and failed, that they have come to consider it a joke. They declare that the attempt at suicide by the woman, usually follows her drinking of intoxicants to excess.

Don't Borrow Trouble.

It is a bad habit to borrow anything, but the worst thing you can possibly borrow, is trouble. When sick, sore, heavy, weary and worn-out by the pains and poisons of dyspepsia, biliousness, Bright's disease, and similar internal disorders, don't sit down and brood over your symptoms, but fly for relief to Electric Bitters. Here you will find sure and permanent forgetfulness of all your troubles, and your body will not be burdened by a load of debt disease. At Chas. Rogers' drug store. Price 50c. Guaranteed.

THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL.

Maintains unexcelled service from the west to the east and south. Making close connections with trains of all transcontinental lines, passengers are given their choice of routes to Chicago, Louisville, Memphis and New Orleans, and through these points to the far east.

Prospective travelers desiring information as to the lowest rates and best routes are invited to correspond with the following representatives:

- 142 Third St., Portland, Ore.
- J. C. LINDSEY, Trav. Passenger Agent.
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- PAUL B. THOMPSON, Pass'gr. Agent.
- J. C. LINDSEY, Trav. Passenger Agent.
- 442 Third St., Portland, Ore.

Cures Chills and Fever.

G. W. Wirt, Nacogdoches, Texas, says: "His daughter had chills and fever for three years; he could not find anything that would help her till he used Herbine. His wife will not keep house without it, and cannot say too much for it." 50c. Sold by Frank Hart, druggist.

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- 142 Third St., Portland, Ore.

TAINED BLOOD

Columbus, Ohio, May 19, 1903.
 Some four years ago I was suffering from impure blood and a general run-down condition of the system. I had no appetite, was losing flesh, and had an all-gone tired feeling that made me miserable. I began the use of S. S. S., and after taking seven or eight bottles my skin was cleared of all eruptions and took on a ruddy, healthy glow that assured me that my blood had been restored to its normal, healthy condition. My appetite was restored, as I could eat anything put before me, and as I regained my appetite I increased in weight, and that "tired feeling" which worried me so much disappeared, and I was once again my old self. I heartily recommend S. S. S. as the best blood purifier and tonic made, and strongly advise its use to all those in need of such medicine. VICTOR STUBBINS, Cor. Barthman and Washington Aves.

Wheeling, W. V., May 28, 1903.
 My system was run down and my joints ached and pained me considerably. I had used S. S. S. before and knew what it was, so I purchased a bottle of it and have taken several bottles and the aches and pains are gone, my blood has been cleared and my general health built up. I can testify to it as a blood purifier and tonic. 1533 Market St. JOHN C. STEIN.

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Are You Interested In Advertising?

The third quarterly convention of the Pacific Coast Advertising Men's association will convene at Seattle, October 23 and 24. The association is made up of advertisers, advertising writers and agents and advertising solicitors—and every one who is interested in advertising. Papers on advertising salmon, shingles, retail stores, export trade, etc. will be read and discussed.

You Are Invited

Whether or not you are at the present time a member of the association, the meetings are open to the public and will be immensely helpful to any one who uses or expects to use advertising space. This is the place where new ideas are sprung—make it a point to be there. For further information write to

C. V. WHITE,
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WEATHER TODAY.

- Portland, Oct. 20.—Eastern Oregon and Eastern Washington: Fair and warmer.
- Western Oregon and Western Washington, Saturday: Fair, warmer in interior.

REGISTRATION FIRST.

Every republican in the city of Astoria owes a solemn obligation to his citizenship and his party to go to the office of the city auditor on Monday morning next at 9 o'clock and register for the coming direct primaries, and supplement this duty, with the correlative one of re-registering on November 16th, for the city election itself. Of course it entails a measure of trouble but it is the law and republicans are law-abiding; and besides, if the dominant party in this city is to administer its rightful heritage of government there must be no vote lacking when its elective majority is announced on December 13th, next. Its mandate of power from the people must be of a sort that will remove every obstacle and every doubt and give it a clear channel in which to effect and solidify the reforms needed. Let no man think that because he has registered once his duty is done in the premises; HE MUST REGISTER TWICE and do both acts in season, or find himself debarred from the exercise of his prerogative. Under the new law if a man is not registered he may not sign the petition of any man for nomination to office, a pre-requisite of grave importance to the men who are put forward by the party at the hands of its voters; hence, the obligation to register is paramount because of its dual significance. The direct primary law is a mass of contradictions, and the simplest of its provisions are those providing for the double registration; this once attended to, subsequent requirements may be ascertained and observed with what leisure you will, but, fundamentally, YOU MUST REGISTER TWICE!

BOLDEST AND STRONGEST.

As an independent, President Roosevelt will long remain as one of the boldest and strongest against a powerful "system," political and financial. One of the positions he has taken is against railroad rebates on freight. He has urged the necessity of legislation upon congress, but that branch of the government has not as yet stood with him. The railroad companies, one of the most powerful political factors of today, have opposed the president, and a renewed declaration of their position is contained in the statements made the other night by President Samuel Spencer of the Southern railway in an address before the Board of Trade of Newark, N. J. He assumed to criticize the position of the president. He regards the proposed legislation giving the interstate commerce commission power to fix rates as a violation of the fundamental principles of Anglo-Saxon jurisprudence. It is a fine sense of reverence for law that the railroad magnates occasionally manifest. They have a certain respect for the commission, but when the principle of the constitution under which the commission was created is the only one that can be applied to correct abuses they do not want it applied. The significant feature of President Spencer's remarks