

Friday and Saturday Specials

Light Breakfast
Bacon, lb 23c
Christmas Candy,
the lb 18c

Oranges

2 doz 25c; case \$2.40; half case \$1.25

ELECTRIC TRAIN CONTEST

closes Monday, December 24. All votes must be in by 3 o'clock of that day. The standing of the five highest contestants on Monday, December 17, was as follows:

EVERETT LEE	29,600
CLARENCE MONROE	27,100
EUGENE BURKETT	25,500
MELVIN HASKIN	25,400
HAROLD BURGE	19,000

Trask's Cash Grocery
WHERE YOUR CASH BUYS MORE

Bowling!

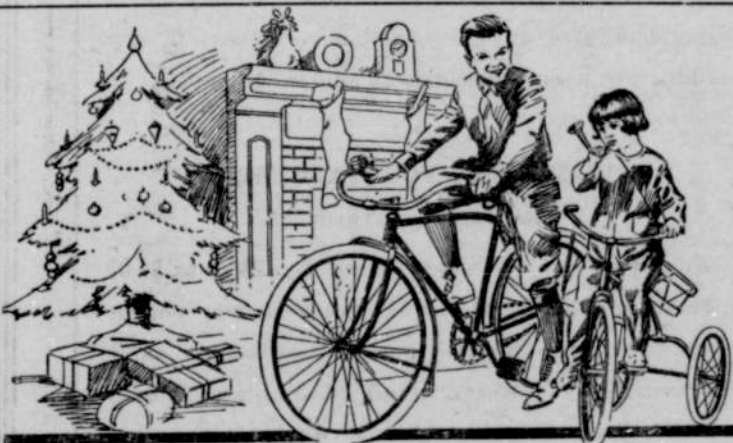
Alleys have been completely resurfaced, shellaced and polished. New balls have been purchased and everything is first class.

Bowling is an ideal exercise for the indoor man and a delightful pleasure for others.

Tournament to Start Soon

Corney's

UPSTAIRS—IN OLD COMMERCIAL CLUB ROOMS



WHAT BETTER CAN YOU DO THAN TO BUY A Bicycle, Tricycle Wagon or Velocipede

for the youngsters for a Christmas present? They will drop any other present you buy them to get hold of one of these. I also have a good line of toys of nearly all kinds.

Harry Rentle, Bicycle Shop

Visit Our Grocery Store for Your Christmas Candy, Nuts and Oranges

Feed the cow some of our MILK PRODUCER, guaranteed to produce more milk.

Feed the hens some of our SCRATCH and EGG PRODUCER and get more eggs.

Bring the eggs to Beidler's Store and get the highest cash price.

Beidler's Feed and Grocery Store

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

With this greeting goes our true thankfulness for your patronage the past year and a sincere wish that throughout the coming new year you may enjoy a full measure of happiness.

We trust we may again serve you during 1924.

BEIDLER'S FEED AND GROCERY STORE

SOUTHERN PACIFIC SPENDING \$90,000,000 TO SERVE WEST

A COMPREHENSIVE and impressive program for construction work, new facilities and improvements generally to maintain adequate transportation service for Pacific Coast states has been launched by the Southern Pacific company, it was announced here today.

Expenditures totaling in excess of \$50,000,000 are involved in the improvement program, which is to be carried into effect as rapidly as possible. This program is in addition to the recent purchase by the Southern Pacific company of a record number of freight and passenger cars, refrigerator cars and powerful locomotives at a cost aggregating \$40,000,000.

The announcement calling for renewed activity throughout the territory served by the railroad follows close upon the heels of the decision of government officials at Washington to accept the United States court decision affirming the Southern Pacific-Central Pacific merger.



Included in the improvements are the building of new lines, extensive double tracking, new classification and industrial yards in different cities, freight terminals, creosoting plants, rock crushing plants, station buildings, additions to shop equipment, replacement and strengthening of bridges, line changes to eliminate curves, new and heavier ballasting and heavier rails, new tunnels and improvements to existing ones and so on.

Outstanding in this work are such projects as the building of the Natron Cut-off and a new entrance to Portland, double tracking sections between San Francisco and Ogden and over the Tehachapi Mountains, from Tehachapi to Selvert, which will give complete double track from Bakersfield to Mojave, new station facilities at Sacramento, extensive new terminal yards and freight facilities in Los Angeles and a large tie and timber treating plant in Oakland.

Many Projects

Some of the highlights of the company's program follow:

The company is double tracking parts of its line and building more passing tracks at strategic points from San Francisco to Ogden. This work, together with a double track arrangement now being negotiated with the Western Pacific will greatly facilitate the tremendous movement of Pacific coast crops to the east.

A part of this second track construction work over the mountains and in Nevada, entailing an expenditure of nearly \$3,000,000, has been almost completed. This includes construction of 5.27 miles of second track between Blue canyon and Emigrant Gap, 6.5 miles between Andover and Truckee and in Nevada, two stretches of second track between Wells and Moor, 8.7 miles, and between Valley Pass and Montello, 20.3 miles.

Arrangements being completed for carrying on this important work over the original Central Pacific line will necessitate additional expenditure in excess of \$5,000,000 and will result in a continuous stretch of double track of 166 miles from San Francisco to Emigrant Gap, a continuous stretch of double track from Andover to Sparks, a distance of 46 miles. The double tracking from Wells to Moor and from Valley Pass to Montello is in the Pequops Mountains, the only territory on the Salt Lake division where all freight and some passenger trains require helper engines.

Ten and one half miles of double track are being completed over the Tehachapi Mountains at a cost of \$600,000, which this winter will give a stretch of double track from Tehachapi to Mojave.

Surveying crews now are completing the task of staking out a second line from Tehachapi toward Bakersfield. This difficult line is being run at an easy grade and, when construction is completed, will represent a total expenditure of about \$10,000,000 for the two-track line between Bakersfield and Mojave.

Heavier Roadbed

Operation of the Southern Pacific's gigantic new locomotives now in heavy freight service has made the use of heavier rail and heavier ballast necessary.

The company is adding this year 70

miles of 110-pound rail, the heaviest in the west, and more than 250 miles of 90-pound rail. In addition it has ordered from steel mills 58,000 tons of rail, sufficient for the laying of 330 miles of track next year.

In order to maintain this necessary roadbed, three big rock crushing plants are being built. One is at Santa Margarita, Calif., another at Palisade, Nevada, and a third at Lucin, Utah. The total capacity of these plants will be in excess of 150 carloads of rock a day. They will represent an investment of more than \$600,000 and will give employment to many men.

Preliminary work is being completed as rapidly as possible preparatory to the starting of actual construction of the new line through Klamath Falls to Oakridge in Oregon, known as the Natron Cut-off, providing a good second route between San Francisco and Portland.

This project entails about 118 miles of construction work through a scenic and practically virgin section of Oregon. It will cost in the neighborhood of \$15,000,000.

In order to carry the traffic through Klamath Falls and over the Natron Cut-off it will be necessary to expend about \$5,000,000 in new construction work from Black Butte Summit to Grass Lake, south of Klamath Falls.

New Tunnel

At Rocky Point, near Metz, on the coast line, a new 1275 foot tunnel is being built at a cost of \$200,000. This will eliminate curves and permit of additional speed.

Yard limits are being extended and main track re-arranged at Nutglade near Dunsmuir, at a cost of \$110,000. This marks the beginning of a large yard at this point. A line change of more than one-half mile is being made near Mott, California, on the Shasta Division, eliminating the Big canyon trestle which is 615 feet long and 104 feet high. This work will cost \$135,000 and will give a permanent roadbed in place of this trestle.

Near Crockett on the Western division another line change is being made at a cost of \$110,000 involving the construction of 1.25 miles of new track. Elimination of curvature at this point will permit increased speed of trains.

Cross ties used by the Southern Pacific are being creosoted to prolong their life and two big modern tie and timber treating plants are to facilitate this work.

One is to be constructed at Oakland at a cost of \$600,000 and the other is now in operation at Wilmington. The Oakland plant will have a large tie storage yard with a capacity of 350,000 ties and the most modern facilities for handling them.

More than \$1,000,000 is being spent on improvements in Southern Pacific shops everywhere on the system.

The company is planning an improved entrance into the city of Portland, which will cost in the neighborhood of \$4,500,000.

A new steel bridge with a span of 400 feet over the Colorado river is being constructed at Yuma. This with a four mile track line change, two mile of icing and yard tracks and a new station will entail expenditures of about \$1,000,000.

FALL PLANTED SWEET PEAS GROW TO HEIGHT OF 12 FEET

Eugene Register: Mrs. Jennie E. Stevens is one of the most successful growers of sweet peas in Eugene and her home at 1508 Thirteenth avenue east is always notable because of the wealth of these beautiful flowers growing around it. Nearly everyone who passes her home marvels at the unusual height of the flowers.

"Early planting," she says, "is the secret of it. The height of sweet peas is governed entirely by the time of planting. If you want them to attain a height of nine or ten feet, plant in September or October. I have had them attain a height of 12 feet when planted in September. The later you plant the smaller the vines will be. Late planting also results in much more delicate vines, with smaller flowers and shorter stems."

"I have had many years of experience in growing sweet peas, and those I grow nearly always attract attention because of their luxuriant growth and wonderful blossoms. Early planting is the real secret of it."

But while early planting is the way to secure large vines, it is not the whole story of sweet pea growing, Mrs. Stevens says. There are other factors to be taken into consideration in securing a crop of the beautiful blossoms.

"First," she says, "have your ground well cultivated and cultivated. You may grow them in the same place each year if the ground is well fertilized. I have planted in the same ground for eight successive years with the best of results."

"In regard to location, the more sun sweet peas have the better they will grow, but they will do well with very little sunshine. They will not blossom so profusely in the shade, however, so plant where there is plenty of sunshine if you want the best blossoms."

SANTA CLAUS WILL BE ON SOUTHERN PACIFIC TRAINS

Santa Claus will board Southern Pacific limited trains Christmas eve. In order to gladden the hearts of those who may be traveling on Christmas eve and Christmas day, the railroad will place elaborately decorated Christmas trees on all its limited trains and distribute candy to the kiddies. Silver tipped firs from the highest peaks of the Sierra Nevada mountains are being obtained for the purpose.

The dining car stewards will represent Santa Claus and immediately after dinner on Christmas eve all the children on the trains, both old and young, will gather around the tree in the observation cars for the festivities.

Newspaper Best for Results

Chas. E. Blackwell, the most successful merchant in the state of Washington, has no faith in calendar advertising. He says: "There are many lines of publicity that the country storekeeper can use to advantage, but the one he can use to best advantage is his home town paper. I venture to say that if the money spent each year for fancy calendars and other knick-knack give-aways were invested—I say invested, not spent or donated—in carefully planned newspaper advertising, the actual net returns to the advertiser would be ten times as great."

It is hard for people to do the best they can when they know that those about them will be satisfied with the poorest they can do.

For a little thing a hornet has an emphatic way of getting one's complete attention.

It seems as if the poorest fighters are the worst knockers.



Soviet Picture Cars Draw Interest of Peasants

By sending trains of picture cars into the rural districts, the Russian government is attempting to educate in the principles of communism more than 100,000,000 people who, heretofore, have shown little or no interest in politics. Painted on the sides of the railroad cars by the nation's most skilled artists, are propaganda and educational designs illustrating the communist doctrines. In trying to "sell" this form of government to the peasants, the Soviets probably have become the largest advertisers in the world.

Fifteen Years Added To Span of Life in Past Fifty

Figures have been compiled showing that the average length of life for inhabitants of the United States has increased almost 15 years in the past 53. In 1870, the average was 41 years, while now it is almost 56. By 1950, the span will have reached the biblical three-score and ten, provided the present high standards of civilization and correct living are maintained, a scientist has predicted. In the 10th century the ordinary term of life was between 18 and 20 years, and about 1800, it was still less than 25 years. At the end of the 19th century, it ranged between 45 and 48 years.

Your Christmas Will Be Merrier

If you buy your Nuts, Candies, Fruits and other grocery items here. We can fill your Christmas menu or your menu at any other time.

WE WISH YOU
A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

EADS GROCERY
OVER THE BRIDGE

Holiday Greetings

We're busy most all year through but when Christmas nears we take time enough to wish all of our friends

A VERY HAPPY
CHRISTMAS

QUALITY MARKET
CULVER & ANDERSON, PROPRIETORS

A BIG DANCE

By the best orchestra outside of Portland
RUSSELL'S MELODY MIXERS
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

Every member an artist playing all the latest and most popular pieces. Be there and you'll never forget this dance.

A REGULAR CARNIVAL OF FUN

Auspices of American Legion Auxiliary.
Admission, including tax, \$1.10. Come.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

S. L. Godard

Building Material—General Contractors

Say It With Printer's Ink

Knowles & Graber Hardware

Cottage Grove

Oregon

Experienced Motorists Know



the qualities they require in an auto tire, and our HOOD tire comes up to such expectations fully. Try one as your "spare" and when the emergency arises you will appreciate the value of this tire. We have the size for your car.

COTTAGE GROVE SERVICE STATION
Fifth and Main Streets