

NEW SWIFT TRAINS

Reducing Time Between Chicago and Portland.

EXCLUSIVE MAIL TRAIN PROBABLE

Will Rush Through From Chicago on Sixty-Hour Schedule—Made Possible by Improved Track.

The recent change on the Union Pacific by which mail is brought through from Chicago in 70 hours was made by adding a new fast train between Chicago and Cheyenne, Wyoming.

This change and the extensive improvements under way on the Union Pacific and O. R. & N. will interest a rumor that the line is to inaugurate a train schedule that will reduce the time between Portland and Chicago to about 60 hours.

An innovation in transportation is talked of for the Union Pacific—an exclusive mail train. This is said, will be able to get through from Chicago to Portland in 60 hours, and to be so far in advance of the regular trains to the north and south that it will bring mail for points as far south as Sacramento, and north possibly to Vancouver and Victoria.

THEY STILL DO BUSINESS.

U. P. and O. R. & N. Stick to Portland—Effect on Gateway.

Local railroad men say if the Union Pacific office is to be withdrawn from Portland it means the closing of the Spokane and all other gateways. This would be done, they say, not by formally issuing notice that the gate is closed, but by instructing the O. R. & N. to route all its east-bound business over the Union Pacific exclusively.

Union Pacific men say if the reported action had been taken they would have been notified, for it is not the policy of the company to let such news get out through the newspapers before official notice is given. It is well understood by both Union Pacific and Oregon Short Line men and others that the subject of reducing the number of trains representing the Union Pacific system has been under serious consideration, and it is said a decision to close the Portland office of the Oregon Short Line was once reached, but not carried into effect.

Thanksgiving Dinner.

Certainly one is unfortunate if circumstances compel him to travel on Thanksgiving Day, but lucky as the traveler whose route is via the Northern Pacific, the transcontinental pioneer dining-car line, for following up the custom in vogue for many years past, this old, reliable line will serve to its patrons of Thanksgiving Day its usual excellent dinner. The bill of fare follows:

- Sardine Toast. Pine Fruits. Cream of Celery. Tomato Bouillon. Boiled Codfish. Nantucket Sauce. Stewed Cucumbers. Glazed Potatoes. Celery. Stewed Tomatoes. Fried Potatoes. Stewed Belgian Hare, with Mushrooms. Chicken Pot Pie. Roast Beef, 1 1/2 lbs. Gravy. Mashed Potatoes. Roast Turkey, Cranberry Sauce, Browned Sweet Potatoes. Green Peas. Hubbard Squash. Boiled Onions. Fried Parsnips. Pilgrimage. Roast Wild Goose, Currant Jelly. Lettuce Salad. New Zealand Potatoes. Apple Pie. Pumpkin Pie. Mince Pie. Chocolate Ice Cream. Assorted Cakes. Fruit. Edam and Roquefort Cheese. Water Butters. Bone's Crackers. Sweet Clider. French Omelette.

New Lumber Tariff Issued.

The new tariff increasing the lumber rate from O. R. & N. and Southern Pacific points to Utah and Oregon Short Line points has just been issued and will go into effect December 1. The advance also applies from Montana mills. From Portland and Southern Pacific points the rate per 100 pounds has gone up from 37c to 40 cents. From Eastern Oregon stations the rate is raised from 27c to 30 cents. Puget Sound has no means of reaching the Utah trade except by paying the local over the Portland rate. If the Spokane gate shall be opened to that business Seattle will enjoy the common rate, the same as from Portland.

The Panama Contract.

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—The Evening Post says: An official of the Panama Railroad Company is quoted today as saying that overtures for a renewal of the contracts between the Panama Company and the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, which expire December 31, must come from the latter concern. The Panama Company has made propositions concerning the renewal of the contracts on different terms from those in force now, and is not disposed to alter them. If not accepted, the Panama Company will make provisions to run its own line of steamships on the Pacific Coast to San Francisco and other northern points.

Seeking Entrance into Ottawa.

OTTAWA, Ont., Nov. 27.—It is stated that there is a possibility of the New York Central acquiring the Ottawa & New York Railway and the way gaining an entry to the Dominion capital. When questioned in reference to the matter today, General Manager Hayes

said that an informal proposition for the sale of the line to the New York Central has been talked of, but as yet it has not assumed any definite shape, nor would it until the road was finally completed.

To Do Away With Passes.

CLEVELAND, Nov. 27.—The culmination of 10 years of constant effort to discontinue all free transportation on railroads seems to be progressing. The first move was made by the Southwestern Passenger Association, and a committee has been appointed by two trunk line associations and the Central Traffic Bureau to canvass the situation. All requests for passes have been pigeon-holed until December 15. The plan is to place all favors on the basis of 1 cent per mile.

Fire Loss of \$200,000.

KALISPELL, Mont., Nov. 27.—Fire destroyed the roundhouse, several engines, a rotary snow plow and much valuable property of the Great Northern Railway at Blackfoot, Idaho, today. The fire was caused by sparks from an engine. The loss is estimated at nearly \$200,000.

Transportation Notes.

The steamer Empore has resumed her regular trips on the river as far up as Corvallis.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul has issued a handy booklet, containing a list of all the cities in the United States with 50,000 or more population, according to the census just completed; also 35 leading foreign cities.

Right of way for a trolley line between Sumner and Bourne, a distance of nine miles, is said to have been secured, and it is said the line, to cost \$250,000 to \$300,000, will soon be built. The survey crosses Powder River 12 times, and the county road six times.

IN THE SEVERAL COURTS.

Man to Be Tried for Destroying a Letter to His Wife.

In the United States Circuit Court yesterday, H. H. Wade, indicted on a charge of selling liquor to Indians, waived extradition and entered a plea of not guilty.

The case of Lark Logan, charged with stabbing Jack Spary, was set down for December 10. Both parties are Indians residing on the Siletz reservation.

The case of H. M. Stalnaker, charged with destroying a letter belonging to his wife, was set for trial December 4. It is said that the letter was from a relative of Mrs. Stalnaker and contained information about the past history of her husband, which he was very desirous that she should know nothing about.

Good Samaritan Hospital.

The Good Samaritan Hospital has sent out the following appeal for Thanksgiving contributions:

In accordance with the time-honored custom, setting apart Thanksgiving Day as an occasion for appealing to the public for aid in prosecuting the charitable work of this community, the management of the Good Samaritan Hospital begs to bring its needs to your attention at this time.

"During the last fiscal year the Good Samaritan Hospital treated 184 patients, considerable the largest number for any year in its history. Twenty-three religious denominations were represented in the list of patients, there being 152 Methodists, 15 Catholics, 12 Roman Catholics, 10 Presbyterians, 9 Episcopalians, 54 Baptists, 6 Christians, 25 Hebrews, etc.

The number of days' care bestowed on free patients was 528, and on part pay patients 540. The total expense to the hospital for charity work exceeded \$6000. Never before in the history of this institution have greater demands been made upon it for treatment of sick and disabled persons. As is well known, the work of the hospital sustained serious interruption by the fire which occurred on September 5, but the authorities are glad to be able to announce that the damage has been repaired, and the hospital is again receiving all persons making application for treatment.

"It is with gratification that the authorities are able to announce the early completion of the wing of the new building, which has been under construction for a number of months. It is hoped that this wing will be ready for occupancy by January 1, 1901. When it is completed the hospital will have virtually double the capacity which it has had heretofore; but this will be accompanied by a proportionate increase in caring for patients for charity patients. In addition to this, there will be an immediate tax made upon the hospital for furnishing the new building. In view of existing conditions, there has never been a time in the history of the hospital when a generous response on the part of the public would be more helpful or more appreciated. Gifts of residence, clothing, furniture, crockery, blankets, bed linen and drugs are especially acceptable."

The Baby Home.

The Baby Home Thanksgiving headquarters are at 111 Third street, next door to Feidenheimer's, where a committee of ladies will be waiting to receive donations for the Home from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. on Wednesday and Thursday. They hope for a generous remembrance.

EAST SIDE AFFAIRS.

Vacant Rooms and Houses in Demand—Other Matters.

Vacant rooms or houses on the East Side are still in great demand, and people are constantly hunting for them, snapping them up when found. Sunday morning an East Side man inserted an advertisement in The Oregonian to rent three rooms. Before breakfast people commenced coming and kept it up at intervals during the day. The same thing happens with houses. Both houses and rooms are hard to find, although many new cottages have been put up. An East Side real estate and renting agent said yesterday that he had not rented a house since last September for the reason that he had none to rent.

East Side Notes.

Alex Gravel, who died in St. Vincent's Hospital Saturday, was formerly employed on the old Vancouver Railway, when steam tractors were used. Some heavy rails are being laid on the Mount Hood division of the City & Suburban Railway, which will greatly improve that service. Gradually all the rails east from Rosedale will be renewed with heavier ones.

William Freeman, the carpenter whose leg was broken by a fall from the Holmes building on Union avenue, rested fairly well yesterday, although he suffered considerably. His back also was considerably bruised by the fall.

The people of Hurlbut district No. 6 have just purchased a new bell for their schoolhouse and a new organ for the use of the Sunday school. Prosperity has entered that district, and it can afford two luxuries at the same time.

Dr. Wise, room 64, The Dekum.

Idaho Town Had \$11,000 Loss. SANDPOINT, Idaho, Nov. 27.—A fire this afternoon destroyed seven buildings, at an estimated loss of \$11,000. The volunteer fire department overpowered the flames by blowing up two buildings with dynamite. The burned district will be rebuilt.

HELP ASKED FOR NEEDY

THANKSGIVING APPEALS FROM WORTHY CHARITIES.

Several of Portland's Well-Known Institutions Come Forward With Their Annual Requests.

There will be no lack of opportunity for Portland's charitably-inclined citizens to make Thanksgiving offerings today and tomorrow. Five well-known institutions, well managed and ably conducted, all worthy of aid, have come forward with appeals that, in a season of general prosperity, should not go unheeded.

The Children's Home.

At 357 Washington street, Summers & Prael Co. there will be a committee from the Ladies' Relief Society between 3 A. M. and 6 P. M. today to receive donations of money, provisions, clothing, fuel and everything that makes up the list of household necessities. A committee will also be at the same place tomorrow from 9 A. M. to noon. They ask donations for the Children's Home, South Portland, which has been the charge of the Ladies' Relief Society for more than 25 years.

IN NEED OF HELP.

Florence Crittenton Refuge Home in Severe Straits for Funds.

Perhaps there is no institution in the City of Portland that stands in more urgent need of assistance at this Thanksgiving season than the Florence Crittenton Refuge Home. It is hoped that the public will be generous in the season of the Home and its inmates within the next two days, with contributions in cash sufficient to pay for their Winter's supply of wood, and enable them to replenish their stores of provisions, which steadily need of contributions from kind friends. There is a lack of flannels and warm clothing of all kinds. These must be provided, or much suffering will result, as cold weather comes on. Cash is greatly needed for buying shoes, rubbers and other articles of a personal nature that must be purchased outright from the stores.

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AGAINST POWDER HOUSE.

Citizens of Clackamas Station Up in Arms Over a Danger.

A number of the property-owners and residents of Clackamas Station are registering some pretty lively kicks at this time against the Vigorite Powder Company, who have completed the erection of a new magazine, 1250 feet, almost in their dooryards. This magazine and powder supply house is located about 300 feet from the railroad depot and postoffice, and within 50 feet of the public school. No powder has yet been stored in the new magazine, and some of the indignant citizens make bold to assert that there shall be none, if any law or statute can be brought into requisition to prevent it. These persons state that from the very moment powder is stored in this warehouse their lives and property will be in imminent danger of destruction without any premature warning. It is further asserted that property values have taken a tumble and that real estate holdings are a burden, all on account of the new powder house.

Vigorous steps will at once be taken to rid the town of the possible source of dynamite that may come in the future. Already a move is on foot to incorporate a new town, and should the unexpected occur by the election of a City Council favoring the storing of powder in the municipal limits, other remedies will be tried. The Legislature will be petitioned to pass a law making it unlawful to store powder within a certain distance of public school buildings.

For several years past Clackamas Station has been a powder supply point for a large section of country, and there has been considerable rivalry between two large powder firms to secure the trade of Clackamas County. The California Powder Company has a magazine contiguous to a mill distant from the public school building, but the advocates of the town incorporation state that this will be included in the municipal limits. The policy of the future will be no powder houses near the residence section of the town.

BOUND OVER TO GRAND JURY

Man Who Shot a Boy Halloween Held to Answer.

Judge Cameron, after long consideration of the matter and strong persuasion by interested persons, cannot convince himself that because a 14-year-old youngster hit Charles Lundeen in the left optic with a chunk of mud, it was sufficient provocation to Mr. Lundeen to put a bullet in the lad's arm. The trouble all arose out of a Halloween prank, and the details were given at the time. Briefly stated, Mr. Lundeen, who resides at 43 Flinders street, took exception to the pranks of a number of mischievous urchins who were out celebrating. Armed with a pistol he threw open his front door and was met with a fusillade of mud balls, one of which caught him fair in the eye. Then Lundeen blazed away and little Andrew Matthews stopped the bullet with his arm.

Lundeen's defense is that he merely "fired in the air" to frighten his youthful tormentors, and asked for discharge on the allegation that the shooting was purely accidental. In the Municipal Court yesterday Judge Cameron bound him over to the grand jury.