

WAGES ARE RAISED

Portland Railway Company
Accedes to Men's Request.

IMPROVEMENTS AUTHORIZED

Important Measures Taken at Meeting of Portland Traction Company Controlling the Line—Manager's Announcement.

As a result of the annual meeting in San Francisco of the Portland Traction Company, which controls the Portland Railway Company's system in this city, the wages of the employees will be raised, a 10-hour day inaugurated, and extensive improvements will be made to the line, both in new work and rebuilding of old lines. The plan for improvements has been in contemplation by Mr. Fuller for some time, and now that it has been authorized, work will begin immediately.

Employees who have worked more than a year will receive 2 1/2 cents an hour, and those more recently in its employ, 20 cents an hour. A 10-hour day will be made as general as possible. Heretofore 20 cents an hour has been paid to senior employees and 17 1/2 cents to new men, and the working day has been 12 hours.

A short time ago the men in the employ of the company presented a petition to the general manager, F. I. Fuller, asking less hours' work per day and increased pay per hour. They desired that 10-hour days be arranged for as many as possible, and given to the older employees as straight days, and that 2 1/2 cents per hour be paid to all men working as motormen or conductors. The employees have now received the answer to their petition in the following notice, which has been posted in each of the three car barns of the company:

Notice to Carmen.

"A petition for increase in rates of pay and decrease in the number of hours on the lives of this company, signed by a majority of the carmen, and received February 22, 1902, has been duly and carefully considered, and the management takes pleasure in making the following announcement: In the consideration of the points asked for, it should be borne in mind that the rate petitioned for, while it has previously been partially adopted by another road in this city, is one of the highest paid in any city on the Pacific Coast, even in those of much larger population, where the duties are more arduous than in Portland, and that also, while the rate of increase may seem small to the individual, it will mean an increased pay-roll of about \$25,000 per annum to the carmen in the employ of the two roads. The management also believes that the shorter runs will be better for all concerned under the traffic as it now stands; therefore, after April 15, the rates of pay for carmen in the employ of this company will be as follows:

"For the first year's service, 20 cents per hour.

"After the first year's service, 2 1/2 cents per hour.

"Also, commencing with the same date, the runs will be divided on the basis of 10 hours for a standard day's run, although some runs may be slightly over and some will be shorter runs; and that to make as many 10-hour runs as possible may require some broken runs; this matter in one which may change from time to time with each change of time tables.

"The senior men will have the first choice of runs to suit their needs, as heretofore. On account of the rate established, the above rates will apply to all extra work, as well as the regular. It is also understood that the regular runs shorter than 10 hours will be considered as 10-hour runs.

"The company also wishes at this time to express its appreciation of the faithful service of its employees, and their evident loyalty to its interests, and hopes that the same pleasant conditions and relations which have heretofore existed will be continued.

F. I. FULLER,
General Manager."

Carmen Are Satisfied.

The carmen generally express themselves as perfectly satisfied with the terms secured. There appears to be no reason why they should not be satisfied, as from the best information available there is no city on the Pacific Coast in which carmen are paid higher wages than will be paid in Portland under this arrangement, up to the fifth year's service, and on most roads on this Coast rates are from 10 cents to 24 cents per hour lower than the rates established here. On some roads men who have been in the employ of the company for a long period are paid an additional amount, but most of these roads pay proportionately less for the first year's service.

PLANS FOR IMPROVEMENTS.

System Will Be Extended and Old Track Rebuilt.

General Manager Fuller has just returned to this city after an absence of three weeks spent in San Francisco and Los Angeles. During his stay in the former city he attended the annual meeting of the Portland Traction Company, which controls the Portland Railway Company's system in this city.

As a result of this meeting Mr. Fuller feels at liberty to state that the Portland Railway Company is ready to make extensive improvements, both in the line of

new work and in the rebuilding of some of its down-town lines with a heavier rail and modern construction. The work contemplated covers about 20 miles of track and would involve the expenditure of several hundred thousand dollars, of which a large part would be disbursed in this city. It is intended that all construction work shall be of a much better class than that which now exists on the company's lines, although the present construction was in most instances considered first-class and up to date at the time it was put in, at the beginning of the period of electric railroading.

It is planned to start on these improvements as soon as the necessary preliminary arrangements can be made, and the material and equipment procured. However, much difficulty is experienced along these lines at the present time. It will be the policy of the Portland Railway Company to so round out its system as to offer its patrons a choice of transfer to almost any part of the city, and to cover as large a field with satisfactory service as any.

PORTLAND POSTOFFICE DOES LARGEST QUARTER'S BUSINESS IN ITS HISTORY.

The Portland Postoffice yesterday completed the first quarter of 1902, and the returns show that the business done in that period is the largest in the history of the office. The increase over the corresponding quarter for 1901 is \$10,111.38, and this astonishing increase is conclusive proof of the great and steady growth of Portland's business. The sale of stamps, stamped envelopes and postal cards is an index to general prosperity, and follows closely the increase and decrease of the volume of business transactions.

The tabulated statement of the corresponding quarters follows:

First quarter of 1902.....\$68,352.71

First quarter of 1901.....48,240.83

Increase.....\$19,111.38

The comparative statement of March, 1902 and March, 1901, follows:

March, 1902.....\$23,431.20

March, 1901.....22,292.18

Increase.....\$1,139.02

TAILORS' NEW WAGE SCALE

Union Men Will Be Paid According to Work Done.

The members of the Journeymen Tailors' Union have arranged a new scale of wages, by which the workmen are divided into three grades, and shall be paid according to the work done. In the first grade, which comprises the first-class shops, the coatmakers are to receive \$3 for each coat made; second grade, comprising the middle-class shops, \$2.50, and the third grade, comprising all other shops, \$2.25. Pantmakers in the first-class shops shall receive \$3; in the second-class, \$2.50, and in the other classes, \$1.75. The scale does not affect the vestmakers, the great majority of whom are women, and who earn from \$8 to \$12 per week.

A well-known tailor said last night that the scale did not in any way increase the wages of the workmen. He had agreed to because, in his opinion, it would better the trade and the men generally. In the first-class shops the men will receive about the same pay as at present, that is, from \$2.50 to \$30 per week for coatmakers, and from \$15 to \$18 per week for pantmakers. In the middle-class shops the coatmaker would earn almost as much as the man in the first-class shop, if he should be a good workman. There are, he said, only a few of the first-grade shops in the city, and many good tailors are employed in the other shops, and will earn as much as those employed by the furnisheers of fashion. One demand of the tailors is likely to meet with some opposition. It is that the merchant tailors furnish shops for their employees. At present there are a number of furnished shops in the city, but the majority of the merchant tailors pay their men by the piece, and let them do their work at home. By this plan they are enabled to sell goods at a little cheaper than others, and if they were compelled to furnish shops, they would be put to some expense. This part of the scale will probably be taken up by the merchant tailors in a few days.

W. K. Smith Appeals His Suit.

W. K. Smith, convicted in the Municipal Court of violating the fire-escape ordinance on his building on Washington street, between Front and First, yesterday filed a writ of review in the State Circuit Court. The writ is directed to Municipal Judge George J. Cameron, and sets forth that Smith was adjudged guilty and fined \$50, etc. Milton W. Smith appears as the attorney in the case.

Engineers for Goldendale Road.

Emory Oliver, chief engineer of the Lytle & Goldendale Railroad, has lately put another party of engineers in the field, and is pushing the work of surveying to a conclusion as rapidly as possible. It is necessary that the work of construction shall be started as soon as possible, if the road is to be completed in time to handle next season's crop.

Ladies Can Wear Shoes

One size smaller after using Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder to be shaken into the shoes. It makes tight or new shoes feel easy; gives instant relief to corns and bunions. Cures and prevents swollen feet, blisters, calluses and sore spots. Allen's Foot-Ease is a certain cure for sweating, hot, aching feet. At all druggists and shoe stores. Trial package FREE by mail. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

"Willamette" Sewing Machines—seven leading styles—strictly high—\$25.00 grade in every particular—guaranteed for 10 years.

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Traveling Bags and Suit Cases—immense variety of styles—all prices. (3d floor.)
New Carpets—Brussels, Axminsters and velvets—all grades. (3d floor.)
"Ping Pong"—the game Eastern people have gone mad over—full set, \$2.50. (3d floor.)

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69c yd

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Muslin

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Of the very highest grade to be found here in wonderful variety—all goods made under the best sanitary conditions and bear the stamp of the Consumers' League.

Magnificent styles in hand-made French lingerie.

Special values this week are:

300 White Petticoats, having separate dust flounce and beautifully trimmed with wide lace edging and three rows of insertion, all lengths, worth \$1.50. Your choice... \$1.19

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50 doz. Ladies' Gowns, in five leading styles, empire, B shop, high or low neck, muslin, cambric or nainsook material, torchon, Valenciennes, or embroidery trimmed, big full sizes, great value at... \$1.21

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Values of great importance to economical women for today and tomorrow.

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Suits, \$14.85



90 handsomely tinted Suits, in Eton, blouse and fly-front styles, covert, cheviot and Venetian materials, colors

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\$14.85

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Peau de Cyne Taffeta

Waists, Gibson or embroidered fronts, newest styles and colorings.

Moire and Taffeta Silk

Waists, newest styles and leading shades, Gibson effects.

\$6.00 values... \$4.98

(Second floor.)

\$9, \$10 Skirts, \$6.95

Black Dress Skirts, braid and taffeta band trimmed.

Tan, blue and gray Dress

Skirts, best styles and materials.

Shirtwaist Skirts, in the best fabrics and colorings, all sizes. All the above \$9 and \$6.95

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Slippers to \$1.75 at . . . \$1.23
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All sizes, newest kinds.

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New ideas from our own workroom, combined with best materials. Equal quality and style sells at \$6.00 to \$8.00 elsewhere; here, only \$4.98

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In original, artistic, exclusive designs (including top and back), each... 50c

Great Sale of Genuine

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	16-inch	18-inch	20-inch	22-inch	24-inch	26-inch
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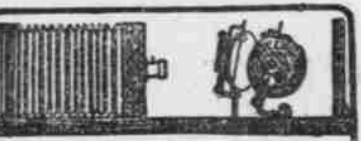
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