

HUNDREDS COMING

Stream of New Settlers Is Now Fairly Moving.

400 A DAY FOR PORTLAND

Timbermen, Farmers, Family Groups and Tourists—Stress So Great That All Continental Trains Are Behind Time.

About 400 settlers arrived in Portland on the Sunday trains from the East; that many people held one-way westbound tickets for Portland or points in Western Oregon. Yesterday morning's Northern Pacific train also brought a goodly number, but the other trains of the day, Union Pacific and Northern Pacific, were so far behind time that no report could be obtained of their through passengers. Three trains were due to arrive in the early hours of this morning. The reason given for the delay is that they were so heavily loaded with settlers that they lost time. Most of those settlers drop off before reaching Portland, for the whole country this side of Washington and Spokane is attractive to them. Just at this time, coming out of the Eastern blizzard, they appreciate at the fullest the mild climate of Oregon. The warm mist of West-foot fell upon them yesterday like a benediction.

Some of these newcomers are timbermen, and do not expect to make permanent homes here. But some of the timbermen expect to locate here and establish homes. Numbers of them sought employment at the lumber mills and factories yesterday. Others found it. Many dropped off to inspect Portland, intending to pass up the Valley to their ultimate destinations a little later. The family groups for the most part continued to the other side of the country, and other similar agencies have spread the Oregon gospel well in the East, and there is no doubt that great results will follow. Touching the country with the large Mississippi Valley, with reference to the emigration question, the following is a personal letter from Edward Shields, the Portland theatrical man, is a specimen of many.

"Harriman Immigration Bureau, under charge of G. M. McKinney, is doing great work for Oregon, and you will find Portland overrun with homeseekers just as soon as the low rates go into effect."

ASK ALL ABOUT OREGON.

State Land Department Gets Many Letters From the East.

SALISBURY, Or., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—The great interest that Eastern people are taking in Oregon and the large number of people who are contemplating coming to this state is indicated by the large correspondence received daily at the State Land Department. Thirteen letters, from residents of the Middle Western States, were received today. With the large amount of other work to be attended to the Land Department is utterly unable to answer these letters giving the varied information requested, and instead of answering the letters the department sends each inquirer a copy of the New Year's numbers of the Portland Oregonian and the Salem Statesman. In these papers will be found practically all the information that anyone could give regarding this state.

"That there will be a rush of homeseekers to this state the next few months there can be no doubt. Every person who writes to the Land Department is seeking a home. None are looking for investments which might be made by one residing in the East. Farm land suitable for stock ranches seems to be in most demand and inquiries are largely concerning the conditions of climate and soil in different parts of the state. Real estate agents and officers of the commercial organizations are also in receipt of an unusual number of inquiries."

CAME NORTH TO SEE PORTLAND.

Delegates to Pacific Coast Association of Traffic Agents.

The Pacific Northwest delegates to the annual convention of the Pacific Coast Association of Traffic Agents returned yesterday morning, having had a profitable and enjoyable time at Ashland. A number of Californians accompanied their northern brethren, among them being President Jay W. Adams and Second Vice-President Percy L. Sinclair, of San Francisco, and Secretary-Treasurer Charles



J. W. Adams, new president of the Pacific Coast Association of Traffic Agents.

TO BUY OREGON FARMS.

Score of Nebraskans to Make Their Homes Here.

ALBANY, Or., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—The vanguard of the great army of immigrants that is expected to come to Oregon with the opening of Spring arrived in Albany today. There were 20 people in the party, which hailed from Nebraska. They came prepared to purchase homes, and become members of Linn County's farming community. With many frozen noses and ears, due to the rigorous climate Nebraska has just experienced, these immigrants presented an odd sight to the average Albanyite. Oregon's winter climate is a revelation to the Nebraskans.

Wiper Ran Engine into Pit.

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 23.—Freight traffic on the Great Northern Railroad was delayed about 15 hours yesterday afternoon by a wiper running an engine into the pit of the turntable at Great Falls, Mont.

William Crowley, left alone with the locomotive, took occasion to practice running the machine. He started the engine all right, but could not stop it, and crashed into the pit, smashing it. On the turntable at this angle to Crowley's engine stood another locomotive. The engine also went down in a heap. Every engine of the division happened at the time to be stalled in the roundhouse, and for 15 hours the division was at a standstill.

Southern Pacific Prize Section.

INDEPENDENCE, Or., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—The Southern Pacific Company is making extensive improvements in its properties here. Among other things walks of decomposed granite are being put in by the local section crew. This crew has been awarded the honors for having the best section on the Southern Pacific lines on the West Side.

What His Wife Says.

"My wife says, 'nothing will do but Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.' My wife, W. Dockham, publisher of the Gazette, Lindsay, Cal. There is many another good wife due to the rigorous climate Nebraska has just experienced. The quick relief which this remedy affords in cases of coughs, colds and croup, and the fact that it pleases the palate, makes it a favorite everywhere. For sale by all druggists."

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Clever Swindler Wanted to Mail Away \$5 Note—But He Took It Away and Left the Letter.

MANY REFORMS URGED.

East Twenty-Eighth Street Improvement Association Holds Meeting.

A long session of the East Twenty-Eighth Street Improvement Association was held last night in the mission hall on East Gilman street. Frank Motter, president, who had been absent for some time, was present, and after reading and approving the minutes, he reviewed what the association might do for the neighborhood. He said that better water and mail facilities, telephone service, electric lights and gas mains were needed, all of which could be secured by united effort. Mr. Motter said the association had been working under some disadvantage, as the city government had just been organized

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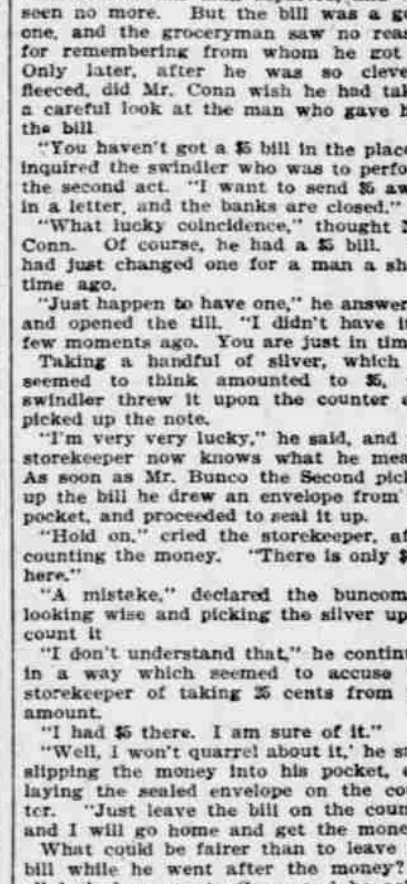
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Advertisement for Ghirardelli's Ground Chocolate, featuring a small illustration of a man and a woman. Text includes 'Ghirardelli's Ground Chocolate', 'A convenient, economical and delicious beverage, having all the strength and flavor of pure cocoa, with a deliciousness peculiar to itself. Warranted strictly pure cocoa and sugar of best quality. In hermetically sealed cans. Never in bulk.'

Can't Thrash Him. PORTLAND, Feb. 21.—(To the Editor.) I wish to call your attention to the heading, "He Thrashed the Debtor," in your edition of today. In justice to myself and friends I wish to say that Fos-

STRANGE CRAFT ON RIVER

J. Larson Has Built a Catamaran That Makes High Speed.

A queer sort of craft has been seen on the river lately that has aroused much comment among water-front men. She belongs to J. Larson, who designed and also built the boat.

Advertisement for Dr. W. Norton Davis' medicine for 'MEN'S AILMENTS', 'Quickly and Permanently Cured'. Includes a portrait of Dr. W. Norton Davis and text describing various ailments like 'CONTRACTED DISORDERS', 'SO-CALLED "WEAKNESS"', 'VARIICOCELE', 'SYPHILIS', 'STRICTURE'.

Advertisement for 'THE OLD RELIABLE' Baking Powder, featuring a large illustration of a box of 'ROYAL' baking powder. Text includes 'THE OLD RELIABLE', 'ROYAL BAKING POWDER', 'Absolutely Pure', 'THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE'.