

NEW EQUIPMENT TO COST \$4,633,000

Harriman System in Northwest to Secure More Rolling Stock.

ENGINES TO BE LARGE ONES

Increased Traffic on Oregon Roads Demands Additional Cars and Locomotives—Orders to Be Placed Through New York.

Requisitions for approximately \$1,775,000 worth of new equipment for the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon and the O. R. & N. system have been approved and orders will be placed soon through the New York offices.

These figures represent the approximate value of equipment that will be added in addition to new freight cars. For the latter on the two roads, Manager O'Brien has asked for cars that will mean a further expenditure of \$1,850,000 and on which the Eastern officials have given a qualified approval. A large part of the new freight equipment asked will be ordered but the extent of the purchases throughout the year will depend on later conditions. The total represented in the equipment budget for the two systems in this state and in Washington is about \$4,633,000.

In engine equipment the O. R. & N. will receive this year 25 new consolidated engines for freight traffic; 12 Atlantic type engines for high speed trains on low grades, and three switch engines.

Steel Postal Cars Asked. In new passenger equipment there are to be two steel postal cars, eight steel baggage cars, four combination baggage and postal cars, and 12 steel coaches. The freight equipment requisition includes 12 new freight cars for 3000 flat cars, and 1200 boxcars. In addition approval has been given to the purchase of a 120-ton wrecking derrick.

The value of the new equipment for the O. R. & N., exclusive of the freight cars, will be approximately \$1,000,000, according to the standard price list of such equipment. The value of the new freight equipment, if all is furnished, will be approximately \$1,750,000.

For the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon orders will be placed for ten consolidated engines, six ten-wheel passenger engines and two switch engines; four steel postal cars, six steel baggage cars, five combination baggage and postal cars, ten steel coaches and one wrecking derrick. The new freight cars for which requisition was made, include 100 flats and 100 stock cars.

Engines to Be of Atlantic Type.

The requisitions that have been approved for Southern Pacific equipment will run up to about \$630,000, while the new freight equipment will cost about \$112,000.

The Atlantic type engines ordered are similar to those used on the New York Central fast trains. The Pacific type of engine has been abolished on the Harriman system.

The big order for freight cars and engines on the O. R. & N. is accounted for in the increase of tonnage in sight, not only in the Northwest, but also because of rapid development of the interior and increasing demands for Western lumber. The close similarity of the also is increasing the volume of west-bound transcontinental traffic.

At the last price on boxcars quoted by the manufacturer, accumulating at \$1200 each, the one order for 1200 boxcars means a total expenditure of \$1,440,000.

J. P. O'Brien to Inspect Line.

J. P. O'Brien, vice-president and general manager of the O. R. & N., will leave today for a trip of inspection that portion of the Washington division that was damaged by the recent floods. He will be gone a week or ten days.

FREIGHT BILL PILING UP

Portland Firm Makes No Call for Goods Delivered at Washougal.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 15.—(Special.)—The four months two carloads of electrical machinery consigned to the Pacific Electric Company of Portland, have stood on a side track at Washougal, accumulating a side track and car charge of \$2 a day, and no attempt is being made to unload it.

The machinery was shipped by the Platt Iron Works, of Dayton, Ohio, supposedly on the order of the Pacific Electric Company, which was building a dam across the Washougal River at that time, preparing to put in an electric plant for Washougal and Camas. The freshets of last week killed the dam on the Washougal River before the turbine wheels and fixtures arrived. When the machinery did arrive it was not unloaded.

The station agent at Washougal said that "under the present rulings of the Washington State Railway Commission, the shippers in Ohio will be compelled to pay the freight charges of \$1500 and the demurrage, whether the Pacific Electric company takes the machinery or not."

ELK HUNTER BOUND OVER

Five Dismissed, One Held on Charge at Oregon City.

OREGON CITY, Or., March 15.—(Special.)—George Sleret, John Sleret and Charles Gedamke, of Gresham, and George Ruegg and John Barbry, of Sandy, were discharged last afternoon by Justice of the Peace Samson, after a preliminary hearing on the charge of killing elk.

E. E. Sleret, who was arrested on the same charge, acknowledged killing an elk in the Mount Hood country near Weichee, a few months ago, and was bound over to the grand jury in \$1000 bonds. Attorney George C. Brownell appeared for the six men, who were arrested by Deputy Game Warden Green.

E. E. Sleret pleaded guilty in the Justice Court last week to killing elk and paid a fine of \$100 and costs. Another information was filed against him.

Lectures to Be Given by F. M. Knox. Professor M. F. Knox, president of the Dental Science College Educational Association of Seattle, Wash., will deliver a series of four free lectures at Christensen's Hall. The first will be given March 20 at 8 P. M., and the others March 21, 22 and 23. The object of the lectures is to establish a branch of the college in this city.

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FIERY BODY NEAR SUN MAY BE COMET

John McNulty Locates Yellowish Red Body in Sky in the West.

OBJECT IS TWICE OBSERVED

Bright Light Estimated to Be 30 Degrees South of Sun is Sighted at 5 o'clock—Observations to Be Continued if Possible.

Interested by his observations on Monday night while looking for Halley's comet, John McNulty, of the United States Hydrographic service, was more surprised yesterday to witness in the western skies a repetition of the night before.

"As on the day before," said Mr. McNulty last night, "the strange comet-like object which attracted my attention appeared at the same location, with respect to the sun, this afternoon. It appeared this afternoon about 5 o'clock behind some light clouds at a point about 30 degrees south of the sun and about the same altitude. In appearance it was a body almost as large as the sun itself and was of a yellowish red shade. I am not prepared to say that I actually saw Halley's comet, but I would like a reliable explanation of what I really did see. Tomorrow night I shall supply myself with a sextant in order definitely to locate the object, if it re-appears, with respect to its distance from the sun. Without such an instrument it is possible that my estimate of 30 degrees may be excessive."

Both the location and size, as well as color, of the object seen by McNulty are at variance with the description of the comet as it is expected to present itself according to W. N. Ferrin, president of Pacific University, Forest Grove, and Professor J. W. Daniels, of Hill Military Academy, who have made a study of the conditions under which Halley's comet may be expected. These students of astronomy are agreed that if the comet is to be seen at all in the West, it must be seen within a very few days. They are further of the same opinion that the comet at this time must appear within 14 degrees of the sun. Reported observations of the comet at a point more distant removed from the sun are attributed by these gentlemen to be due, possibly, to an optical illusion.

Weather conditions last night were unfavorable for an exploration of the planetary world. Late in the afternoon the western skies became blanketed with heavy clouds, preventing astronomical investigations. With District Forecaster Beals predicting rain for today the chances of favorable observations tonight are regarded poor.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Dr. B. F. Skene is at the Cornellus. C. A. McCarger, a fruit enthusiast of Mosier, is at the Seward. R. C. Phillipace, a hardware dealer at The Dalles, is at the Imperial. George Putnam, editor of the Medford Tribune, is at the Imperial. Emmet Cochran, a Grant County stockman, with headquarters at Monument, brought in a shipment of fancy

beef stock yesterday and, after delivery to the stockyards, registered at the Imperial.

E. Rhoten, of the editorial staff of the Statesman at Salem, is at the Seward.

O. B. Hoffman, hardware merchant at The Dalles, registered at the Nortonia last night.

J. W. Niton, president of the Lakeview Mercantile Company, is at the Oregon for the week.

L. L. Berrens, a jeweler from Bellingham, Wash., is at the Oregon, accompanied by his wife.

A. S. Coats, principal owner of the Coats Cement Company at Raymond, Wash., is at the Oregon.

W. W. Sawyer, father of Harold Sawyer, is in the city on a visit to his son. He is at the Nortonia.

H. G. Wilson, Indian agent at the Klamath agency, was among the arrivals at the Imperial last night.

Henry A. Koster, one of the brothers largely interested in Oregon timber lands, and residing at San Francisco, is at the Seward.

Charles Owen, member of the Lodge of Elks of Honolulu and a business man of the island possessions, reached the Portland yesterday.

J. D. Loucks, a prominent merchant of Portland, arrived at the Perkins yesterday, after a trip around the Horn via San Francisco at the angle end.

Mrs. A. M. Crawford, wife of the Attorney-General, came to the Imperial last night and will be in the city the remainder of the week.

Dr. E. A. Vaughn, ex-member of the State Board of Dental Examiners, who resigned at Pendleton, is at the Perkins yesterday, after a trip around the Horn via San Francisco at the angle end.

Mr. Ira Bartle, president of the Commercial Club at North Bend, and a member of the Motor Club, arrived at the Imperial last night and will remain in the city several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Brook, of Philadelphia, arrived at the Portland last night on a tour of the Pacific Coast. Mr. Brook is one of the well-known financiers of the Quaker City.

Elmer Dover, ex-secretary of the Republican National Committee, and ex-private secretary of Senator Mark Hanna, of Ohio, arrived at the Hotel Portland yesterday. He will engage in business in this city.

Ad A. Knorr and R. W. McNelly, of Grandville, were among the stockmen who arrived at the Imperial yesterday. They brought seven cars of hogs to the Portland market and sold out at the rate of \$11.15.

W. F. Matlock, an uncle of Les Matlock, of the Perkins, who has been a patient at St. Vincent's Hospital for several weeks, was so far recovered yesterday as to be removed to the home of a daughter at Fourteenth and Mill streets.

E. G. Hopson, chief of the United States Reclamation Service in Oregon, returned last night from an inspection of the Umatilla project, contemplating diversion of the waters of the Umatilla River and an adjudication of all the filings on that stream.

M. D. Rainbow and P. E. Matt, of San Francisco; G. D. Beaumont, of Walla Walla; E. W. Warren, E. W. Wannamaker, T. R. Thompson and T. W. Berg, of Spokane, are among the agents of the Standard Oil Company who yesterday held their annual meeting at the Cornellus.

CHICAGO, March 15.—(Special.)—Portland people registered at Chicago hotels today are: James Burr, at the Kaiserhof; Robert J. Upton, at the Great Northern; N. Westmer, at the Morrison.

TAKING TO SAVE SEALS

Message Urges That Killing on Islands Be Stopped.

HERDS MUCH DIMINISHED

President Would Not Renew Lease of Company Blamed for Slaughter—Treaties Against Pelagic Hunting Advised.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—President Taft has come to the conclusion that the slaughter seals on the islands of St. Paul and St. George must stop, and sent a special message to Congress today recommending that the Government take charge of the islands, their inhabitants and the seal herds when the present lease to the hunting seasons there expire April 1.

The State Department and the Department of Commerce and Labor both recommend a change of policy. In the meantime, the President suggested negotiations may be carried on with Oregonians to prevent pelagic sealing. Such a result, he believes, would preserve the seals, which at the present rate of depletion will be entirely extinct in a few years.

The North American Commercial Company has the privilege of renewing its lease for another term of 20 years, and the President recommends to Congress that such a provision of the present contract be repealed.

Two years ago the herds there numbered 25,000 and these have been reduced to 13,000, while the breeding seals have been reduced in the same time from 130,000 to 50,000. The President declares that such a condition is the result of pelagic sealing, which the Government has been unable to stop.

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PROPERTY AT EAST STARK AND FIRST BRINGS \$45,100.

EAST SIDE SALE MADE

Russell E. Sewall Will Build at Once Two-Story and a Basement Concrete and Brick Structure.

As a location for a warehouse soon to be built, Russell E. Sewall and associates have purchased a half block on East Stark street. The property, located on the north side of East Stark and extending from East First to East Water streets, was bought in two parcels for \$45,100. The sale was conducted through the agency of the W. A. Storey Company and J. W. Streit.

The quarter block at East First and East Stark streets was bought from John Mathiesen for \$23,800. The other quarter block was bought from the Ladd estate for \$21,300. Mr. Mathiesen had owned his quarter block for one year, having purchased it for \$15,000. The other quarter block had been owned by the Ladd estate for many years. There are no improvements on the half block. The property lies below the grade of the street just far enough so that no excavation will be required for a basement.

The new owners will start at once to put up a concrete and brick two-story and basement warehouse. The property is considered ideal for this purpose, for it has truckage facilities on three sides, the Southern Pacific tracks being on East First street, the O. W.

P. tracks on East Water street, and the proposed line of the Mount Hood Railway on East Stark street. The building will occupy the entire 100x200 feet. The half block transferred is described as lots 3, 4, 5 and 6, block 22, East Portland.

J. B. Kennedy has purchased a lot 50x100 feet at the southeast corner of Fourth and Mill streets from E. Holt Brown for \$13,000. The property has three frame dwellings yielding a rental of \$60 a month. Mr. Kennedy will hold it as an investment. The sale was negotiated through the agency of J. J. Flynn.

Wakefield, Fries & Co. report the sale of a lot 50x100 feet at the northwest corner of Third and Sheridan streets, in South Portland. The property was bought by John Boytam from Loewenson Bros. for \$4700. It is occupied with an old house and was bought as an investment.

Two quarter blocks on East Davis street were sold through the agency of J. J. Oeder at \$8000 each, and on both will be built fine flat buildings. F. B. Moore bought the 100x100 feet at the northeast corner of East Fourteenth and Davis streets from J. J. Oeder at \$6000, and the other \$3500. G. Kline, of the Enterprise bakery, also purchased a quarter block on the northeast corner of East Thirteenth and East Davis streets and Davis streets from Isalah Buckman for \$6000, and will build at once two flat buildings, one to cost \$6000 and the other \$3500.

T. M. Word & Co. report the sale of 100x125 feet at the northeast corner of Nineteenth and Quincy streets from J. W. Nance to E. E. Angell, a local contractor, and S. B. Kidder, of Baker City. The price was \$20,000. The property is unimproved and will be held as an investment.

TAX PAYMENTS HEAVY

LAST DAY FOR REBATES ADDS LARGELY TO TOTAL.

Less Than \$900,000 Remains for Collection—Franchise Tax Is Paid Under Protest.

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Although the number of taxpayers calling at the Courthouse yesterday was not as large as Monday, when collections aggregated \$417,968.80, it is estimated that nearly \$1,000,000 was received. Deducting these amounts, including the total previous collections, the roll is reduced to less than \$900,000.

Many of the large corporations and heavy taxpayers of the county responded in the payment of their taxes yesterday. The 3 per cent rebate provision in the law. For the accommodation of the taxpayers Sheriff Stevens kept his office open last night.

Those taxpayers who did not take advantage of the rebate and deadline today will have until the first Monday in April to make a payment of one-half of their taxes and until the first Monday in October to pay the remaining one-half without suffering any penalty. If the remaining one-half of the taxes of an individual are not paid by the first Monday in October they will be declared delinquent and the taxpayer will become liable to the penalty and an interest charge of 12 per cent per annum from the first Monday in April preceding.

On all other delinquent taxes the law provides that there shall be collected a penalty of 10 per cent per annum and an interest charge at the rate of 12 per cent per annum from the day on which they become delinquent until they are paid.

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WEATHER COOLER TODAY

Weather Man Predicts Showers After Extra Day of Sunshine.

Showers, cooler with southerly winds is the forecast for today, as issued by the Weather Bureau. Practically the same forecast was issued for yesterday, but the rates and the weather man differed and "Old Sol" held the boards for the greater portion of the day. The thermometer climbed up to 70 degrees and the total sunshine for the day was seven hours and 38 minutes.

During the 12 hours ending at 5 o'clock last night there was a marked fall in the barometer over Western Oregon and Washington. Conditions are favorable for lower temperatures for today with showers in the western portion of both states.

Reflects Western Progress.

The Golden West, of New York, for March has been received. It is a well

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Crowley Gets Freight House.

SALEM, Or., March 15.—(Special.)—General Manager O'Brien of the Southern Pacific, has advised the State Railroad Commission that the Southern Pacific will erect a combination shelter shed and freight house at Crowley.

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