

ROUND-TRIP RATE AGAIN

THE NORTHERN PACIFIC RESTORES HOMESEKERS' FARES.

Begin Next Tuesday and Continue Twice a Month Until May 20—Rio Grandes Come In.

Assistant General Passenger Agent Charlton, of the Northern Pacific Railway, yesterday announced the restoration of the round-trip homeseekers' rates to the Pacific Northwest. These rates, which had prevailed for many months, were withdrawn last December when it was decided to put in the one-way settlers' rates in March and April. Since that time there have been no rates for homeseekers or settlers to the Northwest, except the regular first-class and second-class fares. The Northern Pacific will now restore the round-trip homeseekers' rates, being for the round trip one first-class fare plus \$2. This will be from Chicago to Portland, and from Portland to the Missouri River. This rate will not apply every day, however. It will begin next Tuesday, the third Tuesday in February, and continue on the first and third Tuesday of every month until May 20. The settlers' rate in March and April will be only one bound; the homeseekers' rate is for the round trip.

Mr. Charlton also authorized the following announcement yesterday, thus giving official sanction to what had previously appeared in the newspapers:

The Northern Pacific Railway will apply the Portland settlers' rates to all the Willamette Valley and points up to Ashland, including Astoria, Clatskanie, and Tillamook. The Pacific Railway has always applied the Portland rates to Western Oregon points, and will continue to do so. The restoration of these settlers' rates to Western Oregon by the Northern Pacific will undoubtedly secure for that section an increase of settlers. Proper advertising matter bearing on the possibilities of Western Oregon will be provided and distributed throughout the East, calling particular attention to the opportunities of land to settlers. The restoration will be in effect daily, commencing March 1, and continuing through March and April.

FRANCHISE ORDINANCE VOID.

So Declares Judge McBride in Oregon City Case.

OREGON CITY, Feb. 15.—At an adjourned session of the Circuit Court held here today, Judge T. A. McBride rendered two decisions of importance. In the case of George Adams against Oregon City, the city won on the decision of a fine point regarding the validity of a railroad franchise ordinance passed by the Council. Following is Judge McBride's decision:

"This was a writ brought to review the action of the City Recorder, B. C. Curry, imposing a fine upon George Adams, an employee of the Portland City & Oregon Railway Company, for running a freight car over the electric road within the city limits. The City Charter requires that ordinances shall be read at two separate meetings of the City Council before final passage. An ordinance was introduced granting to the electric railroad the right to run freight cars on Main street, and read at one regular meeting of the Council, after which an adjournment was taken for one week, at which adjourned meeting the ordinance was passed. It was claimed that the ordinance was invalid, and Adams, who was a conductor, was arrested and fined for running a freight car on Main street. The court holds that the ordinance was not a new meeting, and this reading of an ordinance at a regular meeting and at an adjourned session of such regular meeting, was not a reading at two meetings, as required by the charter, and that the ordinance was properly void, and the defendant properly convicted."

The nullified ordinance granted the electric railroad the right of running its freight cars through Main street for 42 years.

In the matter of the suit of the Portland City & Oregon Railway Company against the Oregon & California Railway Company, to condemn a right of crossing for the electric line on the Canemah extension, the case was settled out of court. The parties, by stipulation, agreed that the electric road should have the crossings desired, by paying the costs of the legal proceedings and of constructing the crossings.

ONE CAUSE OF TRAINWRECKS.

Monster Engines in an Unfinished State Badly Injure Rails.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—A new cause of railroad wrecks has been discovered in the monster locomotives that are now being used so extensively by all railroads. While being hauled from the place of building to the roads for which they are intended it has been ascertained that the giant engines have been playing havoc with the tracks of the lines over which they have passed. Reports have been received showing where the unconnected drivers of the monster have pounded the rails so hard that the latter have been broken and others have been so badly injured that they have snapped under pressure of following trains.

Superintendents, roadmasters and others who have reported on the matter are of the opinion that not a few of the recent wrecks that have been attributed to defective track may now be traced to broken or injured rails resulting from the transportation of these engines in an unfinished state. The trouble has become so serious that an order was issued by the Rock Island road today requiring all "giant" locomotives received for transportation to be equipped with side rods in position and coupled.

TO TAP MINING DISTRICT.

Important Railway Enterprise on Foot in Washington.

SPOKANE, Feb. 15.—The Methon Railway & Smelter Company has been incorporated here with a capitalization of \$25,000. President W. H. Plummer states that this is a preliminary company, and will put a survey party in the field within 30 days to locate a railway running from Pateros, Wash., on the Columbia, up the Methon and Twisp Rivers to tap the mining districts. When the right of way is secured, it is proposed to organize the Methon Valley Railway Company, with a capital of \$2,500,000.

"The financial part is already assured, provided the right of way is donated," states President Plummer. "The stockholders are men who are not connected with any other railroad. The Great Northern has nothing to do with it."

PROGRESS OF P. V. & Y.

Rails and Locomotives to Come—Grade Work Completed.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 15.—The grading of the 15-mile extension of the Portland, Vancouver & Yakima Railroad which will extend the line to Yacolt, 20 miles northwest of Vancouver, is nearly completed. The steel rails for the new line are expected to arrive soon. They will be brought in over the new Washington & Oregon line. A new six-wheel snow locomotive for use on the Portland, Vancouver & Yakima road is also expected to arrive over the Washington & Oregon, from the East, in a few days.

A spur is now being built from the Washington & Oregon to connect with the Portland, Vancouver & Yakima line for the purpose of transferring the steel rails and locomotive.

New York-Texas Rate.—The executive officers of the different steamship and railroad lines interested have unanimously

TO FILL UP THE GULCH

STREET RAILWAYS WILL ASSIST GREAT SOUTH PORTLAND WORK.

Effort to Beautify Terwilliger Park—Trying to Get '05 Fair Located at Fulton.

The regular biweekly meeting of the South Portland Improvement Association was held in Hobbs' Hall last evening, with Judge John F. Caples in the chair. The meeting was given over to the hearing of committee reports and a discussion of future plans of the association. E. C. Bronaugh, chairman of the committee on fills and improvements, was the first to report, and although no definite assurance could be given, Mr. Bronaugh thought that the officials of both the City & Suburban and the Portland

saying that the natural advantages of Portland could be beautified in such a way that they would surpass anything on earth. Dr. W. H. Saylor, chairman of the committee on boulevards and drives, said that he hoped the newly formed Gentlemen's Driving Association would take up the matter of improving the White House road. J. E. Courtney suggested that Kelly street be opened through the Terwilliger estate, and connected with the White House road, and the proposition was discussed at some length.

It was moved and carried that a permanent committee on streets and highways be appointed, and the chair named E. C. Bronaugh, Frank Hacheney, S. J. La France, J. E. Courtney and R. Foulkes. Later, in compliance with his own request, E. C. Bronaugh was removed from the committee and P. Hobbs substituted.

Chairman J. E. Courtney, of the committee on permanent meeting place, reported that Hobbs' Hall was the only available place, and it was decided to hold all future meetings there. No reports were received from the committee on public schools and the committee on landings and bridges.

J. E. Werlein reported that the committee on bird boundaries had definite assurance that the north boundary of the new Sixth Ward would be at Caruthers street, and that said ward would include everything south of Caruthers street, on the west side of the river. The committee was discharged and given a vote of thanks.

Meers, Hyland and Gibson, of the Civic Improvement League, were present at the meeting, and both spoke entertainingly on the beautifying of the city.

The Woman's Annex of the South Portland Improvement Association will open on February 22, at 521 Corbett street, at 2 P. M., when matters of interest will be considered.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Hy J. Eilers, of the Eilers Piano House, leaves today for the East.

Dr. J. P. Tammie, a prominent physician of this city, is at the Perkins, W. L. Bradshaw, of The Dalles, Circuit Court Judge, is at the Imperial, on a brief trip to the city.

Mrs. F. J. Taylor, Mrs. A. L. Fox and Alice and Russell Fox, who are well known Astorian, are at the Imperial.

Bernard Lindeberger, of Astoria, who is at the Perkins, conducts one of the largest cold-storage plants on the lower river.

F. D. Kuetner, auditor of the A. & C. Railroad, with headquarters at Astoria, is at the Imperial, and will spend Sunday in the city.

W. B. Cone, of Bay City, who is at the Perkins, is a well-known timber man, and is in the city on business connected with his lumber interest.

C. R. Jacobs, clerk at the Portland, who has been ill since Tuesday, was out for the first time last night, and resumed his duties behind the register.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Peters left last evening for the East, via San Francisco, for several weeks' absence. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Burrell.

Dr. J. A. Reuter, a prominent young physician of this city, has purchased an interest in The Dalles Hospital, at Astoria, and made that city his future home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cowles, of Spokane, are at the Portland. Mr. Cowles is prominent in well known throughout the Northwest as owner and publisher of the Spokane Spokesman-Review.

Will D. Jenkins, Jr., passed through Portland yesterday from Olympia, on his way to San Francisco, to attend the funeral of his father, the late ex-Secretary of State Jenkins, of Washington.

Walter H. Raymond has been appointed special agent of the Liverpool & London & Globe Insurance Company for Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Mr. Raymond is well known in this section of the country, and has been in the insurance business for many years. Mr. G. Rosenblatt is resident agent of the company in this city.

George Otten, landscape gardener, of this city, returned yesterday from Eugene,

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where he has been making a survey of the university grounds. He has been engaged by the regents of the university to prepare plans for laying out and beautifying the 25 acres which are comprised in the university campus. Mr. Otten says that the Blue Hills made the making of a very pretty landscape, as the ground is admirably adapted for this purpose.

Brave Firemen Made a Mistake.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—Firemen who groped their way through fire and smoke and dragged six dead bodies into the street from Bennett Hospital, at Ada and Fulton streets, late last night, carried on their heroic labor in the belief that they were rescuing the persons who had been asphyxiated, and not until the flames had been subdued did they learn that they had been in the dissecting-room of Bennett Medical College, and that the rescued bodies are from the dissecting tables of the school. One cadaver was incinerated.

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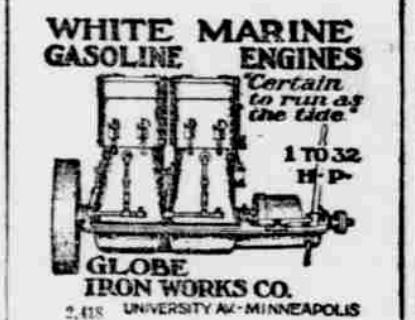


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Worth 75c for . . . 43c
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