

Real Estate Transfers.

Report daily by EUGENE ABSTRACT COMPANY W. K. SCARBOROUGH, Manager.

Harriet Bennett and husband to E M and Elizabeth Corbus, a 1/2 of sw 1, w 1/2 of so 1, sec 18, tp 16 s, r 4 w, 100 acres; \$5,000.

John C Stuart to J B Whitley et al s e 1/4 of ne 1/4, ne 1/4 of se 1/4, ne 1/4 of nw 1/4, sec 32, tp 21 s, r 4 w, 320 acres; \$10,000.

U S to Daniel Hawkins, lots 9, 10, 12, sec 29 tp 17 s, r 2 w, 78.42 acres patent.

U S to Wm B Freese, s w 1/4 sec 28 tp 16 s, r 2 w, 160 acres; patent.

O & C R Co to Joseph E Mendell, s e 1/4 of w 1/2 and lot 8 sec 31 tp 20 s, r 2 w, 60.60 acres; \$181.80.

Lucius P Mason and wife to Aaron T Bliss, all of sec 16 tp 16 s, w, and sec 16 tp 16 s, r 1 e, and sec 36 tp 16 s, r 1 w, 1920 acres; \$1.

U S to Joseph Williamson and Minerva Williamson, known as not 2907 on 54 parts of sec 17, 18 tp 15 s, r 4 w 321 acres; patent.

J W Goudy to Louis Maguire, a tract of land in sec 32 tp 20 s, r 3 w, 5 acres; \$175.

H H and H L Carter to Geo. W. Breeding, a tract of land in sec 2, 11, tp 19 s, r 1 w 13 acres; \$150.

Geo W Breeding to Felix G Russell the d f c of Geo H Penland, notifi 6641 cl 55, sec 2, 11, tp 19 s, r 1 w, 173 acres; \$1730.

F G Russell & wife to Geo W Breeding, the d f c of Geo H Penland, notifi 6641 cl 55, sec 2, 11, tp 19 s, r 1 w, 173 acres; \$1730.

O B Beatty to W W Cheshman and 1/2 of lot 79) being by 119 ft in blk 67; \$490.

D. G. McFarland to A R Eastman lot 5, blk 1, D G McFarland, ad; \$100.

Martha W Cooper to Mary M Bucknell, lot 6, block 9, Skinner's add; \$1.

Wm. W Wilson and wife to E M Corbus and E Peterson, a part of lot 7 blk 11, Mulligan's add; \$6000.

C W Washburne to S S Stephens, lots 8, 9, 10, block 16, Washburne's & Milliron add; \$232.

COMPLIMENTARY.—Corvallis Gazette: The students of the college were treated to a fine address last Friday evening. It was delivered by Mr. H. B. Miller, of Grant's Pass, his subject being "Economics." The bad weather prevented the townspeople from attending the lecture to any great extent, but their absence was in the main made up by students. Mr. Miller's address is one of the best that has ever been delivered at the college, and he dealt with his subject in a most clear and forcible manner. The main point brought out in the lecture was, that all industries depend largely on natural laws as well as on artificial laws, and that in order to make a success of these industries, man's law must stamp nature's law. These points were made especially applicable from the fact that Mr. Miller is a thorough business man, and has been engaged all his life in numerous industries; mainly dependent though on the sugar pine business of Southern Oregon.

A BOMB UNEARTHED.—Marshal Eastland in searching the city jail Sunday morning, found what was considered to be a dynamite bomb. This instrument was a piece of lead pipe about one inch in diameter and four inches long, both ends being securely plugged, and about the center of the pipe was a small hole about the size of the body of a pin. After consulting with the city official the marshal took the bomb, or whatever it may have been, and threw it into a deep hole in the river.

WATER PIPES CLOGGED.—Last evening the sewer pipes of the connection with the Lane county bank building became stopped and the leakage run through the second floor, flooding the back room of Deacon's cigar store and loosening a large lot of plaster which fell to the floor. Deacon's usual happy smile wasn't apparent on his piaz when he viewed the "wreck."

IN A WEEK.—Next Saturday the Oregon Pacific sale will occur. Will it take place is a question many are asking. The public will believe it for certain when it has actually transpired. The outlook is good, but we have had good outlooks before.

Howe Found Guilty.—JACKSONVILLE, Or., Dec. 15.—The case of H. E. Howe, ex-treasurer of Klamath county, indicted for embezzlement, which has been on trial here for the past three days, on a charge of venue from Klamath, was given to the jury yesterday evening at 5 o'clock. After being out a short time the jury returned a verdict of guilty. This case has excited much interest, mainly perhaps, on account of our own treasurer, and the status of the case now before the supreme court. The case was contested with great energy and determination on both sides, many legal technicalities being introduced and many exceptions taken. Counsel for defense asked until Monday next in which to file a motion for a new trial.

John Long Acquitted.—ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 15.—The trial of John Long, indicted for cattle-stealing, occupied nearly all the forenoon, going to the jury just before noon. The jury was out only a few moments and returned a verdict of not guilty.

Against a Change.—THE DALLES, Or., Dec. 15.—The teachers' institute closed today. The final exercises were held this morning in the Court-street school. A large attendance remained to the close. Papers were read and there were discussions on various topics connected with school work. The most important one was on the change of the textbooks. Leading teachers spoke on the subject and the sentiment seemed to prevail that the present textbooks were satisfactory, with the exception of the grammar, and that no further change was expedient. Much enthusiasm was shown over the work of the institute.

Official Vote of Tennessee.—NASHVILLE, Dec. 13.—Secretary of State Morgan today made public the official vote for governor as follows: Evans, rep., 105,104; Turney, dem., 104,595; Mills, pop., 23,082. Evans' plurality, 748. There will doubtless be a contest.

SPRINGFIELD ITEMS.

A Neway Correspondence from Our Special News Gatherer.

J. P. Jones, Gen. ticket agent of the S. P., registered at the Springfield Hotel Friday night and reported that beginning Jan 1st, 1895, trains would run daily on the Springfield and Woodburn branch.

T. C. Wheeler left on this morning's train for Portland, where he will spend a week on business and pleasure.

Mrs. A. Durvey, of Mohawk, died Saturday evening at 7 p. m. of cancer of the breast. Funeral services will be held at the house at 12 m., Monday 11. Mrs. Durvey has been a resident of the Mohawk but three years but has made many warm friends who join in the sorrow of the bereaved husband and family.

Old man Peppit, of Gate Creek, died Saturday morning of dropsy of the heart. We failed to learn when the funeral takes place.

Hugh Renshaw is up from Roseburg for a few days shaking hands with his numerous friends.

P. Beatty has sold his interest in his lot in the Maule addition to W. W. Cheshman.

The young people are rehearsing for the play "Among the Breakers," to be given at the Springfield Opera House in the near future.

Beale & Franklin of the Springfield Iron and Wood Works are making some extensive improvements at their plant. They are building a new moulding room 28 x 39 with additional 12 x 30 and 12 x 40. They intend building a main building 40 x 60, two stories high, in the spring. They report business in a flourishing condition.

The Mask Ball to be given at the Springfield Opera House on Xmas night by the Springfield Fire Company bids fair to be the largest party of the kind ever held in Lane County. The boys are making every effort, sparing no pains to make it a grand social event. Upwards of twenty tickets have already been sold. Good music has been secured for the occasion. Supper will be served at the Springfield Hotel under the management of Mr. Sam Brewbaker which is itself a guarantee that the inner man will be provided for.

A Fortunate Investment.—Cottage Grove Leader: East Cottage Grove is certainly fortunate as to the case with which the system of water works can be paid for complete. There are now a sufficient number of water consumers at the basis rate of 75 cents per month, to pay the interest on the bonds and carry an adequate sum to the sinking fund to pay the bonds in full at maturity. There will also be quite a number in addition to those already subscribers who will take water the coming month. As the town grows the revenues will also increase and within five years the town will derive enough surplus from the water system to pay the other expenses of the city government. Since the incorporation of the town there has been no tax levied for city expenses, and what is more important no tax will ever be needed.

AGAINST DIVISION.—The Florence West is now of the opinion that the people of the western portion of the county are against the formation of a new county at the present time. The statement that the Florence country has received several thousand dollars in excess of the taxes received from the county treasury is correct and cannot be successfully denied notwithstanding implications to the contrary. Still the taxpayers of this section have cheerfully contributed taxes and subscriptions for the benefit of the improvement of our coast section and we hope will continue to do so. Still in these times of depression the people of the country west of the summit of the coast range of mountains must not expect an inordinate proportion of the revenues of the county.

SUIT FOR DIVORCE.—Mrs. W. H. Alexander has commenced suit in the Circuit Court of Multnomah county for absolute divorce from her husband W. H. Alexander, and for about two-thirds of his property. The plaintiff for cause of suit alleges cruel treatment and personal indignities on the part of defendant. The case, we are informed, will be vigorously contested by defendant. Attorneys E. R. Skipworth and A. C. Woodcock have been retained for the defense. Deady & Metcalf, of Portland, are attorneys for the plaintiff.

GIVEN UP.—The drama "Lady of Lyons" which was to have been reproduced here by local talent, assisted by Miss Cogswell, has been given up on account of lack of time. Miss Cogswell leaves the first of the year to meet her next engagement, which commences in San Francisco, Jan. 4, 1895, thus making the time too short for the play to be staged. She may return to Eugene in the spring, and in that event it is probable several plays will be produced here under her supervision.

Died.—At his home on the McKenzie, Saturday afternoon of heart and kidney troubles, Mr. R. Peppit, aged about 77 years. He has kept the half way hotel between Eugene and the McKenzie springs for years, and is well known all over the state. He was one of the early pioneers and was a kind husband and father and a true friend. His many friends will learn of his demise with sincere sorrow and regret; and the many tourists who annually go to the springs will greatly miss the old gentleman, for by his hearty good nature and cordial hospitality the time spent at his place, was one of the most pleasant remembrances of their trip. The burial will take place tomorrow afternoon near Leaburg.

New Insurance Company.—A new fire-insurance company has been organized at Oregon City, the Farmers Co. Operative Fire Insurance Association and will insure farm property and isolated dwellings in towns. The cost of the insurance is three tenths of the usual rate and a premium rate for the other seven-tenths, which will be subject to assessment if needed.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17.

A heavy rain last night. Van DeLashmott is now manager of the Portland exposition.

A marriage license was issued today by the county clerk to Sheridan McBeck and Emma Eaton.

Miss Marie Ware is assisting Watts during the holiday rush at his jewelry store. Likewise Ernest Gilstrap at Crain's jewelry store.

Lane county stands fifth in assessable property in the state. Multnomah ranks first with \$49,455,195, Marion second with \$8,134,925, Linn third \$7,695,270, Umatilla fourth \$7,316,693, Lane fifth \$6,313,403.

The Shakespeare club of this city has elected officers as follows: Miss Lucia C. Carson, president; Mrs. G. M. Miller, vice-president; J. E. Young, secretary; Mrs. Minnie Washburne, treasurer; Misses Mary McCormack, Sue Dorris and H. A. Cookrill, executive committee.

Wm. Renshaw is passing around some very neat 1895 calendars.

The Salem papers are talking in favor of an inaugural ball.

The religious debate at Junction is attracting some attention and several parties from outside points are in attendance.

Captain O. S. Waud, formerly of the steamer Eugene, is now in command of the steamer Regulator, which runs between The Dalles and the Cascades. Mr. Waud is a former Eugene boy and we are glad to learn of his promotion.

Portland Pacific Farmer: Mr. Cassidy, of San Francisco, is stopping at Florence, for the purpose of getting the dairymen so aroused that they will put in a plant at that place. Lane county is a good county and should support more creameries than it does.

Attorney Norton spent last night in Albany.

B. S. Lytle visited Junction City yesterday.

W. L. Wallace, of Cottage Grove, was in town today.

Mrs. Dr. E. D. McKenney returned from Salem this afternoon.

E. M. Corbus, of Junction City, returned home this morning on the local.

Wm. Webar returned to Junction City this morning, after spending Sunday with his family here.

Frank Alexander, who spent Sunday with his parents in Eugene, returned to Salem this morning.

Hon. A. C. Woodcock returned to his duties at Salem as member of the state board of equalization this morning.

S. T. Lockwood, a prominent young insurance man of Portland, spent Sunday in Eugene returning home this morning.

J. W. Henderson arrived here from Lakeview yesterday morning. He reports times quiet in that section of the state.

Prof. E. B. McElroy, of Salem, spent Sunday in Eugene. He will remove to Eugene as soon as his term of office is ended.

Medford Mail: Dr. C. H. Chapman, president of the University of Oregon, will visit Medford and the public schools on Thursday, December 20th, and on Friday the 21st, will attend the Christmas exercises at the public schools and address the pupils and their friends on educational subjects. The object of the doctor's visit to our city is to awaken an interest in university extension and he will be pleased to speak to all who have children whom they wish to give the advantages of a higher education.

Saturday's Pendleton E. O. Mrs. Munra and her assistants went to Meham this morning to prepare the new eating-house for the opening Monday morning. Train No. 2, from Portland, will stop there Monday morning for the first time and thereafter all trains on the main line will stop to enable passengers to take lunch. The fixtures went up several days ago. Mrs. Munra will run for the company the first eating-house in the West. It will be run to please the traveling public and not for profit.

Albany Democrat: "Mr. L. Senders of this city, is now in Chicago, where an operation was performed on him last Sunday. A dispatch received since reports him greatly benefited by it." Mr. Senders a few years since, purchased a large number of horses to this section of the state.

Robert Louis Stevenson, the well known novelist, died suddenly from apoplexy at Apia, Samoa, Dec. 8. He was 44 years of age.

Florence Items.—The West, Dec. 14. The pile-driver owned by Benedict & Kobs, and commanded by Ben Evans, is putting in piles for a wharf on the property owned by J. A. Pond, adjoining Washington street.

When the stage came over the river road last Friday, they found a portion of the Beecher rock bridge gone, and the horses had to be unhitched and led over and then the wagon taken apart and carried across by the passengers.

A severe wind storm visited this place on Saturday night and Sunday, accompanied by a strong wind. Taking the volume and rate of speed of the wind, less damage was done than might be expected. A sign from the hotel Florence was blown down, and the pile driver of Benedict & Kobs torn from its moorings near Kyle's wharf, and in its flight up the river, came in contact with Mr. Carman's wharf, tore away a portion of it, and then a little further on struck the steamer Coss, breaking the railing at the stern of the boat. The pile-driver was found on Monday morning on the flats near the mouth of North Fork and towed to Florence.

A NEW BOAT.—Harrisburg Review: We are informed by a gentleman who has a good chance to know that a man on the Willamette below here is constructing a small, flat-bottomed boat to carry a cargo of about 50 tons, to ply between Portland and Jasper, a small place above Eugene. The advantage of this boat over larger ones will be that it can make that point at any time during the low water stage. It is to draw six inches of water when loaded with a full cargo.

A Good Day at Irving.

Daily Guard, December 17.

The dedication of the new United Brethren church at Irving yesterday was an occasion long to be remembered. Bishop Mills preached a powerful sermon on the foundation for the Christian's hope, at the close of which \$200 was asked for to pay for the organ and other furniture. In a very short time \$211 was raised. The church was then formally dedicated.

An elegant and bountiful dinner was then served in the I O O F hall, which reflected great credit on the generosity and ability of the good ladies of Irving and community. The afternoon services were very interesting, it being the regular quarterly meeting. The services consisted of a love feast to which a large number of people responded in a very feeling manner. Following this came the communion services, which were very impressive. At the close of the afternoon service Rev. Snyder opened the doors of the church, to which call 24 people responded. During the evening service many earnest seekers came to the altar. Thus ends a week of revival effort, resulting in 25 accessions to the church and as many or more converts.

A Follower of Brigham Young.—Ashland Tidings: The grand jury last week returned an indictment against one D. R. Davis, charging him with the crime of arson. Deputy Sheriff Barnes arrested Davis at the Snowgoose mine in the Siskiyou, and took him before Judge Hanna for arraignment. The defendant pleaded guilty to the charge and was remanded to jail where he is still awaiting sentence.

Davis married Addie Hall in Yamhill county, this state, in May, 1882. They lived together until two or three years ago, when trouble arose between them and she left with the intention of securing a divorce. The divorce was never secured, it seems, although Davis says he supposed it had been granted, and that he was free to marry Lucinda Wilson, whom he wooed and won last spring near Medford, and whom he married on the 8th of April last.

Davis is a man of about 40 years of age, and has been working at the Snowgoose mine for a couple of months past.

Football game.—The game Saturday ended by a score of 64 to 0 in the U. of O. boys favor. No comment on the game is necessary. It can be seen by the score the Drain boys were outclassed. To their credit, however, it may be said that they played a clean, open game, and have a number of good individual players. Their weak points were in the line and lack of concerted team plays. Harry Templeton acted as referee. Prof. Spoon, umpire and Seth McAlister, line man, and they filled their positions satisfactorily to all.

Good Hops.—The Puyallup Citizen declares, says the Rural West, "that the only good hops grown this year were produced in California, Oregon and the Puget Sound districts." "The New York hops," it says, "are reeking with mould, immature and soggy, and simply trash. The hops of England and the continent are described as bad."

MARRIED.—December 12, 1894, by Rev. D. R. Colmery, at his residence in Los Angeles, Cal., Rev. J. A. Hannus, of Eugene, Oregon, and Mrs. T. M. Ross, of Meridian, Miss.

CASE SETTLED.—A case between Prosecuting Attorney J. M. Williams and his wife was settled this morning by the lady presenting him with a \$5000 bond. J. M. is more than satisfied with the settlement and is all smiles today.

CREAMERY MEETING.—A number of farmers met at the court house this afternoon to hear the creamery proposition discussed. The gentlemen representing Baker & Hamilton, of San Francisco, gave a fair statement concerning the business. In the near future another meeting will be called.

ELECTED.—The A O U W lodge of this city, last evening, elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: P M W, G. Bettman; M W, B F Dorris; F, J D Myers; Overseer, R L Willoughby; Rec, J C Church; Financier, F W Osburn; Rec, B J Hawthorne; Guide, R L Chilson; I W, C F Johnson; O W, V McFarland.

STEAMBOATING.—Last night the steamers Wm M. Hong and Eugene were at Harrisburg and returned down the river this morning. The Madoc will be at Harrisburg tomorrow. On the Eugene's next trip up the river she will attempt to reach this point.

The California Contest.—SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—The hal of the state supreme court was crowded this morning when the gubernatorial election contest came on for hearing. Ex-Judge Van R. Patterson and Joseph Nougues appeared as principal attorneys for the board of election commissioners, the defendants, although in reality they represented Budd, Geo. A. Knight and several other lawyers appeared on behalf of the petitioner, Chairman Cornwall, of the republican state central committee. Counsel for Cornwall, or Este, attempted to secure a delay of proceedings, but were unsuccessful. Attorney Patterson, on behalf of the defendants, then opened the argument.

Suit for Damages.—OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 13.—Today a damage suit for \$50,000 was brought against the Southern Pacific Railway Company by the widow of M. G. Simmons, one of the men killed at the Webster street drawbridge accident about two months ago, when a train was derailed.

Russ Will Challenge.—On and after next Thursday all engineers of passenger trains will make the run from Portland to Roseburg. At present they only run from Portland to Junction City.

NO TIME TO SWAP HORSES.

The Dalles Chronicle: The school book question is the most important one before the people of Oregon today; but if we can judge of public sentiment by the expression thereof, as made through the columns of the newspapers, and we know of no better measure, the question is already as good as settled. Our exchange list contains at least one-half of all the papers published in the state, and covers all parts and sections in the state. As our young democratic friends in Portland said here at a meeting of the democratic clubs last winter, "From the snow-capped summits of the Siskiyou to the smiling bosom of the grand Columbia." For the past two months we have carefully noted the editorial expression of all of them on this question. That editorial expression has also been backed up by hundreds of communications from teachers, school officers and parents interested in the subject, and it is practically unanimous. We feel safe in saying, therefore that the sentiment is against any material change in the school books. With regard to the grammars in use, there is some difference of opinion, some sensible arguments are being made as to the adopting of one system of grammar, instead of using one kind for one grade and another for a higher grade.

Some six weeks ago, in common with our contemporaries, we expressed our opinion on the matter and invited a discussion of the subject in the columns of the Chronicle, and especially invited the opinions of those who thought otherwise than we did. Up to date no one has expressed dissatisfaction with the opinion therein advanced. We have been using the present system of books for a number of years, and the fact that the makers of some other series of books have suddenly discovered that their books are better, is at least capable of being thought not entirely disinterested.

The change of books would inflict a burden on hundreds of parents whose resources are already taxed to the utmost to keep their children comfortably clad, fed and in school. The richest man, unfortunately, does not generally raise the largest family, but the reverse of the proposition is true, and those who have the least worldly goods are most richly endowed with the pleasures of affection, as though a bounteous, but injudicious Nature would counter-balance the niggardliness of fortune by giving more generously of all she had to give. Thus in changing school books the heaviest tax is thrown upon the poorest persons.

The interest of the parents, of the children, and therefore of the state, all demand that for the present, at least, the school books be left as they are. This is the sentiment of the newspapers of the state, therefore, as we have said, it is fair to presume it is the sentiment of the readers of those papers, for, after all, the press is but the mirror that reflects the opinions and sentiments of the public. We have no doubt that when the superintendents vote on the question that vote will be unanimous in favor of retaining the present system.

In the early part of this century the postage on a single sheet of paper was eight cents, and over forty miles the rate was increased so that over five hundred miles a single sheet was twenty-five cents. But after a time these rates were gradually reduced, until 1845 a letter not over half an ounce was five cents under three hundred miles, and over that distance ten cents. Sir Rowland Hill, who was at the head of the postoffice department of England at this time, introduced the use of postage stamps in 1840, and also lessened the charge of postage. In 1847 the United States adopted the use of the postage stamp, the lowest priced one being five cents.

In Boston in the early days of the colonists almost every kind of misdemeanor was punishable with whipping, and the number of stripes varied, according to the enormity of the offence. On Nov. 20, 1630, and possibly before the regular whipping post was set up, a man was whipped for shooting at a fowl on the Sabbath day—whether he hit her or not is another matter. There was a grim bit of humor enacted at the court on this day, for the first business transaction was to fine one of the assistants five pounds for whipping two persons without another of the assistants being present, as the act provided.

Portland Dispatch: It is reported that Joe Simon favors free silver and will be a candidate for the U. S. Senate, in case Dolph's gold standard theories are against him,

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KISSING FOR REVENUE ONLY.

A peculiar suit is pending in New York state. Miss Mueller gave free kisses at a church festival for the benefit of the church. A fellow with money in his pouch attended and he planked down his spondulics for a kiss. He got it and liked it, and kept on paying and kissing until his wallet was emptied. Thinking over the sweetness and satisfaction of this oculatory performance, he concluded to marry Miss M. that he might get his kisses free of charge. He proposed, she consented, then he backed down and declared he would not hang his fortunes to a girl who would dispense her kisses so freely, even if it was for church purposes. And now there is a suit for damages. Of this affair the Washington Post says: "At first the lady wept, refusing to be comforted, and, after indulging her grief for a fortnight, she went to see a lawyer and her suit for breach of promise is now on a court docket. The case of Mueller versus Corning promises to have an attractive and illuminating influence. One of the results of the trial may be a discouragement of public and promiscuous kissing as a means of raising money. Kissing for revenue only is not the ideal style of oculation. Somehow, it hasn't the right flavor."

It looks as if it might be Senator Lord.

Eugene must have a flouring mill before next harvest.

In New York City 35.05 per cent of the foreign population is German, and 33.73 per cent is Irish. This will be new to many people as it has been said that it is an Irish city.

The beet sugar question seems to be enjoying a long sleep. The press of Oregon rarely ever mentions the subject now. Eugene should keep awake on the important subject.

An exchange says: Senator Carlisle proposes to suppress all notes under \$10. The object of this, no doubt, is to keep as much silver as possible in circulation. This part of Mr. Carlisle's scheme is all right. If this suggestion is carried out, silver will come into as general use in the east as it is in the west. This being accomplished it will be the means of helping out the cause of silver. So far, Mr. Carlisle's plan is all right.

Tomahawk: There is poor encouragement for tramps to do the blind baggage and brake beam dodge on English railways. Last month a man named George Wilson wanted to get from London to Aberdeen in Scotland, and being short of funds crept under the brake van of a Northern railway, and lay across the iron brake rod. In this position he rode to Retford—143 miles where he was discovered by the guard. The Retford magistrates sentenced him to 14 days in jail for riding without a ticket. An English exchange commenting upon the case speaks of it as a most wonderful and daring act. It does not seem to be posted on the fact that very few passenger or freight trains running in any portion of the United States make their trips without carrying numbers