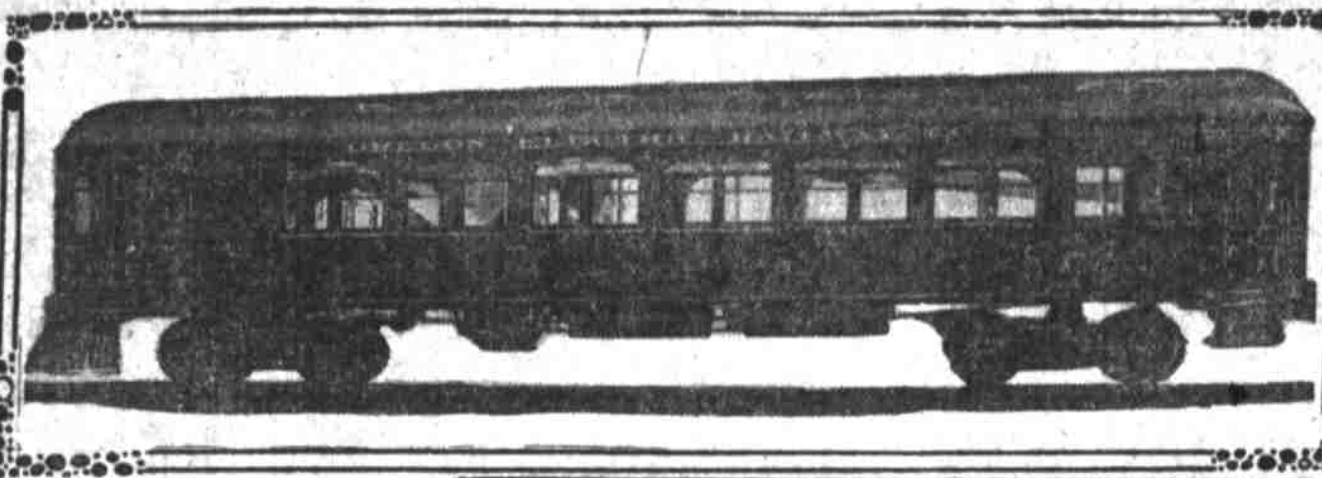


FIRST CARS MOVE TODAY OVER NEW ELECTRIC LINE



TYPE OF CAR TO BE USED
BY OREGON ELECTRIC RY. CO.

Salem, Or., Dec. 30.—E. L. Donald, representing Barstow & Co., the constructing engineers, left Salem at 1 p. m. today to take the first electric car through over the new Oregon electric line to Portland. He made the trip alone with one motorman, with a light car. Full power and the large cars will not be turned on until Wednesday. The line has been formally turned over to the operating company.

Equipment arriving for the Oregon Electric Railway company will be moved tonight over the Front street line to the company's shops in South Portland, there to be limbered up, adjusted and placed in readiness for active service that is to begin the latter part of this week between Portland and Salem. It had been expected to test the Front street line yesterday, but there remained last night a few yards of track and trolley to be connected.

The Oregon Electric and the Front street line will by tonight be ready for operation, and no difficulty is looked for in the initial experiments. It is believed the two systems have been built with such care and on so substantial a scale there will be no hitch in the first performance of trolley cars or electric locomotives.

The Oregon Electric will dispatch a passenger car on the initial run to Salem some day between now and next Sunday. The new cars are arriving and by the end of the week it is expected there will be 10 coaches here. They rank with the best electric railway coaches built anywhere.

The cars are standard gauge, and have seating capacity in the passenger compartment for about 50 people. There is in addition a smoking compartment and a baggage-room. The cars are entered from one end, and the other end is occupied by the motorman. It is therefore necessary to turn them for a return trip.

While the tracks of the Oregon Electric are completed to Salem, they are not in shape for rapid running. The first trip will probably not be made under three hours. The track will be surfaced and ballasted as fast as weather will permit, and as soon as it is in first-class condition the run can be made in an hour and 45 minutes, or possibly less.

The bridge just completed by the company spanning the Willamette river at Wilsonville is said to be the most massive and modern bridge for electric railway operation in this country. It is a high bridge, clearing all river craft. The bridge is 70 feet above low water. The scenic features of the line at this point are worth traveling many miles to see.

ARE AND ARE SERVED BY HARRIMAN TODAY

Three trains were on time today and three were just a little bit off. Here they are:

- Northern Pacific No. 1, due at 7 o'clock, was on time this morning and yesterday, too.
- Southern Pacific No. 16, due at 7:35, not here at 8:40.
- Southern Pacific No. 18, due at 11:20, was 10 minutes late.
- O. R. & N. No. 3, due at 8 o'clock, was on time.
- O. R. & N. No. 5, due at 9:45, arrived at 11:05.
- Astoria & Columbia No. 21, due at 12:15, arrived on time.

WILL NOT ADVERTISE DELINQUENT TAX LIST

County Court Decides That Provisions of New Law Are in Effect.

The county court this morning decided that the delinquent tax list shall not be advertised this year. Bids had been called for, and there was some doubt as to the time the new law went into effect. This doubt has been removed, since the new law is in effect, and there is a small delinquent list and the cost to the county will be less than under the old system.

Sheriff Stevens' tax department made a good record this year, leaving only \$5,000 or \$6,000 on the delinquency real estate list. Under the new law title to the land may be obtained by anyone appearing after a specified time and paying the sum due. After another short period, if the original owner does not appear and settle, the title is vested absolutely in the tax title purchaser.

Yankee Boy Shows John Bull.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Boise, Ida., Dec. 30.—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Morrow of this city have just received a letter from their son McKen, who entered Oxford last fall as one of the Rhodes scholarship students, in which he stated he had passed the preliminary examination in the law department. Professors in the school advised him not to take the examination so soon, saying very few students ever passed in so short a time after entering.

Fine Business Calendar Free

A compact Business Calendar for the year 1908 has been published by Oregon Life and is ready for free distribution at the office of the company, corner Sixth and Ankeny. The numbers are large, printed in white on a dark blue background, easily read by day or artificial light at a considerable distance.



STEEL BRIDGE AT WILSONVILLE.

BLUE BANDANA TELLS TALE OF BOY'S CRIME AND MOTHER'S GRIEF

Lying on the desk of Assistant United States Attorney James Cole this morning was a blue bandana handkerchief—just a plain, ordinary, everyday handkerchief that can be purchased at a store for 5 cents.

And this handkerchief in particular was not a Christmas present. It was used as a mask by Frank McPherson, the Tacoma boy bandit, now in the county jail, the self-confessed perpetrator of three hold ups and two burglaries within the lapse of 15 days during November.

McPherson is but 17 years old. He is a Seattle high school boy and in the course of several months abandoned his studies and became a youthful highwayman. Now he is awaiting the action of the grand jury for robbing the branch postoffice in Hyer's drug store, Tenth and Jefferson streets.

This common old handkerchief was bought for the purpose that it was used. It will be produced as evidence in the trial of the young man and his three confederates.

Here in Portland Frank McPherson is practically unknown. He has no friends, no relatives or any one who cares anything about him. He is simply in jail, waiting for disposition of his case. But in a little home on a farm near Fernhill, Washington, is a mother—the boy's mother—who awaits every mail with tidings of her boy who has fallen, forgetting all the good that she had endeavored to teach him.

But the mother with all her love is powerless. The plain bandana handkerchief tells the tale of a boy's fascination for excitement, his wrong doings, his arrest and the dark future that is before him. And for the present, a cell in the county jail, guarded by officers of the government.

GRACE CONCERT MUCH ENJOYED

The Christmas service at Grace Methodist church last night was said to be the finest ever given at that church. The auditorium was packed to the doors and many were turned away. The service was entirely musical and the work of the quartet and of the male chorus elicited much favorable comment.

The order of the service was as follows: Organ—Vorspiel (Rienzi)..... Wagner
Hymn 107, Prayer, the people standing.
Anthem—"Bethlehem"..... C. W. Coombs
New Testament lesson.
Offertory.
Solo—"O Holy Night"..... Wood
Chorus—Largo (Xerxes)..... Handel
Chorus—Grace Church Male Chorus.
Solo—"Chanson de Noel"..... Adams
Miss Grace E. Campbell.
Hymn 112.
Chorus—"Silent Night, Holy Night"..... Gruber
Grace Church Male Chorus.
Solo—"Shout the Glad Tidings"..... Brown
Anthem—"The Night Song of Bethlehem"..... D. Buck
Organ—Grand March (Huguenots)..... Meyerbeer
Doxology and benediction.

CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS' CHRISTMAS FOR POOR

Salvation Army and Volunteers of America Bring Gladness to Many.

Something over 2,000 of Portland's poor received substantial aid at the hands of the Salvation Army during Christmas week. In addition to this, the Volunteers of America ministered to the wants of about 850 people.

Major Faulkner, of the Salvation Army, reports the collection of \$900. With this sum 250 Christmas dinner baskets were distributed among deserving poor families; two Christmas trees loaded with useful presents, toys and candies were prepared for poor children.

ASTORIA MOVES FOR CARNegie LIBRARY

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Astoria, Or., Dec. 28.—If a site for a new library can be secured, it is reasonably certain that a Carnegie library can now be had for Astoria. The people want it. Negotiations have been opened with the Carnegie library fund authorities by the chamber of commerce and the matter has been placed before the library board of this city. The lady members of the board have in turn asked that the chamber of commerce do what it can towards securing a free site, to be used in case a building is put up, the cost of which will be about \$17,000.

EXCLUSIONISTS WILL CONVENE

California League Issues Call for General Convention at Seattle.

The Asiatic Exclusion league of California has issued a call for a general convention of similar organizations, to be held in Seattle February 3. Under the call, each league will be entitled to one delegate for every 100 members. An invitation is also extended to all city or county central labor bodies, state federations of labor, boards of trade, merchants' exchanges, chambers of commerce and kindred bodies to send one delegate to the convention.

Arrangements have been made with the Southern Pacific railway for a one and one-third fare rate for the round trip from points in California, Arizona, Nevada and Oregon, and negotiations are pending with the Northern Pacific, Union Pacific and Great Northern railroads for a similar rate.

Preparations are going ahead energetically for the mass meeting called for Friday evening, January 10, at Arion hall, by the Portland Asiatic Exclusion league. C. M. Haybi and J. L. Ledwidge, who have the matter in hand, have secured the promise of ex-Senator George, John A. Jeffrey and a number of other prominent local speakers to address the meeting.

O. A. Tveitmo, president of the Japanese American Exclusion league of California, and father of the movement on the Pacific coast, will be present and tell the people of Portland something of the objects and aims of the league.

Interest in the movement is becoming very general throughout the city, and it is expected that the hall will be filled with people in sympathy with the demand of the labor organizations that Asiatic pauper labor be excluded from this country.

FREAK GERMAN BOAT HEADS FOR PORTLAND

Portland will probably be paid a visit soon by the mammoth German ship R. C. Rickmers, a freak in that she is equipped with auxiliary engines.

Unlike the olden steamships that spread canvas to gain time before a fair wind, the Rickmers aids her canvas by means of auxiliary machinery in calms or when battling stubbornly against contrary gales and seas.

If classed among sailing vessels, the Rickmers is entitled to the distinction of being the largest windjammer afloat in the world, and if classed among steamships, it falls to her credit to carry the largest spread of canvas in her class.

The big freighter reached San Francisco bay late Christmas night with a cargo of 6,600 tons of coal. The run from Sydney was made in 59 days, a performance considered rather slow in view of the auxiliary power. It went to prove, however, that the vessel is under about as good control as a steamer, because Captain Bandeline had promised to reach San Francisco Christmas, and he did.

Besides a large crew, the Rickmers carries 20 cadets as apprentices. Her visit on the coast is attracting much attention even in San Francisco and it is reported that negotiations for her charter to load here are now under way.

ASYLUM COMMITMENT ANGERS PENDLETON

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Pendleton, Or., Dec. 30.—Kit Carson Post, G. A. R., of this city has vigorously protested against the commitment of Dr. Henry R. Johnson, a highly respected old soldier, to the insane asylum.

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MUSIC LESSONS GIVEN FREE

EILERS' LIBERAL HOLIDAY OFFER TO BE CONTINUED A COUPLE OF DAYS LONGER—\$400 PIANOS NOW \$284, AND \$375 STYLES NOW \$248.

Of the Eight Carloads of Fine New Pianos Offered Just Before the Holidays, Less Than Sixty Now Remain—If Everyone Knew the Situation as It Is, All Would Be Gone by Tuesday Night.

The head of every home which does not now possess a choice piano will surely be intensely interested in this announcement. Sixty-one of the finest pianos, made by one of the oldest and most reliable piano manufacturers, are being offered far below regular price. The recent financial uncertainty caught many manufacturers in practically every line, unprepared. In this particular instance Eilers Piano House secured most unusual concessions by taking eight carloads, 142 instruments, of 200 pianos which had been finished. This advantage in turn is presented to our patrons; more than 80 have been sold.

AND MUSIC LESSONS FREE.
Nor is the concession in price mentioned below the only attraction in connection with these pianos. The buyers of these pianos will secure a term of four months' music lessons from any school or teacher desired.

The pianos in this sale are known far and wide. They are of the highest standing. We are not at liberty to mention them by name in the papers in connection with these cut prices. It would hurt their sale at regular prices elsewhere. Suffice it to say the pianos have never been sold for less than \$375 for the plain case and \$400 for the fancy kind. Now they go for \$248 and \$284 respectively.

PAY AS A WEEK.
These prices mean for all cash, but any reliable person may secure the same on payments of \$15 cash and \$10 a month, for the simple additional interest.

Remember, please, that the four months' course of music lessons will be supplied absolutely free. The purchaser may select any school or teacher preferred. We pay the bill.

No such proposition has ever been made in this or any other city. We are sure it will never be made again, simply because such an unprecedented financial condition never can again arise.

Please remember, too, that the regular Eilers guarantee money back if instrument is not in every way satisfactory—accompanies every one of these pianos; also the maker's five years' warranty, which is countersigned by us.

If you live out of town you need not hesitate in securing one of these instruments. We will ship any style desired, fancy mahogany, splendid mottled burr walnut or quarter-sawn oak, subject to inspection and approval, we taking all chances. Write or telephone for full description of these pianos at once, before all are sold.

The free-music-lessons offer applied only to pianos sold before Christmas, but has been extended until New Year's. It is a double holiday remembrance on the part of Eilers Piano House—a remembrance to the buyer and a remembrance to whichever teacher or school the buyer selects. Salesrooms are open every evening. Eilers Piano House, 353 Washington, corner of Park.

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We will buy now Sunbonnet Babies.

The administrator says all stocks must be reduced at once! The quickest way we know of doing this is to cut the prices. Every article in the store will be reduced—with the exception of contract goods. The splendid quality of the goods we sell makes this

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