

OREGON CITY LINE PASSENGERS WILL SEEK FOR RELIEF

Will Petition Railroad Commission to Order Back Cars Taken From Trains in a Spirit of Economy.

Patrons of the Oregon City Interurban line of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company will appeal to the state railroad commission this week to give them relief from new rules cutting down the number of cars in Oregon City trains. These rules went into effect yesterday with the opening of the Hawthorne bridge.

Heretofore, in the morning and evening rush hours, the Oregon City trains have consisted of three cars. Yesterday, however, the third car was ordered off and the passengers ordinarily crowded into three cars were packed into two, while the wages of one conductor were saved.

Even with three cars, patrons of the line say, there were always some who were unable to secure seats and who had to stand in the aisles and on the platforms. There was never any fear the third car might lag superfluous, the commuters assert. But now all those who formerly took the three car train have to be crowded, as best they can, into two cars. The result is that those two cars are packed to the utmost, while people are compelled to hang on wherever they can, or wait for later cars.

An indication of how the new system works to the advantage of the company occurred this morning as the train due to reach Portland at 7:50 was about to cross the Hawthorne bridge. It is necessary, owing to the close quarters on the bridge, to close the vestibule doors on all cars. The conductors, because of the packed cars, were unable to move a step to reach the vestibules and had to shout directions to passengers to close the doors. They also had to impress passengers into the Portland Railway, Light & Power company's service at every stop to learn whether the steps were clear or not so as to give the starting bell.

The new orders cut the extra car from all early morning trains excepting Monday, when it is necessary to haul cars back that were carried to Oregon City the day previous.

WORK ON NATRON CUTOFF IS SLOW

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While Mr. Kruttschnitt had been quoted by the effect that the whole Natron-Klamath project would be completed June 30, Mr. Kruttschnitt's statement was that the two sections now under contract would be completed June 30 and that work on the intervening gap would then be pushed as rapidly as possible.

"The company is building 30 miles of road from Natron and an equal distance of road from Klamath Falls," said Mr. O'Brien, "with the understanding that these two sections are to be ready for service by June 30, 1911. There still remains a large gap, however, and as it will call for very heavy construction through a mountainous section, it will take a year or possibly 18 months to execute that work after the completion of the two sections now under construction."

Mr. Kruttschnitt, after inspecting the lines in Washington, journeyed on with Chicago as his objective point.

WALL COLLAPSES, BURYING FIREMEN

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shouted to the firemen and endeavored to crowd back out of the way. One boy,

however, was struck by the falling mass of brick and crushed to death.

The debris fell squarely upon the firemen, who could not leap out of danger. It was at first reported that all of them had been killed.

The other companies working at the fire rushed to the aid of their comrades and removed them from the wreckage. One man was dead and 10 others were severely injured. Some of these, it is believed, cannot recover.

Prisoners Removed From Jail

The buildings that burned were in the neighborhood of the county jail. When the Krippendorff building collapsed the crash started a panic in the cell house, and the prisoners were removed to the court house, where they were held under guard until the fire was controlled, shortly after 7 o'clock.

Other buildings damaged were the Numa building and the factories of the United States Leather company, the McDonald Tanners and Plumbers Supply company, the Wildburg Box company, the Gross-Pfleger Leather company, the Victor Safe & Lock company, the Payne Motor company and the Cahill Shoe company.

CHIEF STONE SAYS

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conference with the general managers of the lines affected, this morning. This afternoon he will confer with Grand Chief Stone. It is on the result of this conference that the engineers' action is expected to be based.

The conferences began here December 12. Since then the representatives of the engineers and of the general managers have been negotiating, but according to the railroad men they are no nearer a settlement today than they were when it was first announced that more than 95 per cent of the engineers had voted to strike unless an increase of 17 per cent in wages was granted.

Decision Must Come Today. "Unless Commissioner Neill is able to report something definite to me this afternoon," continued Stone, "we are going to act. The delay is intolerable. The best the railroads have offered us so far is an advance of 9 1/2 per cent. This was, of course, refused. All the other offers the roads have made in regard to the questions at issue have also been rejected."

The advisory board of the Brotherhood of Engineers has been hastily summoned to Chicago and following the declaration of Stone that "definitive action" is to be taken, it is believed the engineers are planning to take a firm stand.

"I am doing what I can to prevent trouble," said Commissioner Neill before his conference with the managers today. "I cannot at this time discuss the progress of the negotiations."

Some of the members of the advisory board arrived today, and the remainder, it is expected, will be here in time for a night session. The railroad representatives are not worried, apparently, by this move.

"Stone is just bluffing," said one of the railroad officials. "He does not intend to order any strike."

TODAY SHORTEST IN WHOLE YEAR

Only Eight and Six Tenths Hours of Daylight Because Sun Farthest South.

Today is the shortest day in the year. There are just eight and six-tenths hours of daylight, because the sun at present is farthest south. For the last six days the period of daylight has been approximately of the same length and for the next five days there will be little difference. After that you will begin to notice dawn peeping into your room just a little earlier day by day,

providing cruel necessity forces you to rise at a reasonable hour.

"The most significant fact about today," said Weather Observer Besis this morning, "is contained in the proverb: 'As the days begin to lengthen the cold begins to strengthen.'"

The American Encyclopedia explains the difference in the periods of daylight as follows: "The solar day, in consequence of the varying rapidity of the earth in its orbit, and the obliquity of the ecliptic, is different at different times, and this difference is uniform throughout the year, but the time of natural day (or period of light) is different at the different points of the earth, according to their distance from the equator.

"The daily revolution of the sun takes place in circles parallel to the equator. If the equator and the ecliptic coincided the circle bounding light and darkness would always divide, not merely the equator, but all its parallels, into two equal parts, and the days and nights would be equal in all the parallels of the year; but at the poles there would be no light.

"Owing to the inclination of the earth's axis to the plane of its orbit (the ecliptic) the parallel of latitude in which the sun appears to be moving

is continually changing, and therefore the equator alone (being a great circle) always remains bisected by the circle dividing light from darkness; so that the days and nights here are always equal, while the parallels of latitude, not being great circles, are not equally divided by the circle separating light from darkness, except at the time of the equinox, when the sun is moving in the equator; and, of course, only at this time are the days and nights equal in those parallels. As you approach the poles the inequality between the days and nights becomes greater, till at the poles themselves a day of six months alternates with a night of equal duration."

Horse Thief Sentenced.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

La Grande, Or., Dec. 21.—Crippled, limping and scarcely able to make headway, the team stolen from the McMullan livery stables at Coldwell by a young man giving his name as Calvert King and apprehended here by Jack McCarthy—was started back to Coldwell this afternoon. An employe of the Caldwell stable commenced the journey, intending to make it by easy stages. The team was stolen two weeks ago and the thief,

who confessed to the local authorities and McCarthy a week ago was sent to the Idaho penitentiary to do from one to 14 years, drove them without shoes a greater part of the way from Coldwell here. As a result, the team was terribly crippled.

Water Rights Adjudicated.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Pendleton, Or., Dec. 21.—By a decision handed down by Judge H. J. Bean in the circuit court Monday morning, the famous water suits involving about 400 defendants in the Millon-Freswater section of the county, which have been in the courts for the past five years, were finally settled and all water rights adjudicated. The titles of 30 suits were the Little Walla Walla Irrigation Union vs. the Flinn Ditch company and the Peacock Mill company vs. the City of Milton et al., but as both involved the same matters they were consolidated for the purpose of taking testimony.

Ashtland Holds Election.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Ashtland, Or., Dec. 21.—At the city election held yesterday, R. P. Neal, independent candidate for mayor, was

elected without opposition. Joseph G. Hurt was elected city recorder over W. H. Gillis and G. D. Schell by nearly 200 votes, and G. G. Subanks, incumbent, was elected city treasurer over H. F. Pohlman. Mrs. Frances Butler was elected a member of the park commission. Councilmen were elected as follows: first ward, George Irwin; second ward, G. L. Homer; Billings; third ward, W. C. Sanderson.

RAILROAD VALUES HIDDEN

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ness for the corresponding quarter in 1909. Expenses for the same period were \$49,999,378, an increase of about \$50,000,000.

The number of passengers killed during the year ending June 30, 1910, was 460; injured, 15,515; employes killed, 2418; employes injured, 43,925.

Roller skating craze has hit the country. Journal Want Ads bring results.

Tull & Gibbs, Inc. Morrison at Seventh

THE STORE OPEN EVENINGS THIS WEEK UNTIL 9:30 TEA ROOM REMAINS OPEN UNTIL 8:30—ON BALCONY

Tull & Gibbs, Inc. Morrison at Seventh

Splendid Christmas Displays, Trustworthy Merchandise and a Store Service for Your Convenience and Comfort Are the Inducements of This Store to Christmas Shoppers. Merchandise Certificates for Any Amount Issued in Any Department Free Christmas Cards to Go With Your Gift Selections

Red Cross Seals

Are accompanying millions of Christmas packages and letters to all parts of the world. The proceeds from the sale of these little emblems of good will are being used by the American Red Cross in its great and good work against tuberculosis. Be a soldier in this great campaign—see that your Christmas packages and letters bear the

RED CROSS SEALS

Those who will sell them tomorrow in this store will be Miss Jeanette Noble and Miss Rae Zimmerman in the morning, and Mrs. W. J. Swope and Mrs. J. Winters in the afternoon.

Christmas Savings in Bedding

- Special \$4.95 for Sateen-Covered and Down-Filled Comforters in Persian and floral designs. Regular price \$7.50.
- Special \$5.60 Pair for fine Goose Feather Pillows covered with mercerized ticking. Size 22x28 inches and weight 3 pounds. Regular price \$8.50 pair.
- Special \$8.75 for Silk-Covered Comforters filled with fine lamb's wool, all floral designs, with plain borders. Colors pink, blue and yellow. Regular price \$11.50.

Christmas Bargains

Today in the Basement Store

- Tobacco Jars, imported stoneware, in artistic shapes, with sponge receptacle in covers. Decorated. Special at \$1.38
- Children's Silver-Plated Table Sets, knife, fork and spoon, plain and fancy designs. Come neatly arranged in boxes. Special at, set \$1.9c
- Simplex Roasters, 12x17 inches, steel, with removable trays, a good household size. Special \$5.9c
- Three-pint Coffee and Tea Pots, nickel-plated, with copper bottoms, metal knobs on covers. Special at \$3.9c

Christmas Savings in Furniture That Will Be Welcome News to Many

- \$32.50 Mission Book Rack in weathered oak—\$1.75
- \$14.00 Shaving Stand in Mission design, weathered oak—\$6.95
- \$10.00 Craftsman style Arm Rocker in fumed oak, with leather upholstered seat—\$7.25
- \$17.75 Craftsman style Arm Rocker in fumed oak, with loose cushion seat, leather covered—\$9.75
- \$7.00 Stand in Flanders design and in fumed oak—\$4.25
- \$45.00 Craftsman style Bookcase in fumed oak, with copper fixtures—\$27.50
- \$28.00 Craftsman Settee in fumed oak, with rush seat—\$15.75
- \$8.50 Desk Chair in mahogany, dull finish—\$4.95
- IN COMFORT ARM ROCKERS
 - \$4.00 Arm Rocker in golden oak, with ornamental top panel in back—\$2.95
 - \$4.50 Arm Rocker in golden finish with solid saddle seat—\$3.25
- \$6.00 Large Arm Rocker in golden oak with roll seat and wide back and top panel—\$4.75
- \$11.00 solid oak Arm Rocker in golden finish with high back and solid saddle pattern seat—\$6.50
- \$11.00 Colonial style Arm Rocker of quarter-sawn golden oak—\$6.75
- IN LADIES' WRITING DESKS
 - \$11.50 Desk in quarter-sawn golden oak, dull finish—\$7.75
 - \$35.00 Desk in best selected stock birdseye maple, with hand-carved drawer front. A very attractive piece—\$17.50
 - \$20.00 Desk in selected stock of quarter-sawn golden oak—\$12.75
 - \$31.00 Sheraton type Desk, in dull finished mahogany—\$17.50
- IN CHAIRS TO GO WITH LADIES' DESKS
 - \$7.25 Desk Chair in quarter-sawn golden oak—\$4.25
 - \$8.25 Desk Chair in mahogany, dull finish—\$4.75
- Easiest Payments

Gift Suggestions Here a-Plenty This Week in the Special Christmas Selling of Women's and Misses' Tailored Suits and Dresses, Coats, Fine Furs, Etc.

- Tailored Suits that were \$25 and \$27.50—now \$13.85
- Tailored Suits that were \$29.50 and \$32.50—now \$19.50
- Tailored Suits that were \$35, \$40 and \$47.50—now \$29.50
- Tailored Suits that were \$50, \$55, \$60 and \$69.50—now \$38.75
- All of our Fancy Tailored Suits at Half Price
- All Wool Coats that were priced from \$25 to \$35—now \$18.75
- Those that were priced from \$35 to \$50—now \$29.50
- Dresses that were \$17.50 and \$23.50—now \$13.85
- Dresses that were \$25, \$27.50, \$29.50—now \$18.50
- One-third Off on all Evening Coats.
- Our entire stock of Revillon Freres' Furs reduced for Christmas buying.

The Toy Sale—One-Fourth Off ON ALL TOYS

—It's the event that is attracting hundreds of toy buyers to the Toy Store these days—This list hurriedly selected from the interesting gathering here.

- Steam Engines, Horizontal and Vertical Types—
 - \$1.31 for Engines worth \$1.75
 - \$1.69 for Engines worth \$2.25
 - \$2.45 for Engines worth \$3.25
 - \$3.75 for Engines worth \$5.00
 - \$13.50 for Engines worth \$18
- Furnished Doll Houses—
 - \$1.35 for \$1.80 Doll Houses.
 - \$1.88 for \$3.50 Doll Houses.
 - \$3.19 for \$4.25 Doll Houses.
 - Complete Doll Kitchens—
 - \$5.19 for \$4.25 Doll Kitchens.
 - \$2.63 for \$3.50 Doll Kitchens.
- Aeroplanes and Airships—
 - 37c for 50c Aeroplanes.
 - 45c for 60c Aeroplanes.
 - \$1.80 for \$2.40 Aeroplanes.
 - \$3c for \$1.10 Aeroplanes.
- Toy Autos and Auto Busses—
 - \$1.50 for \$2.00 Automobiles.
 - \$3.38 for \$4.50 Automobiles.
 - 49c for 65c Auto Busses.
 - \$2.06 for \$2.75 Auto Busses.
- Blackboards, Desks, Etc.—
 - 28c for 35c Folding Blackboards.
 - 57c for 75c Folding Blackboards.
 - 94c for \$1.25 Desks.
 - \$1.31 for \$1.75 Desks.
 - \$1.69 for \$2.25 Desks.
 - \$2.25 for \$3.00 Desks.
- Doll Trunks, Doll Beds, Doll Boudoirs, Doll Furniture—
 - 19c for 25c Doll Trunks.
 - 45c for 60c Doll Trunks.
 - 75c for \$1.00 Doll Trunks.
 - 60c for 80c Doll Beds.
 - 94c for \$1.25 Doll Beds.
 - \$1.24 for \$1.65 Doll Beds.
 - \$2.14 for \$2.85 Doll Beds.
 - 30c for 40c Doll Buffets.
 - 53c for 70c Dining Table and Chairs.
 - \$1.13 for \$1.50 Buffets.
 - 30c for 40c China Cabinets.
 - \$3.00 for \$4.00 Boudoirs.
 - \$3.38 for \$4.50 Boudoirs.
 - \$6.00 for \$8.00 Boudoirs.
 - Doll Stoves and Ranges—
 - 57c for 75c Doll Ranges.
 - \$1.31 for \$1.75 Doll Gas Rge.
 - \$3.38 for \$4.50 Doll Ranges.
 - \$6.75 for \$9.00 Doll Ranges.
- Drums, Horns, Trumpets, Trombones, Pianos, Etc.—
 - 19c for 25c Drums.
 - 45c for 60c Drums.
 - 60c for 80c Drums.
 - 75c for \$1.00 Drums.
 - \$3.00 for \$4.00 Drums.
 - \$1.50 for \$2.00 Drums.
 - 19c for 25c Horns.
 - 37c for 50c Horns.
 - 19c for 25c Cornets.
 - 60c for 80c Cornets.
 - 37c for 50c Trombones.
 - \$1.20 for \$1.60 Trombones.
- Stone Building Blocks—
 - 28c for 35c Building Blocks.
 - 49c for 65c Building Blocks.
 - 94c for \$1.25 Building Blocks.
 - \$1.88 for \$2.50 Bldg. Blocks.
 - \$3.75 for \$5.00 Bldg. Blocks.

Rugs as Gifts Are Appreciated—These Bargains

This is a practical age and it is reflected in the people's gifts. Whether it be the modest little rug for a couple of dollars, or the Patricia Wilton at \$65.00. There is no more graceful gift—combining, as it does, the decorative and useful. The following should prove interesting to buyers of practical Christmas gifts.

- French Wilton Rugs 27x54 Reg. \$7.50 Spec'l \$5.75
- French Wilton Rugs 36x63 Reg. 10.00 Spec'l 7.75
- Royal Wilton Rugs. 27x54 Reg. 5.50 Spec'l 3.95
- Royal Wilton Rugs. 36x36 Reg. 5.50 Spec'l 3.95
- Royal Wilton Rugs. 36x63 Reg. 8.50 Spec'l 6.00
- Axminster Rugs 27x60 Reg. 3.00 Spec'l 1.95
- Axminster Rugs 36x72 Reg. 5.00 Spec'l 3.65
- German Sax'y Rugs 36x72 Reg. 13.00 Spec'l 9.75
- Mohair Rugs 30x60 Reg. 9.00 Spec'l 6.50
- Mohair Rugs 36x36 Reg. 6.50 Spec'l 4.95
- Mohair Rugs 30x30 Reg. \$5.50 Spec'l \$3.95
- Mohair Rugs 24x48 Reg. 5.50 Spec'l 3.95
- Christmas Specials in the Shaiki Rugs—They're the Daintiest Bedroom Rugs Made.
 - 30x60 Regular \$3.50 Special \$2.65
 - 36x72 Regular 5.50 Special 3.25
 - 4x7 Regular 10.00 Special 7.50
 - 6x9 Regular 18.00 Special 13.50
 - 7.6x10.6 Regular 25.00 Special 18.75
 - 9x12 Regular 30.00 Special 22.50

Furniture A Few Gift Suggestions

- Telephone stands in fumed oak and golden oak, with swinging brackets and seats. Without brackets as low as \$7.00
- Magazine Racks in fumed oak as low as \$4.95
- Umbrella Stands in fumed oak as low as \$2.75
- Tabourettes in fumed oak, with round or square tops, as low as \$2.00
- Leather-Top Stool with fumed oak frames as low as \$2.50
- Four new patterns in Cellarettes in fumed oak and golden oak, with copper trays, glassware, etc., as low as \$16.50



Makes the Kiddies Happy

The goodies you make with KAOLA will be digestible. The little tots will not suffer with the aches and pains of indigestion if KAOLA has been used in place of lard or butter. KAOLA makes everything so much better, too. You never will know how good the things you cook, bake or fry can be till you have used KAOLA.

Adds 100% to the Goodness of Things

KAOLA is the pure butter of the coconut. It contains not a particle of animal fat of any sort. It will not turn rancid. A trial tin will convince you that it is the very best shortener or cooking fat you have ever used. Pure, White, Odorless.

Your Grocer Sells KAOLA—Also Recommends It