

ALL S. P. TRAINS ARE TO BE GIVEN FASTER SCHEDULES

General speeding up of the passenger service on the Southern Pacific steam and electric lines will begin Saturday, new running schedules for the S. P. trains having been announced today by J. A. Ormandy, assistant general passenger agent for the S. P. lines in Oregon.

Through passenger schedules between Portland and San Francisco will undergo some noticeable changes. The schedule of "The Shasta" will be reduced 50 minutes southbound and 35 minutes northbound. The running time of No. 11 will be reduced 50 minutes, No. 12 30 minutes and No. 53 20 minutes. Train No. 15 will leave at 2 a. m. instead of 2:40, arriving at San Francisco on the present scheduled time, and No. 14 will arrive at Portland at 9:20 instead of 9:50 p. m.

On the electric lines the schedules of trains will be reduced from five to 15 minutes. Numerous schedule changes will take place on the electric lines.

S. P. & S. OPENS RATE WAR TO BEACH POINTS

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From Portland to Astoria and beach points, season round trip, \$4.48. Round trip for week-end only, \$4.89. The round trip rates in effect at present are applied from the Portland terminals only, so that round trip fares from Astoria to Portland are \$7.19 and from Seaside to Portland \$9.15.

OLD WAR RECALLED

The fare for children between the ages of 5 and 12 will be one half of the new rates. Half fare rates were effective under the former schedule. The new half fare rate will be 50 cents, including war tax, for one way trip to Astoria, 40 cents to the beaches and \$1.50 for the round trip between Portland and the beaches.

That the rates cannot continue on the new basis and have both the railroad and the steamer service survive was indicated by a statement issued by Skinner with the announcement. He said:

"No one can foresee what will be the outcome of a rate war of this kind, but it is obvious that the proposed fares, which are much lower than in effect during the pre-war days and are abnormally low, cannot without loss be long maintained by the rail lines or by the boats themselves with the greatly reduced travel that is certain to result from the railroad meeting whatever fare they may make."

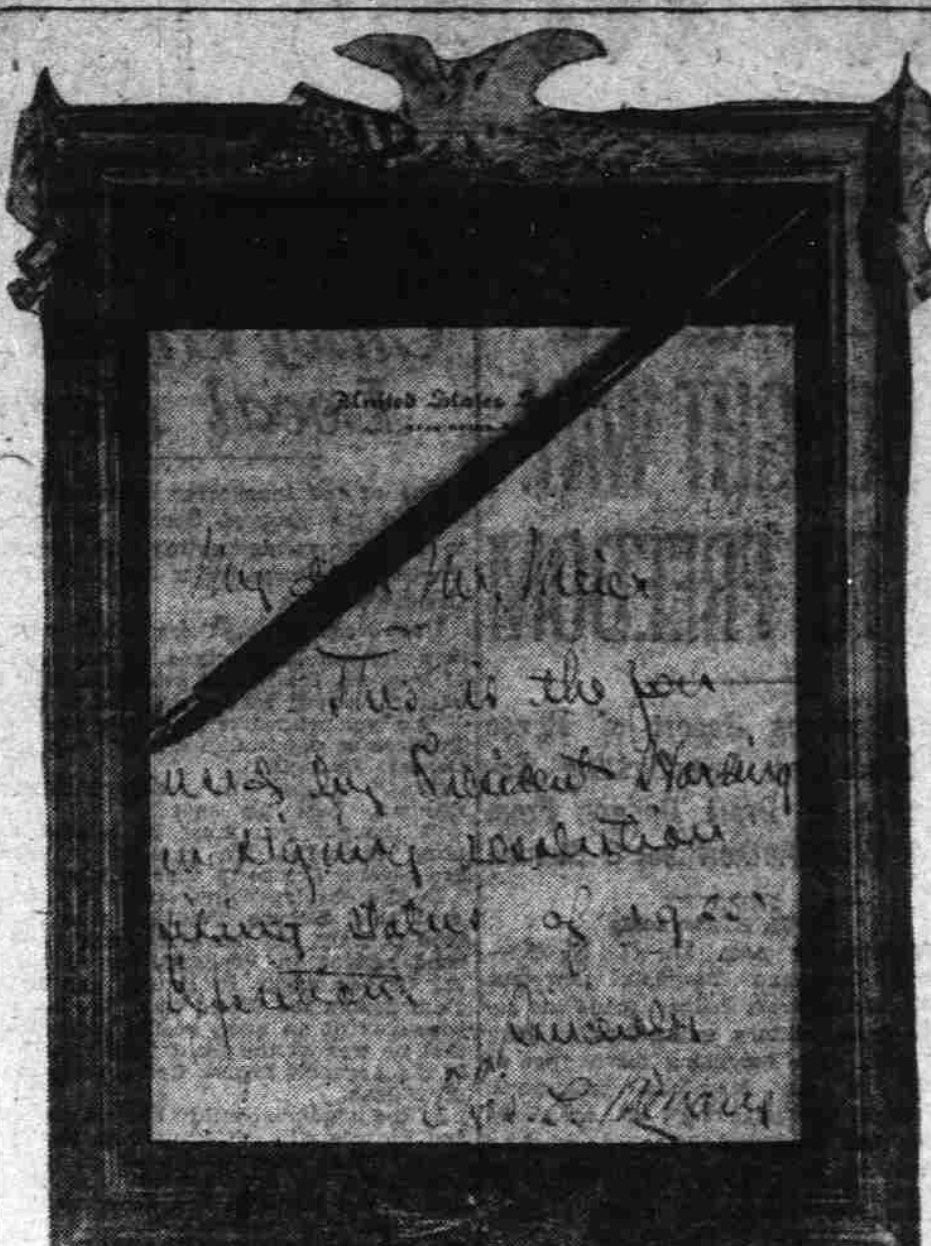
Just what the outcome of the fight will be is open to speculation, but there are many people in the Northwest who will remember the war that ensued between the rail and boat lines shortly after the Astoria & Columbia River railroad was put into operation 20 years ago, as a result of which for a considerable period of time both rail and boat lines handled passengers between Portland and Astoria for 25 cents.

FARES EQUALIZED
The new rail fares will equalize the fares now in effect on the steamer trade, of which L. E. Holman is agent, and the river fleet of the Harkins Transportation company, of which Captain L. P. Mosford is agent. The Harkins fleet is composed of the steamers Georgiana, Lurline, Undine and Madeline.

The river steamers, in reducing the fares, made a joint agreement with automobile bus lines to issue through round trip fares to beach points.

Subsequent to the rate war of 20 years

PEN IS HISTORIC SYMBOL



Implement with which President Harding signed congressional joint resolution which carries invitation of the United States to the nations of the world to participate in the 1925 exposition in Portland. Letter is Senator McNary's note of transmittal to exposition managers.

ago a sketch of the history of the rate fluctuations was made by Skinner. Following the 25-cent rate a \$2 rate on rail and \$1.50 rate on boat plus cost of sleeping accommodations was placed in effect. This rate continued until the Georgiana was placed in operation on the lower river during the summer months four or five years ago with a one way fare of \$1.

Then through orders of the railroad administration and rulings of the interstate commerce commission the rail line fares were increased to \$2.50 between Portland and Astoria and \$4.25 to Seaside with the war tax. These same rates are now in effect with the exception of special summer rates which would have expired September 30.

When the summer season opened this year the Harkins company started the season with a one-way fare of \$2 between Portland and Astoria and then when the trade went onto the run the fare went to the present level.

Because of the lower rates the boats have been getting the business and on many occasions the crowd wanting to go on the boat far exceeded the vessel's capacity of approximately 500 people.

In the meantime Skinner says the S. P. & S. trains were carrying only half or even poorer loads.

From these rates, private automobile and bus operation and general business conditions Skinner estimates that the S. P. & S. has lost \$150,000 in passenger revenue on the Astoria division this season as compared with the past two or three seasons. He said that he believed it fair to think that the losses would continue if the old rates were maintained.

Skinner made the positive announcement that the S. P. & S. would meet whatever rates the boat or bus lines made.

Captain Mosford of the Harkins fleet announced following the decision of the S. P. & S. that there would be no changes in the rates on vessels operated by him on the lower river. Holman announced that he would "stand by the rate now in effect for the present."

HOTEL PROPRIETOR ROBBED
Burglars climbed over the transom at the rooming house of H. T. Yamasaki, 203 1/2 First street, Wednesday night and stole \$10 from the proprietor's room.

WORK ON NEW TIMBER ROAD WILL RESUME

Active development of the vast Eclis timber tract in Oregon is a prospect of the immediate future, announcement having been made that a deal involving \$7,000,000 in capital will likely be concluded within the next several days.

This deal includes the purchase of a railway line and the transference of a large portion of the stock to Charles Keith, lumber and coal king of Kansas City.

The conclusion of the negotiations is to be carried out as announced in an account printed by The Journal July 15. The Eclis tract, headed by David C. Eclis, obtained a 27,000-acre timber tract in Columbia, Washington, Clatsop and Tillamook counties from the Dubois Lumber company in 1917.

WORK RESUMED
Work proceeded on the building of a rail line to connect with the United Railways at Burlington, but some time ago this work was abandoned. It was reported that disagreement among the stockholders was responsible for this cessation of development work.

That this work has again been resumed was reported in a dispatch from Astoria Wednesday. It is the conviction of local lumber men that the development of this vast tract will be started immediately.

Eclis announced his intention recently to market the timber from the tract through the Oregon Lumber company, of which he and Charles T. Early are the owners.

A total of 300,000,000 feet of the timber has already been sold to the Inman-Poulsen mill of this city. The timber, cruises approximately 2,600,000,000 feet. The logging road which is involved in the deal is 32 miles in length and is considered to be valued at \$1,500,000. It is reported that \$3,000,000 cash and \$5,000,000 in notes and other securities is the way the turnover will be handled.

Early has confirmed the reported deal and says that he believes it will be consummated within a week.

TELEPHONE OFFICIAL DEFENDS RATE BOOST
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Portland had intimated that such was the policy of the telephone company in preparing its schedule when Hickman, on the witness stand under cross-examination, indignantly denied that any such policy was followed by the Pacific company.

When the session opened this morning J. P. Newell, consulting engineer for the public service commission, was called to the stand to clarify the atmosphere regarding the delay surrounding the erection of the Irvington exchange building in Portland.

WOULD RELIEVE CONGESTION
Newell, chairman of the Portland City Planning commission at that time, explained that the delay was due to the desire of the residents of Irvington as well as of the city planning commission to preserve the architectural beauty of that restricted district.

The telephone company, he explained, had made an effort to secure a permit for the erection of the exchange building some nine months before it was granted.

The completion of the Irvington exchange, it was stated by Hickman, would relieve the congestion now existing in other exchanges on the Portland east side.

Not having been able to persuade the telephone users to visit the exchanges for an inspection of the plant, the telephone company now plans to take the switchboard to the exchanges.

WOULD EDUCATE PEOPLE
The purpose of this, according to Hickman, is to educate the people into a better understanding of the telephone problems with a view to securing better cooperation in the interest of better telephone service.

Along with the switch board, Hickman explained, will go moving pictures of telephone exchanges showing the pressure under which the telephone operator works in her effort to serve the public.

Every section of the state in which the Pacific company operates, will be covered by this traveling exhibit, Hickman stated.

BOY VICTIM OF ACCIDENT DIES

Fred Baker Jr., 13-year-old boy who was injured Wednesday morning when his coaster wagon crashed into a gravel truck at Albina avenue and Stanton street, died at Emanuel hospital this morning without regaining consciousness.

Hospital attendants had held out no hope for his recovery when they found the condition of his abdomen, which had been run over by a wheel of the truck.

The boy, with Eddie Wysocki, a companion, were coasting down the Albina avenue hill when the gravel wagon struck the truck driven by Charles Hale of Vancouver. Wysocki was little injured, as he fell clear of the truck.

The Baker boy was the son of Fred Baker of 668 Albina avenue and of Mrs. Mabel Collier of 123 East Salmon street, the parents being divorced. He had been living with his mother, but was visiting his father.

The truck driver was completely exonerated from blame by Traffic Investigator Freilburg, who found that he was driving slowly and observing all the traffic regulations.

BRUMFIELD GRILLED, BUT TELLS NOUGHT
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too close to the events preceding the murder.

"I answered all that in my statement to Mr. Neuner," said the dentist. District Attorney George Neuner of Douglas county, who was present, was consulted.

FORGETS IT ALL
"He said," reported Mr. Neuner, "that he couldn't remember anything about it."

Brumfield looked appealingly at his attorneys.

"I don't like to answer these questions," he said, his voice shaking. The attorneys intervened and were supported by District Attorney Neuner. The interview, so far as it touched upon the murder of Russell, was over.

The conversation then went back into the safe channels in which it has been kept by the Roseburg authorities since

SOFT DRINK MEN EXEMPT IN BILL

Washington, Aug. 13.—(U. S. N. S.)—Further downward revision of the new revenue bill was made today by the house ways and means committee.

The committee struck out the provision for a \$10 tax on all soft drink vendors and exempted incomes from compensation or insurance from the taxes of veterans of any wars in which the United States has participated.

HOT SHOTS HURLED BY REED AT VOLSTEAD
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while Reed exploded one verbal bombshell after another in denunciation of both of them. He referred to Volstead as a man "speaking broken English," who would dictate to the American people what they should or should not do.

"I have seen the countenances of some of the conspirators of the past, the fanatical revolts, the burners of witches, the executioners who applied the torch to helpless men and women and I see them again as I look upon the countenances of the authors of this measure," Reed thundered, as he raised his eyes to where Volstead and Wheeler were sitting.

Wheeler left his seat a moment later and walked from the gallery.

The hearing was finally adjourned by a viva voce vote and the consideration of the bill in conference was continued by Sterling and the other conferees in a fresh effort to break the deadlock on the house substitute for the Stanley amendment.

Wheeler later issued a statement in which he denied Senator Reed's charge that he had sat with the conferees on the anti-beer bill.

Rudolph Drong Is Again in Toils for Reckless Driving

Rudolph Drong, who was tried in the municipal court several months ago on a charge of falling to report an accident after an old man had been seriously injured by his automobile, was arrested again Wednesday night on charge of reckless driving.

Drong was driving west on Russell street. Another automobile was being driven east in Russell street by John Knies. At Albina avenue Drong attempted to turn into the side street, breaking into the other motorist's path. No one was injured. The police investigated and brought charges of reckless driving against him.

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Next Week WILLIAM S. HART

GRASSHOPPERS RUIN FOOD INTENDED FOR STARVING RUSSIANS

Paris, Aug. 13.—(U. P.)—A great plague of grasshoppers, billions of them darkening the sky, is destroying the last vestige of crops needed for starving Russia in the Samara and Saratoff districts, according to reports reaching the Red Cross here.

Dr. Georges Lodyginsky, a delegate of the Russian Red Cross, has reported that 6,000,000 pounds of food is needed in the districts which are being ravaged by the grasshoppers.

Whole villages have been abandoned. Stragglers fall by the roadside and lie abandoned and unburied.

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