

RATES ARE CUT AGAIN

O. R. & N. Bulletins \$5 and \$2.50 to San Francisco.

TRAIN FARES ALSO COME DOWN

The Steamboat Company Takes the Aggressive -- Transcontinental Schedule May Be Affected.

PORTLAND, Nov. 17.—The knife was again stuck deep and hard into Portland-San Francisco passenger rates yesterday evening, by the O. R. & N. Co., following a slash made by the Southern Pacific in the morning to offset the cut made by the former company Friday night. It is a fight to a finish, which probably means the hottest rate war yet seen on this coast. Both companies seem determined to win, and the traveling public will have no reason to complain, for a time, at least, at the prices exacted for transportation either by steamer or train between Portland and San Francisco. Following are the rates as announced last evening by both companies, either north or south-bound, between the two cities:

	First Class.	Second Class.
O. R. & N. (steamer)...	\$5.00	\$2.50
Southern Pacific (train)...	15.00	7.50

The railroad rates appear to be for the five-day train only. Friday the O. R. & N. Co. announced a reduction by steamer from \$15 to \$10 first-class, and from \$7.50 to \$5 second-class. The Southern Pacific yesterday morning reduced its train rate from \$20 to \$15, first-class, and from \$10 to \$7.50 second-class, partly to meet the cut by steamer. Last evening the O. R. & N. Co. went the Southern Pacific one better, as the following dispatch from San Francisco from General Passenger Agent W. H. Hurlburt, who is in that city with Receiver McNeill, to Victor A. Schilling, assistant general passenger agent, shows:

"Let change appear in tomorrow morning's Oregonian, fixing the tariff at just half what was wired last night—\$5 and \$2.50."

The Southern Pacific has not taken action on the latest cut of the O. R. & N. Co., owing perhaps to the most recent reduction being made late last night. It is reasonable to believe, however, that the railroad will come down a few pegs lower. The rates by steamer include meals and berths, both first and second-class. The rates by train include berths in first and second-class sleeping-cars. Meals must be paid for at eating stations.

The slash in rates does not affect the Portland-San Francisco business only. Both companies announce reductions between Portland and Los Angeles: The O. R. & N. Co., in conjunction with the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, is out for the Portland-Los Angeles passenger business by steamer, and has bulletined the following rates: First-class, \$17.50; second-class, 11.50. Baggage will be checked through from either end. The regular first class fare by the Southern Pacific from Portland to Los Angeles is \$35. The reductions made, however, between Portland and San Francisco materially affect this business, and rates have come down a good deal. Just what rate the railroad company will establish between Portland and Los Angeles to meet the very active steamship competition is not known yet.

Receiver McNeill, General Passenger Agent Hurlburt and General Freight Agent Campbell, of the O. R. & N. Co., are still in San Francisco, as are also Manager Koehler and Passenger Agent Rogers, of the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon. It is not known when they will return. That they have had a stormy session in San Francisco, at the head-

quarters of the Southern Pacific Company, is well known Receiver McNeill is a fighter, and so is Manager Koehler. But they were not alone in the contest.

Reductions will at once be made from San Francisco to St. Paul and other Northwestern points including Idaho and Montana. The Southern Pacific cannot avoid it. The present rate from San Francisco to St. Paul, second-class \$47.90. From Portland to St. Paul it is \$40. The old second-class steamer rate between San Francisco and Portland was \$7.50. Now the second-class steamer rate is \$2.50, which, added to the \$40 rate from Portland to St. Paul, will make a rate of \$42.50 from San Francisco to St. Paul by steamer and train. The Southern Pacific will, of course, meet this reduction. In this same way the second-class rate from San Francisco to Butte will come down to \$35.10 from \$43.60.

Blakeley & Houghton, the druggists, will tell you that no one is better qualified to judge of the merits of an article than the dealer, because he bases his opinion on the experience of all who use it. For this reason they wish us to publish the remarks of other dealers about an article which they handle Messrs. C. F. Moore & Co., Newberg, Ore., say: "We sell more of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy than all others put together, and it always gives good satisfaction." Mr. J. F. Allen, Fox, Or., says: "I believe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to be the best I have handled." Mr. W. H. Hitchcock, Columbus, Wash., says: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy sells well and is highly praised by all who use it."

War News by Way of Spain.

MADRID, Nov. 17.—It is reported that General Campos is about to introduce numerous reforms into Cuba.

Advices from Havana state that General Maximo Gomez, the insurgent leader, is now within five hours' marching distance of Campos' headquarters.

The Herald's Havana correspondent says General Campos denies all reports of the armistice or any suspension of hostilities against the insurgents.

Reports have been received stating that during the last voyage of the steamer Catalina to Havana, 170 convicts and 300 volunteers mutinied, and tried to capture the vessel. The marines succeeded in suppressing them, after a severe conflict, in which many were wounded. Twenty of the principal culprits have been sent back to Spain.

Mr. A. A. Snyder, Supt. Poor Farm, Winneshelk Co., Ia., says:—Last winter Mr. Robert Leach used two boxes of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve and cured a large running sore on his leg. Had been under care of physicians for months without obtaining relief. Sure cure for Piles. Snipes-Kinnersly Drug Co.

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