ANNUAL REPORT OF LIBRARIAN SHOES DEMAND FOR ALL BOOKS

With a circulation in 1921 of 17,000 more books than during the year 1920, and the growing appreciation of the public library by residents of Salem, Miss Flora M. Case, librarian, in her annual report to the city council, points with pride to the part the library is playing in the educational work of the city.

Her report to the council of the activities of the library for 1921 follows:

Book Service

"I have the honor to submit the eleventh annual report for the Salem Public Library for the year ending December 31, 1921.

"It was to be expected that with the return to normal conditions after the war, the work of a permanent institution like the library would increase rapidly, even though it had not lost ground since 1916. The rapidity with which the business of the library has grown has, however, exceeded all expectation. The circulation of 1920 registered 7000 above the previous year, and 1921 has outdistanced that mark by 17,000. The total number of books loaned during the year was 73,885 of which 51,039 were adult books and 22,846 were children's books. This is an increase of 29 per cent over 1920, and 45 per cent over 1919.

"For the volumes which circulate this means that every book was loaned on an average of five times. This is a good average considering the large number of old books which are dead material on the shelves.

Patronage Is Large

"The library has a registered patronage of 7452 persons, 43 per cent of the 17,679 inhabitants recorded in the 1920 census. Of the present library registration, 2,114 registered or re-registered this year, and 1,195 names were withdrawn of those who registered four years ago, and those whose realtions to the library were severed for any reasons.

"Since in many cases one patron takes out books for other members of the family, the figures seem to indicate that the entire population is quite generally reached by the library service.

"Moreover, many persons come to the libray to read and to secure brief information, aside from those who borrow books; 60,000 is an estimate of the number of visitors who came into the library fo rany purposes whatsoever. This is reckoned from the daily approximates; 41,000 of these were adults and 19,000 were children. Haretofore the seating capacity has been a serious problem at certain hours. This situation has been somewhat relieved by the expansion of the university library to accommodate the students.

Information Service

"No record is kept of the service given in the answewing of questions and the securing of information, nor would figures be an indication of the service rendered. When, as was true recently, it became necessary for a man in business to learn how to gild metal, and for a housekeeper to get a recipe for salt rising bread and for another to ment a hot watar bottle, the record of three questions answered would ge no measure of value.

"Let the statement suffice that diligent search is made to secure every bit of information asked; and when a broad subject is presented, the desired material is assembled for more exhaustive study.

Children Interested

"Those who are responsible for the efficiency of the library have felt that the children's department should be developed more largely. It is hoped that the way is now opening for more thorough work with the children. Since the first of September the department has had a trained children's librarian. This was made possible by cooperation with the school board who have for several years found it necessary to place an assistant in charge of library books in the grades. The children's librarian spends her mornings in the schools and her afternoons and Saturday's at the library. At present it is only on Saturday that she gives her entire time to the children. As rapidly as the work develops to demand her full time she should ge released from other duties to devote her whole attention to the study and satisfaction of the needs of the young patrons.

"During the year, story hours have been held on 24 Saturday mornings with a total attendance of 1305, an average of 54 a day.

"Her visits to the schools give her opportunity to note the needs of the teachers in their work, and the library service to them is her problem. Special time privilege and larger loans are permitted for the professional books. A total of 439 books were loaned to them, and 684 mounted pictures.

School Department

"The library is kept in close contact with the work of the schools through the school librarian, who spends her time in the high schoof library and supervises the work which the children's librarian does in the grade schools. Both of these librarians are members of the library staff, and through them the closest cooperation between the institutions is maintained.

"Of the quality of work which is being done in our public schools the library may judge in the increasing requests of the pupils for books and information.

"During the school year 1920-21, 8626 books were loaned in the high school and 25,395 in the grades. A complete report of the year's work in the school department is appended to this report.

Book Stock

"The library's stock, from which it provides service consists now of 16,866 books and 322 pamphlets, 13,496 books are in the adult collection and 3370 in the children's room. A total of 1665 books have been added this year and 297 have been withdrawn, whether worn out, lost or used by persons having contagious diseases. It is to be noted that Salem does not own quite one volume per capita.

"The serious problem in a library of the size is to keep the collection up to date. In very many subjects information is so soon superceded that books lose their value long before they are worn out, and long also before the library can afford to buy the newer books on the subject.

"The library received this year a gift of 70 books from the A. L. A. war libraries. They were largely books in the useful arts; it is, therefore, interesting to note that for this year the loans in this group have increased 40 per cent. This may be considered indicative of how the usefulness of the library could be increased if money were available for the purchase of such practical books. It is unfortunate that books of this type are the most expensive to buy.

"The library is enabled to secure a limited servnce of such books from other libraries to supplement its stock. During the year 900 books have been borrowed from the Oregon state library, 28 from the Oregon University library, and 12 from the Portland Library association.

Highland Branch

"The results from the Highland branch library which has been in operation a year and a half, have been most gratifying. The main library sends different traveling libraries to the branch about three times a year and fills special requests each week. Their collection probably averages about 150 titles at one time.

"Their reported circulation of books for the year is 3641. At least 117 children have registered for library privilege in order to borrow from the branch. Others who formerly borrowed from the main library avail themselves of the opportunity of book service nearer their homes.

"The Highland community pays all of the cost of maintenance of the room and of service. The branch is open for its use 4½ hours every Thursday afternoon and evening.

"The cost of the service which the library has given has been at a total for the year $7700. The city council appropriated $7100, and $600 has been received from fines and in proceeds from the rental collection. Forty-nine per cent was required for the payroll, 27 per cent for books, binding and periodicals.

Comparison Provided

"The value of statistics is only in comparison with standards which we may set from our knowledge of other accomplishments in the same line of work.

"A report of statistics of six representative libraries of cities having populations from 10,000 to 20,000 of the northwest, compiled by the Pacific Northwest Library association and one compiled for libraries of the state of New York having populations from 5,000 to 20,000, furnish a basis for comparison.

"The average registration of the population as borrowers for the northwest is 41 per cent; for alem is 43 per cent.

"The number of volumes in comparison to the poulation for the northwest is 1.1; for New York state 1.1; for Salem less than 1. The average circulation per volume for the northwest is 4.5; for New York state 3; for Salem 4.6. The circulation per borrower for the northwest 10.7; for Salem 13.

"The expense per borrower for the Northwest is 1.45; for Salem 1.03.

"The tax in mills for the northwest is .83; for Salem .6.

"The tax per capita for the northwest is 58 cents; for Salem 40 cents.

"The cost per volume circulated for the northwest is 11 cents; for New ork state 9 cents; for Salem 10 cents.

xtension Work

"The task of loaning and checking in books has grown so greatly this year, without corresponding increase in the staff that many of the usual efforts to extend the usefulness of the library and to intensify the value of the work done, have been, by necessity omitted.

"Both the Oregon tatesman and the Capital Journal are most generous in giving space for the publication of book lists and other book notes. During the first six months, they printed in their columns weekly reviews of new books which the library secured from the patrons and from members of the staff. This publicity enables the library to bring before the public the good things it is able to offer.

"The Salem Electric company and the Miller Mercantile company have graciously given window space during the entire year for bulletin boards which the library has maintained.

"The auditorium and club rooms in the basement have been used by various organizations for public meetings. A total of 232 meetings have been held in them this year.

Staff Personnel

"The library staff has undergone many changes. Miss Gertrude Morton of the University of Illinois Library school succeeded Miss Alice Waldon as school librarian. Miss Lucile Crockett of Syracuse University Library school became children's librarian, Miss Annie Gibson having resigned in June to be married. Miss Isabel Crofsan was appointed loan assistant on June 1. This position has been temporarily filled for nine months by Miss Nell Thielsen and Miss Ella Deyoe. Miss Thielsen resigned and Miss Deyoe has since served on part time.

The Library Board

"It was a source of sincere regret that the library board should suffer the loss of valuable members at the beginning of the year. Mrs. Louis Lachmund and Mrs. Rollin K. Page resigned, and Mrs. Irene St. Helens and Mr. Arthur Benson retired at the expiration of their term of office. The library has been happy in some fortunate choices which the mayor made to fill their places. Mr. F. K. Lovell, Mrs. Frank Spears, Mrs. J. W. Harbison, and Dr. R. D. Byrd were their respective successors. Mr. H. W. Meyers was appointed to fill a vacancy of the preceding year. To the faithful service of these busy and capable men and women the city owes a large debt of appreciation.

Outlook Promising

"The preceding report promises much for the growth and success for the future of the library if the board is financially able to conduct the work on a progressive basis. The interest and cooperation of the mayor and his councilmen have been demonstrated, and yet the funds are inadequate.

"Beside the demands of general expansion, there are two outstanding needs which have not been touched. An added assistant seems a necessity, and the Highland branch has earned support. Increasing business has, moreover raised with increasing insistence the cry for more books.

"To meet the 29 percent increase in volume of business for the year, there had been an increase of less than 4 percent in funds to meet the expenses, although library materials have remained largely at war prices.

"The librarian submits this report with the earnest hope that continued progress may be assured, and that yet higher standards of efficiency may be made possible."

Little Robert Kinney Dies at Astoria Home

Robert Moores Kinney, only child of Mr. and Mrs Robert Kinney of Astoria, died yesterday morning, according to word received by relatives in Salem. The little fellow was 3½ years old and is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Moores of Salem. He also was a grandson of Mrs. W. H. Kinney, member of the Oregon legislature from Clatsop county.

Although funeral arrangements had not been made last night, it was thought the body would be brought to Salem for burial.

Portlanders Are Named To Attend Convention

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 6. — Twelve men of the Columbia river district will attend the meeting of shipping and commercial officials at San Francisco to consider the plan of launching a $30,000,000 coastwise shipping corporation, it was announced today. The selection was made immediately after word was received here that San Francisco had been chosen as the place of holding the meeting and that January 19 was the date selected.

The time and place were chosen after consultation with the officials of the Northern port cities, it was announced.

The Chamber of Commerce announced the following names of Portland delegates to the conference: Isaac D. Hunt, H. B. Van Duzer, Peter Kerr, J. C. Ainsworth, J. N. Teal, W. B. Ayer, Frank M. Warren and John Burgard.

The Chamber of Commerce at Astoria has been asked to name a ninth member of the committee and others who will attend in advisory capacity are H. L. Hudson and W. D. B. Dodson of Portland and Roger D. Pinnleo of Astoria.

DALZIEL FILES ANNUAL REPORT

Year's Work of Weights and Measures Office Cover Wide Range

A total of 9,374,265 gallons of gasoline was tested for gravity by the weights and measures department of the state during 1921, according to the annual report of W. A. Dalziel, deputy state sealer. Towns visited during the year numbered 1210. Other statistics in the report are:

Seals inspected, 10,602; weights inspected, 23,457; linear measures inspected, 2511; liquid measures inspected, 7839; gas and oil pumps inspected, 2652; gasoline tests for gravity, 223; wood measured, 613.5 cords; coal inspected, 124 tons; land plaster inspected, 40 tons; cement inspected, 90,000 pounds; hops weighed, 850,344 pounds; flour weighed, 63,327 sacks; stock feed weighed, 9000 pounds; scratch feed weighed, 5000 pounds; oats inspected, 400 sacks; rice weighed, 1000 pounds; apples inspected, 2332 boxes; berries inspected, 227,455 boxes; peaches inspected, 2044 boxes; peach boxes inspected 2025 boxes; oranges inspected, 171 boxes; asparagus inspected, 300 pounds; potatoes inspected, 116 sacks; bread inspected, 676 loaves; candy inspected, 1223 boxes; milk bottles inspected, 13,600; canned good inspected, 1544 cans; package goods inspected, 4933 packages; honey weighed, 366 pounds; lard weighed, 5112 pounds; butter weighed, 229 pounds; sugar weighed, 4312 pounds; nails inspected, 20 kegs; syrup inspected, 20 pails; hay measured, 73 tons.

Spirited Rivalry in Flax Growing Aroused

With the interest that is being taken in flax growing in both the Rickreall and Aumsville districts, there is being shown considerable rivalry as to which of the two localities shall have the first flax plant to be erected by the Willamette Valley Flax & Hemp Growers Cooperative association.

At the meeting held at Aumsville, attended by 40 farmers interested in flax, there was a feeling that an all-day meeting should be held for a full and complete discussion of flax.

For this reason another meeting has been announced for Aumsville which will be held all day next Tuesday, beginning at 10 o'clock. A basket dinner will be served, and those who are interested in flax are invited to attend.

Baseball Regulations May Be Changed Today

CHICAGO, Jan. 6—New regulations for organized baseball may be planned here tomorrow when Judge K. M. Landis, baseball commissioner, meets Ban Johnson, American league head, and John Heydler, National league chief, in a special session. Announcement of the conference was made today and it was stated that the draft question will be one of the matters to be discussed.

Al Tearney, head of the Three-I and Western leagues, two of the five minors which do not recognize the rights of the majors to select players each fall, recently submitted a plan which he said would probably be acceptable to all the minors. This plan will be taken up tomorrow, it was indicated tonight.

HARRY BOWERS PASSES AWAY

Young Man Who Held High Honors at Willamette Dies in Indiana

Harry Bowers, Willamette '18, died Tuesday, Jan. 3, at Beedersburg, Ind., where he had gone to visit with relatives. He had been in Chicago, leaving there October 18, for that place, for medical treatment, and had gone back to see the family friends when he was stricken with the last fatal illness.

Mr. Bowers, or "Baldy" as he was affectionately known to all Willamette for a number of years past, was one of the most beloved of all the graduates of the famous old college. He came to Willamette in 1914, after being graduated from the Brownsville high school and then teaching country school for one year. He was graduated with the class of 1918, after a peculiarly honorable college career. He was president of his class, in his first year; manager of the D. D. club, for the next two years; member of the university quartet for three years; member of the glee club for four years; manager of the Wallulah in 1918; president of the Websterian literary society and and also of the student body in 1918. Possibly no other student in the history of the university had so many activities of an unselfish nature.

Mr. Bowers was the adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. Bowers of Brownsville, whose only daughter died years ago. The relations between him and his foster parents were of the kind that grip the heartstrings. The parents came to a tragic end four years ago. While they were visiting in Portland, a criminal auto driver, running down a dark street without lights, struck them and killed the mother; the father was desperately injured, and died a few months later.

Harry himself was called into the army in 1918. Apparently from the influenza or from the effect of the typhoid innoculation in the service, he became dangerously ill; it was from the effects of this illness that he finally died. He came back to Willamette and finished his course, receiving his diploma before he was really graduated save as his army service gave him an honorable credit.

After leaving Willamette, he was elected superintendent of the Milton schools, where he served with unusual success. But growing ill health made it necessary for hom to give up his work and try for recovery. In the end he lost the fight.

The old Willamette quartet, of which he was a member has planned to do some concert work in and around Chicago this winter. It had some lucrative contracts, and was looking forward to a delightful season until the ill health of Mr. Bowers ended the plans.

Mr. Bowers has two sisters living in Portland, it is understood.

The funeral services are to be held at Brownsville, Monday, January 9. The student body of Willamette, upon receipt of the news of the death yesterday, passed resolutions of condolence.

BODY IS FOUND IN MILL CREEK

Mrs. Martha Williams, Suffering from Illness, Takes Her Own Life

The body of Mrs. Martha A Williams was found in the waters of North Mill creek yesterday morning at about 5 o'clock. Mrs. Williams, who was 58 years of age, had been in ill health for some time. Relatives reported to the police at 2:30 yesterday morning that the sick woman had disappeared from her room at the Williams residence at 796 North Fourteenth street.

According to relatives Mrs. Williams could not have geen absent for more than 30 minutes. Patrolmen Geo. White and Marion Putnam aided the family in the search for the missing wamon. However, the body was not found until early in the morning when Ben Williams, one of her sons, discovered the body under the railroad bridge at North Twelfth and Mill creek.

It is thought by members of the family that Mrs. Williams wandered into the creek while suffering from a delerium. One of the family had been watching at the bedside of the sick woman and had been absent from the room for only a brief period.

Mrs. Williams was the wife of J. H. Williams, a retired farmer, and is alos survived by three sons, and two daughters, Ben, John and Roy, all residents of this city and Miss Jennie Williams of Salem, and Mrs. W. V. Daniels, of Eugene. The body is held at the Rigdon parlors. Funeral announcements to be made later.

King Bing McGilchrist Will Name Committees

The first regular monthly meeting of the Cherrians will be held next Tuesday evening, January 10, at the Commercial Club, at 6:15 o'clock, according to an announcement made today by William McGilchrist, Jr., King Bing.

At this meeting, King Bing will announce his appointments for the coming year, and also outline to some extent what the Cherrians hope to accomplish during the coming 12 months.

Mr. McGilchrist, it is understood, has several original ideas as to the activities of the Cherrians, and how these activities will ge of benefit to the city of Salem as a whole and the neighboring country.

As this will be the first meeting under the new King Bing and new council of nobles, efforts will be made to secure a 100 per cent attendance.

Conlee Named Leader of Dallas Woodmen Lodge

DALLAS, Ore., Jan. 6—(Special to The Statesman)—Dallas Camp No. 209, Woodmen of the World installed the following officers last night to serve for the present year: C. C., H. R; Conlee; banker, Roy Plummer; P. C. C., R. R. Mitchell; watchman, Joe Remington; sentry, C. H. Willis; clerk, W. H. Mixer; managers, W. G. Vassall, J. M. Card and L. N. Billyeu.

Messner Sells Grocery And Will Live on Farm

DALLAS, Ore., Jan. 6—(Special to The Statesman)—W. A. Messner, who for the past several years has conducted a grocery store in this city has disposed of his business to M. J. Showers of Medford, Mr. Showers taking charge this week. Mr. and Mrs. Messner will remain in Dallas for some time after which thyy will move to a farm near Eugene.

Guard Headquarters Are Removed to Camp Lewis

SEATTLE, Jan. 6.—Headquarters of the Washington national guard will be removed from Seattle to Camp Lewis, February 1, instead of to Olympia as was first announced, Adjutant General Maurice Thompson announced today. Inability to obtain sufficient quarters at Olympia was given as the reason for the change in plans.

ONLY 67 CLAIMS ARE THROWN OUT

Captain Brumbaugh Classifies Reasons for Several Rejections

Out of the 7642 claims of ex-service men for the benefits of the bonus law, which have been examined by the World war veterans state aid commission, only 67 claims have been rejected, according to Capt. C. H. Brumbaugh, secretary of the commission.

Commenting on the few rejections, Captain Brumbaugh said:

"These rejections are classified as follows: Entered service prior to June 3, 1915, 38; less than 60 days total service, 17; no military or naval status, 5; service all as a student in the student army training corps, 4; non-resident at time of entry into service, 2; dishonorable discharge, 1

"The large number of rejections on account of entry into the service prior to June 3, 1915, is, no doubt, due to the fact that while this restriction appears in the constitutional amendment which was voted upon by the people at the election last May, it does not appear in the legislative enactment, which has been more widely distributed and more frequently referred to than the amendment

"This omission has created the impression in some quarters that the rejection of an applicant on the grounds of entry into the servcie prior to June 3, 1915, was the result of a ruling of the commission, and this view of the matter has even been expressed by at least one Portland newspaper editorially. Captain Brumbaugh stated emphatically, that in making these rejections the commission has no discretion in the matter and is only administering the law as voted by the people.

"Rejections on account of no military or naval status include two student nurses, one reconstruction aide, one officer of the Russian railway service corps and one apprentice seaman in the merchant marine.

These rejections were made only after correspondence with the secretary of war, the surgeon general and the secretary of the navy, developed the fact that these cases were classed as civilian employes and as such had no military or naval status and could not be considered as having served in the military or naval forces of the United States as the law provides."

Seaman Dies from Wounds Received In Rough Water

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 6. — Caspar Fosterwold, 29 years old, a seaman on the United States lighthouse tender Heather, stationed off Neah Bay, Wash., died from injuries received when a small boat in wnich he was proceeding to shore, capsized, throwing him on the beach under the boat. The body was brought here today.

Players Are Released By New York Americans

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—The New York club of the American league today released Nelson Hawks, outfielder; Ray French, shortstop, and Jesse Doyle, pitcher to the Vernon club of the Pacific coast league in payment for Catcher Al Devormer, who was obtained from that club last spring.

SCHOOL CENSUS REPORT IS MADE

Total for December in Salem is 3622, Says Report by Superintendent

The enrollment of pupils attending the Salem public schools for the month of December was 3622, according to the monthly report just issued by George W. Hug, city superintendent. Of this number, 1814 are boys and 1808 are girls, placing Salem, like so many Marion county school districts, with boys in the majority.

At the Yew Park school, with U. S. Dotson as principal, there were in December 314 pupils enrolled. Three parents visited the school during the month.

At the Englewood school, of which Lyle Murray is principal, there was an attendance of 196 pupils. In this part of the city, parents visit the school, as 100 visits were made during December.

At the Garfield school, of which Margaret Cosper is principal, there was an enrollment in December of 341 pupils. Parents are interested in schools in that part of the city, as 145 visits are recorded.

At the Grant junior high school of which E. A. Miller is principal, the total number of pupils enrolled last month was 356. Of this number 107 are in the primary grades and 249 in the junior high school grades. Only 13 parents visited the Grant school last month.

At the Highland school the enrollment last December was 291. Emma Kramer is principal of this school. During December 12 visits were paid by parents.

Anna Fisher is principal of the Richmond school and during December there was an enrollment of 262. Seventy-five visits were paid by parents in that school district.

At the Lincoln junior high school the enrollment for December was 295, and 33 visits were made by parents. Luella J. West is principal of the Lincoln school.

La Moine R. Clark is principal of the McKinley junior high, and during December the enrollment was 205. Only pupils in the seventh, eighth and ninth grades attend this school, these grades being known as the junior high school grades.

At the high school building the attendance is larger than ever before, with a total of 730. During December four visits were made by parents.

With about 400 students in the junior high schools to ask for admittance next year into the high school building, the question of how to care for them will develop into an interesting one. That is, about 160 will be graduated from the high school next June and next fall, about 400 will be clamoring for admittance.

One year ago last December girls were in the majority in the Salem schools, as the records show the enrollment of 1757 boys and 1763 girls, a total of 3520.

Taking the Salem public schools as a whole, in December, 1920, the total enrollment was 3530, while for December, 1921, the total enrollment was 3622. This shows an increase in enrollment for the year of 92.

GETS DECISION

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.— Andy Chaney, Maltimore featherweight, tonight received the judges' decision over Babe Herman of San Francisco after a 10-round boxing bout in Madison Square Garden.

PERSIA WILL JOIN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Persia has decided to become a member of the league of nations, according to advices from the American minister at Teheran to the state department today.

LOCAL MEN ARE RAILWAY HEADS

Spaulding and Mills Entitled to All Privileges of Big Magnates

Charles K. Spaulding is manager and Roy H. Mills secretary of a railroad, and according to railroad etiquette, they are entitled to all the rights and consideration as railroad officials as any of the big office holders of the Southern Pacific railroad.

The railroad with which Mr. Spaulding and Mr. Mills hold such high positions is known as the Willamina & Grand Ronde railway. It is eight miles long and extends from Grand Ronde to Willamina, where it connects with the Southern Pacific.

Notwithstanding the fact that the railroad is only eight miles long, officials of the road come under the law of railroads just as do those who manage the Southern Pacific or any other. For instance, the Willamina & Grand Ronde Railroal company is obliged to file a freight tariff sheet with the public service commission. Its freight rates are governed by classification the same as the western classification applying to large railroad systems.

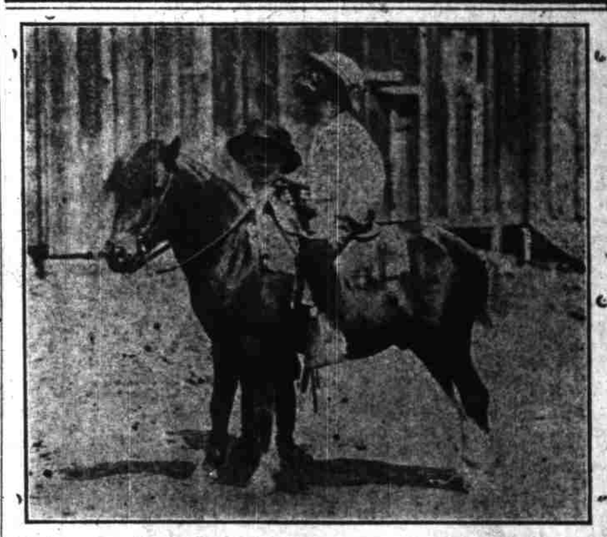
The railroad does intrastate business only and for that reason, is obliged to file only an intrastate traffic rate. However, it is stated in local freight tariff No. 1, that time tables and schedules for the movement of trains may be varied by the company at its pleasure and convenience.

Leaving Willamina, the first station is Gold Creek, a distance of 3.93 miles. The next stop is at Midway, after traveling a total of 4.84 miles. Then comes Cooper, and the final station Grand Ronde, after traveling 8.18 miles from Willamina.

For the benefit of the passenger travel, the railroad company has recently purchased a gasoline car that will carry 25 passengers at a time. The company already has a large locomotive for hauling trains to Willamina and back to Grand Ronde, and two geared engines.

For those who are interested in knowing freight rates, it may be said that the tariff schedule No. 1 states that for thhe carrying of first class freight from the beginning to the end of the line, the charge is 32½ cents per 100 pounds.

In carload lots, it will cost $20 a car to travel over the entire line. Hay and straw travel cheaper, as the tariff provides for the payment of $16 a car for a trip over the entire line.



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