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FARE TO PORTLAND WILL BE REDUCED

STRAIGHTENING OF CURVES SHORTENS THE DISTANCE

Fifteen Cents Reduction Will Probably be Made March 1—Traveling Men Make Complaint and Company Promises Reform.

The fare between Pendleton and Portland will probably be reduced by about 15 cents on March 1, according to an announcement from Portland. It is a well-known fact that the actual distance by rail between the two cities has been greatly reduced during the past few years by the changes made in the road and the elimination of curves, but it remained for the railroad commission to ascertain the exact distance now traversed by the road in this state.

They have found that the road between Portland and Huntington has been made 5.7 miles shorter and as practically all of the changes have been made west of Pendleton, the distance between this city and Pendleton must have been reduced by at least five miles. The changes now contemplated between Pendleton and Coyote will reduce the distance still more within the next few months.

Traveling Men Complain.
The following concerning the matter is from the Portland Telegram: Mileage has been collected on mileage books on the O. R. & N. between Portland and Huntington for which mileage did not exist, but this will be changed, about March 1, after which time the conductors will tear from the books only the correct mileage. The difference between the mileage charged and the actual mileage between Huntington and Portland is approximately 5.7 miles.

During the recent session of the legislature, State Senator Dan Kellner asked the railroad commission if the O. R. & N. was collecting on mythical mileage. The commissioners did not think so, but finally had the state engineer compute the mileage. This showed a difference of more than five miles on the O. R. &

N. line, the company collecting on this difference. The overcharge has been the result of ironing out the track in Oregon. The curves have been straightened at many points until the track is 5.7 miles shorter than it was at the time the tariff was established.

Company Promises Reform.

When the railroad commissioners called the attention of the railroad people to the change, the latter explained that the matter would receive attention at the earliest possible opportunity. The rate experts will begin making their computations in a few days, and by March the conductors on the O. R. & N. trains will pull fewer miles from the mileage books than formerly. The straight passenger tariff between the points along the line will not be affected, but Huntington people will probably be able to ride to Portland for \$12 flat, instead of \$12.10, as heretofore. The principal change will be on the mileage books carried by commercial travelers. Five miles on a single trip does not amount to much, but when this sum is taken out of hundreds of books every year for a series of years, it nets the railroad corporation substantial "velvet."

During the correspondence between the railroad commission and the Hariman people, the latter declared that in making the change in the tariff they would have to charge the "bridge arbitrary," which, translated into everyday English from the railroad vernacular, means that they will tax every passenger 5 cents for being carried across the Steel bridge. This "bridge arbitrary" would be added to the price of the ticket. In answer, the railroad commissioners said that the "bridge arbitrary" on passengers and freight had paid for the old steel bridge many times over, and that the company had no more right to charge a "bridge arbitrary" for the steel bridge than for the bridge across Snake river. Furthermore, if the railroad charged the "bridge arbitrary," the commission promised to make an investigation as to the justice of such tax.

PROMINENT WHEAT DEALER IS DEAD

E. W. McComas, local representative of the Northwestern Warehouse company, received word yesterday afternoon of the death of the head of that company, George W. McNear, which occurred at his home in Oakland, California. He was the largest wheat dealer in California and one of the largest and best known on the entire Pacific coast.

Mr. McNear came to Portland in 1896 and purchased the Irving dock property. He opened an exporting office and for four years engaged in business under the name of G. W. McNear. In 1900 the business was transferred to Eppinger & Co., and later to Girvin & Eyres. The three San Francisco firms then combined an with the Portland property was operated under the name of the Northwestern Warehouse company. E. W. McComas has been the Pendleton representative for a number of years.

DEPOSITORS LEAVE MONEY UNTOUCHED

La Grande, Ore.—La Grande doesn't appreciate good cash. Approximately \$20,000 in dividend money lies in the vaults of the receiver's office of the Farmers' & Traders' National bank, awaiting calls from the owners. Receiver Niedner hoped to give the depositors a liberal Christmas present of a 10 per cent dividend, but the depositors don't need the money right now.

PERSONAL MENTION

J. H. Dailey of Ukiah, is in the city on a trading expedition.

O. W. Durrell of Echo, is a county seat business visitor today.

J. P. Hartman and wife of Union, are Pendleton visitors today.

J. O. Kerr of Holdman, has been a visitor in Pendleton today.

F. W. Beatty, school teacher at Nolin, has been in the city today.

William Slusher and W. A. Slusher came up from Nolin last evening.

Robert Livermore went to Portland last evening for a brief visit with friends.

Dr. J. W. Toespör of Tekoa, Washington, is a guest of the Hotel St. George.

Albert Warner came in from his home near Pilot Rock, yesterday afternoon.

O. F. Steele of Nolin has been here today, having come up from his home last evening.

W. A. Fraser, the Despain gulch farmer, is in the city today upon a trading trip.

W. O. Hill of Heppner, is caring for business interests in this section of the state.

Frank Ennis and wife of Walla Walla, are guests of the Hotel St. George today.

A. U. Sharp of Athena, is transacting business and visiting friends in this city today.

Allen Thompson is up from the ranch on Butter creek, for a brief visit in this city.

E. P. Croarkin, the Echo real estate agent, was a passenger for home on the morning local.

Miss Wilma Bermister has returned from Portland, where she has been spending the holidays.

D. H. Preston and wife and Mrs. Mosgrove of Walla Walla, are guests of the hotel Pendleton today.

Edgar W. Smith left last night for Portland and Astoria at which cities he will visit for several days.

Roy Alexander of the Alexander department store, left last night on a brief business trip to Portland.

Judge George A. Hartman is now in the city from Portland and is attending to some business matters.

Robert K. Oberteuffer left today for Tacoma after spending a week in this city visiting old college friends.

Mayor Newport of Hermiston, returned home this morning after a brief business visit to the county seat.

W. J. S. Bates of Umatilla, left for home this morning after a visit of a few days with clients in this city.

A. J. Hartman was a passenger on train No. 1 today for Nolin, where she will be the guest of Mrs. O. F. Steele.

F. K. Yates, one of the prominent residents of the Hermiston section, returned home this morning, after a visit of a few days here.

Rev. LeRoy Hill, former pastor of the Baptist church in this city, but now located at Medford, Oregon, is here for a visit at the home of his parents.

J. T. Mayo, superintendent of bridges and buildings for the O. R. & N. is a Pendleton visitor on business in connection with his department of the road.

W. P. Stapish, treasurer of the Western Land & Irrigation company, was in this city yesterday on business, and returned today to his home in Walla Walla.

Mrs. C. T. Roberts and two sons of Hood River, who have been the guests of Mrs. Roberts' sister, Mrs. C. P. Bishop, for a few days, left this morning for home.

Dell McCarty left this morning on the local train for Yeakum from which point he expected to walk to his father's ranch. He expects to go on to Portland tonight.

Mrs. W. A. Pierce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Bentley, who has been visiting here for the past few days, left on last night's Northern Pacific train for her home in Ellensburg.

Mrs. Eleanor Cameron of Heppner, who has been in the city for a few days as the guest of her daughters, Mrs. R. W. Fletcher and Mrs. Nell Redfield, left for home on the morning train.

GOLD COIN DENTS LEW FIELDS' BROW

New York.—Somebody in the upper box of the Herald Square theater threw a \$20 gold piece at Lew Fields. It hit him on the forehead and nearly put a dent in his skull. It was in the scene in which Fields, as the old inventor in disguise, owing a tremendous hotel bill, tries to coax a franc from somebody's pocket.

Charles Judels, in the part of the late hotelkeeper, picked up the coin and pocketed it, so that Fields was as bad off as ever. Afterward it was learned that the man who threw the gold coin was Alphonse Mucha, the Austrian painter from Vienna.

Mrs. Catherine Brown Dies.

Mrs. Catherine Brown, mother of Ben F. Brown and Mrs. Samuel Bittner, died at St. Anthony's hospital at an early hour this morning at the age of 77 years. Death was due to a complication of trouble incident to old age and terminated an illness of many months' duration. The funeral services will be conducted Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Baker undertaking parlors on Cottonwood street.

A meeting of the Pendleton branch of the Farmer's Educational and Co-operative Union of America, will be held in this city tomorrow afternoon. This is the meeting for the annual election of officers and it is expected that there will be a large attendance.

Newsy Notes of Pendleton

Will Repeat Musical.
The musical which was given last Sunday night in the Presbyterian church will be repeated by request, next Sunday night, in connection with the regular evening service.

Moving Grocery Store.
Will Ingram is now moving his grocery store from the Jacob Betz building on Main street, to the portion of the I. O. O. F. building just vacated by the men's furnishing department of the Livengood department store. All day tomorrow will be consumed in the transfer and the store will be open to the public in its new quarters, Monday morning.

Matlock Goes South.
W. F. Matlock, who has been ill at St. Anthony's hospital for several weeks was taken as far as Portland this morning by Dr. C. J. Smith. After a brief rest in Portland he will be taken on to southern California, possibly San Diego. Dr. Smith will only accompany his patient as far as Portland and will return to Pendleton on the early morning train.

A Mistake in Dates.
The masquerade ball which is to be given in the German Hall is to be New Years night instead of New Years eve as stated in a notice in this paper last evening. The dance is being promoted by Messrs. H. C. Breding and W. E. Miners and will be the first of the season in the popular German hall. There will probably be others to follow before the season closes.

Seven Per Cent Unsold.
That but seven and a half per cent of last summer's wheat yield of Umatilla county is still in the hands of the growers is estimated by a local authority upon this subject. He has formed this conclusion from an extensive investigation. Those still having wheat to sell are very fortunate as wheat is now above the dollar mark and the price is still advancing.

Barber Shops Open.
With the exception of the barber shops, cigar stores, etc., practically all other local business establishments will be closed all day tomorrow for the New Year's festivities. The barber shops promise to remain open until 10 o'clock in the evening as usual on Saturdays. The post office will be open for an hour during the forenoon as is customary on holidays. The banks, all public offices and the principal mercantile houses will be closed for the entire day.

No Hearing for Tracy.
George Tracy, the accused murderer, will not be given a preliminary hearing, his attorney, Lot L. Feltham of Weiser, having changed his mind. The case will come up before the grand jury Monday and that the prisoner will be indicted without very much delay seems inevitable. Attorney Feltham is spending the day in Echo in the hopes of being able to locate some evidence which will be of use to him in his effort to save the neck of his client.

HOBSON'S NECKTIE.

Hero of Merrimac's Cravat Responds to Mood of Representative.

Washington.—Representative Hobson's necktie is fast becoming famous.

It is flung to the breeze, like a battle flag, whenever the Alabama statesman rises to make a speech, and it is kept waving as long as the oratorical torrent continues. A deaf man might know that Hobson was talking—probably about war with Japan—if he could see nothing about Hobson but his necktie.

As soon as the hero of the Merrimac rises from his chair to address the house, he unbuttons his vest, tucks the two sides of the garment out of sight under his coat, and releases the necktie. The cravat, as though conscious of the duty it has to perform, seems to become imbued with life and projects itself at an angle of forty-five degrees from the Hobsonian shirt bosom and from that moment keeps pace with the speech.

"War is inevitable," shouts Hobson. The tie uplifts itself as though it were a saber to be used to impale the Japs.

"Shall we thus remain defenseless, at their mercy?" cries the Alabama member. The tie falls on his bosom, despairing.

"But there is yet hope; fortifications can be built," vociferates the congressman. The necktie feels the vigor of that hopeful heart two inches beneath its silken front, and perks up a little. In another moment it is again waving like a banner in battle, as again uplifted in defiance, is again disconcerted upon the great man's breast.

At the conclusion of his speech Mr. Hobson captures the tie, smooths it down and carefully buttons his vest over its folds.

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Washington.—"If there is no one else handy to lay a story on, they put it on me," said Speaker Cannon reminiscingly today, "but, Lord bless you, I don't care a bit. The newspaper fellows have been doing that for twenty years. And I am to blame for it too, for I gave them permission to go as far as they liked."

"It was back in the '80s sometime, when we were at a Gridiron club dinner. Tom Reed was there among others and all sorts of jokes were being acted out. I came in for my share of the roasting and I told the boys that at any time in the future if they had a good story and wanted some one to lay it on, why hand it to me."

"They've been doing it ever since, and I don't mind it a bit. In fact I rather like it. I see the same stories come up year after year and they are always told with the same refreshing appearance of newness. I suppose

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