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**NORTHERN PACIFIC
AT STAMPEDE PASS**

How Gateway Tunnel Received Its Name In the Year 1888.
St. Paul, Minn.,—Forty-one years ago, on May 27, 1888, the first Northern Pacific train passed through the first tunnel through the Cascade Mountains, marking the completion of an engineering feat accomplished despite almost insurmountable obstacles.
Andrew Gibson, superintendent of tie-treating and timber preservation plants on the Northern Pacific system, today recalled the completion of this tunnel known as the Stampede Tunnel. It is located in the Cascade Mountains about 75 miles east of Seattle and has a length of 9,844 feet. The contract for driving this bore was awarded to Nelson Bennett, of Tacoma, on January 21, 1886, and the work was commenced on February 13 the same year. The headings met May 3, 1888, and the breasts a week later. A remarkable feature was the accuracy with which the engineers worked from the east and the west headings. The alignment, grade, and distance checked almost to the inch.
Mr. Gibson was transitman on the west end during the entire time the tunnel was under construction.
"At the time the original location was made for the tunnel," Mr. Gibson said, "there was practically no clear ground anywhere in the neighborhood. The mountains were all thickly covered with heavy timber and underbrush. The work of building trails and making surveys required extreme skill and perseverance on the part of engineers, members of their parties, and trail builders. When the construction was started, there was no railroad nearer than the first crossing of the Yakima River, about 80 miles east of the tunnel, and Eagle Gorge, about 28 miles west. Machinery at the beginning was hauled on crude toboggans made of small logs. On the west side of the mountains at that time was only a pack train trail. There were no modern tools or machinery available for tunneling. Yet, despite all of these handicaps, the tunnel was completed in little more than two years.
"The Northern Pacific Railway, being the first to reach the Pacific Coast, found it necessary, of course, to build roads and work under the most severe difficulties to accomplish this tunnel construction, which we regard as the best route through the Cascades. The railway has had no snow trouble of any consequence in the 41 years the route has been operated. There is only about nine miles of mountain grade on the west side of the divide and only six miles on the east side, and the physical conditions are such that even these comparatively short helper grades could be eliminated by the construction of a tunnel five and one half miles in

length. The grade in the tunnel on the east side of the summit is .02, and west of the summit, .074. The entire tunnel is on a tangent."
Mr. Gibson said that Stampede Pass, originally called Garfield Pass, was discovered in March 19 1881, by V. C. Bogue, at that time principal assistant engineer of the Northern Pacific with offices at Portland. He told an interesting story of how the name "Stampede Pass" originated.
"After Mr. Bogue's discovery of the pass, he had two parties assigned to build trails in order to get supplies to the surveying party who were to locate the tunnel and approaches," Mr. Gibson continued. "Being dissatisfied with the progress made by these trail builders, Mr. Bogue decided to consolidate the parties and sent a foreman who was considered a hard worker to take charge of the trail party. This move did not meet with the approval of the trail builders and they left in a body.
"Shortly after the occurrence a surveying party camped where the trail party stampeded and the draftsman blazed one side of a large tree in front of the camp and marked it 'Stampede Camp,' from which a small lake in that vicinity took its name and afterwards the pass and tunnel."

**Thousands Witness the
Impressive Rites Putting
O. S. C. Memorial In Use**

Oregon State College.—Thousands of alumni, students, faculty and visiting friends witnessed the dedication here Saturday of the large and beautiful Memorial Union building, said to be the finest and most useful structure of its kind in the northwest.
The new building is the culmination of nearly 10 years of planning for a campus home for all alumni, student and faculty activities outside of class work and which, as a monument as well, would serve as an inspiration to the living and perpetuate the memory of the college's immortal dead.
The principal address was given by Governor I. L. Patterson, while Ben S. Fisher, state commander of the American Legion, and Major-General U. G. McAlexander, former commandant here, took prominent parts in the ceremony. James T. Jardine, representing the faculty and friends of the college read the formal dedication rituals, while Grant McMillan represented the students and Percy Cupper of Salem spoke for the alumni.
Voicing the hopes and aspirations of the present for international peace, the dedication ritual read, "To the hope of peace, to the service of the commonwealth, to the love of country, to the larger understanding, closer sympathy and fuller cooperation between all nations of the earth, and all races of mankind, we dedicate this building."

**Pioneer's Letter Tells of
Weston Country In 1864**

(Weston Leader)
Andrew Kilgore, the maternal grandfather of S. A. and W. A. Barnes of Weston and L. W. Barnes of Chelan, is credited with having raised the first grain in Umatilla county. L. W. Barnes, who is now on a trip east and visited the old home of the family at Princeton, Missouri, ran across a letter written by Andrew Killgore from Weston, Oregon, under date of July 8, 1864, to John L. Powell of Princeton. The prized relic of a pioneer past is in the possession of Mrs. R. M. Owen of Princeton, granddaughter of Andrew Killgore. Its contents are of special interest this week, when the pioneers reunion is being celebrated here, and below is printed the text of a copy sent to Weston by L. W. Barnes:
"I take this opportunity to let you know that we are all well at this time, and I hope that when these few lines come to hand they will find you all well. John, we all would like to see you all again. We have had no letter from you for some time, and I wish you would write oftener to me and let us know how you are getting along.
"Times are tolerably good here now and crops look well. I have harvested my grain. It is mostly barley. The people say who are used to it that of three acres it will make four ton and it will fetch four and a-half a hundred. I haven't cut my oats yet. They look well, and are as high as my head. Corn looks well. I have twelve acres of corn. It is silking, and the shoots come out right on the ground. This country is the best I ever saw for small grain, wheat, oats and barley; also beans, potatoes and onions. I have one acre of potatoes. The 6th of July we had new potatoes to eat. I have two acres of beans. "Stock is high here. Cows and calves are \$40 a head. Work cattle is worth from \$100 to \$150 a yoke. Chickens are worth one dollar a head. James Lieuallen and I went to market the other day with the chickens, cheese and eggs. Cheese is 30 cents a pound this summer and eggs 50 cents a dozen.
"I have the Bush steers and the Southern steers. I sold the red and white steers a while back for \$100. I have bought me a mare for \$65. I sold the mare that I fetched across for \$140.
"Isabel and Poney and Nancy Ann, I would like to see you all mighty well. Well, Poney, come over and see Grand Pap and stay all night with Poss. So no more at present. Write to me as soon as you get this letter. So farewell all."

**Church Merger Plan
Adopted In Detroit**
Detroit.—Final approval of the plan to merge the Congregational and Christian churches was voted unanimously here today by the national council of the Congregational churches.
Similar action by the general convention of the Christian church when it meets next October in Piqua, Ohio, was predicted by 22 officials of the Christian convention who took places on the speakers' platform of the Congregational session immediately after the vote.
Actual merger probably will be accomplished in 1931. The combined body, it is expected, would be known as the Congregational-Christian churches of America.

Mountain Road Improved
Weston Leader: Farmers of Weston mountain report that an excellent job of road improvement is being done up their way by a county crew under the direction of Foreman Bennett. A road grader drawn by a caterpillar tractor is used, with the result that the mountain road is being put in better shape than ever before. Extension of the surfaced market road is desired by Weston mountain people, but they recognize the principle that "half a loaf is better than no bread."

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**MOTORISTS TO GET
PART YEAR LICENSE**

**Law Effects Those Buying
In June, Who Pay a
Three-Fourths Fee.**

Salem.—Motorists who have been debating whether to license their automobiles during the month of June and pay a full year's fee therefore, or await the first of July and enjoy the benefit of a half-year rate, will have their problem at least partially helped by an opinion of the attorney general, just rendered to Secretary of State Hoss, wherein it is held that the new three-quarters license fee is applicable after the new laws go into effect on June 4th.
The last session of the legislature provided for a three-quarter fee to be paid after 3 months of license year and elapsed, in addition to the present half year, and quarter year periods, but it was not clear that the legislature intended the law to be effective this year. All indications point to the likelihood that the law-makers expected to have this new arrangement go into effect along with the new mid-year license date on July 1st, 1930, but the effect of the proceedings has been to let the bars down for those who seek licenses now.

In commenting on the opinion of the attorney general, Secretary of State Hoss said: "This construction will serve to aid a great number of people who need to license their cars just prior to the date of the half-year fee. During 1928 our automobile department registered nearly three thousand cars, which shows that a great many persons cannot wait to take advantage of the cheaper rates. This year, after the new law becomes effective June 4th, persons applying for a license need only remit three-fourths of the regular annual license. For example, if the regular license is \$40.00, the three-fourths fee required during June will amount to \$30.00. Next year, the advantage of this reduced rate will apply earlier in the license year. I regret that this information could not have been gotten to the public earlier, but the matter only recently came up for consideration and the opinion of the attorney general was promptly secured to ascertain the facts in the case."

**Doing Away With Cougar
West of The Cascades**

The state game and fish commission informs the Press that unusual activity on the part of cougar hunters west of the Cascades has been noted this spring.
A cougar familiarly known to ranchers west of Sheridan, Oregon, as "Old Baldy" and one of the most vicious sheep killers on record was killed last week by C. J. Smith, Jr. The Smiths, father and son have accounted for 12 cougar during the last four months, but they took more pride in the killing of Old Baldy than in all the others. On May 12 the younger Smith saw the cougar crossing the road and fired at the animal, wounding it in the shoulder. Dugs pursued the big cat, treed it, and Smith killed it with a shot in the head.
The recent activities of deer killing cougar on Sardine Creek, not far from Gold Hill have aroused the indignation of John B. Hemmersly, famous Southern Oregon hunter. With a pack train and a pack of trained cougar dogs he has gone into the mountains to attempt the slaughter of the big cats. One cougar is reported to have killed nine deer in a week.

**NOTICE OF THE FILING FINAL
ACCOUNT**

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.
In the Matter of the Estate of Mary Tompkins, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, Arthur R. Coppock and John Tompkins, executors of the estate of Mary Tompkins, deceased, have filed with the Clerk of the above entitled Court their final account and report as executors of said estate, and the Judge of said Court, has fixed the 22nd day of June, 1929, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day as the time and the County Court room in the county court house in Pendleton, Umatilla county, Oregon as the place when and where objections, if any there be, will be heard to said report and account. And said report and account will be settled, and final distribution will be ordered of said estate and the executors discharged from further liability of their trust.
Dated this 24th day of May, 1929.
**ARTHUR R. COPPOCK
JOHN TOMPKINS
Executors. M24J21**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.
In the Matter of the Estate of David H. Sanders, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed executrix of the last will and testament of David H. Sanders, Deceased, by the above entitled Court.
All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me at Athena, Oregon, or to my attorneys, Watts & Prestbye, at their office in Athena, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice. All claims must be verified as by law required.
Dated at Athena, Oregon, this 17th day of May, 1929.
**CALLY SANDERS,
Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of David H. Sanders, Deceased.
Watts & Prestbye, Athena, Oregon,
Attorneys for Estate. M17J14**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.
In the Matter of the Estate of John A. Keller, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern:
That Florence N. Keller has been appointed executrix of the last will and testament of John A. Keller, deceased, and has qualified as such. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present them with proper vouchers to said executrix at the law office of Peterson and Lewis, Stangier Building, Pendleton, Oregon, within six months, of the date of the first publication of this notice which is the 24th day of May 1929.
**FLORENCE N. KELLER,
Executrix.
Peterson and Lewis, Attorneys for
Executrix. M24J21**

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That J. W. Maloney of Pendleton, Oregon, has been appointed administrator of the estate of Amelia Dougherty, deceased, and has qualified as such. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them with proper vouchers, to the said administrator at his office in The Inland Empire Bank of Pendleton at Pendleton, Oregon, or to Peterson & Lewis, his attorneys, Stangier Building, Pendleton, Oregon, within six months of the date of the first publication of this notice which is Friday the 31st day of May, 1929.
**J. W. MALONEY, Administrator.
Peterson & Lewis, Attorneys for
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