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RAILROAD COMMISSION MAKES ANNUAL REPORT

The annual report of the railroad commission was placed on file today. It shows marked extensions and improvements to the railroad system of this state.

The report, which contains some 7,000 words, states that on January 1, 1908, the Oregon Electric Company threw open 49.7 miles of road for passenger service between Salem and Portland. After the main line had been in operation for several months the company constructed branch lines from Garden Home to Forest Grove. The latter line was opened for operation from Garden Home to Hillsboro on November 15 this year, and to Forest Grove, a distance of 19.1 miles in the present month. The Oregon Electric Company's system includes 65.3 miles of main and branch lines and five miles of industrial and passing tracks. The company has erected four concrete and brick sub-power stations and 11 frame standard freight and passenger stations, and a concrete freight station at Portland. There are in service on these lines, two electric and two steam locomotives, sixteen cars in the passenger service and 87 cars in the freight service. Up to the present time, the expenditures for construction and equipment amount to three million dollars.

The report gives an aggregate expenditure for new lines on the Southern Pacific, including betterments, approximately \$387,000.

The Salem, Falls City & Western Railway Company is also mentioned in the report. It states this company has acquired a right of way and has ordered construction material for an extension of its present line, from Dallas to West Salem. It is expected that the line will be completed by the end of the coming year.

The report states that the lists of passes required to be filed by carriers have been checked with care to see that transportation is not being issued to persons or classes not entitled under the law to the benefit of free or reduced rates.

The number of complaints received by the commission during the present year have far exceeded those of last year. As shown by the last annual report on December 1907, there were pending 15 informal and 16 formal cases. During the year ending December 1, 1908, there was filed

186 informal complaints and 32 formal complaints.

The commission has reported accidents occurring during the present year and also the casualties. During the year ending Nov. 30, 1908, the total number of accidents was 80, and during the nine months ending Nov. 30, 1907, the total number of accidents was 108. The number of persons injured and killed during the same period was 124 for the present year and 148 for 1907. After a careful study of the report of accidents together with the official investigation made, the commission is led to believe that the great majority of accidents scheduled were what was termed "preventable accidents" and due directly to the want of care on the part of the person injured, or to the violation by a railroad employe of some plain and mandatory rule. More than half of those killed during the time mentioned above were trespassing at the time. Two-thirds of those killed were persons with whom the railroad had no contractual relations, and many of those who were killed by falling while jumping on or off trains, or from causes which cannot be discovered and only surmised. Most were actually violating the law of the state when the accident overtook them. The commission urges the officers of cities and counties to co-operate with the railroads in the enforcement of the "stealing-ride" laws. It states that when a magistrate turns a prisoner loose with an admonition to leave on the first freight, he advises a further violation of the law, and too, often practically issues a death warrant for the unfortunate wanderer. The commission thinks the death loss from this source could be lessened if trainmen (who are by statute given the power of peace officers) and magistrates will work together to enforce the laws covering the matter.

Since the last report of the commission 1165 schedules of freight and passenger tariffs have been filed. Since the organization of the commission 1749 tariffs for freight and 705 passenger tariffs have been received and filed.

In conclusion of the extensive report the commission makes various recommendations in relation to the general business of the office which cover matters of railroad interest only.

DON'T BLAME YOUR STOMACH

When Without Exertion Or Cost You Can Enjoy Meals And Cure Dyspepsia.

Don't blame your stomach or your luck when your meals declare war on your system.

When the stomach won't do its work it is because it cannot.

When foul smelling odors come from your stomach, when the head aches and the sourness of mouth every morning makes you hate your breakfast, when dreams and night-mare assail you, don't give up the fight.

It is the appeal of nature, and it should be heard.

Over-eating, late suppers, poorly-chewed food, too rich pastries and underdone cooking are some of the causes of the stomach's ill health.

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Notice.

The regular annual meeting of the shareholders of the Capital National Bank of Salem, for the election of directors, will be held at its banking house, in Salem, Oregon, Tuesday, January 12, 1909, at 3 o'clock p. m. JOS. H. ALBERT, Cashier.

Every Mother.

is or should be worried when the little ones have a cough or cold. It may lead to croup or pleurisy or pneumonia—then to something more serious. Ballard's Horehound Syrup will cure the trouble at once and prevent any complication. Sold by all dealers.

Learned Some Money—

The State Land Board approved loans yesterday amounting to \$11,975.

More Unwritten Law.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 31.—C. Burdette Bell, accused of killing Courviller Dury, an actor, was held today by a coroner's jury to answer to the charge of murder. The jury's action followed a refusal of Mrs. Bell of her relations with the actor.

It is believed that Bell will make his defense the "unwritten law."

To Sever Marriage Bonds—

A divorce suit has been commenced in the circuit court by B. S. Duncan against Amelia A. Duncan, asking the courts to dissolve the marriage ties on the ground of cruel and inhuman treatment. The complaint alleges that Mrs. Duncan has treated the defendant in a most cruel manner by falsely accusing him of infidelity, and that she has failed to care for the household duties in a satisfactory manner. One child is the issue of the marriage, of which the defendant asks the custody, along with an absolute divorce from his wife. Rauch & Seem are attorneys for Duncan.

Lame Shoulder.

This is a common form of muscular rheumatism. No internal treatment is needed. Apply Chamberlain's Liniment freely twice a day and a quick cure is certain. This liniment has proven especially valuable for muscular and chronic rheumatism and is sure to give quick relief. Chamberlain's Liniment is also most excellent for sprains and bruises. Price, 25 cents; large size 50 cents. For sale by Dr. Stone's

MRS. WETZEL INHERITS A SNUG FORTUNE

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 31.—After living a secluded life at Grangeville, Idaho, for 20 years, Mrs. Isabel Salouse Wetzel has been found by her nephew, Henry Thompson, of San Francisco, and will share in a large estate left by her sister, who died in San Francisco several months ago.

Mrs. Wetzel became separated from her relatives because she married against her parents' will. She was not found until Mrs. Schmiedke of Grangeville, visited Thompson a few weeks ago. The good sister left a big fortune to Thompson, with the understanding that a good share would be given to the missing sister if she was ever found.

Thompson sent her the first installment.

Stock Market.

New York, Dec. 31.—The stock market for the last day of 1908 proved to be a listless, perfunctory affair, the only feature of the session being the evening up of professional accounts before the holiday. What business was done was monopolized by the favorites, the prices of the great mass of dark horse securities remaining practically stationary. Later in the day quiet short covering in New York Central caused an upturn of two points in this issue. The market, however, again dropped into the rut, closing dull but firm. The stock exchange is closed tomorrow, New Year's day.

Union Pacific closed: 187 1/2; Southern Pacific, 121; Northern Pacific, 142 1/2; New York Central, 125 1/2; Copper, 82 1/2; Smelter, 83 1/2 and Reading, 142 1/4.

Wants Venezuela to Settle.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Special Commissioner to Venezuela Buchanan has opened negotiations with the Gomez administration on behalf of the United States for a settlement of pending American claims, according to an announcement from the State Department here today.

Highness, who is at Caracas, informed the department that President Gomez had been desirous of this country's desire for friendly relations between the two countries.

PORTLAND, MAINE, CHILD Ill, Weak and Emaciated, Restored to Health by Vinol

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"At this time we commenced to give her Vinol, and the effect was marvelous. The doctor was amazed at her progress, and when we told him we were giving her Vinol, he replied, 'It is a fine remedy, keep it up.' We did so, and she recovered her health and strength months before the doctor thought she could." J. W. Flagg, Portland, Me.

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RAILROAD TIME TABLE

Table with columns for Time Card No. 54, Southern Railway Co., Effective Sunday, Aug. 1908. Lists various routes and times.

OREGON ELECTRIC RAILWAY

Table with columns for Time Card Effective Nov. 15, 1908. Lists routes between Portland and Intermediate, Hillsboro, etc.

Nw is the Time to visit

California

When summer has passed in these northern states, the sun is only mild under the right blue skies of southern California. This is one of nature's happy provisions—annual summer for one who cannot endure a more severe state. California has been called the "Mecca of the winter tourist." Hotels and stopping places are as varied as those of all regulated cities. You can always find suitable accommodations, congenial companions and variegated recreations.

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