

**BIG ORDER BY THE SHORT LINE.**

Harriman Line Places Contract For Equipment and Motive Power in East.

**THREE HUNDRED COAL CARS.**

Steel Gondolas, 18 Engines, Five Passenger Coaches and Two Baggage Cars Included.

Another order has been placed by the Oregon Short Line for rolling stock for delivery as soon as possible among the equipment being 300 steel coal cars, which are needed to take care of the rapidly growing coal business and the heavy tonnage at points along the system.

In addition to these cars, 10 consolidated freight engines, four Pacific-type passenger engines, the number of which is not yet known, have been ordered from big eastern firms.

The order for passenger equipment embraces five coaches and two baggage cars.

It is the intention of the management to see that the railroad's coal traffic is relieved and with the arrival of new equipment, next fall and winter will not see a repetition of conditions which have existed on all lines in Utah and Idaho this year.

**W. L. NEWMAN HERE.**

Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen Discuss New Schedule.

Fourth Vice Grand Master W. L. Newman of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen met with the various local lodges and discussing matters pertaining to the schedule regulating the wages, hours of labor and privileges of the trainmen of the Harriman system.

The existing schedule expires Jan. 1 and in view of the fact that the members of the organization will meet with General Superintendent E. Buckingham and other Short Line, Union Pacific and Southern Pacific operating officials and formulate another schedule for the coming year.

**NEW TRAIN SCHEDULE.**

Los Angeles Limited Will Arrive Here On Tuesday Next.

The Salt Lake Route announces a radical change in the existing time card, which will go into effect at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday next, on which date the new limited train will arrive in Salt Lake. This train will be known as No. 7 and No. 8, west and eastbound respectively. The new time card between Salt Lake and Los Angeles, will be 25 hours and 30 minutes, the run from Los Angeles here of No. 8 will be 26 hours.

The new time card is as follows:

Leave Salt Lake City—No. 1, 12:01 a.m., No. 7, 4:15 p.m.; No. 32, Tintic 1:45 p.m., No. 33, Garfield, 11:30 p.m.; No. 63, Nephi; No. 64, Nephi, 4:45 p.m., No. 65, Lytle, 5:30 p.m.

Arrive Salt Lake City—No. 2, 6:30 a.m., No. 8, 5:45 p.m.; No. 52, Tintic, 1:45 p.m., No. 54, Garfield, 12:30 p.m.; No. 63, Nephi; No. 64, Nephi, 4:45 p.m., No. 65, from Nephi, 1:30 p.m.

**TAHMAS OFF FOR CHICAGO.**

Among the Utah people who are going to Chicago over the Ida Grande and Burlington today or tomorrow in order to attend the live stock show are J. H. Seely, wife and daughter, William Clegg and J. L. Larsen, all of Mt. Pleasant; A. G. Anderson of Price; Geo. H. Dunn of Springville; Louis Abraham of Garfield and L. L. Buswell and son and H. C. Fenstermaker and wife of Salt Lake.

**PROPERTY OF INSPECTION.**

General Manager W. H. Bancroft and General Superintendent E. Buckingham of the Oregon Short Line left this morning on a special train for St. Anthony. From this point the officials and Chief Engineer William Ashton will proceed over the completed section of the Yellowstone Park railroad now in course of construction.

**LIGHTERS FOR MORGAN LINE.**

New York, Dec. 14.—The Journal of Commerce today says:

It was stated on good authority yesterday that the Southern Pacific Railroad company is negotiating for the purchase of the Denver and Colorado Lighterage company. Such an acquisition by the Morgan line would be in line with the policy of other prominent lines that have acquired lighterage fleets of their own.

The Manhattan Lighterage & Transportation company, which is at present handling the lighterage business of the Southern Pacific, was sold to the Central railroad of New Jersey about two weeks ago. Its contract with the Southern Pacific expires on Dec. 29.

The Commercial Lighterage company is capitalized at \$6,000,000, and has offices at 17 Battery place.

**BETTER FREIGHT RATES.**

Montana Business and Live Stock Men Meet in Convention.

Helena, Dec. 14.—Better freight rates for Montana is the object sought to be attained by a convention here of business men, cattle men and other shippers from various parts of the state. The convention, called in the Unitarian church at 11 a.m. on the 13th, opened with a successful meeting by W. Hedges of Ferguson county, speaker of the lower house of the last legislature; Mayor Purcell and Gov. Toole. About 100 delegates were present from outside points. P. B. Moss of Billings was elected temporary chairman and R. H. Fraser of Helena

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**Christmas News.**

**FOREST LANDS IN WASHINGTON.**

Area of 1,300,000 Acres Being Studied by the Forest Service.

**RED FIR IS RECOMMENDED.**

Sold to be One of the Fastest Growing Trees in the United States.

Special Correspondence.

Washington, D. C., Dec.—The forest service is now studying 1,367,000 acres of forest land in Washington. In the western part of the state the work covers 1,300,000 acres. The results of this work, which will be continued during the coming year, will be of great value in throwing light on the problems of protecting these coast forests from fire and preventing the present excessive waste in logging, as well as in developing a plan for future timber production.

The large number of growth and volume measurements obtained by the service during the past few years in this region provides a basis for estimates of present stand and future yield of the more important timber trees. From these measurements it appears that red fir in the region of Puget Sound is one of the fast growing trees in the United States, surpassing even the loblolly pine of the south in height and volume growth. The yield table shows that larger crops of timber may be expected from second growth forests of fir and hemlock than from any other kind of tree yet studied by the service.

Reproduction of fir on logged-over lands is certain and rapid if the lands are burned over with due precautions and the mineral soil exposed, but unfortunately the proper seed bed is not always afforded. The quick slash burning necessary in order to secure conditions favorable to reproduction.

**DRAWBACK TO LUMBERING.**

Forest fires are, however, the greatest drawback to conservative lumbering. The forests in this region are very susceptible to fire, and consequently, after logging a great amount of debris is left on the ground, in the form of tops, rotten logs, broken-down trees, and underbrush. Fires easily start in such slashes and burn over large areas, often extending into the unburned forest. It is not possible at present of preventing, or at least greatly lessening, the chance of forest fires under these peculiar local conditions by burning the slash as it lies, at the proper season. This method is now being tried with success. By extending it to all cuttings, the danger of forest fires will still be greatly lessened. The burning should commence from early April to the middle of May, when the slash is dry enough to burn, and at the same time the fire will not run in green timber. The quick restocking of the land with fir which follows burning also adds greatly in fire resistance.

**WASTE IN LOGGING.**

A detailed study of waste in logging was part of the work called for. Stumps are now cut on an average about six feet high and in large timber this means a loss of a great number of board feet of clear lumber per acre. Waste also occurs in the use of irons for skids and bridges and in leaving merchantable logs in the tops. An estimate of this waste will be made by actual measurement.

**SPLENDID OUTLOOK.**

In eastern Washington a tract of 67,000 acres has been examined. The forest is typical of a large region. It contains

the like, introduces an additional hazard not contemplated by the underwriters in issuing policies of indemnity covering the usual fire hazard, and in addition we refer you to one of the conditions of the standard form of fire insurance policy, wherein it is stipulated that:

"This entire policy, unless otherwise provided by agreement endorsed hereon or added hereto, shall be void."

and "the hazard may be increased by any means within the control or knowledge of the insured."

In addition to the danger to property from displays referred to, the danger to life in crowded stores or places of meeting by reason of a panic, discussed above, even though it is small and easily controlled, is so great that the underwriters who have made a study of such hazards, would only be partly fulfilling their duty should they fail to give warning.

Electric displays where motors are used and where electric currents are shunted or taken on different circuits are advertising apparatus not approved unless the device for motive power and for the shunting and breaking of currents on different circuits are installed in accordance with requirements of "National Electrical Code."

BOARD OF FIRE UNDERWRITERS OF THE PACIFIC.

By KARL A. SCHEID, Manager District "F."

**REFUGEES FROM RIGA.**

They Report that Anarchy Prevails In Place They Have Left.

Stockholm, Dec. 14.—The Swedish government, Sept. 1, sent a special mission to Riga with Swedish physicians. She arrived at Riga Dec. 8. Her commander reports that during the vessel's stay in port there were no disturbances at Riga but absolute Anarchy prevailed throughout the country districts.

One armistice was signed in the streets of Riga on Dec. 8 and 9, but they were not used. On the morning of Dec. 12, before the Drottning Sophia sailed, the shops, restaurants, etc., which previously had been closed, were reopened. The post telegraph office, etc., were again in full operation.

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Shamokin Pa.—add Miners Convention.

There are only 450 delegates present. It was stated that the convention met that nearly 800 delegates would attend.

After the appointment of the resolutions and wage scale committees the convention adjourned until 1:30 p.m.

sists of western yellow pine fir and lodgepole pine. The object of the owners was to determine the practicability of obtaining a second cut of timber from the cut-over lands. The field work occupied a party of three men for one month, during which the basis for the estimate of future stand, growth of timber here, though much slower than in western Washington, promises well for the future, and the rapid increase in lumber and stumps values is a strong indication to continue the lumbering. By setting a high diameter limit for cutting and by preventing a fair second cut can be obtained within a reasonable period, and excellent reproduction for later

**THE PHILIPPINE TARIFF.**

Washington, Dec. 14—Maj. Aaron Cave, formerly superintendent of schools at Denver, was the chief speaker at the hearing today before the ways and means committee on the Philippine tariff. He said he regarded the sugar and tobacco production of the islands to be a great menace to the sugar and tobacco interests in the United States and expressed the belief that it is absolutely impossible to estimate the output of the islands under modern methods.

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