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NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, February 21st in Room 208, Union Station, Portland, at 8 P.M. Our special guest for the evening will be Jim Scribbins of the Milwaukee Chapter, N.R.H.S. Jim plans a real treat for the evening. He is bringing along three 400 foot reels of color 16mm midwestern railroading for your pleasure. You have most likely read in the December 1956 issue of TRAINS about the new reader service "Tripmaster." It is a travel-tested exclusive that explains how to see more for your rail travel dollar. It is compiled by Jim Scribbins an expert on trains and tariffs. You will not want to miss this meeting. Be sure and bring your wife and your friends. They will enjoy it.

We have from the start discoursed our appreciation for the kindness of Jack Jones in allowing us the privilege to use Room 208 in the Union Station for our meetings. This issue of The Trainmaster makes it a matter of record by saying thank you to Mr. Jones, Manager of the Northern Pacific Terminal Company of Oregon.

STROUDS CREEK AND MUDDLETY RAILROAD

Watch the rising star of the Strouds Creek and Muddlety Railroad. It has already absorbed the Baltimore & Ohio in the mirth of railroading.

OBSERVATION CAR

The Reading Railroad, National Aluminate Corporation and General Electric Company recently announced joint development of a new method to greatly reduce slipping of locomotive wheels on rails, a longstanding problem of railroads. Applied directly to the rails by a motorized car, operated independently of trains, the new chemical has shown under tests that it will give a minimum increase of 25 percent in adhesion limits of locomotives over present tonnage ratings.

Drivers who watch the cars go by instead of trying to beat trains to the crossing are now treated to the sight of glamorous freight cars. Another feature in the romance of railroads.

The Seattle Chamber of Commerce held its Third Annual Railroad Day last November. About 500 persons attended including many railroad men, shippers and travel agents.

The California Western Railroad, one of the nation's most scenic railroads, operates between Willits and Fort Bragg. Passengers ride in M 100 a gasoline-electric powered coach affectionately nicknamed "The Skunk." The conductor unloads milk, bread and baggage to isolated homesteaders and camps distributed over the 40-mile long mountainous forest.

PROFESSOR SANDHOUSE

Many a train of thought is just a string of empties.

There's a big difference between a day's work well done and a day's work, well, done.

PARTING THOUGHT: A successful banker's New Year's advice to all younger men is this: "Buy more land. God's not going to make any more and there's a lot more people being born!"