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OCTOBER MEETING

The October meeting will be on Friday, October 20th, at 8:00 pm in room 208 of the Union Station. Our guest speaker will be Mr. George Leslie, retired Car Distributor for the SP in Portland, who will talk about some of his many experiences while working for the SP. You will find Mr. Leslie to be a very interesting speaker, and we hope that most of our members will be able to attend.

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Georgia Pacific Corp. #10 was purchased at the OMSI auction on Sept. 30th by Sam Zidell, local scrap dealer, for $3,400. The locomotive has been moved to the Zidell yard under the west end of the Ross Island bridge. As of October 18th the locomotive had not been scrapped. It is not known whether Mr. Zidell plans to scrap the locomotive, sell it, or use it in his scrap yard.

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The latest edition of the SP&S Dope Bucket is devoted entirely to commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the completion of the Oregon Trunk Ry. Editor Vern Vasey has come out with a very interesting and valuable addition to the history of railroading in Oregon. The original supply is already exhausted but the SP&S is printing 800 additional copies and they already have orders for 700 of these as of today, so if you would like a copy contact Vern in the Safety Office of the SP&S immediately. In addition to the fine text there are many photographs.

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If at least 300 persons are interested, PNERA will run a two-day excursion to Tillamook via the Southern Pacific on Nov. 4 and 5th. This is probably one of the most interesting lines on the entire SP system. The all-inclusive fare is $19.95 for adults, including lodging in Tillamook or Rockaway and includes meals, also. Rail fare only is $12.50. The train will leave Portland at 8:00 am Saturday and wll depart from Tillamook about 12:15 pm on Sunday. This is the trip that everyone has asked for so it is up to you to support it.

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THIS AND THAT: On Aug. 23d Feather River Ry #1 made her last trip down from Feather Falls to the WP connection at Land, Calif. WP hauled the #1 to Oroville where it was put on display, a gift to the city of Oroville by GP. It is also reported that GP has donated their #11, a 2-8-2T, from their Powers, Oregon, operation to the museum at San Francisco. There is some talk that it may eventually be operated from the Ferry Building along the Embarcadero to Van Ness Ave. on tracks of the State Belt RR. (So-R&LHS)...Baird Creek Trestle, located on Weyerhaeuser's St. Helens tree farm, is being dismantled for the salvage of more than half a million board feet of timber. The trestle was 1,130 ft in length and has been unused since 1953....SP 5021 has been put in operating condition and actually operated at the LA County Fairgrounds in Pomona. The locomotive was moved to the ATSF shops at San Bernardino inasmuch as the PE was removing the track connection to the fairgrounds....US Steel Corp's 76 mile line from Winto Jet on the UP (near Rock Springs, Wyo.) was completed to the ghost townsite of Atlantic City, Wyo. In July, crossing South Pass....UP has been cutting up its "Big Boy" engines, the famous 4000's. Engine 4015 was the unlucky first to meet the torch at Cheyenne, followed by 4007, and the 4000 itself was to be next. Three "big boys" have been preserved....