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NEXT MEETING - Friday, February 21st - 8:00 pm - Room 208 Union Station -
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JAPAN RAILWAY NIGHT! Glen Eades will give a very complete slide program showing railroading in Japan, taken two years ago when Glenn was in the service there. This will include the Japanese National Railways 3-foot 6-in gauge and private lines, both standard and narrow gauge—interurbans—streetcars—the works! In addition, Glenn will bring to this meeting various maps, folders, timetables, etc., on Japanese railroading.

THIS AND THAT: Our editor, Nelson Hickok, is literally “laid low” with a bothersome back injury and your chapter president was asked if he would fill in this one time on rather short notice. Before being side-tracked to the sick-bay, Editor Nelson arranged for the printing plates for our new photo-engraving which was handled by engraver of the Salem, “OREGON STATESMAN” newspaper. For the benefit of those members not at our January meeting, plans have been completed for an outstanding custom-made drawing of a 4-4-0 balloon stack locomotive to be used both as a masthead for “THE TRAINMASTER” and as a letterhead for chapter stationery. A reduced-size reproduction of the same drawing will be used in the upper left-hand corner of Pacific Northwest Chapter, NRHS envelopes. In addition to use in official Pacific Northwest Chapter correspondence, these envelopes and 8 ½ x 11 in. letter sheets can be made available for private purchase by members if they so wish. We are in hopes that the March 1964 issue of “THE TRAINMASTER” will have this new masthead. Jeff Richardson’s friend, Raymond B. Rogers, is the commercial artist responsible for our chapter’s unique drawing. It is modeled after the prototype of a locomotive which ran on the famous narrow-gauge Oregonian Railway Co. Ltd. Throughout the Willamette Valley in the 1880’s. Ray Rogers will be at our February meeting, and we will have a chance to thank him in person.

1965 N. R. H. S. NATIONAL CONVENTION to be hosted by Pacific Northwest Chapter
Portland, Oregon - September 3-4-5-6, 1965
-- an editorial -

We of the Pacific Northwest Chapter feel very honored to be chosen as host chapter or the 1965 National Convention of the National Railway Historical Society. Our committees are already working on plans to make it very worthwhile for many of you to cross the country to come to Oregon and the great Pacific Northwest. We are most enthusiastic about plans of the Iowa Chapter to run the “International Limited” from Chicago to Portland and return. In the meantime, we look forward to cooperating in every way with the North Jersey and West Jersey Chapters to help publicize the 1964 National convention in Newark, New Jersey. All this and the New York Worlds Fair, too! By Miln Gillespie, President, PNW Chapter

IN MEMORIAM—Harold J. Turner. Our member, Harold J. Turner died February 1, 1964 in Fort Meyers, Fla., while on an extended trip. After 20 years service with the SP&S Railway, Harold became the first manager of the Oregon Railroad Association. He retired from that position in 1961 at the age of 68 years, but continued to keep busy with many public activities. We will miss you.

KLICKITAT LOG & LUMBER CO SHAYS WILL SOON BE AN OPERATING MEMORY

Jack Holst and Al Haij, just returned from a Lincoln's birthday trip to Klickitat, Wash., report that the last steam shay operation in this part of the United States will cease around the end of this March. K. L. & L. Co railroad is operated by the J. Neils Lumber Co. which, in turn, is owned by the St. Regis Paper Company. The line extends from Klickitat, WA, on the Goldendale branch of the SP&S Ry, 18 ½ miles up in the hills to a truck re-load point. Former spur logging lines in the woods were replaced some time ago by truck logging to the re-load point. Now the "main line" from re-load to the mill at Klickitat will be changed into a private truck road, following the pattern of previous railroad logging operations in the Pacific Northwest. The friendly management at Klickitat will allow railfans to ride the daily run (Mondays thru Friday), providing a waiver is signed in the office at Klickitat before departure. This is usually limited to from two to four fans per trip who are permitted to ride in the engine cab or on the tender, as no caboose is carried. There is no Saturday, Sunday, or holiday operation. Office at Klickitat opens at 8:00 am weekdays. Train leaves between 8:15 am and 8:30 am with the empties for re-load point. Return to Klickitat with the loads is about 2:30 pm. Prior to departure, you can get good pictures of the shay engaged in unloading the previous day's log cars at the mill pond in Klickitat. Bring your own lunch. If possible, write ahead of time to reserve space. Miln Gillespie would provide transportation for any members who could go on a Monday. He'd like company.

- AN EDITORIAL BY TEMPORARY EDITOR MILN GILLESPIE -

It will be very helpful to Editor Nelson Hickok and future Trainmaster Editors if our members will turn in news items on items of railfan interest in the Pacific Northwest and elsewhere. Our editor can't find all the news himself. Maybe you know a "hot scoop", but your fellow N. R. H. S members may not. We exchange with N. R. H. S. chapter news-editors throughout the U. S. and Canada and can be a principal source of interesting railfan information to other rail-hobbyists. Even newspaper clippings may be missed by the editor. He hasn't time to read everything. Roger Corbin, our member in Centralia, has been most helpful in sending in items on Rayonier, etc. We have members in Seattle and as far as Drain, Oregon. Let each one of us be a reporter for THE TRAINMASTER and pass on that interesting information to editor Nelson Hickok at 335 Jerris Ave., SE, Salem, Oregon 97302. Get news to him by the first weekend of each month so it can be included in that month's issue. Thank you in advance!

WINTER WONDERLAND SCENIC RAILROAD TOUR TO "BIG MOUNTAIN" WHITEFISH, MONT.

For those who have \$43.85 and time free over the weekend of Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 22d-23d, Sunset Tours Department of Vernonia, South Park & Sunset Steam RR offers an outstanding bargain to the train rider. Leave Portland for Seattle, then over the Cascade Mountains of Washington on the Empire Builder to Spokane. After an over-night stay in Spokane leave on the Western Star for Whitefish. For further particulars, contact Great Northern City Ticket Office, Portland (CA 3-7273) or Charles Hayden evenings at 2765 SW 119th Ave., Beaverton, Oregon (MI-4-5759). 1964 is 35th Anniversary of GN's Cascade Tunnel