

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY
STATE OF WASHINGTON-VALUATION SECTION 10-A
BURNETT BRANCH
PRE-INVENTORY INFORMATION

GENERAL HISTORY AND OUTLINE OF THE WORK

This is a single track branch line extending from Cascade Junction to Spiketon, formerly called Pittsburgh.

From Cascade Junction out for a distance of 1.70 miles was constructed by the Northern Pacific Railroad Company in year 1881 (Corporate History). No record yet can be found to indicate manner of doing the work or of quantities handled.

In the year 1890, the extension to Spiketon was made by the Northern Pacific and Cascade Railroad Company. The general work of grading, building bridges and culverts, tracklaying and surfacing, and ballasting was done by Keating and Graham, under the terms of their contract of January 25, 1890, a copy of which and of the final estimate voucher made under same are submitted with the inventory.

This line follows the course of South Prairie Creek very closely. The excavations occur largely in material which is classified, the loose rock, solid rock and hard pan being much in excess of the earth handled. The clearing and grubbing was heavy, the growth of timber being dense with a great deal of under brush along the river. Beyond Spiketon there is a stretch of grading upon which no track is now laid. This grading is included in the inventory as abandoned. In most places side borrow was not practicable, the grade being but a few feet above highwater, and the ground low and wet the greater part of the year.

The subsidence of the roadbed will be developed at time of Government inventory.

A list of items in abandoned roadbed is included in the inventory and itemized separately.

A list of extra work bills incurred under Keating and Graham contract on account of grading is submitted with the inventory. This list of extra bills do not pretend to be a complete statement of all the extra costs or in any sense a partial statement of original cost, but merely enumerate some of the items of extra cost found readily available.