



## Spring Visitors in Tacoma See This



Daffodil Fields in Blossom Near Mount Rainier.

Already Puyallup Valley, Washington, and the cities of Tacoma, Puyallup and Sumner are looking forward to daffodil time and their annual daffodil festival which will be held April 9 to 11.

Three hundred varieties of daffodils, comprising one-third of the nation's hardy daffodil bulb crop, are grown in the valley

and some of the fields are almost in the shadow of Mount Rainier.

A daffodil banquet and ball, daffodil parade and other events are part of the merrymaking during the festival. Usually one day is set aside for visitors to view the blossoming fields and gloat over the millions of blossoms.

## Sky's Limit on Red Lodge Road to Yellowstone

### Special Parties Already Signed to Include Park Tour's Latest Attraction

Red Lodge Highway, the last word in Yellowstone Park tour attractions and site of the new park gateway which opens this year, qualifies as one of the tallest roads in America according to altitude readings made along the new route between the city of Red Lodge, Montana, and the park boundary.

For approximately 21 miles the road skims the summit of the Beartooth Rockies at altitudes above 9,000 feet. At one point the lofty height of 11,000 feet is reached.

Mile after mile the altitude of the road hovers around the 10,000-foot mark, according to instrument readings, putting this road in a class by itself when compared with mountain roads in other regions of the United States.

The affinity of this highway for lofty altitudes distinguishes it from a dozen other high mountain roads. Usually the latter have only one high point or summit, which is crossed in a moment or two in a

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## Brooks, Jernegan and Elliott Get New Posts

Three changes in Northern Pacific passenger traffic personnel became effective March 1.

George L. Brooks, district passenger agent at Boston, was transferred to the general office in St. Paul, having been in the Boston office since 1926.

Successor to Mr. Brooks is Jared Jernegan, former traveling passenger agent, and a member of the Boston office staff since 1922.

Filling the vacancy caused by the death of J. C. Petres, traveling passenger agent in Montana, F. J. Elliott was named district passenger agent with headquarters at Livingston, Montana, during the Yellowstone travel season and at Helena during the remainder of the year.

Mr. Elliott has been for the past eight years traveling passenger agent out of St. Paul.

## John Condon, Great Lakes Passenger Chief, is Dead

Officials and passenger representatives of the Northern Pacific in common with transportation men the country over mourn the death of John Condon, passenger traffic manager of the Great Lakes Transit Corporation.

Mr. Condon died at Buffalo, N. Y., March 11 after a 10-days' illness. The funeral was March 13 at that city. He had served as general passenger agent and passenger traffic manager of the Great Lakes line since its organization 20 years ago and previously had been special passenger representative of the Erie Railroad.

## Westward Ho! Travel Calendar

Washington Ski Club Tournament, Mt. Baker .....	March 20-21
Pacific Coast Conference Ski Tournament, Paradise Valley, Mt. Rainier .....	March 27-28
Daffodil Festival, Tacoma, Sumner, Puyallup, Wash. ....	April 9 to 11
Rainier National Park Slalom Championships, Paradise Valley .....	April 11
Silver Skis Tournament, Paradise Valley, Mt. Rainier .....	April 18
Rainier National Park Novice Slalom Championships, Paradise Valley .....	April 25
Sitzmark Carnival Slalom, Paradise Valley .....	May 2
Spokane, Wash., Sportsmen's Fair .....	May 17-23
Portland, Ore., Rose Festival .....	June 9-12
Tacoma, Wash., Winter Sports, Paradise Valley .....	June 30-31
Livingston, Mont., Roundup .....	July 2-4
Cody, Wyo., Stampede .....	July 3-5
Red Lodge, Mont., Rodeo .....	July 3-5
Yakima, Wash., Pioneer Days Celebration .....	July 3-5
Wolf Point, Mont., Rodeo .....	July 8-10
Sheridan, Wyo., Rodeo .....	July 14-16
Butte, Mont., Rodeo .....	July 15-18
Portland, Ore., Fleet Week .....	July 16-29
Coupeville, Wash., Water Festival .....	August
Billings, Mont., Fair and Rodeo .....	August 9-14
Portland, Ore., National Amateur Golf Championship .....	August 23-29
Astoria, Ore., Regatta .....	September 1-5
Ellensburg, Wash., Rodeo .....	September 4-6
Salem, Ore., State Fair .....	September 6-12
Pendleton, Ore., Roundup .....	September 16-18
Puyallup, Wash., Western Washington Fair .....	September 20-26
Portland, Ore., Pacific International Livestock Exposition .....	October 2-9

## Burlington Tours See 30 Per Cent Increase This Season

More than 300 Burlington Escorted Tours are scheduled the coming season to Yellowstone Park, Colorado, Pacific Northwest, California, Alaska, Canadian Rockies, Glacier Park and the Black Hills

of South Dakota, according to Tour Manager Robert S. Caird, Chicago.

A 30 per cent increase in all-expense Burlington Tour ticket sales this year is predicted by Mr. Caird.

# "Top of the World" as Yellowstone Travelers Will S



## Sky's Limit on Thrill Route Into the Park

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modern bus or auto. Such is not the case with the Red Lodge road which commands an alpine panorama so extensive that travelers have ample time to gloat over the view. It is possible to look down on clouds if they happen to be sailing in the vicinity.

At some places, an observer, by making a half turn of the head can scan a 250-mile panorama and it would be possible to scan at least 500 miles in a full circle, except for the fact that usually there is a nearby mountain range on one side which excludes a view in that direction. This combination of mountain "closeups" with an immense panoramic outlook serves to make the scenery even more interesting.

Here and there along the road a stone can be dropped over the edge to fall 500 feet sheer.

Although the road attains unusual altitude and climbs the Beartooth Range by a series of amazing switchbacks, the ascent is so gradual that the grade never exceeds 5 1-2 per cent. It is possible, with a clear road, to accomplish the entire ascent in high gear.

Already several important parties of vacation travelers have made Yellowstone tour reservations via the new highway. They will avail themselves of Northern Pacific through sleeping car service between Chicago and Red Lodge starting about June 18. The Red Lodge cars will be carried to and from the park in the air-conditioned North Coast Limited.

## Ranchers Hit Trail to East in Annual Dude Guest Round-Up

**More Inquiries and Longer List of  
Early Reservations Give Promise  
of Big Year**

Western ranchers, dressed in such scenic regalia as big hats, colored neckerchiefs, calfskin vests and high-heeled boots are in evidence at trains and stations these days hurrying to the "Spring roundup"—not in great big open spaces but in the big shut-in metropolitan canyons of the east.

It's going to be a big season, they say, with prospects brightest in years for roping some "fancy critters" for the home corral.

Fifth and Park Avenues, Pennsylvania Avenue, Michigan Boulevard, Kingshighway, etc., etc., are echoing to the jingle of the ranchmen's spurs as they cut the Dude prospects out from the common herd and get their reservations on the dotted line.

Telephone wires are vibrating to roundup calls. Fireside groups are entertaining the picturesque he-men from the cow country and feasting on their stories of life in the mountains. Even shop windows are dressing up western style as a matter of color, wanderlure, and merchandising enterprise.

Ranchmen report a greater number of inquiries from prospects and a larger proportion of early reservations than in several years. Enroute east they are visiting ticket men they have come to know personally during the years they have

## Stage Coach Operator at Spokane Passes On

Death came recently at Spokane to one of the old West's most colorful figures, Col. Felix Warren, 85, once operator of 500 miles of stage coach line in the Spokane country.

With long hair flowing backward under a broad 10-gallon hat, Col. Warren was often a picturesque sight at the reins of his coaches. He employed many drivers and maintained more than 200 horses. It was said that he wielded a coach and six with remarkable skill across rough sagebrush plains and forested mountains now traversed by Northern Pacific trains.

Detroit, Minnesota, was founded by Colonel George H. Johnston in 1882 and settled with a small colony of ex-soldiers of the Civil War.

carried on their annual eastern solicitation.

Within six or eight weeks most ranchers will wind up their sales tours in New York. Due to the Northern Pacific's close association with the dude ranch industry and its place as a pioneer in national advertising of ranch travel, many of the ranchers drift naturally into the Northern Pacific travel office at 560 Fifth Avenue. There they greet old friends, prospects and travel representatives, making the office a sort of unofficial headquarters.

Meetings and appointments between agents and ranchers when they are in town are arranged gladly by Northern Pacific representatives in principal cities.

# See It From New Red Lodge HIGHway This Summer



Views of Mountains Seen From Beartooth Plateau

## Eastbound Alaskan to Become Through Train on April 11

Additional Train to be Operated in Local Service Between St. Paul and Glendive

Effective April 11, the eastbound Alaskan, Northern Pacific transcontinental train No. 4, will become a through train providing additional service and giving through connections to the east for travelers from the Pacific Northwest. This will supplement the through service provided by the North Coast Limited.

For some time train No. 4 has reached Glendive, Montana, at 12:50 am and has lain over to 9:10 am to provide western North Dakota towns with day passenger service while proceeding to St. Paul.

No. 4 will leave Seattle 8:45 am, Tacoma 8:40 am, arriving Minneapolis 8:05 pm and St. Paul 8:40 pm the third evening. Direct connections with early night trains for Chicago, the south and the east will result.

Westbound the Alaskan train No. 3 will provide direct connections to the northwest for passengers westbound from Chicago on fast afternoon trains. It will leave St. Paul at 10:40 pm and Minneapolis at 11:05 pm, and reach the Pacific Coast on the same schedule as at present.

To provide the local service being relinquished by the Alaskan, a new Northern Pacific train will be added, operating each way between St. Paul and Glendive. These will be known as Nos. 7 and 8. No. 7 will leave St. Paul 9:40 pm, and Minneapolis 10:25 pm and maintain approximately the present schedule of train No.

## Indianapolis Club Trio



Three of the eight newly-instated officers of the Indianapolis Traffic Club shown here, are, left to right: C. K. Hulvey, C. & O., secretary-treasurer, Walter C. Widenhoefer, Northern Pacific, vice-president; V. Hennessey, Big Four, president.

Members of the club's board of governors are: C. O. Hiatt, Pennsylvania Railroad; R. A. Campbell, C. B. & Q.; J. L. Jeffries, S. P.; J. H. Clarkson, C. R. I. & P.; and C. L. Dozier, C. & O.

M. E. Harlan, assistant general passenger agent of the Northern Pacific, St. Paul, and G. W. Rodine, Chicago general agent, were guests at the club's annual meeting and dinner.

A Hood River, Oregon, dairyman quiets his cows with radio at milking time.

3 to Glendive. Eastbound, No. 8 will leave Glendive at 7:30 am and approximate the present schedule of train No. 4, arriving Minneapolis 7:10 am and St. Paul 7:45 am.

## City of Roses Sets Stage to Entertain Amateur Golf Classic

Portland Tournament, August 23-29 Will Attract Leading Golfers From Home and Abroad

Leading amateur golfers from all parts of the United States, Canada and Great Britain will converge on Portland, Oregon, August 23 to 29, for the 41st Annual National Amateur Golf Tournament.

The tournament will be played on the course of the Alderwood Country Club over greens where golf is possible practically every month in the year.

Special plans are now being made by the Portland tournament committee for the entertainment of the visiting players. A large gallery, reinforced by vacationers from all over the country, is anticipated.

## H. N. Eccleston Heads Philadelphia Group

Harold N. Eccleston of the Santa Fe Railroad was elected president of the Philadelphia Passenger Association at the recent annual election meeting.

He moved up automatically from first vice president to succeed Edward Kieffer, recently promoted to division passenger agent of the Lehigh Valley Railroad at Wilkes-Barre. Thomas Clift, of the Union Pacific, moved up to first vice president.

Others elected were John C. Dolan, Northern Pacific, secretary; Abe Nice, Pennsylvania Railroad, treasurer; and George C. Lincoln, Milwaukee Railroad, historian.

## \$700,000 in Yellowstone Improvements Will Serve Park Guests This Season

**Supt. Edmund B. Rogers Outlines Facilities Near Completion Throughout Wonderland**

Governmental construction projects in Yellowstone National Park approaching half a million dollars in cost will be available for use with the beginning of the 1937 season, according to Superintendent Edmund B. Rogers.

Major project is the new water supply system and distribution plant including a complete hydro-electric unit which is rapidly nearing completion at park headquarters, Mammoth Hot Springs, at a cost of \$237,000. This plant will supply all operations whether private or government at the permanent park headquarters with electricity and water.

The new post office for Yellowstone is the second largest government construction project. This new building will cost more than \$100,000, according to O. O. Brattebo, supervising engineer. Scheduled to be ready for use early this spring, the building will be constructed of native sandstone to the sill-line and then a concrete superstructure in harmonizing grey.

The new \$77,000 utility building was completed December 1. At Old Faithful, the tremendous increase in traffic has made necessary a new water supply system including additional fire protection requiring an outlay of \$40,000. Also made necessary by increased travel is an addition to the sewage disposal plant at Old Faithful which is being constructed with emergency funds of \$15,000.

Minor projects include a new observation platform at Upper Falls of the Yellowstone river, which will be constructed of native stone and lumber and landscaped in harmony with the sheer walls of the



Supt. Edmund B. Rogers.

canyon at a cost of \$6,000; and a suspension bridge across the Yellowstone river at Blacktail Deer creek in the northeast section of the park. This will cost about \$5,000.

With the exception of the post office building, all government construction is under the direction of J. Emmert, assistant superintendent.

In addition to the government construction program is the \$200,000 construction job of the Yellowstone Park Company at Mammoth Hot Springs where erection of a quadrangle of buildings including a dining room, recreation hall, hotel and lodge office, general office, public service unit, and room remodeling is in progress.

### Antlers Curiosity



Near Mammoth Hot Springs is this house of antlers, erected by CCC boys from discarded elk antlers picked up in the nearby forests. The structure is a curiosity to thousands of park visitors each summer.

### Frisco Bridge Engineer Built Scenic Highways

Charles Purcell, chief engineer in charge of building the gigantic San Francisco-Oakland bridge, received some of his training and experience in the construction of the famous Columbia River Highway in Oregon, it was revealed at the recent completion of the bridge. He was also a former highway engineer in Yellowstone Park.

### Yellowstone Elk Shed Antlers; Spring Coming

The coming of spring to the Rockies is being heralded this month by the annual shedding of Yellowstone elk antlers, according to park rangers, although snow will still block the park highways for weeks to come.

Almost 10,000 animals comprise the park's northern elk herd, making them the most numerous family of all the park's wild life which surpasses in abundance that of all other national parks.

"It must be an enormous job to dehorn the elk each year", Yellowstone visitors sometimes remark, not knowing that old Dame Nature does the trick.

Usually, rangers say, there is a distinct snap as the antler breaks loose from the head. Often both antlers are shed at the same time, although sometimes only one is shed. The breaking of the antlers sometimes startles the animal, causing it to stampe. By August the new horns are grown and the bull elk are ready for the spectacular combats which mark the mating season.

Alaska's first automobile, a one-cylinder brilliant red two-seater built in 1905, has been removed from Skagway to the museum of Alaska College at Fairbanks. It was built by Robert E. Sheldon, an Alaskan.

## Engineering Beehive Will Thrill Visitors at Grand Coulee Dam

**Frequent Bus Schedules Favor Sight-seers Making 92-Mile Side Trip From Spokane**

Visitors to Grand Coulee on the Columbia River, 92 miles west of Spokane, will this summer stand a chance of seeing some record-breaking construction activities on the world's biggest steel and concrete dam.

The Mason-Walsh-Atkinson-Kier contracting firm is increasing its equipment and putting its engineering forces in shape to complete the foundation and give form to the lower part of the immense barrier.

Various kinds of activity will be in progress at the dam site. Trains will ply back and forth through the fantastic Grand Coulee over the 21-mile railroad between the dam and Coulee City, carrying construction materials.

Three giant all-electric shovels will work in the gravel pits. Mountains of sand and other "aggregate" will be washed and heaped to drain.

Huge mixers will roar and churn. Mighty rock crushers will "crunch" big boulders in their steel jaws. The washing and screening plant will run full blast. Endless belt conveyors will carry gravel, sand and rock up to the washers and mixers. Tramway cars will carry the mixed concrete to the pouring line.

Concrete will be poured this summer in forty different blocks or segments of the construction, more than at any previous time.

All of these activities together with the green, swift-flowing Columbia in its granite canyon, the surrounding scablands and vast "desert of wheat" spreading afar to purple, encircling mountains will form a picture sightseers can never forget.

Sight-seeing trips to the dam in conjunction with Northern Pacific travel will be conducted daily from Spokane via the Washington Motor Coach System and the Gray Line.

Busses leave Spokane at 9 am, 12 o'clock noon and 5 pm, and arrive at the dam at 12:25 pm, 3 pm and 9:45 pm, respectively.

For the return run, busses leave the dam at 5:45 am, 9:55 am, 3 pm and 6:45 pm and arrive Spokane 9:55 am, 1:25 pm, 5:55 pm and 10:55 pm.

The bus fare is \$4.50, roundtrip; \$2.50 one-way. Group fares and chartered busses are available for parties.

O. G. Markhus, assistant engineer of the United States Reclamation Bureau, has personal charge of directing organized parties and other prominent visitors over the project.

### First Midwest Railroad Reaches Century Mark

The year 1937 brings the one hundredth anniversary of the building of the middle west's first railroad line. It was the Northern Cross railroad extending from Meredosia to Springfield, Ill., a distance of 57 miles, and is now included in the Wabash System. Illinois pioneers, among them the Lincoln family, regarded the new line as a wonder beyond all dreams.

Vacation travelers exclaim about the miles of jade green rivers along the Northern Pacific.