

**MS 134 OREGON AND CALIFORNIA RAILROAD COMPANY RECORDS**

1876-1926.

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HISTORICAL INFORMATION The Oregon & California Railroad was incorporated March 17, 1870 and eventually totaled approximately seven hundred miles of standard gauge, steam operated railroad, a little over half of which was constructed under its own name, the balance being obtained by acquisition of the following organizations:

1. Oregon Central Rail Road (east side)
2. Oregon Central Railroad (west side)
3. Western Oregon Railroad
4. Portland & Yamhill Railroad
5. Albany & Lebanon Railroad
6. Oregonian Railroad

The Oregon & California itself, as originally constructed, was a railroad without branches, extending approximately 365 miles from Portland, Oregon southerly via Salem, Albany, Eugene, Roseburg and Ashland to the Oregon-California state boundary. Several small branches described later were constructed under the corporate name of the O&C after the road was taken over by the Southern Pacific Company.

O&C rails reached New Era, on the east side of the Willamette River, 20.08 miles south of Portland, on December 24, 1869, under the name of the Oregon Central Rail Road. Southward progress was as follows: To Salem September 27, 1870, Albany December 25, 1870, Eugene October 15, 1871, Roseburg December 3, 1872, where construction was halted for almost nine years. The section to Myrtle Creek was completed August 14, 1882, to Grants Pass December 2, 1883, and to Ashland May 4, 1884. The line of the Central Pacific building north from Red Bluff, California, reached the Oregon border on June 1, 1887, and the O&C, under lease to the SP Company since July 1, completed construction north from the border to Ashland on December 17, 1887, thus completing the Siskiyou route and forming a continuous rail line from Portland, Oregon to New Orleans, Louisiana, about thirty-two hundred miles, all under one management. [Guy Dunscomb, A CENTURY OF SOUTHERN PACIFIC STEAM LOCOMOTIVES, 1862-1962 (Modesto, California: 1967), p. 395]

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July 1, 1887. 1 volume

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1. RECORD OF EQUIPMENT

BOX LIST

[Volume] Record of Equipment

Entries in this volume provide numbers (old and new) of boats, locomotives and rolling stock on the Oregon and California, including those pieces of equipment transferred to the line from other railroads, class of equipment, dimensions, weight, date in service and remarks, including disposition of the equipment. The volume is arranged in the following order:

Floating equipment: ferries

Locomotives (standard gauge) including those transferred to the O&C from the Southern Pacific

Locomotives (narrow gauge) including those transferred to the O&C from the Oregonian Railroad, Portland & Willamette Valley Railroad, and Portland & Yamhill Railroad.

Passenger cars (standard gauge): 1st class coaches, observation

Passenger cars (narrow gauge but including some cars which were later converted to standard gauge): 1st class coaches, baggage and mail, baggage and passenger

Passenger cars (standard gauge): 2nd class coaches, baggage and passenger, baggage, express and mail, baggage and mail, baggage, express, Pullman sleepers (sold to Pullman Company, 1899), dining

Freight cars (standard gauge): box (12-1/2 ton), box (15 ton), box (25 ton) combination (25 ton), box (15 ton), box (30 ton), box (50 ton), box (25 and 50 ton), flat (12-1/2 ton), flat (15 ton), flat (25 ton), flat (30 ton), flat (40 ton), flat (50 ton), logging (30 ton), stock (12- 1/2 ton), stock (15 ton), passenger fruit (25 ton, changed to box), furniture (30 ton), stock (30 ton), stock (15 and 30 ton), caboose

Freight (narrow gauge): box (transferred from Oregonian Railroad), combination and box (transferred from Oregonian Railroad), flat (transferred from Oregonian Railroad), flat (transferred from Portland and Willamette Valley Railroad), flat (transferred from the Pacific Improvement Company)

Work cars: dump, roadway gondola, roadway flat, business, boarding, pile driver, tool, roadway water, tower, boarding, steam shovel, derrick, tool, boarding

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1876-1926. 8 boxes

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## 2. FINANCIAL RECORDS

### BOX LIST

Box 1 Folder 1 Correspondence (pasted into album), 1876-1878  
Box 1 Folder 2 Land transactions, supporting papers for journal entries, 1918  
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Box 1 Folder 6 Land transactions, supporting papers for journal entries, 1922  
Box 1 Folder 7 Land transactions, supporting papers for journal entries, 1923  
Box 2 Folder 1 Miscellaneous correspondence re bonds, 1897-1905  
Box 2 Folder 2 Interstate Commerce Commission, Incorporate relationships, June 30, 1906  
Box 2 Folder 3 U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries, June 1912  
Box 2 Folders 4-5 Balance sheet of general (Forms 3726, 141), June 1905 - June 1916  
Box 2 Folder 6 Miscellaneous forms  
Box 3 Folders 1-24 Abstracts of disbursements (Form 395), January 11, 1907 - December 1908  
Box 3 Folder 25 Waybills, 1886-1888  
Box 4 [Volume] Letterpress book, Foreclosure statements of Southern Pacific Company, Central Pacific Company, Oregon and California, Southern Pacific Company, 1906-1909  
Box 4 [Volume] Letterpress book, September 1909-March 1910, audited vouchers, Nos. 1378-1571  
Box 4 [Volume] Letterpress book, March 1908 - February 1909 (Form 3357, 3758, 3759), audited vouchers, Nos. 843-1136  
Box 5 [Volume] Cash receipts and Disbursements [Oregon and California Land Company], July 1906 - June 1909  
Box 5 [Volume] Land records, circa 1856-1887  
Box 5 [Volume] Patented lands, April 10, 1888+  
Box 5 [Volume] Cash book, August 1894 - April 1897  
Box 5 [Volume] Cash book, September 20, 1899 - May 31, 1901  
Box 6 [Volume] Cash book, April 1906 - September 1907, mortgaged and unmortgaged lands  
Box 6 [Volume] Temporary ledger and journal, land accounts, mortgaged lands, April 1, 1906 - December 31, 1908  
Box 7 [Volume] Register of cash receipts, cash payments, land sales and land leases [Oregon and California Land Company / Oregon and California Railroad, Operating Department Lands], May 1906 - August 1916  
Box 7 [Volume] Letterpress book, land accounts, August 1906-January 1910  
Box 7 [Volume] Register of expense vouchers [Oregon and California Land Company], July 1906 - March 1923  
Box 8 [Volume] Assessment of Congressional Lands by county, 1895  
[Volume] Balance sheet of general (Form 141), January 1927 - February 1929  
[Volume] Contracts [Oregon and California Land Company], May 1888 - June 1906  
[Volume] Balance Sheet of General (Form 3726), July 1912 - May 1914  
[Volume] Record of Land Sales (Form 551), April 1906 - June 1917; Record of Land Sales Canceled (Form 552), April 1906 - October 1919  
[Volume] Record of Leases (Form 3788), May 1906 - May 1914  
[Volume] Cash Payments (Form 3766), April 1906 - June 1915  
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