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# JANUARY MEETING

There will be a change of the date of the January meeting from Friday, <u>January 18</u> to <u>Friday</u>, <u>January 25</u> – Room 208, Union Station at 8 pm. "RAILROAD LOGGING NIGHT" will be the theme of the evening with John Labbe and Vernon Goe, co-authors of the book "Railroads in the Woods". It will be an outstanding program. John Labbe will tell us some history of early operations, and will illustrate his talk through use of a new type opaque projector which will enlarge his historical photos and clippings so they can be viewed on the screen. Also, there will be shown 8 mm movies of logging railroads. Let's all come out and enjoy this program on <u>January 25<sup>th</sup></u>.

### --This and That-

Longview, Portland & Northern Ry. (formerly the Willamina and Grand Ronde Ry) railroad bridge across Willamina Creek was washed out by recent floods, and will be replaced. The washout has meant that the 8.5 mile along short line out of Grand Ronde could not connect with the SP Co. at Willamina. The new bridge will consist of four steel girders 3' wide which will rest on two rows of piling and will be 60' long. It has been rumored that this railroad would be abandoned, but signs point to continued operations.

Railfans should have been aboard Seattle to Portland GN train 460 the morning of Saturday, December 29<sup>th</sup>. Due to a freight derailment north of Centralia, GN 460 left the mainline at St. Clair and went over the NP branchline through Olympia to Gates on the Aberdeen line, then back to Centralia on the branch through Grand Mound and Rochester. The train was only one hour late into Portland after the 35 mile detour. Passengers who normally detrain at East Olympia with bus connection to Olympia had the advantage of riding directly to the NP depot in Olympia. This train was handled by a NP crew and may have been the first GN train through Olympia, as the GN never had tracks or operating rights to the Washington State Capital.

# STREETCAR SYSTEMS DIMINISHING

Only eleven street car systems remain in the United States and this year Los Angeles MTA will abandon two trolly coach lines and five street railway lines. This system will then be all bus. Chicago, North Shore & Milwaukee Ry's fateful day is January 21, 1963.

# TRAINS THAT GET PASSED IN THE NIGHT-VALLY TIMES

The President of a western railroad once made a trip over a division with his private car coupled to the end of the train. After the trip was completed, he cornered the engineer. "On that stretch of new track back there," he said, "the train orders specified your maximum speed to be 54 mph." "That's right," said the engineer, shuffling nervously. "How fast did you go?" asked the President. "Forty-five," replied the engineer. "I have a speedometer in my car" the president said," and I was doing 65 mph." "Well, I'll be danged," said the engineer, "I didn't see you pass us."