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CHAPTER NOTES

Harry Bedwell, one of our charter members, passed away on October 4, 1955. Mourned by his widow Lorraine and members of this chapter, he will be missed by millions of readers. Harry Bedwell ranked second to none as a railroad fictioneer. Railroad Magazine, Saturday Evening Post, and other periodicals published his many stories, most of which have become classics. As a small tribute to a great author Railroad Magazine reprinted one of them, "Sun and Silence" in the April issue. His close friend, Bill Knapke, found in his desk an unpublished manuscript, "The Sound of an Avalanche", and sold it to The Saturday Evening Post for a price that ran well into four figures. The next issue of Railroad Magazine will carry another famous Bedwell yarn from long ago, "On the Night Wire".

Honorable Richard L. Neuberger, United States Senator from Oregon, whose by-line is railroads, is a charter member.

Damon Trout, widely known for his interest in railroading, has applied for membership. Damon has his own transportation museum at Cedar Mill, which includes a cable car formerly operated in San Francisco.

PASSING PARADE

March was quite a month for Portland. First was the arrival of Lucius Beebe and Charles Clegg in their ornate private railroad car. Finishing a tour of the United States, they're on the way back to home in Virginia City, Nevada. Author Stewart Holbrook, their host here, is a charter member of this chapter. Messrs. Beebe and Clegg say that the private car is the only one in the country owned by those who ride in it.

Next the futuristic aerotrain rolled into Portland over the Union Pacific. The present locomotive, designed for flat country, needed a helper over the Blue Mountains of eastern Oregon.

A few days later part of San Francisco's local color - a cable car passed through Portland to be transplanted in Forest Grove. It will be added to W. W. McCredy's "car barn".

AMERICAN RAILROAD SHRINE

One of the most stirring events in the romance of railroads will take place within a few days when the most celebrated of all low-wheelers, "Old 382", will come down from the Cumberland mountains over the "Dixie Route" to its lasting resting place at the American Railroad Shrine in Jackson, Tennessee. "Old 382" carried Casey Jones to his death the morning of April 30, 1900, at Vaughan, Mississippi. The shrine, to be dedicated on April 30, will enthrone "Old 382" and also Casey's old home.