

Mar. 26th., 1909.

Mr. H.C. Eddy,

Executive Officer and Secretary,

Interstate Commerce Commission,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your communication of the 12th inst., requesting information regarding "Pay-As-You-Enter Cars, and I enclose herewith copy of report received giving you the desired information.

Respectfully yours,

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Mayor.

Brig. Gen. JOHN M. WILSON, U. S. A., Retired, Chairman
HENRY L. WEST
THOMAS W. SMITH
District Electric Railway Commissioners
HARRY C. EDDY
Executive Officer and Secretary

IN REPLY ADDRESS
"DISTRICT ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMMISSION
806 WESTORY BUILDING"

Interstate Commerce Commission

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OFFICE OF DISTRICT ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMMISSION

Washington March 12, 1909.

Hon. Harry Lane,
Mayor, City of Portland Oregon.

Refer to Mr. Eddy

Honorable Sir:

The District Electric Railway Commission is desirous of securing information relative to the general design and the method of operation of the various types of Pay-As-You-Enter cars now in service in various cities and I am directed by the Commission to request that you will kindly furnish it with the following information relative to that type of cars operated by the Portland Railway, Light and Power Company operating cars in your city:

1. Are the cars provided with cross or longitudinal seats?
2. Are passengers required to leave by the front door under any or all circumstances, or is the rear exit door sometimes used, and if so under what conditions?
3. Is the front door leading from the platform to the street operated by the motorman only, and if so in what manner?
4. Are the doors leading from the body of the car to the platform hinged or sliding doors, if the former do they open in or out?
5. What appears to be the general consensus of public opinion in regard to the use of cars of the Pay-As-You-Enter type in your City?
6. Have you any information as to whether or not the profits of the company operating this type of car have been materially increased since these cars have been put in operation?

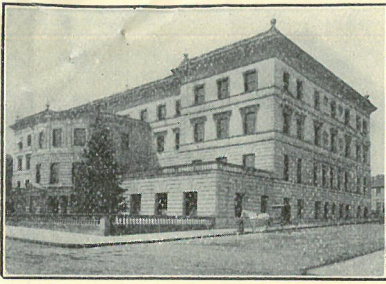
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Thanking you in advance for the information as above requested, I remain,

Very truly yours,

H C Eddy

Executive Officer and Secretary.



Office of the
Inspector of Plumbing
of the City of Portland,
Oregon

Portland, Oregon March 25, 1909

Honorable Harry Lane,
Mayor of Portland,
City Hall.

Dear Sir;

Replying to communication of March 12th from the Interstate Commerce Commission regarding Pay-As-You-Enter cars, beg to submit the following answers to their questions:-

Q.#1. Are the cars provided with cross of longitudinal seats?
A. They are provided with longitudinal seats.

Q.#2. Are passengers required to leave by the front door under any or all circumstances, or is the rear exit door sometimes used, and if so under what conditions?
A. Passengers are permitted to leave by both the rear and front exits.

Q.#3. Is the front door leading from the platform to the street operated by the motorman only, and if so in what manner?
A. The front exit from the car is opened by the passenger and closed by the motorman by a rod working in a slide, which is fastened to door by means of a small wire cable over-head. This slide is directly in front of motorman, and door can only be opened from the inside.

Q.#4. Are the doors leading from the body of the car to the platform hinged or sliding doors, if the former do they open in or out?
A. The doors leading from the body of the car can be made to open in either direction; being hinged, with exception of the rear exit which is a sliding door operated by the conductor by means of a lever in the vestibule. This door can only be opened from the outside.


Q.#5. What appears to be the general consensus of public opinion in regard to the use of cars of the Pay-As-You-Enter type in your City?
A. Easy riding; slow in taking on passengers, and ample standing capacity.

Q.#6. Have you any information as to whether or not the profits of the company operating this type of car have been materially increased since these cars have been put in operation?

A. I am not in position to reply to this question.

Enclosed please find folder showing floor plan, photograph, and general information regarding Pay-As-You-Enter Cars as operated in this city.

Respectfully yours,


Plumbing Inspector.

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Portland, Oregon, March 24, 1909.

Hon. Harry Lane,
Mayor, City of Portland,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:-

I wish to call your attention to the matter of the steel rails on Pettygrove Street from 22nd Street west to 26th Street. This track has apparently been abandoned by the United Railways Company, who put it in, as it is disconnected from their main line at 22nd and Pettygrove Streets. Pettygrove Street has never been improved from 22nd Street to 23rd in front of my home. We property holders have been held up and prevented from improving said street for about three and a half years by this company, and while we have never remonstrated against this road (which was supposed to be a benefit to the public) we certainly do object to concessions of any kind being granted until this track, which has been untouched for more than two years, is taken up and we are allowed to improve our streets, so that grocery wagons ^{can} come in front of our homes in bad weather, which they cannot do under present conditions. Councilman Wallace told me the

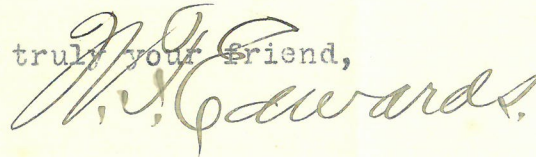
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officials of the company gave him to understand they would not use this track, and I certainly think if this be the case no concessions of any kind should be granted until we have relief. The noise of the 23rd Street cars crossing these rails on Pettygrove Street is a nuisance and the rails should be removed if they are not to be used.

Any attention that you may be able to give this matter will be greatly appreciated by about four blocks of residences in that neighborhood.

I remain -

Very truly your friend,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "W. F. Edwards". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "W. F. Edwards".

Mar. 25th., 1909.

Mr. W.F. Edwards,

316 Chamber of Commerce,

C I T Y.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 24th inst., in relation to the car track on Pettygrove Street belonging to the United Railway Company, and in reply will say that I will take this matter up and endeavor to see that justice is done regarding the same.

Respectfully,

Mayor.