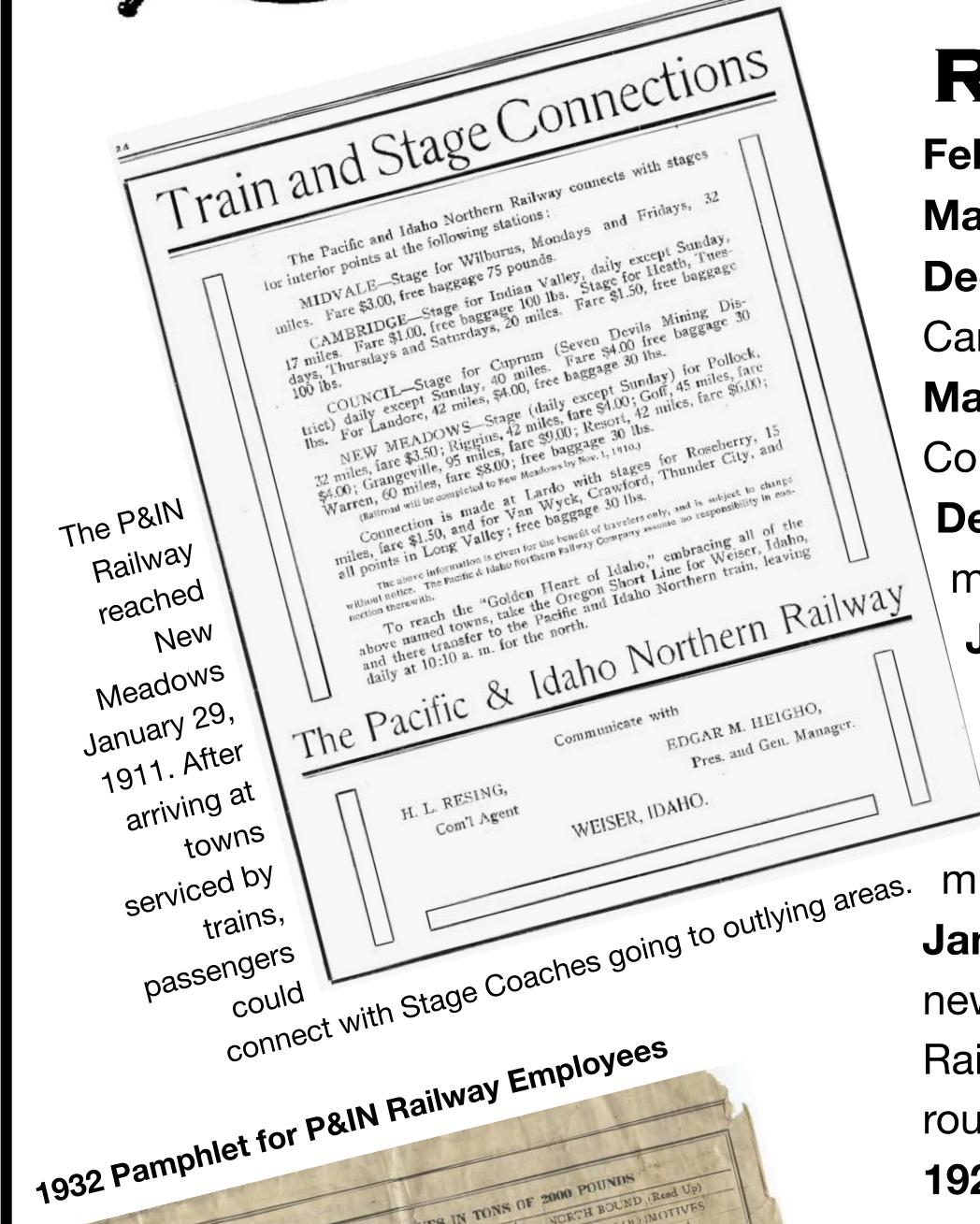


## The P&IN Railway

"The Golden Heart of Idaho"
The Pacific and Idaho Northern Railway



## RAILROAD TIMELINE

February 18, 1899 - P&IN Railway incorporated May 16, 1899 - First rail was laid at Weiser, Idaho December 30, 1899 - 40.5 miles from Weiser to Cambridge completed

March 20, 1901 - 19.5 miles Cambridge to just south of Council completed

**December 22, 1906** from Council to near Evergreen (17 miles) finished

June 30, 1907 - Report to ICC showed 78 miles completed

1910 - Colonel Edgar M. Heigho becomes P&IN president and manager and has the remaining 13.8 miles from Evergreen to New Meadows rails completed.

January 29, 1911 First passenger train arrives at the new depot and newly platted Village of New Meadows. Railroad buildings included the depot, a 4-stall roundhouse and a 4-stall shop.

**1927** P&IN purchased a motor car with which to transport passengers. The Union Pacific (UP), owned Oregon Short Line (OSL), continued motor car service till after 1937.

application to the ICC to consolidate all of its controlled companies including the Oregon Short Line. The ICC forced Union Pacific to purchase 100 percent of P&IN.

August 22, 1936 P&IN was sold to UP's Oregon Short Line Railroad, becoming OSL's New Meadows Branch Late 1930s thru early 1970. Business was up and down but became mostly down in the 1970s due to major change in the logging and sawmill industries. Building highways changed much of the way the farm to market and logging businesses transported their goods. Automobiles became the norm of travel rather than passenger train.

**1979** UP abandoned the track between New Meadows and Rubicon Wye and pulled up the rails. It continued to ship lumber products from Tamarack Mill a few days a week rather than everyday.

1980's UP begins selling off branches of its lines, one of which was the New Meadows Branch.

**November 1995** the last shipment from Tamarack Mill heads south on the rails.

**June 1996** UP begins removing the tracks and railroad ties.

What had taken 12 years and 2,000 men to build was pulled up in a matter of months by 16 men and modern day equipment.

A railway era ended.

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