

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER.

PORTLAND, OR., March 18th, 1898.

CIRCULAR No. 11.

### FRANKED ENVELOPES.

Owing to the irregular and very unsatisfactory mail service between Portland, Sound Cities and Alaskan Ports, we have been frequently importuned to carry letters by express. These demands having become so urgent, and being in a position to give the public much better service than is at present afforded by the ordinary mail, we have decided to inaugurate franked letter service. Having complied with the regulations and requirements of the United States Government, we are now prepared to carry letters by express when enclosed in one of our franked envelopes, over all coastwise routes operated by this Company.

These government stamped envelopes are for the transmission by express of letters or papers of no particular value, only. Patrons using them must not do so for the purpose of forwarding money or valuables, as it must be understood that this Company does not assume any liability for loss of such letters. We shall always use our best endeavors to forward promptly and deliver carefully any and all such letters, but we do not guarantee safe delivery. If a letter is destined to a point beyond or off our line, it will be carried to the point on our route nearest destination and there deposited in the Post Office.

The cost of these envelopes will be TEN CENTS each, in any quantity, and will be found on sale at any and all offices of this Company.

NOTE: It is understood at present time we are not prepared to carry such letters to interior points in Alaska; but simply to coast offices. Later on, when regular through service is established to Dawson, Circle City, etc., we will then name rates for carrying letters through to all points on the Yukon.

M. G. HALL,

General Manager.