

VALENCIA-STREET DEPOT ABOLISHED

Only a Few Southern Pacific Trains in Future to Make Regular Stops in Mission.

To expedite the train service on the Coast line the Southern Pacific Company has decided to discontinue the station at Twenty-fifth and Valencia streets as a stopping place for all except the less important passenger trains. As soon as the operating department can issue a new time card and formally inaugurate the innovation, eight daily passenger trains that now stop at Valencia street will thereafter make only one stop within the city limits and that will be at the Third and Townsend streets depot. Only two of the outbound trains on the present time card will stop at Valencia street. One of the trains passes that point at 6:10 A. M., carrying many commuters who work at South San Francisco. The other is the 6:30 train in the evening. The company has decided to put on two daily funeral trains that will run as far as San Bruno. One will leave at 11 A. M., and the other will leave at 2:30 P. M. Both of these trains will also stop at Valencia street. Of the incoming trains under the new schedule eleven trains will stop at Valencia street and eight will run through to the Third-street depot without stopping. The eleven that will stop are those due at 6:26 A. M., 6:36 A. M., 7:50 A. M., 10:06 A. M., 1:00 P. M., 5:26 P. M., 6:19 P. M., 6:48 P. M., 7:20 P. M., 8:19 P. M., and 9:34 P. M. Tickets will no longer be sold nor will baggage be checked at Valencia street in future, and a notice was posted yesterday announcing the closing of the office at that place.

In explanation of the innovation General Passenger Agent T. H. Goodman said yesterday that the congestion of traffic on the coast line growing out of the company's rapidly increasing business had increased the size of trains to such an extent that the operating department had for months past experienced considerable trouble by stopping outgoing trains on the heavy grade at Valencia street. Between Sixteenth and Harrison streets and Ocean View, it is explained, there is an average grade of ninety feet to the mile, while at Valencia street the grade is 110 feet to the mile. Mr. Goodman said that trains had frequently become stalled on the grade of late because they had to stop at Valencia street. A scheme to obviate the difficulty by reducing the size of the trains and increasing the number had to be dropped as inexpedient for the reason that the single track through the Mission district now accommodates all the trains that can possibly be handled safely and expeditiously. General Manager Kruttschnitt accordingly decided to do away with the Valencia-street depot as a stopping place for trains on the up grade.