TACOMA TERMINALS

The Milwaukee Railroad operates a substantial switching yard at Tacoma from which point several outlying branches are served. These lines include the lines to Aberdeen and Hoquiam, Raymond, Morton and Longview. The major industry at Tacoma is the St. Regis Paper Company. They also operate the subsidiary, St. Paul and Tacoma Lumber Company. At Tacoma we maintain a major Car Department Shop and Locomotive Shop for the handling of our equipment.

At Tacoma we interchange with the GN, NP and UP, as well as the Municipal Belt Line, and the Port of Tacoma. The interchange between the GN, NP, UP and Milwaukee occurs in an interchange yard adjacent to our main line within a half mile of our yard operation and is a very good location insofar as the Milwaukee Railroad is concerned. On the map at the center on the right hand side, is shown Tacoma Junction. The main line of the railroad Seattle south on to Longview and perhaps some day to Portland, actually by-passes the Tacoma Yard and a main line operation between Chicago and Portland could be maintained without entering into the Tacoma Yard.

SPOKANE CUT-OFF

The small scale map of the Spokane area shows that Plummer Junction, Spokane and Marengo form a triangle. Our main line freight trains #261, #262, #263 and #264 operate by way of the freight main line Plummer Junction to Marengo and thence west to Othello. The map also shows the relative location of the Columbia River Basin, namely, Othello, Warden and Moses Lake. The relative distance between Plummer Junction and Marengo is about 100 miles and between Marengo and Othello, about 50 miles.

Cars destined to or from Spokane moving between Spokane and Plummer Junction are handled between these two points on the so-called Plummer Turn. This assignment is normally done in the early hours of the morning at Spokane and goes to Plummer Junction in time to connect with Train #261 and bring the Spokane block of cars back to Spokane. At the same time, this train takes to Plummer Junction all cars moving east or west of the main line out of Plummer Junction. These would be cars for Trains #262, #263 and #264.