

INTERURBAN

1908 - 1928

MERIDIAN

ELEV. 2607 FT.



Broadway Avenue and East Second Street



The Interurban line crossing the railroad tracks



Special postal cancellation

Boise-Valley Ry. Co.

Time Card No. 4.
IN EFFECT JANUARY 1, 1912.

Leaves Meridian	Leaves Boise
6:20 am	8:30 am
7:45 am	8:30 am
9:00 am	8:30 am
10:30 am	10:00 am
12:00 pm	11:30 am
1:30 pm	1:00 pm
3:00 pm	2:30 pm
4:00 pm	5:00 pm
6:00 pm	5:30 pm
7:30 pm	7:00 pm
9:00 pm	8:30 pm
10:00 pm	11:30 pm

*Car at 7:45 am departs from corner Meridian and Pine streets.

All cars make direct connection at Onweiler's for Boise and Nampa, except cars leaving Meridian at 6:20 a. m., 4:00 and 10:00 p. m. These cars run through to Boise without change, and have no connections for Nampa.

Freight Service:
Freight car leaves Interurban Freight House, Cor. 12th and Front Sts, Boise, daily except Sunday, at 9:45 a. m. Arrives in Meridian at 11:30 a. m. Leaves Meridian at 12:00 o'clock for Nampa, arriving there at 1:00 p. m.
Returning car leaves Nampa at 2:45 p. m., Meridian 3:45 and arrives in Boise at 4:30 p. m.
GIVE US A TRIAL SHIPMENT.
BOISE VALLEY RY. CO.

Interurban time schedule

IDAHO TRACTION COMPANY
EXPRESS BILL OF LADING - NON-NEGOTIABLE

RECEIVED, Subject to rules and tariffs in effect on date of this Bill of Lading, at Meridian on Nov 18 1915, from J.A. Webb the property described below, in apparent good order, except as noted, which said Idaho Traction Company agrees to carry to its usual place of delivery at destination, if on its own road; otherwise, to deliver to another carrier at some junction point on the route to destination. It is further agreed that at way stations where there are no agents, all articles will be delivered at owner's risk.

Consigned to E.B. Wayman at Boise

NO. PAGES	DESCRIPTION	WEIGHT	RATE	CHARGES	Received \$
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Charges Advanced \$

For J.A. Webb Shipper Edrich Agent

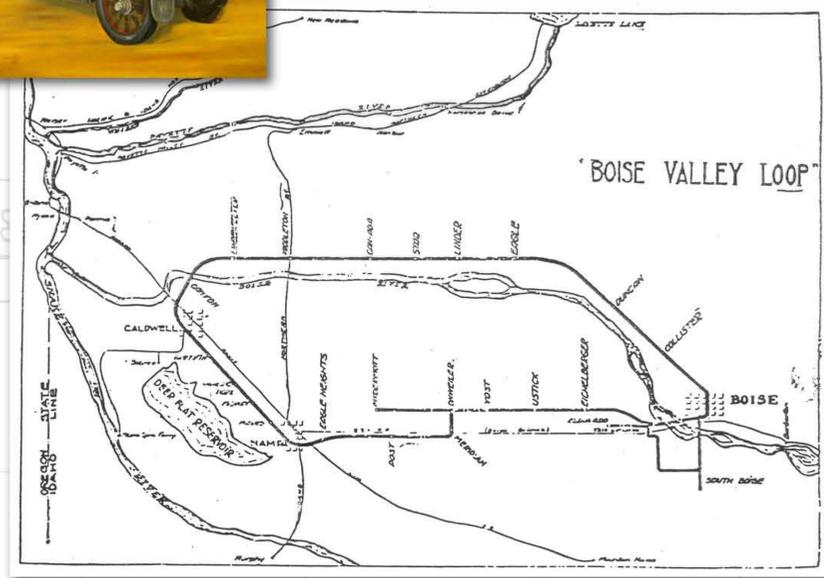
Bill of lading, 1915



Jerry Snodgrass Centennial painting



Boise Valley Railway Company



Map of Interurban, circa 1915-1928

History
Following the raising of \$4,000 to lay the Interurban rail line from Onweiler (Meridian and Ustick Roads), the tracks were completed into the village center. Turning east on Broadway and ending at East Second, the last car would spend the night in Meridian before returning to Boise early the next morning with passengers and freight. The Interurban Station and Generator building (west one-third of the old library at Meridian and Idaho Streets) was built in 1912, and the line continued on to Nampa via Meridian. The tracks down Broadway were not used after 1912. The Interurban Company entered into receivership and closed in 1928 after 20 years of providing continuous economical transportation to neighboring towns. It was Meridian's main connection to the area outside the local community.

The Union Pacific Railroad spur opened in 1900 and is currently operated by the Idaho Northern and Pacific Railroad. Many industrial customers continue to ship forest, agricultural, and chemicals products along this corridor.

Design Elements
The brick walkway contains inset rail lines from the Union Pacific Railroad spur that served the creamery and nearby businesses by moving goods and services. The railroad played a key role in the early economic prosperity of Meridian with the Interurban being a popular and key choice for moving people in these early days.

