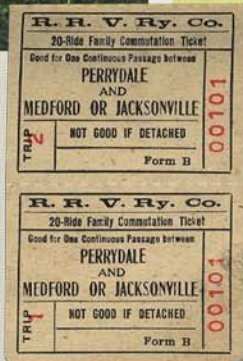


Jacksonville Courthouse  
circa 1900



John Barnum  
at desk, possibly  
James Harvey  
Barnum at left,  
January 1913  
Jacksonville depot.



John C. Barnum 1891  
Photo by Peter Britt



RRVRR # 1 Original. Looking North Jacksonville, Oregon

It is altogether probable that the Rogue River Valley short line has the youngest conductor in its employ of any railroad in the world. His age is in the immediate

surroundings of twelve years. His name is John Barnum and he is a son of Wm. Barnum, an engineer on the same road. The young man is said to be taking lessons in the guttural rendition of "TICK-ETS" and pays as little attention to questions asked by passengers as does the average real man conductor.

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John C. Barnum, gained notoriety as possibly the youngest conductor in the world. He was featured in newspaper articles, and a photo of him in a conductor's uniform was published in the Portland Railway and Marine Gazette.