

Glossary 4

- OPEN SWITCH - When switch is open, the main track is connected to a siding or spur.
- ORNAMENT - Station Master
- O. S. - To report a train to the dispatcher when it departs a station.
- PADDLE - Semaphore signal.
- PARLOR - Caboose.
- PARLOR SHACK - Rear brakeman on a freight train.
- PECK - Twenty minute lunch stop.
- PEDDLE - Set out freight cars.
- PEDDLER - Local freight train.
- PIG PEN - Roundhouse.
- PIKE - Railroad.
- PILOT - An employe assigned to the train when the engineer or conductor is not acquainted with the rules or portion of railroad which train is to be moved.
- PINK - Caution card.
- POP - Safety valve.
- POSSUM BELLY - Tool box mounted under caboose or tender.
- POUND HER - To work a locomotive to its capacity.
- PULL FREIGHT - To quit a job.
- PULL THE PIN - To quit a job or quit for the day.
- RAIL - The T shaped iron a train runs on or a railroader.
- RATTLER - Freight train.
- RAWHIDER - A supervisor that drives his men extra hard.
- RED BALL - Fast freight.
- REEFER - Refrigerator car.
- REGULAR TRAIN - A train authorized by timetable.
- RIGHTS OF A TRAIN - Rights that one train possesses over another as defined by train order, time table, or direction.
- RIGHT TO THE ROAD - The right of a train to occupy the main track at a particular time or place.
- RIP TRACK - Siding used for minor car repair.