

TRACTION COMPANY IN AUTO BUS BUSINESS

With the inauguration by the Washington Auto Bus Company of a service between Seattle and Bothell next Monday morning, the Puget Sound Traction, Light & Power Company makes its entry into a new field of transportation endeavor in Seattle.

Auto busses of the latest type, supplied with every known device for comfort, will be used by the new company, a subsidiary of the traction company, and transfers will be issued and accepted between this line of busses and the cars of the traction company, either at Cowen Park or at the Seattle terminus of the line, the Seattle-Everett station at Fifth Avenue and Pine Street.

The Seattle-Bothell line is similar to those which have been operated by the traction company at Bellingham and other points as auxiliaries or feeders to the various electric lines.

The first auto bus will leave Bothell at 6:40 o'clock in the morning and arrive at the Seattle terminus at 7:45. Three vehicles will be in service morning and evening and two during the remainder of the day. Stops will be made at Kenmore, Lake Forest, Briar Creek, Lake City, Chelsea, O'Brien, Morningside and Cowen Park.

The type of cars selected is a glass enclosed street car body, on a Mack truck. The forward wheels are pneumatic tired and the rear wheels are block non-skid rubber tires. The cars will seat twenty persons, exclusive of the driver, and there is standing room for ten additional passengers, the hand-holds being of white enameled metal.

The seats are of the street car type and are unholstered with leatherette. The cars are electric lighted and are heated from the engine exhaust, a new feature in stage busses.