

U. P. OCTOBER NET IS BEST

Earnings of the Union Pacific Railroad for the month of October were the best in the history, a net profit of \$7,191,731, having been recorded, which is 23 per cent above a year ago and 2 per cent above October, 1922, the previous high record for any month, states an Eastern Newspaper.

Total gross revenues of \$24,354,754, were 12 per cent higher than a year ago and only \$44,000 under the 1922 record. The previous record for any month, October, 1922, when freight revenues represented at least 20 per cent less traffic because of higher rates.

Freight revenues were 12.7 per cent over a year ago, and the gain was nearly equaled by that in passenger receipts, which were \$2,242,651, a gain of \$711,928, or 30.6 per cent.

The low ratio of operating expenses to revenues of 60.58 per cent was made possible by the low cost of fuel, and the maintenance of equipment. That the maintenance of all expenses showed a reduction from a year ago, but the reduction, amounting to \$420,495, more than offset the small increases in other expense items.

Equipment maintenance was heavy last year and this year's extra outlays were made with the result that equipment was ready for heavy fall traffic.

Not for increases in taxes and equipment costs, net operating income would have been nearly \$1,000,000 higher. Net revenues before taxes and costs were \$9,577,684, a gain of \$2,652,226, or 28 per cent over October, 1922, but taxes increased 8 per cent, or \$26,588, to \$1,233,551. An increase of \$902,927, or 294 per cent, in equipment costs to \$1,075,630 detracted most from the month's fine showing.

October's splendid results improved the year's showing marked by the year's increase in gross revenues stood at \$14,838,684 at the end of September, it was \$17,151,606 at the end of October, and the increase in net operating income grew from \$4,322,726 to \$6,112,241.

Net operating income now stands at \$21,492,979 for the 12 months, and for the whole of 1922 it was only \$13,496,217. November loadings so far point to the largest November gross the road ever will have received, and indicate that the estimate that the Union Pacific will earn at least \$14 million this year will be fulfilled.

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George Washington Trowel History is Quite Notable

In the archives of Alexandria, Washington Lodge No. 22, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Virginia, there is kept a little silver trowel, bearing the inscription:

"This trowel, the property of 'Alexander Washington Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M.' was used by General George Washington."

September 15th, 1733, to lay the cornerstone of the capital of the United States of America, at Washington, D. C."

The trowel is made of solid silver, with an ivory handle which has been grown yellow with age. It was made by John Duff, a silversmith of Alexandria, Virginia, who married the daughter of General Washington's landowner neighbor.

This trowel is historic, not only for reason of the fact that it was used by our first president, but also by reason of the part that was played in the laying of the cornerstone of the capital of the United States by the little Masonic lodge which is located in the quaint little town of Alexandria, 17 miles from the city of Washington, D. C., on the 15th day of April, 1733, after a definite plan for the seat of our government had been chosen.

The Masons of Alexandria, Virginia, gathered together for the purpose of carrying the starting point for the final survey of the District of Columbia. This starting point was the southern corner of a square of ten poles on a little tongue of land running out into the Potomac just below Alexandria. On this day, in keeping with the custom, eating and drinking preceded the doing of anything else, and there was a merry feast at George Town, in the little town. Everybody of importance was there, two of the commissioners of the Federal district, the official surveyor, and the Geographic General of the United States, Major Andrew Ellicott. The night of the occasion was "May the stone which we are about to place in the ground remain an immortal monument to the wisdom and unanimity of North America." In the afternoon, the procession was formed, and headed by the Town Sergeant, the procession marched from Alexandria to the spot indicated by the Geographic General, and the cornerstone of the District of Columbia was laid with full Masonic ceremony.

Two years and a half later, on the 15th day of September, 1794, the cornerstone of the capital was to be laid. Lodge No. 3 of George Town was the meeting point. At about ten o'clock in the morning, appeared on the Virginia shore Lodge No. 22 of Alexandria, close by followed by a volunteer company of artillery. These two Virginia organizations crossed the river and were drawn up with the George Town lodge in formation on the river bank, looking away to the south for the appearance of President Washington and his suite. This distinguished party

came up from Mount Vernon on horseback, rode down to the ferry, and the President was received with military honors as he landed at Georgetown. The procession formed and they marched from Georgetown to the president's palace, which is now known as the White House, where they were joined by the first Masonic body of the national capital. It had just paid five pounds and thirty shillings for its charter, and was only six days old. It was then known as Lodge No. 12, but now is called Federal Lodge No. 1. In front of the president's palace, the procession was reformed, and they marched a mile and a half further east, to Jenkins Hill, the site of the capital.

Such a procession these days would march down Pennsylvania avenue, amidst the throngs gathered on either side and between the long rows of buildings. In those days Pennsylvania avenue was an impassable swamp, and the procession had to take a roundabout way, following the contour of the hills. The great city of Washington was just being laid out. Many streets were marked only by the blazes of the trail. Jenkins Hill and the surrounding country were covered with woods, save for the cleared space for the capital building and here and there other clearings being made for further building.

Late in the afternoon, upon arriving at the capital, the company formed the historic service. The artillery fired its salutes. The Masonic lodge took position near the southeast corner of the foundations. The President, with Joseph Clark, as United Worshipful Grand Master, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, the Worshipful Masters of the three lodges gathered there, stood forward and in accordance with the ceremony of the Masonic order, a large silver plate, properly inscribed for the occasion, was handed to the President. Bearing this plate, and accompanied by the Grand Master and the three Worshipful Masters of the lodges, the President descended into the trench, where he laid the cornerstone, using the little silver trowel which has now grown an heirloom. After the depositing of the silver plate, the corn, the wine and the oil were placed upon the cornerstone, prayer was offered, and then an address by the Worshipful Grand Master. The little congregation at these occasions then dispersed, just as the sun was setting on the grand Potomac hills.

This trowel has been used on many important occasions since that date, the last time being on the first day of November, 1922, when, under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Virginia, forty-nine Grand Masters of the United States and Canada met in the little town of Alexandria and laid the cornerstone of the George Washington National Masonic Memorial. In laying this cornerstone the Grand Master of Virginia first

used the Washington trowel, and then invited President Coolidge and Chief Justice Taft to participate in the ceremony after which each Grand Master present performed his part. Gen. T. G. Cochran of La Grande, Oregon, Grand Master of Masons in this state, was present and participated in the ceremony, using the famous trowel. Each Grand Master was then presented with an exact replica of the Washington Trowel, and also used it in spreading some of the cement upon the cornerstone. Each Grand Master was permitted to keep his replica of the Washington Trowel, thus presenting to him a souvenir of the occasion.

The George Washington National Masonic Memorial is a building now being erected at Alexandria, Virginia, from the donations of Masons of the United States as a memorial to Washington, the Mason. This building will be 250 feet long, 200 feet wide, and 220 feet high, and will cost around four million dollars. It will be a shrine for future Masons, and a memorial worthy of the man to whom it is dedicated.

SEEK TO HAVE WILL ANNULED

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Beef, marrow, 2 for 25 cents.
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Turnips, 10 cents per bunch.
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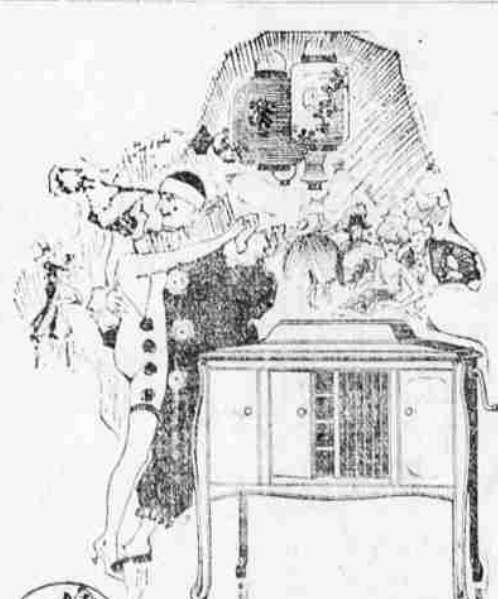
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