

### POWER COMPANY 20 YEARS OLD

Organization Serving  
Union and Baker Coun-  
ties was Started in 1909

The Eastern Oregon Light and Power company, which covers 11 cities and towns and a major part of the rural sections of Baker and Union counties, is now in its 20th year of existence, according to a story recently prepared for state-wide distribution. The company was organized in 1909, and, of course, operated in rather a small way at the start; however, it was sufficient in size to take care of the then immediate needs of the territory it was to serve and it has steadily increased its capacity and extent of territory served. The company's program of expansion can best be visualized by a few of the most important statistics concerning this company's growth, which are all taken from the company's annual reports and shown below.

Company plants owned and operated are five, they being located at Hesk, Crook, Fremont, Morgan, Lake, Croze and Baker, with a capacity of 4920 kilowatts or 5273 horse power. This is augmented by purchases of additional current from the Idaho Power Co. on the east and delivered through a new and modern high tension line to this company at Furber, and thence brought to Baker, Union and La Grande sections through the continuation of a similar new line, all of which affords an additional source of supply to insure a continuity of service and a maximum supply for any additional industries that may locate in this territory.

Investments 1918 to 1928 inclusive:

Plant facilities	\$222,517.00
Transmission lines	238,691.00
Distribution lines	277,889.00

\$738,897.00

A million dollars in the three items shown above, will give some-what of an idea of the amount of new money that must be constantly and continuously provided by any such public service institution. The payroll during the same period ran to \$1,213,947, and the purchase of materials of all kinds totaled \$906,932. The above items, of course, cover operating and maintenance costs, as well as for construction purposes, many of which are of Oregon products.

Taxes have run over a third of a million dollars (\$452,750) in this period, and have now reached the sum of \$59,361 for the year 1928. The company now has 50 permanently employed employees and some 7500 customers.

### Arlington Sheep Are Unloaded At Hilgard Station

By VERA WEISHER  
(Observer Correspondent)  
HILGARD, Ore., (Special) — Smyth brothers of Arlington, unloaded 2,700 sheep at Hilgard Friday morning and took them out on the range near Starkey. Warner brothers also took about 2,400 to Wallowa for range. Sydney Smyth, Gay Wilson and George Sperry are looking after the sheep.

Dona and June Scott went to Honeovert, Wash., to visit their mother last week. They returned home Friday.

Mrs. Joseph P. Young was a weekend guest of her mother in La Grande last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Coleman are in La Grande this week. Mr. Coleman has been ill and is staying in town to be near a doctor until he is able to work again.

L. Stryemore went to Baker Monday, returning Tuesday.

Mrs. Jennie Holverson, who was at one time a resident of Hilgard, but now lives in La Grande, was visiting friends here recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Moorehead went by car to Couelle, Wash., to visit Mrs. Moorehead's parents. Mrs. Moorehead expects to be gone a month. Mr. and Mrs. Quint, of Baker, went with them as far as Portland where they will visit friends.

V. Kumasawa went to La Grande Thursday to visit relatives for a few days.

Dan Sanford was here from the ranch Friday attending to business. He is living on the Bert, Able ranch, near Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Glad Puckett and Mrs. Zenith Bush were visiting at Hilgard Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Price moved to La Grande Wednesday, where Mr. Price will be employed by the oilless cleaners.

John Thornbue and Carl Stilling, who are working for the railroad company, went to La Grande Friday to take examinations.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Purgason, of Meacham, are moving to Hilgard this week.

Mrs. Wagoner of Elgin, came in Friday to spend the weekend and Mother's Day with her daughter, Mrs. Angus Morrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo McDowell started for Albany, Ore., Friday, where they spent the weekend with his parents.

Graver Simons, of Cove, is employed as carpenter at the Five Point camp grounds at present, during the building of two cabins.

Mr. Glenn, of the Mountain Spring station, is completing four nice cabins.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Coats were La Grande visitors Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ketter returned recently from a trip to Portland and southern Oregon. While in southern Oregon they visited with Mrs. Ketter's parents and brother and sister at Klamath Falls. They were gone three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bloom, of Pendleton, spent Sunday visiting with the Welmer family at Five Point.

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THIRTY  
YEARS

### O.-W. Railroad First In Safety First Records

PORTLAND, Ore., May 15—The Pacific Northwest can now boast the safest railroad—the O.-W. R. R. & N. A bronze plaque, first award for safety on railroads, costing \$9,000.00 to \$9,000.000 man-hours of work per year, will be formally presented to General Manager J. P. O'Brien on May 21 by Mr. Henry A. Reisinger, president of the national safety council. Mr. O'Brien and General Safety Agent J. P. Grodzki have accepted Mr. Reisinger's invitation to attend the banquet of the National Safety Council at the Commodore Hotel, New York City, on that date. The National Safety Council will be host to officials of the winning railroads, officials of the American Railway association and other distinguished guests.

Besides the O.-W. R. R. & N., the first award winners in 1928 in the other six groups, classified according to size, are announced as follows: Southern Railway System; Texas and New Orleans Railroad Company; Chicago Great Western Railroad Company; Gulf, Mobile and Northern Railroad Company; The Ann Arbor Railroad Company; the Texas Mexican Railway Company and the Pullman Company, Chicago Central Zone.

The Union Pacific System and three of its four units won first places in different groups last year and were thus prevented by the rules from receiving first awards this year. Since the National Safety Council instituted its practice of making awards for railroad safety work, the Union Pacific System has established, by a wide margin, the best record among all American railroads. The O.-W. R. R. & N., operating 2,007 miles of line in Oregon and Washington and having 8,817 employees in these states, has played a prominent part in

achieving this remarkable safety record.

In his letter to Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Reisinger said:

"It gives me great pleasure to officially advise you that, after reviewing the Interstate Commerce Commission accident records of class I railroads for 1928, the committee on award for the railroad employees national safety contest, finds that the O.-W. R. R. & N. Co. had the lowest total casualty rate per million man-hours of all contesting railroads in group C (class I railroads whose employees on duty in trains, train service, and non-train operation worked between 20,000,000 and 50,000,000 man-hours during the contest period—the year of 1928.)"

EX-GOVERNOR, 80, DIES

AUSTIN, Tex., May 15 (AP)—Former Governor Joseph D. Sayers, 82, died at his home here today. He was governor of Texas from 1889 to 1902 and was the oldest living former chief executive.

### Recovering From Mid-May Snows

WINNIPEG, Man., May 15 (AP)—Canada's three western provinces were recovering today from a mid-May snowstorm.

Farming operations were halted. Although seeding will be delayed, the snow will not harm the crop already planted, it is believed.

Blizzard conditions prevailed throughout northern Manitoba yesterday. There were eight inches at Kelwood.

### Great Continent's Names

According to certain authorities, the name Europe is derived from the Assyrian "Irhu" or "Ereh," which means the setting sun or the West, while the name Asia is derived from the Assyrian "Assu," meaning the rising sun or the East.

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