

Electricity Costs Less Here Than in The Other States

Oregon Utilizes Very Small Per Cent of Its Potential Hydro-Electric Power

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Salem, Ore.—Only 4.5 percent of the potential hydro-electric power in Oregon is being utilized, according to a survey just completed by N. G. Wallace, public utilities commissioner.

The output capacity of privately owned hydro-electric plants in Oregon, Wallace's report shows, aggregated 164,625 kilowatts in 1936. These plants, operating at an average of only 59 per cent of capacity generated 72 percent of the electric energy used in the state. Steam plants, used mainly as stand-by plants, have an output capacity of 153,400 kilowatts. Oregon patrons of electric utilities buy their "juice" at a much lower rate than do consumers in other sections of the United States. Wallace's report shows that the average rate paid by domestic users in Oregon is only \$2.97 cents per kilowatt hour whereas the average rate for the nation is 4.69 cents per kilowatt hour.

Consumption of electricity in Oregon increased 14 percent in 1936 over the 1930 figure. Based upon data already available gross revenues of Oregon electric utilities for 1937 will exceed the gross revenue of 1936 by approximately 10 percent.

Through negotiations between the utilities commissioner and the officials of the various electric utilities rate reductions involving a saving of \$855,670.82 to Oregon consumers were put into effect between April 1, 1935, and October 31, 1937.

While operating revenues of Oregon electric utilities show a gain of 11.1 for 1936 over 1930 operating expenses of the same utilities show an increase of 16.79 percent during the same period. Taxes alone paid by these utilities increased 37 percent during the seven years covered by the report and for the year 1936 aggregated \$2,935,888.18 representing more than 15 cents out of each dollar of gross operating revenue collected by these utilities.

Citing 11.53 mills per kilowatt-hour as the average operating expense involved in the production of electricity by plants in Oregon, the commissioner breaks this expense item down as follows: Production expense, 2.25 mills; transmission expense, .26; distribution, 1.11; utilization, .31; commercial, .81; new business, .69; general and miscellaneous, 1.22; depreciation, 1.62; uncollectible bills, .15; taxes, 3.11.

Thornton Corners

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Perini of Sacramento, who had visited the past month here with relatives, left Wednesday for their home.

Mrs. Mamie Beidler was hostess to the Neighborhood club at her home Thursday afternoon. The time was spent socially and refreshments were served. Mrs. Pete Fettes will entertain the members next meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Allen and Mrs. Mary Cole of Eugene were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Codel Zilkoski and two children of Springfield were visitors for several days over the week end of Mr. Zilkoski's sister, Mrs. Ralph Witcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Corbett Smith, son and daughter of Culp Creek, were supper guests Friday evening at the Joe Premazzi home.

Keith Foster of Ashland visited over night Sunday at the R. B. Dixon home.

Mrs. B. F. McCullum, Mrs. E. J. West, Mrs. Thomas West and Mrs. Bob Owens and children of Culp Creek, were all-day visitors Friday of Mrs. T. H. William.

Ned Florer of San Francisco is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Henry Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. George Alleman of Divide and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Briggs of Culp Creek were New Year's day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Foster.

Mrs. J. W. Fisher accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Matt Maddess of Gowdyville to the New Year's rally at the Lighthouse Temple in Eugene Saturday.

Mrs. Frank LaBlue and daughter

ters of Hebron spent New Year's day with Mrs. LaBlue's sister, Mrs. Joe Premazzi.

Mrs. R. B. Dixon and daughter Doris visited two days last week in Portland at the Mrs. Harold Hansen home, returning here Friday.

Mrs. Jessie Wright and family, who visited Mrs. Wright's sister, Mrs. J. W. Fisher, and other relatives in the vicinity over Christmas, left Wednesday for their home in Klamath Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lake entertained with a watch night party at their home Friday night. There were 17 present.

Gordon Schrenk, in honor of his eleventh birthday anniversary, was host to all the children in the lane at a theater party Saturday and after the show all were treated to ice cream.

Mrs. Elbert Brown and children of Cottage Grove and Ellena Golden of Springfield were dinner guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Shortridge on New Year's day.

Mrs. R. C. McKay of London spent Sunday at the S. P. Shortridge home.

Saginaw

Mrs. Mildred Bachlan, Mrs. Margaret Warner, Beverly Ferguson and E. Moore, all of Portland, were visitors recently at the McKinnis home.

Mrs. Phyllis White and Leta Walkley of Creswell spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. Claude Lawson.

A large crowd attended the dance at Walker New Year's night.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taplin spent New Year's day with Mrs. Taplin's son and family near Noti.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Forcier of Eugene spent Friday at the home of Mrs. Forcier's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Benston.

Ros-mae Stewart of Eugene spent the week end at her home here.

Mrs. Ben Jackson of Walker spent Friday with her sister, Mrs. Lawrence Montieth, who was ill with the flu.

Mary Alma Benston spent Thursday and Friday with an aunt Mrs. Claude Willey of Cottage Grove.

Lynx Hollow

Mrs. Thomas Bee, house guest at the Lyle Taylor home, left for Alameda Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sampson and son Jack of Earl Height were over-night guests at the home of

Mrs. Sampson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Lebow.

Mr. and Mrs. Claire Thornton and sons Roy and Ray were week end guests at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Glen Hale of Marshfield.

Emery Beda of Marshfield visited at the P. M. Beach home Friday and called on other friends in the hollow.

Kenneth Walker of Springfield, a former resident, was a guest of Horace Wolfard.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Y. Porter spent the week end with their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Porter of Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Porter accompanied by Phyllis Adams and Dick Houge of Eugene spent the week end skiing at Frog camp. A crowd of young folks from Cottage Grove gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Beach to see the new year in.

Murnard England has returned from San Francisco, where he visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher England.

London

Miss Helen Addleman and Russell Ingle of Roseburg visited Wednesday at the W. L. Townsend home. They were enroute to Eugene to visit relatives.

Lane Goodwin, Mildred Cox, Ferrel Cox and Marvis Sutherland attended a party Friday evening at the Harold Gravos home in Eugene.

Bryan Newton of Medford visited friends and relatives here one day last week.

Joan King of Cottage Grove who had spent several days with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Phillips, returned home Thursday.

Miss Ada Sherman and mother of Reedsport spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. W. C. Shortridge.

Glen Ems received a severe cut on his left knee Wednesday. Glen was with Leon Williams who was slashing brush, when the latter's ax slipped, striking Glen on the knee. He was given medical treatment by a Cottage Grove physician.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Shipp and two sons, Mrs. LeRoy Goodwin and daughter and son and Mrs. W. L. Townsend attended church services in Roseburg Sunday morning, spending the rest of the day visiting relatives and friends. Louise Goodwin and T. H. Tarbet of Eugene visited at the LeRoy Goodwin home Thursday night and Friday.

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