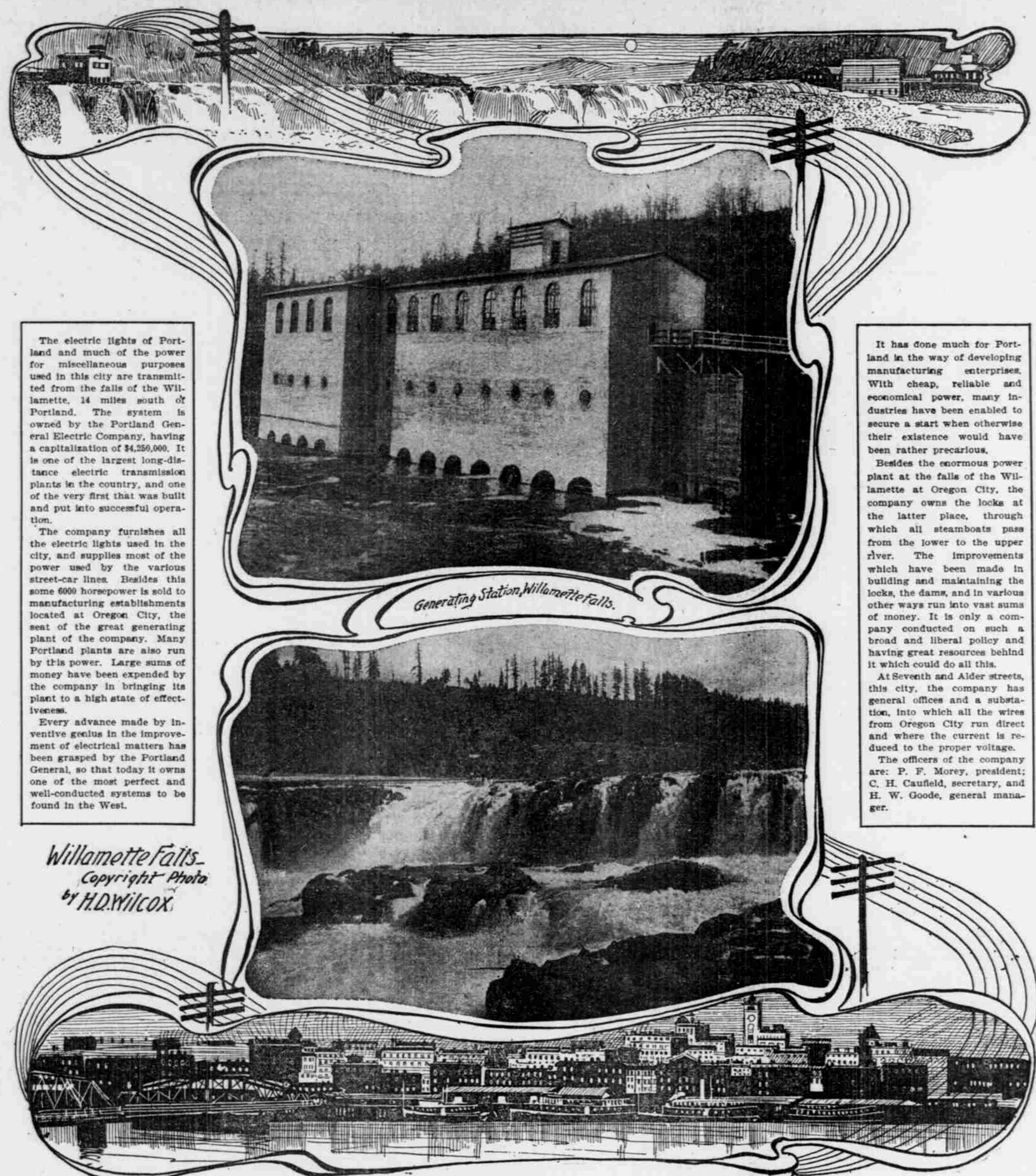


PORTLAND'S ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER SUPPLY.



The electric lights of Portland and much of the power for miscellaneous purposes used in this city are transmitted from the falls of the Willamette, 14 miles south of Portland. The system is owned by the Portland General Electric Company, having a capitalization of \$4,250,000. It is one of the largest long-distance electric transmission plants in the country, and one of the very first that was built and put into successful operation.

It has done much for Portland in the way of developing manufacturing enterprises. With cheap, reliable and economical power, many industries have been enabled to secure a start when otherwise their existence would have been rather precarious.

Willamette Falls. Copyright Photo by H.D. Wilcox.

yield an annual income of from \$50 to \$75, according to grade and care. Poultry-raising offers large and sure returns to the man who takes it up systematically. Chickens are healthy, prolific and the weather never gets cold enough to stop them from laying or freeze the eggs.

The county does not have the manufacturing enterprises her opportunities justify. There are six flouring mills with a combined daily capacity of 650 barrels, 10 sawmills, which supply the local demand and ship several millions of feet of lumber yearly to other markets, one organ factory, one sash and door factory, one ice factory and two creameries.

The company furnishes all the electric lights used in the city, and supplies most of the power used by the various street-car lines. Besides this some 6000 horsepower is sold to manufacturing establishments located at Oregon City, the seat of the great generating plant of the company.

Every advance made by inventive genius in the improvement of electrical matters has been grasped by the Portland General, so that today it owns one of the most perfect and well-conducted systems to be found in the West.

in her educational facilities the county is surpassed by no other in the state. The common school system comprises 80 districts, with a school population of 2500 children. The common school fund furnishes about \$2 for each child, and most of the districts have nine months of school each year, the average for all the districts being seven months.

For hours of recreation, the ocean, distant but a few hours' ride by rail, calls to the enjoyment of the beach and the surf, and the pleasures of the fishing boat, invite to the pleasures of their soothing shade, the quest of the gamy trout which inhabit their sparkling streams, or the pursuit of the magnificent deer which hide in their fastnesses.

With all her other advantages, Benton County offers to the homeseeker a pleasant and profitable home at a modest price. There are in the county 40,000 acres of Government land, some of which is valuable as timber land and some as ranges. This is open to homestead and timber entries.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY.

Inducements to Homeseekers Not Exceeded Anywhere in the World. Clackamas County is becoming famous for the fertility of its soil, variety of resources and abundance of productions, and is destined to be one of the garden spots of the Willamette Valley.

regates 30,000, of which nearly 7000 reside in Oregon City and suburbs. The topography of the county is designed and calculated for the highest state of development. The Willamette River, which flows through the county north and south is the Willamette River, which affords excellent transportation facilities for the products of the southern part of the county into the markets of the world.

Profit in Dairying.

Within the past few years the creamery and dairy industry has developed to a marked degree, and already a number of dairies are in successful operation in different portions of the county. Profits derived from this source encourage the belief that this industry will be increased many times throughout the county within the coming year.

The benefits that come to the people through creameries and dairies are many. The industry diversifies farming and the competition it raises is an incentive to higher and stronger efforts in the line of cattle-breeding. Dairy farmers are taking an interest that has never been noted before in securing a high grade of stock.

Forests, Minerals and Grains.

The vast forests of Clackamas County are such as to demonstrate that Clackamas County is second to none. The creamery and dairy industry alone is destined to support a population greater than the present population of the county.

also ripens early, and is used in the manufacture of flour. Barley is probably a surer product than any other grain, and commands a higher price in the market than other cereals on account of the commercial demand for it.

Flour Shipped to Europe and Asia.

Until recent years wheat has held first place among the productions of this county, and can be raised as cheaply and in as large quantities here as in any place in the world.

The remainder is graded, corduroyed and planked, and made conveniently passable at all seasons of the year. In the last fiscal year the county spent \$50,000 on its public roads, exclusive of popular subscription of \$7500.

LANE COUNTY.

People Awake to the Importance of Utilizing Their Vast Resources.

The year just ended was in many respects a phenomenal one for Lane County. Never in the history of the county has there been such a season of development, such evidence on the part of the people of a waking up to the importance of utilizing the varied resources of the county.

continue. With the increase in the population, the introduction of new ideas of farming by incoming immigrants, and a demand for diversity of products, there has been a steady growing change to more modern methods of diversified farming. The small crops and small items about rural industry became more important, and have a state for the country an immense income without detracting from the chief products of former years.

Big Demand for Lumber.

Among the industries of Lane County the lumber industry has clearly been in the lead the past year in magnitude and importance. The excellent timber which grows in both the Cascade and Coast Ranges of mountains is becoming known in the markets of the East, and on account of its superior quality of lumber is now in great demand.

Agriculture and Dairying. Agriculture furnishes an occupation to a vast majority of the population of the county. The broad, rich valley is becoming more thickly settled, and large farms are being subdivided. The richness of the soil, together with favorable climate, make agricultural crops almost certain.

EDWARD EVERETT BRODIE, Oregon City.

There is a long time before some of the greatest natural resources were brought into anything like a state of development. Not because they were altogether overlooked, but because their importance was not fully realized and the capital and experience for such products were almost entirely neglected and considered of no value.