

GREAT PROGRESS IS MADE BY CITY

Municipal Improvements for
1910 Far in Excess of
Other Years.

MILES OF STREETS PAVED

Expensive Reservoirs Finished and
Big Pipeline Is Well Under Way.
Plans for Year of 1911 Are
Laid on Equal Scale.

Every department of the city government has reflected the general prosperity of the municipality during the year just closed. Almost twice as much money has passed through the hands of the City Treasurer as the year before, and the records show that the various city improvements have far exceeded those of years past.

The Water Department virtually has completed two expensive reservoirs and the new Bull Run pipe, which will increase the water supply of the city to three times its present supply, is nearly done and will be finished by mid-summer of 1911. The street improvements have totaled more during 1910 than in all the previous years in the history of the city. One new bridge across the Willamette has been completed and another authorized to be built this year. Parks were improved materially during 1910 and previous records have been broken in the way of playground improvements. Plans have been made for more parks and a new zoo, and considerable playground improvements have been outlined for the new year. A new garbage crematory has been completed and is now in use. Better fire-fighting facilities have been provided and more are authorized. The city has authorized the sale of \$2,500,000 of bonds for the purchase of municipal docks, and a Dock Commission has been organized to improve the shipping facilities of the city.

Treasurer Handles Millions.

Cash paid into the office of City Treasurer Werlein during 1910 was the remarkable sum of \$11,250,000. The amount of money paid into the city treasury in 1909 was considered exceptional, but it totaled only \$7,293,871, which was a record for the year. The City Treasurer paid out during the past year \$9,450,000, while during the year previous the disbursements were only \$5,115,245.48.

In talking of the rapid growth of the city's finances, City Treasurer Werlein said:

"I can remember a time when the total receipts for this office were only \$500,000 in a year. When that amount was received it caused much comment and was considered of much importance. The only drawback in the city finances during the year was the failure of the Chicago bond-buyers to accept the \$400,000 of Broadway bridge bonds awarded to them. The fact that this was done on the word of a single attorney, in the face of opposing opinions of noted authorities on bonds and the decisions of the courts made it remarkable. For I think that nothing was never before known in the history of the country."

The City Treasurer's books show that the number of licenses, which are considered to indicate something of the growth of the city's population, have exceeded all previous records the last four months. The season for sale of dog licenses opens each year with September 1. During the 12 months ended August 31, 2500 licenses for male dogs and 475 for females were sold. Since the first of last September there have been exactly the same number of licenses for male dogs sold as during the previous 12 months, and the licenses for females have totaled 525.

Street Paving Breaks Records.

Never in the previous history of Portland has there been so much street improvement as was done during 1910, and the work for next year promises to be far in excess of that done during the last 12 months.

Statistics prepared at the office of City Engineer Morris on December 20 show that there had been laid, since January 1, 1910, 75.97 miles of hard-surface streets, at a total cost of \$1,011,516. This is more than the total of hard-surface streets laid in the history of the city to the beginning of 1910. The hard-surface streets in existence at the beginning of 1910 totaled only 64.6 miles.

What will be done during 1911 in the way of putting in hard-surface street improvements can be judged from the fact that there are estimates made in the City Engineer's office for 67.25 miles of streets, which will cost \$2,557,664.

Of the amount of hard-surface street improvements contemplated for next year, contracts have already been let for 42.76 miles at a cost of \$2,310,523. The estimated improvements, for which contracts have not yet been let amount to 24.49 miles, and will cost about \$1,247,141.

In addition to the hard-surface street work done during 1910, there were also 67.25 miles of street grading and sidewalk laid where no further improvements were ordered. For this class of work, there are contracts let and estimates made for 44.86 miles to be done during 1911 at an estimated cost of \$817,259.

Sewers constructed during 1910 in Portland cost approximately \$570,000. The most important sewer laid was the north branch of the Brooklyn sewer at a cost of \$247,034. The Riverside system of sewers is only partially completed. It will cost \$132,000. The system of sewers laid in Laurelhurst cost \$49,524.

Park Work Distributed.

Park improvements during 1910, excepting playgrounds, which come under the same department, have not been concentrated into large individual undertakings, but have been distributed about the city in a variety of ways. The department has used \$125,000, of which \$45,000 has been for construction. The most important park transaction of the year was the Mount Tabor Park, for which the city paid out \$145,000.

The playgrounds improved during 1910 were at the City Park, Sellwood, North Park, Columbia Park and Peninsula Park. This includes the installation of a swimming tank at the Sellwood park. The plans of the Park Board for next year include playgrounds for South Portland, Brooklyn and Kenilworth. A swimming pool is to be made in the South Portland playground.

In its tax levy for next year the Council has provided \$168,200 for construction work in the city parks.

Water mains laid under the direction

of the city during 1910 extend over more than five and a half times the number of miles covered by the mains laid during 1909. In 1909 there were laid under the direction of the city 10.3 miles of water mains. In 1910 there were laid 54.8 miles of water mains under the direction of the city.

Probably the most important city improvement under way is the new Bull Run pipeline, which is being built at a cost of \$1,250,782. The present pipeline conveys to the city a little more than 22,000,000 gallons of water a day, while the new pipe will bring 45,000,000 gallons a day, making a total capacity of 67,000,000 gallons of water for the city each 24 hours. This line is due to be completed by June.

In connection with the new pipeline will be the two new city reservoirs, which are being constructed at a total cost of approximately \$500,000. These are 45 per cent completed. From these a 30-inch main is to be laid during 1911 to the Sunnyside district.

New Bridges Contemplated.

One of the big improvements of the year has been the completion of the new Hawthorne bridge, the contract for which was \$426,410. It is the most modern bridge on the river. The new Broadway bridge, which is planned to be built during 1911, will be the most expensive structure of its kind in Oregon. It will cost approximately \$2,000,000.

Another bridge that may be authorized during 1911 is the proposed bridge across the Willamette connecting Meade street on the West Side with Woodward avenue on the East. Tentative estimates for its cost are now being prepared.

Several improvements for the fire department were completed during 1910, including some new houses and equipment. In 1911 several new houses will be established. The detailed list of the contemplated improvements in this department is long. The city has authorized a tax levy of 2.65 mills for the fire department, this being the largest levy for any one department of the city.

A feature of progress to be made in the fire department will be the installation this year of two horseless fire engine companies. These will be equipped with automobile engines, and, from reports received from some other cities where they are now in use, it is expected that they will prove so much a success that more of the same kind will be provided later.

Much interest is being centered in the new dock commission, which will provide for the city public shipping facilities. The commission has authorized by the law which created the organization to rearrange the general plan of the entire harbor and make all the improvements deemed necessary.

CLERK'S RECORDS ARE LARGER

Divorces and Marriages in 1910 Exceeded Number in 1909.

In every department under jurisdiction of County Clerk Fields, from the marriage license department to the recording of deeds, a big increase is shown over the records of 1909. Divorces show an increase of 52, while marriage licenses obtained in 1910 outnumber the permits of 1909 by 187. Expenses entailed in transacting county business were \$7659.45 greater than the outlay last year, but the profit earned by the county was also greater, the net gain amounting to \$1474.74.

Separating some items from their departments a decrease in shown as in the case of liquor licenses. In 1908 eight new licenses were granted to sell liquor and in 1910 this number dwindled to three. Fewer dentists by 13 applied for licenses in 1910 than the number applying in 1909 and opium licenses dropped 21. Licenses for taxicabs were increased by almost 200 and Probate cases number 119 more this year than last.

Statistics gleaned in the County Clerk's office for the year include:

	1909.	1910.
Marriages	2,720	3,207
Divorces	420	472
Notary communications recorded	451	575
Notary fees	883	1,113
Deeds	838	1,099
Articles of Incorporation	144	404
Citizens' applications	120	130
Liquor licenses issued	8	3
Medical licenses	33	20
Dental licenses	33	20
Warehouse licenses	33	20
Beautician licenses	9	12
Optician licenses	58	55
Hunter's licenses	2,682	2,812
Angler's licenses	4,479	6,877
Combination licenses	1,065	1,814
Physician certificates issued	15	6
Insane commitments	111	123
Non-support cases	18	20
Instruments recorded	23,178	25,074
Marginal releases	4,363	5,492
Probate cases	574	693
Circuit Court cases	2,203	2,502
Copies	\$ 1,222.30	\$ 1,417.05
Receivables	40,547.28	44,239.97
County department	15,473.45	17,967.10
Circuit department	10,270.25	20,425.31
Total receipts	\$75,290.98	\$82,732.23
Total expenses	\$9,358.24	\$5,240.62
Profit to county	\$36,054.84	\$77,482.31

Pleasant Valley Grange Elects.

GRESHAM, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special).—Pleasant Valley Grange has elected its officers for the coming year: Master, H. W. Snashall; overseer, Ida Hamilton; lecturer, Jennie Kronenberg; steward, Herbert R. Baxter; chaplain, Rachel Ryan; treasurer, Gus H. Richey; secretary, Mary Frost; gatekeeper, George Butler; Ceres, Miss D. Holcomb; Pomona, Leona Kesterson; Flora, Mary Baxter; lady assistant steward, Mrs. C. R. Hunter.

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STATE PROFITS BY RAILROAD'S PLANS

Year Never Equaled in Record
for Public Service Developments.

30,000 SETTLERS ADDED

Portland Companies Do Bigger
Business Than Ever and Plan
Many Betterments—New Concerns Help Develop Field.

Public service corporations in Portland had a prosperous year. Without exception every company transacted more business than in any previous year and every one expended more money for betterments and extensions. And while the records for business for the past 12 months were shattered, these companies are preparing to handle a still greater volume in 1911.

Since Oregon has become the battleground of railroad kings, 1910 was an historic year in railroad development. Portland as the base of operations of the two gigantic systems, the Hill and Harriman lines, profited greatly and the whole state was brought to the attention of the outside world in a manner that will redound to its immediate advancement.

Millions Are Expended.

Millions of dollars were spent in the construction of new roads, equipment, terminal facilities and betterments by the two systems. Subsidiary companies of these systems carried out plans towards the development of districts contiguous to Portland. In addition to construction work, these roads had the largest freight and passenger traffic in their history.

In connection with the new developments, more than 30,000 new settlers were brought into Oregon by the Harriman and Hill lines during the year.

Directly identified with the progress of Portland is the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, which carried more passengers, let contracts for more power and light and spent more money in the extension of its lines and for bettering its service than ever before. Plans are under way for making additional improvements and doing a larger business in 1911.

The Portland Gas & Coke Company made a record in 1910 in the volume of business transacted, in the amount of new business secured and in the extension of its service. Fully \$200,000 was expended in extending the system into the residence districts. A greater amount will be spent in increasing the service this year.

New Plants Bought.

The Pacific Power & Light Company, with main offices in Portland, bought several plants in the Willamette Valley towns and expended large amounts in improvements. The company contemplates the expenditure of large sums in broadening and improving its holdings during the present year.

One of the new electric lines to enter the Portland field was the Mount Hood Railway & Power Company, backed principally by Los Angeles capitalists. The company is building a line between Portland and the base of Mount Hood, which will be about 50 miles long. An immense power plant is being installed at the forks of the Sandy and Bull Run rivers. The company plans to furnish power and light to the city in connection with the operation of the suburban railway.

The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company exceeded any previous year in its operation by adding hundreds of new telephones to its service and making changes and to equip all of the new large buildings for telephones. We have continued our service to St. Johns and made many other improvements to keep pace with the growth of Portland.

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TELEPHONE SERVICE GROWS

Many New Instruments Installed and More Lines Built.

The Home Telephone & Telegraph Company in Portland closed the most successful year since it began doing business here. Besides spending large sums in improvements and extensions, the company expended a large amount for long-distance lines.

The number of new telephones installed during the year was 2460, or at the rate of more than 200 each month. The number of telephones in service at the close of the year was 13,254.

Since the company was reorganized, April 1, 1909, the sum of \$253,631.91 has been spent for construction work in the city. In addition to extending the lines in the city, \$200,000 has been expended by the company in other automobile properties and the long distance lines.

The money spent for construction in the city was to equip the Albion district with telephones," said Manager Littleton, "to put a large amount of additional equipment in all our exchanges and to equip all of the new large buildings for telephones. We have continued our service to St. Johns and made many other improvements to keep pace with the growth of Portland."

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EXPRESS BUSINESS IS LARGE

All Portland Companies Report Increase in 1910.

"Since we took over the business of the Pacific Express Company last April, the transactions for every month exceeded the business for the corresponding months in 1909," said E. M. Whitte, general agent of the American Express Company. "For the month of December, the increase in business over December, 1909, was fully 25 per cent. The steady increase in the volume of express business handled locally is a strong index of the rapid growth of Portland. I look for a still larger business during 1911."

Harvey Beckwith, general agent of the West-Fargo Express Company, said that the year was by far the greatest in the history of the express business in the territory.

"We did a big business during the year and the December transactions were unusually large," said Mr. Beckwith. "The increase in the volume of

business in December over that of the same month a year ago exceeded 15 per cent. The increase for the entire year was fully 10 per cent."

The Northern Express Company's Portland office handled one-third more packages during the holidays this year than during the same season last year, according to Superintendent M. G. Hall. The year's business was the largest since the office was established in Portland.

GAS MAINS MUCH EXTENDED

Additional 200 Miles Planned for Coming Year.

Keeping pace with the remarkable growth of Portland, the Portland Gas & Coke Company made big progress during the year just closed. While the company increased its business to a large extent, the principal achievement for the year was the extension of its service. Seventy-five miles of new street mains were installed at an expense of \$240,000.

Plans for additional construction during the present year include the laying of mains in nearly all of the new districts. According to present estimates 200 miles of new mains will be laid, which will cost in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000.

"In comparing the growth of the city and our company, it will be seen that important things have taken place in the past 10 years," said H. H. Papet, manager of the company. "According to the United States census, Portland has a population of 207,214, an increase of 116,748 over the census of 1900, or 129 per cent."

"The strides made by the gas company were large but necessary to keep up with the great growth of the city. The number of miles of mains increased from 60 in 1900 to more than 300, the number of consumers from 5000 to 25,000. The percentage of increase in betterments is 400 and in the number of consumers 460."

"To help the general growth of the city, the company is going to install, in 1911, 300 additional miles of mains in districts not fully built up and therefore not as profitable as the miles already in use. The following includes the districts to be served during the year: Fulton, Mount Taber from Sixtieth to Eightieth streets and Main street to the Base Line road, Brooklyn First Addition, Simons, Hyland Park, Oakhurst, Ravenswood, Richmond, Woodlawn, Hawthorne Addition between Fortieth and Fiftieth streets, Hawthorne, Montavilla, Laurelhurst, Alameda Park, Vernon, Rose City Park, Ladd Addition and the new unplatted Golf Park south of Sellwood. In addition, we expect to make permanent gas main improvements on all streets to be hard-surfaced during the year."



New Plant of Damascus Creamery "Home for Pure Milk and Cream"

The Damascus Creamery holds a bacterial test of only 700 per cubic centimeter, this test being made by City Chemist E. D. Smith of the City Board of Health Sept. 22, 1910

WHY? IT'S ALL IN THE SYSTEM INSTALLED

This showing is due to our modern system of pasteurizing all milk and cream Order now. Damascus Milk and Cream are pure. Sold by all leading grocers

Damascus Creamery

plans for the new year, but we expect to make several extensions."

Suffragists to Raise Anthony Fund.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—A Susan B. Anthony memorial week, beginning February 15, is planned by the National Women's Suffrage Association to celebrate the birthday of the great worker for the enfranchisement of women. In connection with the celebration, an endeavor will be made to raise a memorial fund of \$150,000 to carry on the fight for equal suffrage. Contributions to the fund are asked from woman suffragist enthusiasts in set sums, as follows: Doctors, lawyers, journalists, actresses, artists and nurses, \$1 each; teachers and stenographers, 50 cents; business women, \$1; department store employees and factory employees, 10 cents each; home-makers, according to their ability to give; college women, \$1; college students, 25 cents each.

Butte Falls Hogman Released.

MEDFORD, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special).—John O'Connor, of Butte Falls, who was extradited from California a few days ago, was released on \$500 bail. O'Connor is charged with grand larceny for the alleged stealing of a neighbor's hogs at Butte Falls this summer. Although O'Connor never owned a hog himself, he sold over \$1000 worth of pork this summer. Despite this damaging evidence he protests his innocence, asserting he believed the hogs to be those of his father-in-law.

The largest whale of its type of which there is scientific record was captured recently off Port Arthur, Tex. It measured 42 feet in length and was estimated to be about 300 years old.

An Expression of Appreciation

So short a time as a year ago, on the first of January, 1910, what was then the Oregon & Washington Railroad Company, inaugurated its service from Portland to Puget Sound. For us it has been a memorable and most successful year. "The Line of the Shasta Limited" and of "Steel Coaches—For Safety" has found its place. The infant of lusty parentage (Union Pacific-Southern Pacific Lines) has grown strong in the good-will of the traveling and shipping public.

In the meantime (effective at 11:59 P. M., December 23) we have been adopted as part of the greater organization, the

Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company (The New Name)

Comprising—

- Oregon and Washington Railroad Company
- The Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company
- The North Coast Railroad Company
- Idaho Northern Railroad Company
- Ilwaco Railroad Company

And so, on this, our first anniversary, and on the opening of this new year, we desire to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to those who have favored us and invite your continued good-will and patronage insofar as we may be found to justly merit, and to that extent also we bear the hope of many new friends during the years to come.

Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Co. "Puget Sound Route"

R. B. MILLER
Traffic Manager

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WORLD-FAMOUS JURIST TO LECTURE JANUARY 9

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so the committee in charge of the alumnae entertainment course, under whose auspices he appears in Portland, has engaged the Armory and he will speak there January 9.

Remember the date.