

### P. R. L. & P. GIVES EXPLANATIONS OF ITS NET EARNINGS

Apparent Differences in Figures Said to Be Due to the Nature of Requirements of City Auditor.

That the report to the city of Portland as to earnings of the Portland Railway, Light and Power company was properly made on a different basis from the figures used in advertising bonds for investment, is the claim of officials of the company in response to Senator Dan Kelisher's statement showing differences in the figures.

The difference, says C. N. Huggins, treasurer and assistant secretary of the company, is easily explained by the fact that the report to the city is made in compliance with a form furnished by the city auditor. Definite information as to certain things is asked in this report, he explains, and is furnished accordingly. The information published to prospective buyers of securities, he says, is somewhat different in scope and the figures could not be expected to correspond. President Josselyn has previously stated that the chief difference in the two statements, amounting to about \$89,000, is due to the deduction from net earnings in the report to the city of the cost of street paving, repairs and depreciation. Street paving last year cost the company \$266,748.91 and \$286,981.19 was charged off for depreciation, a total of \$752,730.10. The remainder of the difference, apparently, is made up in the repair item.

**Question Arises.**

Here arises the question as to whether the cost of street paving is properly charged to operating expense, as has been done in the report to the city. Mr. Huggins admits this is a doubtful question. He says experts are about evenly divided, but the question has been decided so far as the Portland corporation is concerned by the decision of the trustee representing the bondholders, who insists in mortgage obligations that the cost of paving shall be paid from the earnings.

The effect of this system is to decrease the net earnings in the city report by large sums each year when the paving cost runs high. Although the company bonds this expense under the Hancock act, and actually has 10 years to pay, the expense goes into the account for one year. This gives rise to the contention that if street paving cost is to be charged to operating expenses, it should be distributed over the 10-year period.

Officials of the company, in explanation of advertisements for the sale of bonds, in which the net earnings for 1911 were placed at \$2,266,808, say that prospective bondholders are not interested in the cost of street paving, depreciation and repair expenses, or, in other words, in the disposition of the net earnings.

**Net Earnings.**

With these items of expense included, as shown in the statement filed with the city auditor, the net earnings are out to \$2,456,021.27. Upon the net earnings reported to the city, it may be observed, would likely depend the regulation of rates by the city.

There is also a difference in gross receipts in the two statements of the company, amounting to \$59,608.34 for the year 1911. This, Mr. Huggins says, is due to the fact that the gross receipts reported to the city do not include, for instance, the profit that may be made on land the company has bought and resold, or profits from sale of wood and other miscellaneous material.

The report of the company to the city shows dividends paid on \$25,000,000 of stock, while the balance sheet shows \$16,248,875 in capital stock account. This has caused the question to be asked as to what became of the \$8,753,125 difference.

**Company's Answer.**

The answer returned to this by Mr. Huggins is that only 65 per cent of the par value of the stock has been called in, the remainder of the stock being represented by the amount still subject to call.

As to stocks and bonds of other companies owned by the Portland corporation, for which no income appears, it is explained that these are non-revenue producing. The greater part for instance, is comprised in the stock of the Portland Water Power & Electric Transportation company, which was taken over by the Portland Railway, Light & Power, but has not been formally merged and produces no income.

Mr. Huggins said the officials of the company would be glad to have the city auditor check over the report filed with the city with the figures on the company's books, if there be any question about the accuracy of the statement. He said he was confident that the figures at the city hall and those stated in the advertisement of the company will both be found to be exactly correct.

**Automobile Club Formed.**

(Special to The Journal.)

Oregon City, Or., May 22.—The Clackamas County Automobile association was organized in this city Monday evening. The club has a charter membership of 22, as follows: M. D. Latourette, A. E. Buckles, W. A. Huntley, Arden Hickman, R. C. Parker, J. W. Thomas, H. S. Mount, H. S. Moody, B. T. McEain, E. J. Daulton, C. G. Miller, C. W. Risley, M. E. Park, William Sheahan, Joseph Sheahan, H. G. Starkweather, W. J. Wilson, John Mott, E. B. Noef, George Sullivan and C. Schuebe. The following officers were elected: H. S. Mount, president; C. W. Risley, vice president; R. C. Parker, secretary; M. D. Latourette, treasurer; directors, William Sheahan, E. J. Daulton, J. W. Thomas, H. S. Moody and B. T. McEain.

**Missionary Society Meets.**

(Special to The Journal.)

Centralia, Wash., May 22.—A two day convention of the Vancouver district of the Woman's Home Missionary society opened in Centralia yesterday. An interesting program has been arranged. The officers of the district are: Mrs. J. D. Wondolis of Centralia, president; Mrs. Vina R. Clark of Centralia, vice president; Mrs. R. B. Kellogg of Centralia, corresponding secretary; Mrs. R. C. Sonneman of Chehalis, recording secretary, and Mrs. R. R. Reese of Orford, treasurer.

**Many Pass Examination.**

(Special to The Journal.)

Oregon City, Or., May 22.—County School Superintendent Gary announces that 139 of the 352 pupils who took the eighth grade examinations passed. Sixty-seven failed outright; 69 failed in one subject and 67 failed in two subjects. Those failing in one or two subjects will be given the privilege of trying another examination in June.

**Requisition for Lovell.**

(Special to The Journal.)

Salem, Or., May 22.—Requisition has been honored by Governor West for Samuel L. Lovell, wanted in Seattle on a charge of grand larceny. He was agent for the Colonial Oil company and is charged with appropriating \$2500 of the company's funds to his own use. He is in custody in Portland.

**California Senator Dies.**

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, May 22.—Collapsing with heart failure while taking in the sights of Chinatown with a party of friends, State Senator George R. Lucas of Oakland, is dead here today. The stroke came without warning. Lucas was born in Philadelphia in 1858 and came to California in 1880. He was elected to the legislature in 1900.

**Walla Walla Pioneer Dead.**

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### Marries Same Husband Three Times



Mrs. Kruse-Madsen.

New York, May 22.—Mrs. Kruse-Madsen and her husband are now prepared to live happily again, after having been married again, divorced and married again. The pair were married in June, 1910, secretly, but to satisfy their parents they participated in a public ceremony. Her parents induced Mrs. Madsen to divorce her husband, which she did last August, but after an accidental meeting several months ago, which was followed by an ardent courtship on the part of her ex-husband, Mrs. Madsen, for the third time agreed to marry him.

### PUMP IRRIGATION FOR VALLEY LAND

Large Tracts on Snake River Go Under New System of Culture.

(Special to The Journal.)

Weiser, Idaho, May 22.—Colonization of the eastern portion of Oregon is in prospect as a result of rapid development of pump irrigation schemes on Dead Ox flat. Promising a new record for speed, arrangements have just been made for plowing 2000 acres of rich soil three miles south of Weiser, under irrigation by next fall.

The Snake River District Improvement company, recently organized, after disposing of its bonds, has awarded the contract for the installation of a modern pump irrigation system to the O'Toole Construction company of this city, which has undertaken to construct 15,200 feet of pipe line, together with all necessary ditches and laterals.

Ninety per cent of the land is under cultivation under dry farming methods. The development of this new district means practically 10,000 acres placed under irrigation in the immediate vicinity of Weiser. Much of the newly reclaimed land will be planted to fruit and garden crops.

### SALEM CHERRY FAIR SECOND WEEK IN JULY

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)

Salem, Or., May 22.—The Board of Trade last night fixed July 11, 12 and 13 as the dates for the annual cherry fair. This time was selected as it is Elks' week in Portland and it is expected many of the visitors in the Rose City will take advantage of the opportunity to attend the fair here. All business men's organizations, clubs and lodges are united to make the fair the largest and best ever held here.

### BAKER SCHOOL TEACHER DIES OF HEART DISEASE

(Special to The Journal.)

Baker, Or., May 22.—Miss Geneva Kizer, aged 23 years, a teacher in the public schools, died suddenly yesterday of heart disease, just before the school hour. Her home was in Philomath, Or., where the body probably will be sent.

### HARMONY MAY RESULT FROM KLAMATH ELECTION

(Special to The Journal.)

Klamath Falls, Or., May 22.—F. F. Nicholas defeated F. T. Sanderson for mayor by 218 votes in the election Monday. The election of Nicholas promises to bring about harmony in the city. The commission amendment to the old charter carried.

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