

Electric Sales Curve Is Down Commercial Use Drops in October, Ending Gains for 5 Months

October commercial sales of electricity for October dropped approximately one and one-half million kilowatt hours below September, State Utility Commissioner Wallace reported Wednesday.

This reduction terminated a five months steady rise and caused a disparity between 1938 and 1937 to be increased from 4.09 per cent in September to 6.59 per cent in October.

Residential and domestic service including rural ceased to follow past precedents to increase over the preceding months and fell 171,624 kilowatt hours short of the all-time high set in September. October sales were 334,278 kilowatt hours greater than August and 9.79 per cent greater than October of last year.

Revenues increased. Wallace' report showed that while the residential and commercial kilowatt hour sales were less than in September, the revenues for these classes of service increased.

Although sales to ultimate consumers, such as commercial and residential, dropped below September, they are still 300,000 kilowatt hours greater than in August.

Sales to other electric utilities continued to surge upward to 23,891,224 kilowatt hours, an increase of 1,888,844 kilowatt hours over the all-time high set in September and 111.15 per cent greater than in October, 1937.

The large increase was due mainly to increased sales by the Northwestern Electric company.

Demos Will Hold Board of Control Party Holds 2 to 1 Edge Until Sprague Takes Office Jan. 9

If there are any three-man state board of control meetings between January 3 and 9, two members in attendance will be democrats.

The board of control as now constituted includes Governor Charles H. Martin, democrat, and Secretary of State Earl Snell, and State Treasurer Rufus C. Holman, republicans.

Holman To Retire. Holman submitted his resignation to Governor Martin Tuesday and officially will retire from the treasury department January 3. He will be succeeded on that day by Walter Pearson, Portland, democrat.

This will give the board two democrats, Governor Martin and Pearson.

On January 9, when Governor-elect Charles A. Sprague is inaugurated the board of control again will have two republican members.

The board will then be composed of Sprague and Snell, republicans, and Pearson, democrat.

Foreign Relations Question Is Eyed Group Studying Problems in Weekly Meetings at Local YMCA

Information and ideas concerning the present neutrality law were presented by John Voss and Bill Laughlin at the regular meeting of the International Relations committee of Salem on Tuesday night at the YMCA.

Continuing with the problems introduced December 27, the general theme for study and discussion during January will be: "What Part Should the United States Take in World Affairs?"

Hope to Promote Peace. Activities of the International Relations committee are based upon the premise: "When the citizens of the world (including those living in Salem) begin to really understand the conditions necessary for world peace they will be able to establish peaceful ways of doing things."

The next meeting will be held in the YMCA on Tuesday, January 3, at 7:30 p.m.

Bits for Breakfast

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Banks' New Orleans expedition. In the campaigns of '64-5 he commanded the siege artillery of both United States armies at Petersburg and Richmond. He won seven brevets, the highest one major general of volunteers.

He was a major in the corps of engineers after the war; was given high class duties on many specific assignments concerning ordnance, fortifications, etc. He was sent to Sicily in 1870 to observe the total eclipse of the sun. He was finally made brigadier general of the regular army.

He was a member of the board determining the plans for the Panama canal, appointed by President Theodore Roosevelt. He wrote a great deal on scientific subjects. One of the many themes he covered was under the title: "Problems of the Panama Canal" (1907).

Number 179 on our inimitable scroll goes with the name William Penn McCann, born at Paris, Ky., May 18, 1830, living until Jan. 15, 1906.

He was warrant a midshipman in 1848.

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Drager to Assume House Clerk Post

Fred Drager, guard at the state penitentiary, Wednesday was granted temporary leave of absence until after the 1939 legislature.

Drager, veteran chief clerk of the house of representatives, again will serve in that capacity when the legislature convenes January 9.

The Oregon legislature is now operating under a number of rules drafted by Drager and his desk assistants.

Business Group's Annual Meet Due

The annual meeting of the Salem Business Men's League will be held at the chamber of commerce rooms Friday night at 7:30 o'clock, Carl Hogg, president, announced yesterday.

Election of officers and directors will be the main business. The new president of the league will sit on the board of directors of the chamber of commerce, along with the chamber officers and directors and the Cherrian king king, who in 1939 will be Harold Busick, local grocer.

Estate Tax Rule Upheld by Court

1935 Law Denying Offset for Federal Levy Is Declared Valid

Constitutionality of a 1935 law providing that the federal estate tax cannot be deducted from the value of an estate for the purpose of computing inheritance tax payable to the state, was upheld by the state supreme court here Wednesday.

The court held in favor of State Treasurer Holman, who was sued by the First National bank of Portland and Blaine B. Coles, executor of the estate of Lucius Allen Lewis, who died in Portland three years ago. He left an estate of \$187,374.

The executors paid a federal tax of \$11,934, but Judge George Tazwell of Multnomah county ruled that the state tax due amounted to \$4610. If the federal tax had been deducted from the gross value of the estate, the state tax would have been \$4,914.

Justice Bailey wrote the opinion which upheld Judge Tazwell. Other decisions:

Portland Sand and Gravel company, appellants, vs. Biggs and Hally Burton and the Aetna Casualty and Surety Co. Appeal from Multnomah county. Suit involving road contractor bond. Opinion by

Holman Objected To Carkin in '33

Voted Against Choice of Tax Commissioner 4 Years Ago, Shown

State Treasurer Rufus C. Holman, republican, four years ago refused to sign the official commission of John H. Carkin, rejected by the board of control at that time as a member of the state tax commission, a search of records revealed Wednesday.

Holman again this week refused to support Carkin for re-appointment and joined with Governor Charles H. Martin, democrat, in electing Wallace S. Wharton as his successor. Wharton is a democrat and is now serving as state budget director. Secretary of State Snell voted against Wharton.

Townsend Groups To Note Birthday

The four Townsend clubs of Salem will sponsor a mass meeting January 13 in celebration of Dr. F. E. Townsend's birthday and the fifth anniversary of the Townsend plan.

Charles W. Witterman, new Townsend national representative to Oregon, will be the speaker. The program will be held at 8 p. m. in the auditorium of the old high school.

Yuletide Traffic Toll Is Reduced

Only Three Die Against Death List of 11 on Last Christmas

There were only three traffic fatalities over the Christmas weekend this year as against 11 a year ago, Secretary of State Snell announced.

The three persons killed in traffic accidents this year were pedestrians. Two of the fatalities were in Portland and one in North Bend.

In Portland, only 189 traffic accidents were reported last Saturday compared to 289 the day before Christmas in 1937. Oregon's traffic death count stands at 20 for the first 26 days of December or 12 below the mark for the corresponding period in 1937.

Snell estimated a reduction of 10 per cent in traffic fatalities in 1938 as compared to figures for the previous year.

Application Filed For Astoria Bank. Application for authority to organize a Citizens Bank of Astoria was filed Wednesday in the office of the state superintendent of banks here.

Cherrian Banquet, Installation Near

Annual Affair on Tuesday to Be Honored by Official Guests

Installation of officers and the annual banquet of the Cherrians will be held at the Marion hotel Tuesday night, January 3, King Bing Tom Hill announced last night.

Honor guests invited to attend include Governor Charles H. Martin, Governor-elect Charles A. Sprague, Mayor V. E. Kuhn, members of the Salem city council, princesses for the prize-winning Cherrian float entered in the Portland rose festival, and officials of other uniformed marching groups in the valley.

Uniforms Requested. All Cherrians who have white uniforms are being requested to wear them at the banquet.

Final details for the banquet were made at a meeting Wednesday night at the chamber of commerce of the council of nobles, King Bing-elect Harold Busick and chairmen of the four committees arranging the affair.

Convention Slated By Baptist Youth

The annual convention of the Oregon Baptist Young People's Union will be held in Salem with the Calvary Baptist church and their Young People's society acting as hosts.

Several hundred young people delegates representing the various societies throughout the state will assemble for a two-day convention commencing Friday afternoon, January 6, at 4:30 o'clock.

Rev. Lloyd Anderson, a young pastor from Burns, president, will preside at all sessions. Several outstanding speakers among them, Dr. A. J. Harms of Eugene and Dr. Roy of Portland will be heard on the program.

The convention will be climaxed by a banquet served by the local church on Saturday night and a play presented by the young people of the Portland area. Ronald Adams, president

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Application for authority to organize a Citizens Bank of Astoria was filed Wednesday in the office of the state superintendent of banks here.

The proposed bank would be capitalized at \$50,000 with \$10,000 surplus.

The last local bank disappeared when purchased by the United States National of Portland in 1937.

Incorporators of the proposed new bank are residents of Astoria.

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