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NORTHERN PACIFIC MATTERS.

New York, Sept. 17.—The annual meeting for the election of directors of the Northern Pacific railroad for the ensuing year is now in session. There is no change in the regular ticket presented to the stockholders from that of last year, and no serious opposition is anticipated. An injunction has been asked by the Oregon & Transcontinental people of the supreme court to restrain Messrs. Ives and Morgan from voting Oregon & Transcontinental trust stock at the meeting to-day.

The annual statement of the Northern Pacific for the year ended June 15, shows: Gross receipts from freight, \$7,446,000; passengers, 3,076,000; mail and express, etc., \$712,000; making a total of \$11,234,000. Operating expenses were \$6,196,000, leaving net earnings of \$5,038,000. Adding to this interest and dividends on investment, balance at general interest account, and incomes from other sources, amounting to \$103,000 the total surplus is \$5,201,000, out of which there was paid: For rentals, \$581,000; to branch roads, \$330,000; maintenance of terminal property at Portland, \$27,000; interest of funded debt account, \$4,024,000; contributed to the sinking fund, \$50,000; and there was paid as expenses of opening celebrations \$1,000, making a grand total of disbursement of \$5,139,000, leaving a surplus over all fixed charges and expenses for the year of \$62,000.

Compared with the preceding year there was an increase in the earnings from commercial freight of \$71,000, and from mail and express, etc., of \$211,000, but there was a decrease in passenger earnings of \$1,121,000, making a net decrease in commercial business of all kinds of \$839,000.

During the past year there were no charges made for transportation of fuel and other supplies used in operating the road, and the amount charged for carrying constructing material was only the cost price of transportation.

The report states that the principal cause of the decrease in passenger earnings was the subsidence of the Coast of Alaska excitement, to which must be added the opening of the Union Pacific road to Oregon by the Oregon Short Line and the Oregon Railway & Navigation Line, as well as the snow which blocked the route last winter, and the general depression of business throughout the country. These causes of decrease were offset as to freight by the steady advance of population and development contiguous to the lines of the road.

As compared with the preceding year the earnings decreased \$1,369,000 and operating expenses \$967,000. The balance sheet shows no change in the common stock, and a decrease in the preferred stock by land sales of \$1,196,000. Common and preferred stock now amount to \$87,511,000.

There was an increase in first mortgage bonds of \$3,125,000, issued on 125 miles of the road. Of the \$4,143,000 general second mortgage bonds remaining in hand a year ago, \$3,000,000 have been sold. There is no change in the bonded debt of the Portland & Oreille division, while there is a decrease of \$27,000 in the Missouri division. The total funded debt is now \$667,345, not including dividend certificates of \$4,641,000.

The company paid to the Northern Pacific terminal company during the year \$84,000 for rent and \$27,000 for cost of maintenance.

Respecting the completion of the Cascade branch, about which there is a decided difference of opinion among parties interested in the road, reports state that 27 miles are now under construction on the west side of the Cascade mountains and 40 miles on the east side, the cost of which will be \$1,840,000. To complete the Cascades branch there will remain 75½ miles, not including the 65 miles under way. The estimated cost of the 75½ miles is as follows: 15½ miles over mountain, including tunnels nearly two miles long, \$2,441,000; approaches on each side, \$1,431,000; making a total of \$3,872,000, to which is added for snow sheds, if needed, \$200,000, making the grand total a little over \$4,000,000. The total estimated cost of the 40 miles required to complete the gap is \$5,912,000, and the amount of first mortgage bonds that will be available for the work, \$3,513,000, leaving to be provided from other sources \$2,399,000. The report says it will require between two and two and a half years to construct the tunnels with economy.

Total expended for construction and equipment during the past year was \$3,562,000.

The report recommends ratification of the lease of the Oregon Railway and Navigation company, and states that when the subject shall be acted upon by all the companies interested it will be submitted to the stockholders of the Northern Pacific for their action.

The number of acres of land sold during the past year was 344,552, for \$1,052,730. The amount of land patented and patentable still undisposed of is 37,700,000 acres, of which 3,900,000 are east of the Missouri river. The proceeds are applicable to the retirement of the preferred stock.

At a meeting of the Northern Pacific stockholders it was stated that two judges had refused an injunction restraining the voting of 120,000 shares by Burton Ives and J. P. Morgan. A resolution was adopted re-

questing the directors not to incur any indebtedness whatever for the construction of new roads. The old board of directors was re-elected.

CLATSOP COUNTY DAIRY INTERESTS.

A correspondent of the Northwest Farmer and Dairyman, writing of Clatsop county dairy interests says the principal dairy district is on Clatsop plains, where there are upwards of 400 cows, in addition to large numbers of other farm animals and stock. The number of cows kept at the different places, as near as can be learned, are as follows: Josiah West, 75; Ward and Wingate farms, Ward Bros., lessees, 56; F. Hansel, 40; C. Butterfield, 30; C. W. Harbabin, 27; P. Condit, 23; T. Goodwin estate, 24; R. Morrison, W. I. M. lessee, 18; J. Loomis, 20; Sea Side dairy, 14; N. A. Eberman, 12; Silas Smith, 12; J. Kindred, 9; D. F. Stafford, 7; Capt. Flavel, 25.

On Young's bay and river, and Lewis & Clarke's river: W. E. Dement, 50; C. S. Carothers, 40; C. N. Hess, 23; A. H. Sale, 20; E. C. Jeffers, 20; J. G. Nurnburg, 20; F. Bartolde, 18; J. T. Bullock, 9; Mr. Howard, 8; U. Hassell, 6; A. Ayimore, 10; J. G. Gibson, 10; C. S. Harder, 10; P. B. Heckard, 7; W. W. Turner, 6; Henderson Bros. & Withers, 4; D. J. Ingalls, 16; I. N. Darland, 10; John Casey, 6. Near Westport there are several small dairies. Among them are John West's 18 cows; at B. Plympton's 15; In the Nehalem district there are probably 125; and in other places not enumerated or mentioned, 150, making not far from 1,000 head of cows now in Clatsop county. Of this total number fully twenty per cent. or 200 are required to keep up Astoria's milk supply. C. S. Carothers' dairy at Smith's point, C. N. Hess, Young's Bay; I. N. Darland of Ft. Clatsop; J. G. Nurnburg and F. Bartolde, dairies on the Walluski, are the principal dairymen meeting this demand. Mr. Darland obtains his supply largely from the dairies on the Lewis and Clarke river.

The dairy farm having the largest number of cows in the county, is that of Josiah West, on the Clatsop plains. Among the number (75) there are several grade Ayrshires, grade Holsteins and grade Jerseys. Mr. West owns the thoroughbred Holstein bull Wide Awake (3:20 H. H. B. Vol. 8) calved May 1st, 1884, dam "Success" (H. H. B. 1:31) grandam Silverbell sired by Lad of Walworth (3:57) grandam Lady Walworth (3:57). Milk record of dam at three years old, 54 lbs., 9 oz milk in one day; Silverbell at two years old, 52 lbs. of milk in one day. Dam's butter record, 14 lbs., 7 ounces butter in seven days; grandam B. weight at five years old, 2,450 a good price and was bought of D. C. Stewart, of Forest Grove, and comes from Yeoman's Holstein herd near Rochester, N. Y., is a very fine animal, weighing when a year old 840 pounds. Mr. West is engaged in raising horses and beef stock, as well as dairying, having now on hand about 200 head of cattle, besides 25 head of horses. During July the average make of cheese, "Clatsop Factory cream cheese" brand, amounted to 200 pounds daily. This make of cheese is of excellent quality, and always brings a good price in ready sales. Two sizes of cheese are made: one size 30 pounds, and another 7 to 8 pounds, the latter convenient for family use. The cheese making is done personally by Lloyd West, who seems to thoroughly understand his business. Mr. West owns a fine bay stallion, Hambletonian 4 years old, 15½ hands high, weight, 1,050, said to have made his mile in three minutes.

G. Wingate owns a fine dairy farm on the plains, the Ward brothers having charge of it. The Ward brothers are engaged in cheese making, the average for May and June being 150 pounds per day. This is not all the product of this farm, it being run in connection with the Ward dairy farm where the cheese factory is located. The Ward brothers make a very fine cheese of good keeping qualities, ensuring the highest price the market affords. Mr. C. Ward formerly lived in California, where he had a long experience as a cheese maker. The factory turns out at present about 100 pounds of cheese per day.

A mile or more further down the plains from Mr. West's place, is located the cheese factory belonging to C. Butterfield. Mr. Butterfield has been engaged in cheese making at this place for several years. While the quantity made is not very large, the quality is good, and is found in the market under the brand of "Butterfield's Clatsop County Factory Cheese." In making the cheese Mr. B. does nearly all the work, exercising a personal care and supervision of the operations.

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