

PORTLAND RAILWAY, LIGHT AND POWER CO. FUTURE IS BRIGHT

The Portland Railway, Light and Power Company is in the best physical and financial condition it has been in eight years; it spent more money last year for improvements and betterments than in any year for the past decade; it increased its surplus over 15 per cent in the past 12 months, and the future looks more promising than ever, President F. H. T. Griffith reported to the stockholders at their recent meeting. That there is every reason to expect that the company's earnings will continue to increase was a prediction made in the president's report.

Among the important features covered in President Griffith's statement to the stockholders were the following:

Fewer Passengers Carried.

During the first six months of 1921 the earnings of the city railways showed increases over the corresponding months of 1920, due to the fact that the comparison was made between an 8 cent fare in 1921 against a 6 cent fare in the first half of 1920. The number of passengers carried, however, in 1921 was less than in 1920, due to the gradual decrease in industrial activity and the consequent unemployment. During the last six months of 1921, with the same rates of fare as during the last half of 1920, the reduction in street railway passengers was greater than during the first half of the year 1921, but this reduction was fairly uniform during each of the months of the last half of 1921, indicating that the unemployment in Portland did not materially increase after July 1.

More Power to Be Developed.

Showing, as we do, an increase in the use of electric energy during a period of business depression, we believe we are justified in our optimism as to the future of our light and power industry. During the year 1921 we completed the installation of the new 12,500 kilowatt turbo-generator in our station L steam plant, making the capacity of our steam operated generators 35,000 kilowatts. The new generator has been in operation since July, 1921, and is fully justifying our expectations as to its efficiency and economy. Steam generating capacity is, we

believe, necessary in a property such as ours, but this company is primarily a hydro-electric company and it is desirable that our steam plants should be maintained as reserve plants and that our output of energy be primarily hydro-electric. Your directors have approved the plan of developing additional hydro-electric power on the headwaters of the Clackamas river. During the year considerable engineering and exploration work has been carried on and plans for the installation of the initial unit in this proposed development are rapidly being perfected.

Prior to the beginning of actual construction on the development proper, it is necessary to construct a road about 25 miles long from the terminus of our present railroad at Cazadero to the site of the proposed development. This road has been under construction during the last eight months and will require the employment of a considerable force of men to complete it during the year 1922. It is estimated that we will be able to complete the first unit of the proposed development by the summer of 1924. The first unit to be installed will have a capacity of 33,000 horse power, and will be a part of the ultimate development of this project, which is expected to reach 100,000 horse power. The cost of installation of the first unit is estimated to be approximately \$3,500,000.

Earnings Show Increase.

Gross earnings of the Company showed an increase of 3.74 per cent and net earnings increased 3.31 per cent. The number of light and power customers increased from 53,285 to 57,477, or a net gain of 4192.

President Griffith commented upon the gratifying success of the new plan of home financing through the sale of 7 per cent prior preference stock of which \$472,800 worth had been sold up to February 28th of this year, and 2250 new stockholders had been added to the company's lists. The entire proceeds from the sale of this new security, the Company announces, will be put right back into extensions, betterments and new construction. Expenditures for last year for betterments to the Company's properties amounted to \$1,745,795.29. The major portion of this sum was for power plants, substations and distribution services, and \$353,086.42 went into street railway extensions and improvements.

Child Welfare Work

The Oregon Child Welfare commission takes scores of little children out of baby homes and child detention institutions, and finds good homes for them, thus saving thousands of dollars a month for the tax payers, and giving the children the advantage of being brought up in a home.

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GARFIELD ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Davis motored to Portland, Saturday, to bring home the latter's brother, Lyle Wagner.

D. L. Mahone of Portland gave a most interesting talk on "Our Mission," in the Garfield church last Sunday.

Mr. Moreland was a Portland visitor this past week.

C. V. Sandstone has gone to Middleton to do some spring work on the ranch.

Mr. Fix and family who recently purchased the Golden homestead, have moved from Oregon City.

A course of Bible study is being held at the Garfield church this week, with Rev. Morrison as instructor.

The skip-a-week club was entertained by Mrs. J. W. Dillinger last Thursday, with six members present. After the business session an Irish program was given, and refreshments were served at a shamrock decorated table.

DODGE NEWS

We are glad to report that most of the people who have been ill with the grippe, are now improving. E. Jochimsen is still quite ill at this writing.

School opened again on Monday with Mrs. Pearl Tozier of Gladstone, substituting in the primary room until Miss Keller is able to take up the work again.

Mr. Everett, a Sunday School missionary from Portland, visited at Dodge on Friday and Saturday and held services at the school house on Sunday morning.

David Horner Sr. spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Horner at Springwater.

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Well, Viola is on the map once more and we are all glad if the Portland papers are telling us the truth about the Carver line coming here this summer. We may rival some of our sister towns by getting out of the mud.

Mrs. William Brown of St. Johns, Portland, came out Tuesday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mattoon, and other relatives.

Alice Hicinbothem of River Mill, spent a week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sevier.

George Hicinbothem of Redland, is having quite a siege of sickness. His son Charlie and wife and Will and wife are taking turns taking care of him. We hope he may soon recover his good health again. His daughter Mrs. Hughes and family have all been on the sick list.

Elmer Lenkin and family have moved on to the farm that Mr. Clark vacated.

Mrs. Griffith and little son returned to their home at Silver-ton on Thursday. The little boy has been quite ill here for the

past five weeks at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Lenkin.

Mrs. Hinman, who has sold her place at Clackamas, is staying a few weeks with her son Earl and family. She expects to go to Wisconsin in the near future to visit her parents. Her son Charlie is here also.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Miller and daughter Bernice, are all well again from the flu.

Rev. Young from Garfield will preach here on Sunday at 11 o'clock. Come and hear a good sermon.

There was a good crowd out at the Farm Bureau meeting on Friday evening. A fine program was given by the school children after the business meeting.

Miss Connie Richmond and Miss Norma Randolph helped out with the program by singing two numbers which were much appreciated.

There will be a pie social at the church on Friday evening, March 31. The proceeds will go to the children's farm home, near Corvallis under the auspices of the W. C. T. U.

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