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POWER
The report of the public utilities
commissioner of Oregon on the
power companies making reports to
him from 1930 to 1936 has recently
been published. It comes at an
opportune time when many sections
of the state are interested in
learning more about the power
industry, the cost of power, trans-
mission, overhead and the possi-
bility of cheaper rates under public
ownership.

The report conclusively proves
the statement of J. D. Ross that
the cost of power at the switch-
board has little to do with the cost
to the consumer. The production
expense of the power used in Ore-
gon is 2.25 mills per kilowatt. The
average cost of power to the con-
sumer is 2.27 cents per kilowatt.
Someplace between the place of
manufacture and the meter of the
customer the original cost is multi-
plied by ten.

This looks pretty bad on the sur-
face but the average cost for the
United States is 4.89 cents per
kilowatt. Cost of the P. P. & L. Co.
power is 2.17 cents per kilowatt
indicating that this section is bet-
ter situated than the average in
this respect.

The average number of kilowatt
used in the U. S. is 597, in Oregon
is 1166 and under the system we
have here is 1236.

One of the surprising things to
the uninitiated observer of power
and light statistics is the report of
loss of power. In 1936 the pro-
ducing companies generated 1,189,
613,436 kw. and of this amount
233,433,427 kw. were unaccounted
for, meaning probably that it was
lost in transmission. This means
that for every five kw. generated
only four can be sold at the pres-
ent efficiency of engineering.

Taxes of the A, B & C utilities
in Oregon were \$2,985,888.18 in
1936 which was an increase of 36%
since 1930. In fact taxes cost
3.11 mills for each kilowatt which
is quite a bit more than the cost of
generation of the electricity used.

Since the visit of Morton Tam-
pkins, temporary explainer for J. D.
Ross, made his visit to this county
there has been a renewal of the
one time interest in bringing power
to this district from Bonneville. If
power lines are built to farm
houses two or three miles apart
under a public utility system with-
out raising the rates to all so high
as to be impractical is one prob-
lem; whether there is a large
enough demand for electricity to
make lines to all rural districts
possible is another. Also it must
be determined what will happen if
revenue bonds are issued and are
not paid—the bond holder or the
property of the district lose?

Should the taxpayer be made to
raise the additional tax made nec-
essary by the removal of the pri-
vate utilities from the rolls in or-
der to bring cheaper power to those
who can be served? There is also
the matter of buying the present
system, which some favor, or of al-
lowing the present company to re-
tail the power through an agree-
ment between it, the people of the
district and the government. Then
it may be held desirable for the
district, when and if formed, to
build its own lines, thus leaving
utility bond holders out on a limb.

"No rates are set as yet for Bon-
neville power and no estimates or
even an engineering has been done
on a local district. It is all in a
stage of possibility.

APPOINTMENT OF SOLICITOR GENERAL
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very good move, for Mr Reed has
the reputation of a good lawyer
with a background fitting him for
the bench. It will to some extent,
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telligence, caused by the appoint-
ment of Hugo Black.

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now, but they are going to be
fewer if they keep on sliding across
the highway on sleds.

It is reported that there are over
40,000 unemployed registered for
state benefits under the new law.
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The man who is fond of stating,
"All I know is what I read in the
papers" has been pretty silent this
week.

that government bounties are un-
warranted.
Rural street corners and loung-
ing places are the spots to find out
how to manage the railroads, lower
the cost of automobiles, cut the
price of beer in half and make farm
machinery cheaper. It is all so
simple that it is surprising that
some administration doesn't ar-
range to transfer its citizens
around.

It may be accepted as true that
farmers make as much money as
they can and that all of them would
get rich within a few years if it
was not for expenses and competi-
tion that cuts prices. The same
could undoubtedly be said of busi-
ness men and manufacturers. A
few of each class do obtain a com-
petence and once in a while a man
will get good and rich.

Good management is probably
the answer to success in any line—
along with knowledge of the indus-
try. Certainly no one could make
automobiles cheaper than the men
who have been a lifetime with the
business and surely no one not ac-
quainted with farming could
achieve the efficiency of the modern
wheat grower.

NO NEWS TODAY
The cessation of publication of
metropolitan dailies gives all coun-
try dailies and weeklies a chance
to boast about their value to their
readers. Some very fine things
have been said about such papers
by their editors in commenting on
the lack of the larger news ser-
vices. Yet, despite the undoubted
worth of rural newspapers they
can hardly take the place of papers
read also are the commentators and
editorial writers who make the
news more understandable and
point out trends. Often they tell
the why of the news whereas the
ordinary news agency story merely
tells the what.

The newspaper strike has cer-
tainly put labor in a much worse
position than before. People who
were not brought into direct touch
with the labor situation are now
missing a daily visitor and they do
not like it. It all brings a bit closer
to the time when the public will
arise in its wrath and straighten
out the labor troubles or state their
views so plainly that public officials
can no longer afford to hesitate in
enforcing laws against mayhem
on the persons of those who are
willing to work. Union officials may
have to resort to reason instead of
force to handle their men.

RADIO'S DEFICIENCY
Deficiencies of the radio as a
disseminator of the news are be-
coming more apparent every day
that no papers are received. One
has to be in the right spot and tun-
ed to the right station to get radio
news and if friend wife drops a
dish, the dog barks or some one
honks his horn an important part
of the story may be lost.

Then the radio never repeats and
one may hear that such and such
was said at 7:30 but no one can
get his paper and look it up on a
certain page and must take the re-
ports of those who heard the re-
porter. Furthermore news broad-
casters speak at a rather rapid gait
and close attention must be given
by those who would glean the news.

Maybe some one will develop a
pocket radio that one may carry
around and keep tuned in to a news
station and get the day's events like
the news services send over the
wire to their members or it may be
possible to invent a cheaper mach-
ine for a similar purpose that will
work like a stock ticker and
give printed news.

It might be simpler to invent a
machine to take the place of men
who quit a nine dollar job and go
on with newspapers.

The Dalles is to be congratulated
on the success of its sponsorship
of the celebration on account of the
opening of Bonneville dam. The
reception was so handled that it
took on the atmosphere of a real
celebration and the guest list in-
cluded men from practically every
part of the inland empire the dam
was built to serve.

We have gained one of the con-
ditions of winter with snow on the
ground and can dispense with the
most important—cold weather.

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STATEHOUSE GOSSIP

(Continued from page one)
Board of Trade Building, the Port-
land Municipal Market building,
the Lloyd's proposal and a proposed
civic center on the west side. The
first three of these proposals in-
volve the purchase of old buildings
and their reconversion to meet
the needs of the state. Lloyd's Inc.,
has offered to donate a site on the
east side and to accept three per
cent certificates of indebtedness in
financing construction of a two
story modern office building 300 by
200 feet. The Elks Temple has been
offered the state for \$690,000
including the cost of remodeling
the structure. Agents for the Board
of Trade building, an 11-story office
structure, have offered this prop-
erty together with an adjacent 100
by 100 foot lot for a total cost of
\$625,000, this figure to cover the
cost of necessary alterations to the
building.

Preliminary petitions for a new
chain store tax measure were filed
with Secretary of State Snell this
week by the Oregon Independent
Business League of Portland. The
new measure which is said to be
modeled after the Louisiana law
recently upheld by the United
States supreme court provides for
a graduated tax ranging from \$10
per store for chains operating from
two to ten stores, up to a maximum
of \$550 per store on chains operat-
ing more than 500 stores. Sponsors
of the measure claim that it would
yield an annual revenue of \$500,000
in Oregon.

Income tax collections by Ore-
gon during 1937 totalled \$5,344,047
it was reported by the state tax
commission. Of this amount \$3,
328,683 was received from individ-
uals and \$1,741,039 from corpora-
tions. The 1937 total was more
than twice that of 1931 when only
\$2,278,767 were collected from this
source.

A net profit of \$118,848 on its
real estate sales during 1937 was
reported by the World War Vet-
erans State Aid Commission this
week. Sales of farm and city prop-
erty by the commission during the
year totalled \$1,401,143. The state's
investment in these properties
amounted to \$1,268,262.

Eighty per cent of the inmates
of the Boys' Training School come
from broken homes, Superintendent
Laughlin told the Board of Control
this week. The institution has
more than 600 boys out on parole,
Laughlin said. About twenty per
cent of the boys in the school are
parole violators.

The newly created department of
geology and mineral industries has
already grubstaked prospectors to
a total of \$20,000 according to a re-
port to Governor Martin. The 1937
act creating the board authorizes
grubstakes up to a maximum of \$50
on condition that the loan be re-
paid with interest if the miners
make a "strike."

Inheritance and gift taxes col-
lected by the state during 1937
totalled \$1,103,598.38 according to
a report by State Treasurer Hol-
man. Inheritance tax collections
totaling \$1,043,277.41 set a new all
time high, Holman said.

Members of the Board of Control
have been invited by Superintendent
S. B. Laughlin to witness a
dress parade of his charges at the
Boys' Training School. The boys,
Laughlin said, are drilled
twice daily by a former regular
army sergeant.

THE ROOT FAMILY
Among the very first settlers in
Sherman county was Henry Root
who came from Humboldt county,
California in June of 1861 and
settled on the place west of Wasco,
now farmed by his son, G. H.
Root. With his father and a man
named Armstrong he had stayed
a few days near The Dalles expect-
ing to go to Camas Prairie after
meeting a brother who came down
from Ukiah.

Instead the family came to Sher-
man county and settled. Henry
Root on the above mentioned place
and his brother on the place now
owned by Van Gilder. The father,
William Root, also took up land
but left after a few years.

Henry Root was a second cousin
of Elihu Root, one time secretary
of State, and his wife was a Good-
year of the family that invented
the method of treating rubber to
make it usable.

Three children came with the
Roots to Sherman county, Darwin,
who taught in Japan and is now
teaching in Los Angeles; Nora,
now Mrs. H. E. Morrow of Keat and
George Herbert, who farms the
home place and is identified with
farm organizations in the county.
Floyd Root, a son, farms east of
Wasco.

Henry Root died in 1922 at the
age of eighty years.

More than half of Oregon's 3082
automobile accidents in January
1937, occurred on snowy or icy pave-
ments, and more than one third of
the accidents involved skidding,
Secretary of State Earl Snell said
recently.

Clerk's Report of Over-drafts, Under-
Budget Expenditures, Etc. for 1937

Table with columns: ACCOUNT, Amount Expended, Amount Budgeted, 1937 Emr. Acc't., Other Disposition. Includes items like County Judge's Salary, Judge's Expenses, County Clerk's Salary, etc.

CLERK'S ANNUAL REPORT OF
PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1937 TO
DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE
MONTH OF DECEMBER

Table with columns: Account, Amount. Includes items like County Judge's Salary, Judge's Expenses, County Clerk's Salary, etc.

EXPENDITURES BY MONTHS

Table with columns: Month, Amount. Lists months from January to December with corresponding expenditure amounts.

the office of the County Clerk.
I hereby certify that this report
is true and correct.
Dated January 11, 1938.
Respectfully submitted,
Joe Trull, County Clerk

In Other Days

From the Observer Jan. 19, 1919
Henry Peters is another Sher-
man County soldier returning Wed-
nesday of this week.
Tom Douma wrote from Camp
Lee, Va. telling of the country
there and the trip across the con-
tinent.

From the Observer, Jan. 22, 1909
Grandpa-Belshee died at the
home of his son J. F. Belshee near
Wasco on the 19th at the advanced
age of 91 years.

On his return from Washington
R. R. Butler will open the law office
of Bowerman and Butler in the
quarters formerly occupied by J. O.
Elrod.

H. A. Stuart did the sand bag
protection act to perfection at the
lumber yard Wednesday.
Another flood on the 19th took
out the Hay Canyon bridges below
DeMoss and made travel only pos-
sible with trains at each end of a
three mile portage.

The ground is so "full" now that
it cannot hold all the water but the
snow is still holding it down in
spots.

From the Observer Jan. 20, 1899
N. W. Thompson is making some
elaborate improvements in the Blue
Barn and has room for 85 horses
under cover. New rigs to handle
heavy baggage and for drummers
with grips have been ordered and
the city will soon have the most
complete and admirably adapted
stable accommodations of any inland
town in Oregon.

Nobody moved out because of the
Barnum creek flood Tuesday but
things were lively forawhile about
Elrod's lumber piles. Jarvis' bak-
ery was on an island, the foundry
was across the river and Mitchell
& Posa new shop and Landry's look-
ed like Clifton cannery.

The Stockton gang plow is being
sold in Wasco by Charles Jones.
They have 4, 5 or six bottoms and
has both seeder and drill attach-
ments.

Two eight horse teams loaded at
the Moro depot on the 13th for
Prineville.

Advance in Science
A cameraman, working for the
educational department of a film
company, met an old farmer in
town and said:
"I've just been taking some mov-
ing pictures of life out on your
farm."

"Did you catch any of my men
in motion?" asked the old farmer
curiously.
"Sure I did."
The farmer shook his head re-
flectively, then commented: "Movies
are a wonderful thing!"—Wall
Street Journal.

Hey, That Man's In Again
"You ship radio operators are
rolling stones."
"Correct; but you can't say we
gather no-Morse!"

Radio programs, safety news
stories and speeches prepared and
presented by himself or members
of his staff would run into the

hundreds, Snell declared.
Continuation of the present pro-
gram and development of new chan-
nels of safety education are plan-
ned for 1938, he said. He is hope-
ful that with a comprehensive safe-
ty campaign carried on through the
entire year Oregon will take its
place as the "safest state" in the
union.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against
the Estate of John Mathieson, De-
ceased, are required to present
them with vouchers to the under-
signed at their farm residence
near Rufus, Oregon within 90
days of the date of the first pub-
lication of this notice. The date of
the first publication of this notice
is January 7, 1938.

Hugh S. Mathieson
Executor
Margaret Leff
Executrix
Frank G. Dick, Atty.
Vogt Block
The Dalles, Oregon 10-13

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLE-
MENT

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
SHERMAN COUNTY, STATE OF
OREGON.

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF MAUDE P. MULLENBURG,
Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the undersigned, administra-
tor of estate of Maude P. Mullen-
burg, deceased, has filed in the
County Court of Sherman County,
Oregon, his final account as admin-
istrator of said estate and that the
31st day of January, 1938, at the
hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon
of said day, at the county court
room in the courthouse of said
county, has been fixed by the court
as the time and place for hearing
of objections to said account, if
any, and the settlement thereof.

William Mullenburg,
Administrator of the estate of
Maude P. Mullenburg, deceased.

R. J. Kitchen,
LaGrande, Oregon,
Attorney for administrator.

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A-F & A-M
Moro, Oregon
Meets the 1st and 3rd
Thursday evenings of
each month. Visiting
members cordially in-
vited to meet with us.

Moro Lodge No. 143, I. O. O. F.
Moro, Oregon
Meets 1st and 3rd
Tuesdays in the
I. O. O. F. hall. Tra-
sient and visiting
brothers are cordi-
ally invited to meet
with us.

Lewis McKee, N. G.
Joe Trull, Secretary.

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116.
Moro, Oregon
Meets 2d and 4th Tu-
esdays of each month.
Visiting members wel-
come.

Mabel McKee, N. G.
Naomi Van Gilder, Sec.

Bethlehem Chapter, No. 78, O. E. S.
Moro, Oregon
Meets Every Second
Fourth Thursdays in each
Month. Visiting members
invited.

Frances King W. M.
Ruth Sparling, Secretary.

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