

COPCO EXPENDS OVER MILLION THIS DISTRICT

The annual report of the California Oregon Power company recently distributed to over 2000 shareholders shows that the local company continued its consistent record of development and progress throughout the year 1928.

Net construction expenses during 1928 were \$1,212,412, the most important projects being the completion of the new 32,000 kilowatt capacity Prospect No. 2 hydro-electric generating station on the north fork of the Rogue river at Prospect, Ore., which was placed in service early in the year, and the high voltage transmission line connecting this plant with the Copco No. 2 station on the Klamath river in California. Various improvements and additions to equipment were made in other plants and substations in the company's system, and lines and service were extended to serve many new customers.

In the water department, a 100,000-gallon reservoir was constructed in the city of Klamath Falls, increasing the total reservoir capacity of the water system in that community to approximately 1,550,000 gallons. The new reservoir not only improves service to customers already on the lines, but it also provides adequate capacity to take care of the rapidly growing residential sections of this thriving city. In addition, it was necessary to construct new transmission mains and install additional fire hydrants in the cities of Klamath Falls and Roseburg, Ore., and Dunsmuir, Cal. Considerable additional installation of pipes and mains was also required to meet the growing demands for service in these communities.

A new power telephone line, approximately 40 miles in length, was constructed on separate poles between Medford and Copco No. 2 during the past summer. The placing of this new line greatly facilitates the operation of the various Copco power plants and transmission systems.

In line with the company's policy of keeping step with the development of the communities served a large new garage and shop were constructed in the city of Klamath Falls, Ore. These structures have proved of material benefit to operating and construction activity in the rapidly growing Klamath district.

In Roseburg, Ore., it was found necessary to build a combination warehouse and storeroom in the rear of the Umpqua division office building to take care of increased business.

A new load of approximately 1,500 horsepower was recently added at Glendale, Ore., to serve the Glendale Lumber company's large new mill which will employ many men and provide an impetus to business in this vicinity. In connection with supplying service to this new mill a new substation was built and betterments were made in the Glendale distribution system, which was partially destroyed in a disastrous fire during the summer of 1928.

Indicative of the company's growth is the fact that during 1928 441,733,455 kilowatt hours were generated at the company's hydro electric plants, an increase of 17.91 per cent over the previous 12-month period.

Rate reductions representing a considerable saving to residential and commercial lighting customers became effective October 1. These reductions applied to all urban residential lighting customers and to both urban and rural commercial lighting customers, affecting approximately 15,000, or 60 per cent, of all customers. In establishing these new and lower rates which are applicable in all communities served, the company is following its regular policy of reducing rates wherever possible for the benefit of local customers and to encourage the greatest use of electricity for residential and commercial purposes. The new rates were approved by the proper authorities in both California and Oregon.

The company's policy of providing for the future by additions and improvements to its properties will continue during 1929. In order to keep ahead of the growth and development anticipated in southern Oregon and northern California, the California Oregon Power company has planned to expend approximately \$1,392,000 for construction purposes to provide enlarged and improved facilities for serving the public.

Plans are under way for the construction of a transmission line from Dixonville to Marshfield, Ore. for the purpose of a more extensive interchange of power between the Copco system and the system of the Mountain States Power company, which is also one of the subsidiary public utility companies of Standard Gas & Electric Co. Marshfield is the headquarters of the Mountain States Power company. Construction of this line will improve service in the respective territories by supplying a dual source of power through an interconnected transmission network. Detailed plans are now in course of completion and active construction will begin in the near future. It is expected that the line will be ready for service by fall.

Reference to the comparative earnings statement which appears in the first part of the report, shows that the gross earnings of the company for the year 1928 increased \$471,780.59 over the previous year's figures, representing a 18.54 per cent growth. Net earnings increased \$420,227.99, or 23.51 per cent. The increase in revenue from the electric department amounted to \$449,826.42, or 16.53 per cent. The balance of the in-

All State Joins in Dedication on June 1 of 'Memorial Building at Oregon State College'



CORVALLIS, Ore., June 1.—(AP) The memorial union building, erected on the Oregon State college campus by private subscriptions at a cost in excess of \$600,000 was dedicated today with an elaborate ceremony at which pleas for universal peace were mingled with praise for the valor of 2,000 men of Oregon state who fought

the "war to end war." Governor Patterson was the principal speaker and declared that present events in the world indicate the ideals of those fought to end war and make the world safe for democracy were not in vain, but that these constitute not empty phrases and attainable goals for civilization of today.

Ben S. Fisher, state commander of the American Legion, spoke in behalf of all veterans and also urged the cause of peace.

PORTLAND GRAND JURY INDICTS 4, THEFT, VIOLENCE

PORTLAND, Ore., June 1.—(AP) Four major indictments were returned today by the Multnomah county grand jury.

John Gilkyson, 32, former secretary-treasurer of the Oregon Auburn company, was indicted on charges of obtaining money under false pretenses. Gilkyson was arrested March 28 on complaint of an official of the Oregon Bond and Mortgage company.

The indictment charges that Gilkyson on March 1 represented to Harry Meyer that the automobile company was owner of an auto sold to him under a sales contract. With Gilkyson's arrest a civil suit was brought in circuit court against him by the Oregon Auburn company to recover assets and funds which it is alleged he had appropriated to his own use.

Automobiles, diamonds, cash and notes were among the properties listed as having been placed in Gilkyson's care and for which he could not account.

Charles C. Cralle, self-confessed wielder of a hand axe which split the skull of Clarence Nordyke, May 12, was indicted on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon. Cralle is said to have attacked Nordyke during a drinking party.

Freeman Paulin, brother of the Charles Paulin, charged with slaying Harry Nichols in an obscure hotel, was accused in a grand jury indictment as being

"an accessory to the felony of assault with intent to kill." Freeman Paulin, it is said, drove an automobile in which his brother escaped, later surrendering himself to police.

D. A. Donelson was indicted for unlawfully offering for sale corporate liquor.

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ing the whole matter with the S. O. S. opposition and Anderson said that he was in favor of it, "as it was an experiment by which we may learn something."

The vote of the meeting was: For majority report 19 For minority report 1 For assessment 22

Against assessment 1 H. Rosenberg and H. Von Hoewen spoke in favor of the majority report. David Wood was arrested in both reports for his labors in connection with the work of the committee.

ATHENS.—(AP) The classic river of Athens, the Ilissos, celebrated by Plato and the poets, has been condemned as a breeder of mosquitoes by sanitary engineers. It will be made over into a sewer.

A new tree bridge to connect Missouri and Kansas will be opened July 1 at St. Joseph, Mo.

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crease in gross earnings reflected the growth of the water department and amounted to 21,954.17, or 11.42 per cent. Earnings of the electric department constitute more than 95 per cent of the company's gross earnings.

The total number of customers, both electric and water, served by the company increased from 29,438 to 29,155 during the year, a gain of 5.41 per cent. This includes a gain of 1,251 users of electric service and 141 water customers.

The company continued the sale of its 6 per cent preferred shares to the public under the customer ownership plan of equity financing during the year. Through the customer ownership plan, the amount of preferred stock outstanding increased 14,574 shares, representing a par value of \$1,457,400. A net total of 715 new shareholders was added to the company's list. The company now has approximately 9000 preferred shareholders, including investors who are purchasing shares on the monthly investment plan.

Referring to operations during 1928 and the outlook for 1929, E. O. Crawford, vice-president and general manager of the California Oregon Power company, says: "The year just ended was the most prosperous in the company's history. A 10.46 per cent growth is indicated for the territory served, and 17.97 per cent in kilowatt hour output is shown for the electric system. In view of the satisfactory business conditions which prevail throughout the territory, we look forward to 1929 as a year of even greater activity and progress."

The report is prepared in most attractive form and in addition to complete information, of which the above account is a summary, contains a map of the territory served and a number of excellent illustrations showing views of the new Prospect No. 2 power plant.

Revival Services Begin Here Today

(Contributed)
Rev. John I. Huff, evangelist, of Berkeley, Calif., arrived in Medford Saturday and will remain at least two weeks in revival meetings at the local South Methodist church. Rev. Huff is a capable and experienced evangelist, having held successful revivals in California, Oregon and Texas, and his preaching and singing have always been of the highest order. The question box each evening will be an interesting and helpful feature. He uses no methods that in any way take undue advantage of the people. He is a safe and sane preacher of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

He will dedicate certain nights for special services, as family, young people, Epworth League night.

You are very cordially invited to attend these services.

LONDON.—Douglas Hocking, president of the British Board of Trade, says that since the Armistice 19 British vessels, with a tonnage of 24,268, have been sunk as a result of striking mines left over from the war.

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FLOODS IN TEXAS INNUNDATE ARMS

HOUSTON, Texas, June 1.—(AP) While the waters of Houston's most disastrous flood in the last quarter of a century continued to recede tonight crests of about a half dozen streams in southern Texas moved gulfward, inundating additional thousands of acres.

Buffalo Bayou was fast dripping off the watershed above Houston and was expected to be back within its banks here before dawn. As water rolled back from homes, business houses, streets and bridges Houston residents began counting the losses which were estimated to run into the millions.

Danger in case of fire here persisted tonight. Water pressure was increasing, but it was still far below normal and it was expected to be several days before the inundated central pumping plant could be started again.

Most of the transportation facilities, paralyzed by the raging waters, were back in use, and traffic was moving over many of the bridges which had been covered with water.

MCHARICOFF.—(AP) Ukrainian trade union headquarters report that \$82,000 was embezzled from local unions in 1924 as compared with \$567,000 in 1921. The locals have been told to keep a sharper lookout for their funds.

HAVANA (AP)—A measure suspending the evase which was to have been taken next year, has been approved by President Gerardo Machado y Morales.

Eleven buildings are to be erected on the University of Chicago campus this year.

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