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WHAT THIS CITY IS LOSING

If Klamath Falls had not given away its water power rights to the California Oregon Power company, it would today be making enough money so that the taxes for the cost of city government would be but a fraction of what they are. We would have a sewer system and would not be wallowing in mud in the outlying districts. The following article from the Tacoma News-Tribune clearly illustrates our point:

The profit made by the municipally owned power plant of this city is the cause of a heated controversy that has been going on among California newspapers. The other day the Sacramento Bee published an editorial discussing the reports of the operation of the Tacoma plant. In this article was included the following statement: "Today the income of this plant has increased to a point where the net profit for the year 1925 will approximate \$1,000,000."

The Sacramento Union immediately leaped into the fray, contradicting this assertion and branding it in this fashion: "Without having the official report of the Tacoma plant before us, we venture the confident assertion that the above statement is pure moonshine."

The Union then weaves this ingenious argument: "A net profit of \$1,000,000 implies a gross operating income of not less than \$20,000,000 annually. This would mean that after paying wages and salaries, upkeep, interest, amortization, fire and industrial insurance and allowing for depreciation, the Tacoma plant had left a sum equivalent to 5 per cent of the gross receipts. That would be a handsome profit if it existed."

"The 1920 census gives the population of Tacoma as 96,965. Today the total population is probably about 100,000. Now, if the Tacoma power plant takes in \$20,000,000 gross this year it must collect a sum from the sale of electric energy equivalent to \$200 for every inhabitant over 14 years old. That in turn is equivalent to about \$750 for every household, business and industry. Consider that the total volume of business done by the Pacific Gas and Electric company for 1924, in all its large and populous territory, amounted to only \$44,000,000."

Following this remarkable financial analysis the Union proceeds, "To speak plainly, the story about Tacoma is utterly false."

Distressing as it may seem to our Sacramento contemporary and its critical financial diagnosis, the original statement of profit is absolutely true. The flaw lies in the fact that the Union figures the profit at only 5 per cent of the gross receipts. As a matter of cold business fact, the 1924 statement of the Tacoma plant showed an operating revenue of \$1,516,960.31, with an operating expense of \$608,070.96, which leaves an operating gain of \$908,889.35. Miscellaneous expenses deducted bring this figure to \$840,827.29, and the provision for a sinking fund and bonds reduce the profit to \$772,952.27.

During the first nine months of 1925 the operating revenue was \$1,135,703.75, the operating expense \$395,368.61, showing a gain of \$760,935.14. After deducting miscellaneous expense, bonds and sinking fund, the net profit is \$700,960.55.

The valuation of the light department property on Nov. 1, was \$10,294,270.05, with \$389,743.50 of money raised by Cushman bonds still unexpended. The bonded indebtedness of the department is \$4,592,000, of which \$4,300,000 in bonds were voted to pay for the Cushman project.

It is no wonder that outsiders fail to believe the record of earnings of this municipally operated plant. Its success is so outstanding that it almost challenges belief.

J. N. GIVAN HERE

J. N. Givan, a well known and pioneer livestockman of the city, was in town this morning to transact business matters. Mr. Givan has been shipping considerable of his cattle south to California markets. He is the father of Dallas Givan.

NEW YORK—Lee Garnet Day,

back from Europe, with his bride, the former Nancy Styles who broke her engagement to Lieutenant Ernesto Becci of Italy, thinks any girl has a right to change her mind. As for the Lieutenant, he is a thorough gentleman and a mighty fine fellow.

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Announce Unit Of 1926 Road Program Today

Four Miles of Midland State Line Road To Be Graded

Another county road project that will be undertaken in 1926 by the county court was announced today by County Road Engineer Frank Z. Howard. It is the grading of the remaining four miles of the Midland state line. Cost of the project will be in the neighborhood of \$17,000. Bids for the job will be advertised next January and work will start as soon as weather conditions permit. The Midland state line road was graded this summer through the lower Klamath marsh section.

Two other road projects affecting the Midland district will be completed next year. One is the surfacing of the Midland market road and the grading of the Spring lake section of the Midland market road.

Chamber Delegates Back from Seattle

Outside of Portland, Klamath had the largest delegation in Oregon at the mid-year conference of the western division of the United States chamber of commerce held in Seattle early this week. This was the word brought back by Lyda P. Sabini, secretary of the Klamath chamber.

Klamath delegates were Sabini, R. U. Groatbeck, T. P. Henderson, C. T. Darley and A. L. Wishard. The conference brought home to the delegates the important position Klamath Falls now occupies among coast cities.

"It is looked upon as the coming city on the coast, both as a manufacturing and distributing center," Sabini said.

MISS WILSON TO ATTEND

Miss Olive Wilson expects to attend the state teachers' association meeting in Portland on the last 3 days of this month. Miss Augusta Parker, principal of the Central school, also plans to attend the conference.

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New Items Of Interest From Oregon Cities

SALVATION ARMY BOYS

Establishment of a Salvation Army home for children will be the outgrowth of the purchase by the Army of a two and one-half acre tract near Cooson. It was announced today by Captain H. J. Galahue. The tract is already improved with a new four room bungalow and is in charge of a caretaker who is working on other improvements. It is nicely located near a boat landing and there are between 50 and 60 fruit trees growing on it as present.

Overcrowded conditions in the only other Salvation Army home in Oregon, the one near Corvallis, led to this step being taken to establish a second home in Coos county.—Marsh Field News.

CO-ED BALL SCHEDULED

The co-ed ball will be January 9 from 2 o'clock until 5. This is the one function of the year for all women students, faculty members and house mothers. All who attend are urged to come masked and in costume. Prizes will be given for the most clever and original disguises.

Dates for the freshmen will be arranged by the big sister organization. It will be necessary for some of the upperclassmen to come together as there are not enough freshmen girls. The ball is to help the freshmen become better acquainted as well as to promote a spirit of democracy.

Stunts will be given by the home mothers, citation committee, Delta Psi Kappa and associated fraternities. Music will be furnished by the Moonlight Serenaders. Admission will be 25 cents.—O. A. C. Barometer.

JAP SAILOR DROWNED

Kinji Kawada, Japanese member of the crew of the Kasha Maru, met his death near the Smith Mill dock at 7:55 Sunday morning when he fell from the deck of the ship while on duty cleaning a sewer on the vessel, and went into the water. It was reported that he struck a log when he fell. His lungs were filled with water when the body was recovered and drowning was given as the cause of his death.

The body will be shipped to Portland on tonight's train for cremation from the Thuorwater parlor.

The Kasha Maru came directly to Coos Bay from Japan and is loading cedar for that country.

Kinji Kawada was 21 years of age and a resident of Aikiken, Japan. The body was reported in the water about 29 minutes before recovery.

It was reported that the splash made by the falling body was heard but that no one realized at the moment the cause of it. The morning fog was so dense at the time that objects were indistinguishable more than a few feet distant, so that those nearby were unable to see at the time what had happened. The unusual denseness of the fog was given as a possible cause of the fall.—Coos Bay Times.

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

Interest in the acceptance by University of Alabama of the invitation to play at Pasadena New Year's day, in the annual inter-sectional game, is especially keen in Bend through the

acquaintance of local people with the team's record. Graham McClintock, who was in Bend until recently, a brother of Don McClintock, local football official, was a member of the Alabama team last year and had been elected captain for this year, but having obtained his degree, did not return. Alabama has been undefeated this year and lost only to Centre college last year.—Bend Bulletin.

GRADUATE DIES

Zane A. Lansdale, '18 graduate in civil engineering, died of hemorrhage of the brain at his home in Brush Prairie, Wash. For a number of years after graduation he was employed as civil engineer in Baltimore, Milwaukee and other eastern cities. A few years ago he became a farmer in Brush Prairie. Mr. Lansdale was a cousin of Zane Grey, the author, for whom he was named. He was also a nephew of Mrs. Zane G. Gibson

of Corvallis. Besides his widow he leaves a small son Donald, 4, his mother, father and two sisters.—O. A. C. Barometer.

LANDMARK DESTROYED

An old landmark of the county was destroyed last night when the house on the old Hamlin place, three miles south of the city on the Pacific highway, was burned down. This house was on the north side of the road and was built entirely of two by fours laid flat. It was one of the oldest houses in this part of the county, having stood more than 40 years ago. The house has been unoccupied for a considerable period, and it is believed that the fire was caused by tramps or campers, who were using the place.—Grants Pass Courier.

Lloyd R. DeLap III

Lloyd R. DeLap, circuit court clerk, is severely ill at his home on South Riverside with a bad cold. He was unable to attend circuit court this morning.

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