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STEPHEN T. MATHER,
Director.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MONTHLY REPORT
FOR
JANUARY, 1925.

February 5, 1925.

Dear Sir:

The following is my report on the conditions and operation of Yosemite National Park for the month of January, 1925:

I. GENERAL CONDITIONS:

Economic. Trade and business information of the past four weeks has been of two contradictory sorts. That which comes to us in print is without exception optimistic and overflowing with reports of good and improving business. That which comes by word of mouth bears out in part, but not in full, the promise of the general good times which are supposed to be upon us.

California is far distant from the centers of iron and steel, from the factory towns where railroad equipment is manufactured, and from the producing areas from which come the immense quantities of electrical and other machinery, tools and equipment, etc. which are the first to respond to the new industrial activity. We have to take by hearsay the fact that thousands of men have been brought back into full employment in those centers. We know by experience that the effect of this will soon be felt in western business, even though it does not manifest itself immediately.

For example, retail trade in California increased 0.9% for January over last year.

It is too early to comment on the agricultural production of the coming season although the situation at this time looks good.

The petroleum situation continues unchanged.

Building has been active.

With the prospect, therefore, of increasingly active general business, of good markets for our agricultural products of the coming season, and with possibly better markets for petroleum production, there is every reason to look forward to continued prosperity.

All of these general factors should have a material bearing on an increased travel to the park during the coming season.

Weather conditions. January started off with a stretch of perfect weather. For thirteen days the record was unbroken. Then, on the morning of January 14, rain began to fall. This turned to snow later in the day and when the storm cleared there was three inches of fresh snow. Good weather then continued until January 25, which brought more rain. Those who have lived long in the Valley state that they do not remember a more open January in all their experience.

The mean maximum temperature for the month was 48.09, compared with 44.32 last year. The mean minimum was 24.48, compared with 18.84, indicating a considerably warmer month than January of last year. The maximum temperature during the month was 61° compared with 56° last year, and the minimum, 16° compared with 6° below zero. We had 1.66" of rain compared with 1.94", and the total to date of 13.06 compared with 7.78. The rain storms and warm weather removed practically all of the snow on the floor of the Valley except in the shadow of the high cliffs on the south side. By the end of the month the Coalterville Road and the Wawona Road were both open to automobile travel, indicating very little snow below the 6,500' level. On January 15 our Rangers reported 48" of snow on the level at Lake Tenaya, and from 50" to 61" on north exposures.

The two rain storms that we had in the Valley fell in the form of snow in the higher mountains, but we need a great deal more snow if we are to overcome the lack of normal precipitation last year.

Attached is a sheet showing the comparative weather data for the month of January, 1925, as compared with January, 1924.

COMPARATIVE MONTHLY & "TO DATE" WEATHER REPORT

(To accompany Chief Ranger's Monthly report)

Yosemite Station		Month of January, 1925	
Old Village site -- south side		1924	1925
Mean Maximum		44.34	48.09
Mean Minimum		19.54	24.48
Mean		31.45	36.27
Maximum		65°	61°
MINIMUM		6 below zero	15°
Greatest Daily Range		33-6-39 below zero	61-27-54
RAINFALL		1.94	1.66
Greatest in 24 hours		.90	1.11
Rainfall to date July 1		7.78"	15.06"
Snowfall		4 1/2	3
On ground 15th		7 1/2	3
On ground end of month		3	Very spotted
Snowfall to date since October 1 July 1		20 1/2	22 1/2
Days of more than .01 rainfall		4	5
Clear Days		23	23
Partly Cloudy Days		3	2
Cloudy Days		5	5

Note: Rainfall shown here does not include the snow which would be 2.09 in precipitation for month and 15.39 to date.

COMPARATIVE MONTHLY & "TO DATE" WEATHER REPORT

(To accompany Chief Ranger's monthly report)

<u>Yosemite</u> Station	Month of <u>January, 1925.</u>	
<u>New Village site -- north side</u>	<u>19</u> <u>24</u>	<u>19</u> <u>25</u>
Mean Maximum	No records	50.77
Mean Minimum		26.85
Mean		58.80
Maximum		64 ⁰
MINIMUM		16 ⁰
Greatest Daily Range		64-32-32
RAINFALL -- not including snow		1.55"
Greatest in 24 hours		1.11"
Rainfall to date		16.06
Snowfall		5
On ground 15th		2
On ground end of month		None
Snowfall to date since October 1 July 1		22 ¹ / ₂
Days of more than .01 rainfall		5
Clear Days		23
Partly Cloudy Days		2
Cloudy Days		6

Labor and Supply Markets. No additions have been made to our winter force and only small quantities of operating supplies have been purchased during the month.

Gutleben Brothers furnished meals to the value of \$160 in Boarding Camp No. 1 and the Government operated only the Officers' and Rangers' Mess during January.

A survey by Murray and Ready, Employment Agency, states that they anticipate a mid-season shortage of labor during the coming year; not acute but sufficient to cause competitive bidding which will tend to slightly increase wages during the midst of the seasonal demand. Their survey shows the cost of living to have established itself somewhere between fifty and sixty percent higher than the pre-war level and whatever movement there will be in this will be upward.

The condition of the labor market is of interest to us at this time in view of the fact that we will undoubtedly be employing large crews on our road construction work later in the season. By starting early, however, and picking our crews before competition becomes keen we hope to have no labor difficulty.

Hoof and Mouth Disease. Inquiry was made of Dr. Rudolph Snyder, Inspector in Charge, U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry, during January as to the status of the hoof and mouth disease among the deer in the Stanislaus National Forest.

His report indicated a severe infection north of the Tuolumne River in the Clavy River section, with a few cases found on the south side of the Tuolumne River in the vicinity of Pilot Peak. Naturalist C. P. Russell, Chief Ranger F. S. Townsley, and Assistant Chief Ranger C. D. Boothe, were detailed to make an inspection trip through the control camps to secure first-hand information as to the status of the disease and to report their findings. During the week they were assigned to this work new infections were found at Lake Eleanor, North Mountain, and Hazel Green: three points along the western boundary of the park. The infection at Hazel Green was the newest and the one which gave the most worry. Control camps were immediately established along the western park boundary and park Rangers were detailed to work from these camps making daily reports of conditions to this office.

Upon receipt of requests to slaughter deer not only in the forest reserves adjoining the park but also in the park along the western line, telegraphic report of the situation was made to Washington and instructions received to cooperate with the control officials, giving them every assistance and authorizing them to take deer inside the park if they thought it necessary or advisable. Following these instructions a conference was held in Yosemite on February 2 and 3 between representatives of the National Park Service, the U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry, the U. S. Biological Survey, the U. S. Forest Service, and the California Division of Animal Industry, and a campaign or plan for the next several months decided upon.

This plan involves the slaughter of all infected or exposed deer in such areas as infection has been found to exist. This is done with the idea of thinning out the deer as much as possible to prevent a rapid spread of the disease, in the hope that it will die out or can be controlled. The deer are prevented from going into the higher mountains at the present time by the heavy snows. It is planned to follow the snow line back just as the deer do, getting those that escape on the winter range. Next summer it is proposed to establish control camps on the summits of the summer ranges so as to prevent deer from drifting to the east side of the mountains and infecting other deer or live stock in that section.

The decision of most interest to the park at this time is that no restriction will be made of travel to the park or interference with the regular use thereof, except, possibly, restriction of the use of certain areas in the higher country where use by the visiting public might be dangerous or interfere with the work of the control officials. Likewise, it has been decided not to quarantine the forests but to permit camping and fishing as heretofore, but hunting is to be prohibited. The chance of spreading infection by the legitimate use of these areas is considered negligible by those in charge of the control work.

II. PERSONAL

<u>Class</u>	<u>Kind of Work Performed</u>
1 Superintendent	General park administration
1 Assistant Superintendent	General office administration
1 Park Supervisor	General maintenance of roads, trails, etc.
1 Assistant Park Supervisor	Asst. to park supervisor and field time-keeper
1 Resident Engineer	In charge of all engineering and construction work
0 1 Park Forester	In charge of timber exchange with Yosemite Lumber Co. and work of City and County of San Francisco at Hetch Hetchy
1 Master Mechanic	In charge of machine shop
1 Assistant Mechanic	Assistant to master mechanic
1 General Blacksmith	In charge of blacksmith shop
1 Chief Electrician	In charge of power house and all electric and telephone lines, construction, etc.
4 Telephone Operators	2 local and long distance, 1 relief and one night
1 Clerk-Telegraph Operator	Managing office, handling wire, money transfers, accounts, etc.
1 Lineman Foreman	In charge telephone and electric line maintenance
1 Painter	In charge of general painting
1 Plumber	In charge of general plumbing
1 Head Teamsters	In charge corrals and barns
1 Skilled Laborer	Harness and saddle repairs, and foreman of maintenance or construction crews
1 Property Clerk & Storekeeper	In charge of supply warehouse

1 Chief Clk. & Special Disbursing Agent

In charge of disbursements
and accounts

1 Accounting Clerk

In charge of cost acct. system

4 5 Clerk-stenographer-typists

1 stenographer to Supt.
(1 " " Asst. Supt.)
and files
1 bills and collections, park
revenues
1 time and payroll clerk
1 purchasing clerk

1 Park Naturalist

On nature guide and museum work

1 Chief Ranger

In charge of ranger force

1 Assistant Chief Ranger

Asst. to chief ranger

8 9 Rangers

6 patrol duty
1 office duty
(1 shop work and surveys)
1 publicity and park history

1 Electrician

In charge of telephone and
switchboard maintenance

3 Power Station Operators

In charge power plant operation

2 Carpenters

On maintenance and construction
work

1 Engineering Draftsman, Temporary

Asst. to Resident Engineer

In addition to the regular employees mentioned above, the following list of temporary laborers, truck drivers, etc., were employed:

	<u>Dec. 31</u>	<u>Jan. 31</u>
Rockman	2	3
Plumber's Helper	5	3
Teamster	6	6
Woodcutter	0	1
Cook	1	1
Waitress	1	1
Mechanic	2	1
Truck Driver	5	4
Lineman	2	3
Gang Foreman	3	3
Plumber	1	1
Hand Driller	1	1
Carpenter	2	2
Watchman	1	1
Yardman	1	1
Janitor	1	1
Housekeeper	1	1
Blacksmith	1	1
Mechanic's Helper	1	1
Warehouseman	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
	37	37

On December 31, 1924 there were eighty-three employees on our payroll; on January 31, 1925 there were eighty-four.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Annual Salary</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>No. Days</u>
Henry W. Barnes	Clerk (Acct.)	\$1740 p.a.	2 to 5 1/2/25	3/8
Frederick Bruschi	Blacksmith	1440 p.a.	1/2/25 - 1/26/25	21
Laurence L. Cumberland	Chief Clerk	2100 p.a.	1/22/25 - 1/30/25	8
Winfield B. Campbell	Painter	1500 p.a.	1/9/25 - 1/9/25	1
Do			1 to 5 1/24/25	1/2
Sam. H. Cookson	Lineman Foreman	1500 p.a.	1/1/25-1/18/25	14
John W. Emmert	Chief Electrician	2400 p.a.	1 to 5 - 1/31/25	1/8
Ethel M. Foster	Clk-Stenog-Typist	1500 p.a.	1/1/25 - 1/13/25	10
Florence M. Gallison	Telephone Operator	1140 p.a.	1/1/25 - 1/7/25	5
Robert F. Halstead	Power Sta. Operator	1440 p.a.	1/1/25 - 1/22/25	18
Chris Hauck	Plumber	1860 p.a.	Noon 1/10/25-1/31/25	18 1/2
James V. Lloyd	Park Ranger	1500 p.a.	1/2/25 - 1/10/25	8
G. R. McNabb	Carpenter	1440 p.a.	1/5/25 - Noon 1/31/25	23 1/2
C. F. Adair	Park Ranger	1500 p.a.	1/1/25 - Noon 1/22/25	17 1/2

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Annual Leave con't.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>No. Days</u>
John W. Bingham	Park Ranger	\$1500 p.a.	1/ 1/25 - 1/ 4/25	145 ⁷ / ₈
Olyde D. Boothe	Asst. Chief Ranger	1860 p.a.	1/ 2/25 - 1/ 3/25	2
William J. Ellis	Power Sta. Operator	1320 p.a.	1/25/25 - 1/31/25	6
Homer B. Hoyt	Park Ranger	1440 p.a.	1/ 1/25 - 1/15/25	13
William H. Nelson	Park Ranger	1500 p.a.	1/ 1/25 - 1/ 5/25	3
Charles B. Rich	Park Ranger	1500 p.a.	1/16/25 - 1/31/25	14
E. C. Solinsky	Park Forester	2100 p.a.	1/ 1/25 - 1/ 7/25	5
John H. Wegner	Park Ranger	1500 p.a.	1/19/25 - 1/20/25N.	1 ¹ / ₂

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Amy B. Alexnader	Clk-Telegraph Opr.	1500 p.a.	1/24/25-- 1/27/25	4
Henry W. Barnes	Clerk (Acct)	1740 p.a.	1 /6/25N- 1/31/25	25 ¹ / ₂
Joseph N. Garbarino	Head Teamster	1500 p.a.	1/31/25 - 1/31/25	1
Helen E. Williams	Clerk	1680 p.a.	1/ 6/25 - 1/ 6/25	1
Clyde D. Boothe	Park Ranger (Asst. Chief)	1860 p.a.	1/ 9/25 - 1/10/25	2
Charles B. Rich	Park Ranger	1500 p.a.	1/ 2/25 - 1/ 6/25	5
Laurence L. Cumberland	Chief Clerk	2100 p.a.	1/13/25 - 1/16/25	4

Without Pay

Amy B. Alexander	Clk-Telegraph Opr.	1500 p.a.	1/21/25 - 1/23/25	3
75 Ethel M. Foster	Clerk-Steno, Typist	1500 p.a.	1/14/25 - 1/31/25	18
80 James V. Lloyd	Park Ranger	1500 p.a.	1/11/25 - 1/21/25	21
140 E. C. Solinsky	Park Forester	2100 p.a.	1/ 8/25 - 1/31/25	24

APPOINTMENTS

SEPARATIONS

PROMOTIONS

Appointments:

Elton M. Hilton, Engineering Draftsman, @ \$1800 p.a. was., entered on duty January 1, 1925.

Separations:

None.

Furloughs:

Homer B. Hoyt - January 16 to March 31.

III. WORK COMPLETED.

(a) Construction of Physical Improvements.

Museum. By the end of the month the Museum building was completely inclosed except the exterior rock wall at the front entrance, a portion of the rock wall of the fire place at the west end, and the glazing of the doors and windows. On the first floor interior the fireplace is three-quarters completed, the partition tile one-half in, and the electric wiring is being carried along with the tile work. The floor will be poured after the plastering is done. The interior of the second floor is almost all partitioned and the ceiling framing is in, although no lathing has been done. All of the plumbing has been roughed in and nearly all of the pipes for hot water heating system are in. The plasterers are in the Valley and will begin plastering this building in about ten days, as soon as they have finished their work at the new Post Office. The splendid weather conditions have aided a great deal in making good progress.

Post Office Building. Little work was done on the Post Office during the month. All the windows were put in and the log work above the stone wall about seventyfive per cent complete. The plasterers are working on the finish coat on the second floor at the present time. On the lower floor the lathing is practically complete, although the plastering has not as yet been started.

Pillsbury's Studio. Little work was done on this building other than finishing up small things on the interior and placing platforms and walks connecting the main building with the detached work rooms in the back. The greater part of the building has the walls merely covered with building paper at present, the plan being to cover this with cedar bark later on. A one room addition, size 12 x 16', was added to the south end of the cabin used by Mr. Pillsbury as a residence.

National Park Service Work. El Capitan Ranger Station. This building was completed except for placing the plumbing fixtures, connecting water and sewer lines, and painting.

Incinerator. Work was started on grading the area for the incinerator and the building of forms. These will be ready for the pouring of concrete within a week.

(b) Maintenance and Repairs.

Roads and Trails. The El Portal Road between the western park boundary and the floor of the Valley was the only outside road that any work was done on during the month. Two laborers and four head of horses were kept on this job. Temporary repairs were made on the Big Oak Flat Road in the rebuilding of a rock wall which was destroyed by a slide. This road was open as far as Gentry all during the month and was in fair condition. The Wawona Road was practically open to Wawona as several cars went in and out during the month and the Yosemite Transportation Company sent their cars regularly to Inspiration Point. The grade to Inspiration Point is very rough as no maintenance work has been done.

With the small winter crew three hundred feet of new road was built on the north side of the cemetery through the new village center. The bed of the road was raised twenty-eight inches at the lowest point and the fill was supported by dry rock wall. The area between the warehouse and the road was graded to catch all storm water that has heretofore flooded the cemetery and the row of employees' cottages along this line. To take care of this flood water a trench one hundred fifty feet long and two feet deep was dug and eighty feet of galvanized 14" culvert was laid. This turns the water so as to run it west toward the school house and the last rain storm indicated that the job is a successful one.

In order to prevent washing of the barn yard grounds a water break was constructed to take care of flood water from the hill side in front of the automobile truck sheds and a 12" culvert installed under the corner of the upper barn. Twenty feet of sewer pipe was added to this which carries the storm water to a natural drain so that no damage can be done. Now that this has been accomplished the area around the shops and barns will be regraded and proper drainage installed.

Enough large boulders were hauled from under Yosemite Falls and from the new service road being constructed back of the new village, to set up 2,000' of curbing between the Yosemite Creek Bridge and the new Administration Building. One hundred fifty cubic yards of gravel were hauled for resurfacing the new road and twelve yards of dirt and six yards of gravel were hauled for constructing a comfort station in our laborers' camp.

The new service road back of the new village is making very slow progress, principally on account of the extremely rocky formation. Also, the work has not been carried forward steadily.

The road crew has been also excavating a pit back of the new Post Office for a bank of transformers. This work is difficult because much of it has been through solid rock and as this is quite close to the new Post Office building, in which the windows have already been placed, care must be used in blasting.

There was no trail work done in January.

Sanitation. Two head of horses and one laborer were employed on sanitation, garbage and manure disposal during the month.

Blacksmithing. The General Blacksmith, F. Bruschi, was absent during the month on his annual leave. During this time his helper, D. A. Miller, was employed on the repair of tools and implements, etc. Help was rendered by Skilled Laborer Grenfell when necessary. During stormy days spare laborers were employed on sharpening and re-fitting tools.

Harness Repairs. Skilled Laborer Grenfell was assigned to repair harnesses and other leather equipment during the month, his work consisting of the repair of 29 harnesses, 21 work bridles, 21 pairs of driving lines, 2 stock saddles and the making of 39 Latigo straps, 2 tie straps, 2 lead

straps, 5 two-horse lines, 1 pair four-horse lines, 2 sets of harness traces, 2 leather cases for universal joints in mail track, 4 dozen hame strings, 1 riding bridle complete, and 2 scabbards for hunting knives.

Freight Hauling. Fourteen and one-half tons of freight were hauled from the railroad station and consisted principally of general supplies.

Wood Hauling. Sixteen cords of wood were hauled and distributed to employees.

Stock. During the month there were twenty-nine head of Park Service stock and seven hired head employed, or a total of thirty-six animals. This stock was employed approximately as follows:

<u>Horse days</u>	
Administration	368
Roads, floor of Valley	273
El Portal Road	124
Sanitation	62
Rented to Gutleben Bros.	35
" " McDonald	25
Garbage disposal plant	26
Bldg. and structures	4
Elec. and telephone lines	10
	<u>927</u>
Idle Transportation	<u>189</u>
Total	1116

No payment was made for hired stock for January.

Carpenter, Plumbing and Painting Divisions. In addition to general maintenance work of the painting, plumbing, and carpenter divisions the following jobs were handled:

In the construction of a comfort station at the Laborers' Camp the plumbing was roughed in and the forms for the foundation were placed. The filling was done, ready to pour concrete. Excavation for the transformer vault at the Post Office was two-thirds complete. The water and sewer lines in the new village were completed. A back porch was completed at Campbell's residence and a change in the wood sheds made at the quarters of E. P. Leavitt and Mrs. A. B. Alexander.

ELECTRIC SYSTEM

Power Plant Operation. The power plant was in continuous operation throughout the month with the exception of forty-five minutes on January 26. A shut-down was made from 5:15 AM to 6:00 AM which was caused by the governor pump belt coming off. A safety guide was put over this belt so as to avoid

future trouble of this kind.

Pipe Line. The pipe line was inspected and found to be in good condition except for the No. 2 concrete elbow which still leaks quite badly. The fine mesh screen is still off at the intake in order to allow a full flow of water and this occasionally allows large sticks of wood to get into the turbines which throws them out of balance.

A bank of three 25-KVA transformers belonging to the San Joaquin Light and Power Corporation were burnt out at our sub-station, due to an overload and they are now being replaced.

Maintenance of Electric Lines and Equipment. The transformer vault for the new Administration Building was wired for three 50-KVA transformers. Six primary cutouts were installed, making provision for fusing the Clubhouse transformers in this vault.

A falling branch caused our street light circuit to become crossed with the primary wires, burning out eighteen series lamps on the Camp Curry road. The trouble was repaired and the lamps renewed.

Two outlets and a snap switch were installed in an addition in Mr. Boothe's quarters.

A 25-KVA transformer was installed at the new Post Office to furnish heat for plastering.

A 25 ampere, 3 wire meter was installed in Mr. Pillsbury's new studio.

A two pair telephone cable was laid underground from the Administration Building to Pillsbury's and the new Post Office.

The 11,000 volt transmission line was inspected and found to be in good shape.

A new 2,500 volt line was installed in back of the laundry.

I am attaching a sheet showing comparative data on the electric system for the month of January, 1925, compared with January, 1924.

COMPARATIVE MONTHLY REPORT OF

ELECTRIC SYSTEM

Month of January 1925

	19 ²⁴	19 ²⁵
Total output for month in K.W.H.	446120	1,159,310
Peak load in K.W.H. for one hour	875	2,150
Peak load in K.V.A. for month	990	2,170
Energy sold for light in K.W.H.	5907	6,515
Energy sold for heat in K.W.H.	153094	145,303
Energy sold for power in K.W.H.	1637	772
Energy sold for cooking in K.W.H.	23795	28,271
Energy sold for residence use in K.W.H.	13245	14,989
Total energy sold in Park	197678	195,850
Energy used by Service, including losses	248444	281,460
Revenue from sale of electricity in Park	\$1534.40	\$1538.36
Energy sold S. J. L. & P. Corporation	--	682,000
Value of energy sold Power Corporation	--	\$1940.40
Energy purchased from Power Corporation	--	--
Maximum demand from Power Corporation	--	--
Cost of purchased energy	--	--
Average income per K.W.H. sold	.0077	.0039
Cost of generating one K.W.H. to	--	--

Telephone System. All relays and cord circuits were connected up on the new telephone switchboard in the new Administration Building and all instruments and starting boxes on the telephone power board were connected up. The new board, relay rack, and main distributing frame were assembled and mounted in place.

The telephone lines to Mather Ranger Station and Merced Grove of Big Trees were repaired and placed in service for use in the foot and mouth disease control work. The Merced Grove line was metallicized from the junction of the El Portal and Coulterville Roads to a point 1,500 feet up the Coulterville grade. It was found, when tested, that the induction from the high tension power line is still interfering with this circuit and the two wires will have to be run as far as Big Meadows in order to get a good talking circuit.

Attached is a sheet showing the comparative data on the telephone and telegraph system for the month of January, 1925 and January, 1924:

COMPARATIVE MONTHLY REPORT OF

TELEPHONE OPERATION

Month of January 19 25

	19 <u>24</u>	19 <u>25</u>
Miles of circuits maintained	: 110	: 160
Number of telephones connected	: 108	: 116
Total number of local calls handled	: 19460	: 10221
Peak load in local calls per day	: 841	: 504
Peak load in long distance calls per day	: 15	: 19
Outbound long distance calls	: 105	: 175
Inbound long distance calls	: 107	: 157
Revenue from long distance business	: \$59.36	: \$92.96
Number of telegrams handled over P.T. & T. wire	: 76	: 15
Number of telegrams handled over W. U. wire	: 247	: 249
Revenue from telegraph office	: \$55.56	: \$59.56
Revenue from pay stations	: 2.90	: ---
Revenue from measured service calls--net	: ---	: 18.10
Revenue from rental of telephones	: 99.00	: 117.00
Revenue from money transfers	: 3.03	: 3.23
Total income from this department	: 219.85	: 290.85
Number of money transfers handled	: 10	: 5
Amount of money involved	: 592.50	: 362.10

(c) Miscellaneous Improvement Work. Park Forester, F. C. Solinsky, is still absent on furlough and the report of operations of the Yosemite Lumber Company must be deferred until his return which will be next month.

Timber Cutting and Forestry Operations. Howard S. Cacy completed his contract for cutting one hundred cords of 4' wood for use in our garbage incinerator and has been paid in full. On his contract for stove wood, still uncompleted, 70½ cords of 14" pine wood was cut during the month. The Indian, Charlie Dick, cut 17½ cords of 14" pine wood. Gutleben Bros. returned 15 tiers of 14" wood to replace the 37½ tiers that they have borrowed from us.

(d) Service to the Public.

Travel. During the month of January there were 849 visitors as compared with 723 last January. The total number of visitors to date so far this season is 3,037 compared with 3,180 last year.

I am attaching a comparative monthly and to date travel report which shows the various classes of travel and the roads by which they came;

COMPARATIVE MONTHLY & "TO DATE" TRAVEL REPORT

(To accompany Chief Ranger's monthly report)

January, 1925.

Month of _____

	24 19____	25 19____
FORWARD	2,457	2,218
Travel by private automobiles	25	7
" " motorcycles		
" " auto stages, Y.E.P. Company other than from El Portal		
" " auto stages, Y.S. & T. Company		
" " wagon, foot, horse, etc.	13	23
" " Yosemite Valley Railroad	652	819
" " Netch Netchy Railroad	33	No report
	723	849
Total for month	3180	3067
Total to date		

Lost and Found. No articles were reported lost during January, although two articles were found and turned in to the Department. Five articles remained on hand at the end of the month. All of the unredeemed articles turned in for the season of 1924 were disposed of by forwarding them to the finders, except for a few kodaks, some odds and ends of jewelry, and some grips containing clothing.

Guns. One gun was sealed, one was taken up during the month, and one was returned to the owner.

Winter Parties. Skating and winter sports were enjoyed by the week-end parties that visited here during the month, although many were disappointed because of the lack of snow and lack of storms while they were here. One or two parties were cancelled on this account.

IV. WORK IN PROGRESS:

Incinerator. Work will be carried forward on this job during the month.

Museum. Good progress is being made on this job and will be continued. I am inclosing a picture showing the museum building as of January 31.

Pillsbury's Studio. The heavy construction work here has been completed, although there is a great deal of finishing work to be done which will be carried forward as funds are available.

New Post Office. The plasterers are on the job here and this building should make good progress during the month.

V. PLANS AND PROPOSED WORK:

All of the immediate work on hand is outlined under section IV, WORK IN PROGRESS, above. Plans are being made for starting road improvement work as soon as weather conditions will justify in the spring.

VI. POLICIES:

No new policies were adopted during the month.

VII. COST OF OPERATION:

1924-1925 Appropriation

<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>
\$80,000	\$64,265.09	\$15,734.91
Expended in January	256.17	256.17
	\$64,008.92	\$15,991.08

1925 Appropriation

<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>
\$217,820.00	\$134,267.93	\$83,552.07
Expended in January	<u>14,088.29</u>	<u>14,088.29</u>
	\$148,356.22	\$69,463.76

The total expenditures and encumbrances in connection with the maintenance, repair, operation, and construction work during the month of January, 1925, amounted to \$13,832.12.

VIII. OTHER MATTERS OF INTEREST:

Accidents and Casualties: Medical Service. During January Dr. Claude H. Church handled seventy-two cases, answering one hundred seventeen office calls and fifty-eight house calls, or a total of one hundred seventy-five calls for the month. He had one major operation and four minor ones. Ten accidents were reported. There was one birth. The most serious accident occurred on January 2 to Mrs. Bessie L. Leavitt, a visitor from Fresno, who started to ride up to the top of the toboggan alone on a toboggan by holding on to the rope. When near the top she let go and started down the pathway backwards. She struck a tree and received a concussion of the brain, lacerated scalp, and a fracture of the right clavicle, as well as severe shock.

Nature Guide Service

The Park Naturalist spent the first two weeks of the month in observing deer on the floor of the Valley and getting photographs of them. A climb to the south wall of the Valley, 1,000 feet above the Valley floor, found bears in day time beds. These observations were used in preparing natural history articles for Nature Notes and special articles for newspapers. Several days were spent in taxidermy work. From January 16 to 23 Mr. Russell was assigned to make an inspection and report of the operations of the officials in charge of the foot and mouth disease control work, after which he reported to Chief Naturalist in Berkeley to assist him in preparing new exhibits for the Yosemite Museum.

Attendance. There were eighty-four persons registered at the Museum during the month of January, the approximate attendance being one hundred sixty-eight.

Exhibits. A coyote killed by Chief Ranger Townsley was mounted by the Park Naturalist and a few minor historical exhibits were received from park visitors.

Publications. Nature Notes for January has not yet been produced. It is planned to have Number 1 of Volume 4 appear in printed form and plans are

not yet complete for having this done. During the month the Sacramento Bee, Fresno Bee, and Bakersfield Echo, as well as the Stockton Record and Oakland Tribune, were interested in publishing special nature articles for Yosemite. These special articles will be distributed in addition to Nature Notes and will be illustrated with photographs.

Police Records. No police cases were handled by Commissioner Hoss during the month.

Special Visitors. Mr. Edward M. Groth, American Consul General to Syria, was a visitor in the park from January 14 to 18 inclusive. He was accompanied by two friends and a park ranger was assigned to accompany them on their trips to Vernal and Nevada Falls, to Glacier Point, to the top of Yosemite Falls, up the Tenaya Canyon, and up the Big Oak Flat Road to Gentry, as well as to the points of interest on the floor of the Valley. Mr. Groth and his companions enjoyed their visit very much and expressed themselves as delighted with all they saw.

The Mission Street Merchants Association, of San Francisco, numbering one hundred forty people, were in the Valley on January 17 and 18.

A special party from San Jose was in the park on January 10 and 11.

A party of Shriners from San Francisco was in the park on January 24 and 25.

Miss Catherine A. Mitchell, of Chicago, accompanied by her mother, was in the park January 13, 14, and 15. She spent an hour in the Superintendent's Office discussing conservation matters. She saw all the points of interest on the floor of the Valley and visited Rainbow View on the Big Oak Flat Road. She also went through the new village center and inspected the new buildings under construction. She expressed herself as delighted with the opportunity to see the Valley in the winter time.

Motion Pictures. There were no motion picture companies in the park during the month.

IX. RECEIPTS AND REMITTANCES:

There is attached hereto, in duplicate, report of money collected, transmitted, and falling due for the month of January, 1925, amounting to \$2,966.05. The amount transmitted with this report is \$1,900.23 which is made up as follows:

Certified Checks

<u>No. or date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Drawer</u>	<u>Bank</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Amt.</u>
358	The Director	Y.N.P. Company	1st Natl. S. F.		\$1,324.62

Postal Money Orders

76071	Do	W. B. Lewis	Postoffice	Yosemite & Washington	100.00
76072	Do	Do	Do	Do	100.00
76073	Do	Do	Do	Do	100.00
76074	Do	Do	Do	Do	100.00
76075	Do	Do	Do	Do	100.00
76076	Do	Do	Do	Do	75.61
					<u>\$1900.23</u>

Please acknowledge receipt of this amount.

Very truly yours,

E. P. Leavitt,
Acting Superintendent.

The Director,
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Washington, D. C.

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