

Public Power Sold Below Cost To Private Utilities By Democrats, Solon Says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Miller (R-Neb) Thursday accused the Democrats of selling to private utilities "at cost or below" more than 13 per cent of the federal power produced in the period 1945-52.

That amount of power was sold to private firms under contracts that did not provide for withdrawal when energy was needed by preference customers, Miller declared.

Preference customers are municipalities and other public groups which by law have priority to federally produced power.

And much of the power, Miller said in a statement in The Congressional Record, was sold for less than what it cost the government to produce it.

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Work Is Completed On Glide Schools

By MRS. ARTHUR SELBY

Supt. Bryon Evans reports the cement work of the floors and porches of the new addition to the Glide High School have been completed and the building is now ready for interior finishing work.

The crew of janitors for the Glide schools have completed the interior painting of the Glide, Deer Creek and Toketee Falls elementary schools.

Supt. Evans also stated that the old study hall of the Glide Grade School has been remodeled into two classrooms for the fifth and sixth grades which gives two classrooms for each grade above the third grade. At present there are three classrooms each for the first three grades.

Return From Business

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Baker returned Saturday after a week spent in Los Angeles on business. The Bakers made the trip by United Airlines taking the plane at Medford. Mr. and Mrs. Baker recently purchased the Grace Hester place of five acres on Cavitt Creek and are remodeling the house, adding three rooms. Baker is an independent salesman for heavy equipment.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Metcalf made an overnight business trip to Portland Friday to purchase parts for one of the logging trucks. Ernie Buckman of Little River Road was released Tuesday from Douglas Community after undergoing surgery on his ankle. Buckman was injured in May while logging for the Roseburg Lumber Co. As the injury did not heal satisfactorily, he had to return to the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Johnson of Springfield accompanied by their granddaughter, Dixie Stiffler, spent the weekend visiting their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stiffler. The Johnsons returned home Sunday evening bringing Mrs. Stiffler, her daughter, Dixie, and son, Clifford, back with them. Mrs. Stiffler, Clifford, and niece, Diane Kocks, of Eugene flew back Monday.

WILL IN PROBATE

The will of the late Britt S. Nichols, former county commissioner, has been admitted to probate, circuit court records show. A daughter, Orelan Slatery, has been named executrix; and A. L. Bolter will serve as estate appraiser. Nichols died June 19 at the age of 83.

Is That So! By Eugene Burns
Ranger-Naturalist

With all the spooky presence attributed to horses, rats and even sharks isn't it high time for a Facts vs. Fallacy on this subject? May I save cats and dogs for a later treatment?

Fallacy: Rats have an instinctive premonition of disaster overtaking a ship or a building which impels them to desert in ample time for their own safety.

Fact: This superstition is widespread and many a ship's skipper has had to rustle up a new crew before he could cast off his lines largely because some rats were seen deserting the ship upon docking.

It's an age-old belief, too. Back in the first century, Pliny the El-

der wrote: "When a building is about to fall down all the mice desert it." Up-dating it, a pumping shant from the Great Lakes goes like this:

"The rats have left her one by one.
They tightrope to the shore,
And if we stay on this old tub,
We'll see our friends no more."

FACT IS, rats commonly depart from a ship on its reaching port, sometimes even in daylight. They leave for many reasons, particularly if it is an old ship. The old hulk may have a leaky bottom so that the rats are driven out of their soggy nests in the hold. Or they may not care for the poisonous stench of chemicals used to fumigate her infested holds. Or they may be seeking Lebensraum — more quarters. After a long passage conditions may have become crowded — after all, rats like rabbits, multiply — and a long division is called for. With it, food supplies may have diminished. Or romance beckons. All good valid reasons for jumping any old tub.

Like many entrenched myths, this one can be repeated without fear of contradiction.

After all, who can bring up the skeletons of decomposed rats from a sunken hulk to disprove the belief that all rats were gone? So, you may be sure people will go right on saying: Rats desert sinking ships.

Fallacy: A rider lost in a blinding snowstorm far from home will be brought back safely by old hobbin by simply giving him free rein.

FACT: The ability of horses to find home directly and unerringly from distant points has been greatly exaggerated.

However, not to be minimized is that a horse accustomed to a given route will usually return to his out-and-hay station. He has simply learned to recognize landmarks through force of habit. This calls for no great show of intelligence, surely. Even in snowstorms, some of these landmarks can be recognized.

But in strange country, it is another matter. And the proof of the fallacy exists in the large number of horses which become lost and confused in unfamiliar surroundings even at a comparatively short distance from home. In winter storms, many horses freeze.

I say nothing of race horses which in good weather have trouble finding their way around the track quickly enough.

Fallacy: With cunning presence, any shark knows when a man dies on a ship and will follow it for days with greedy patience. And, I forgot: with fin slicing the water.

Fact: The sea is not populated with man-eating sharks who subsist wholly on human beings or at best partake of other nourishment merely to sustain themselves in their monstrous quest.

Some sharks, which have turned scavenger, will follow a ship for days in the hope of food being thrown overboard. Just as a gull does.

But that all sharks are "man-eaters" is a popular fallacy. Very few sharks, and these are the man-eater or blue shark, have been known to attack and kill a man. If so, a man just happened to be handy when one of these special sharks was more than usually hungry.

Captain William E. Young, author of Shark, Shark, who hunted sharks for 30 years states that he has never known of a shark attacking a living man although he thought it might happen.

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PUC Order Hits Plan To Reduce Interurban Runs

SALEM (AP) — Public Utilities Comm. Charles H. Helzel Wednesday ordered Portland Traction Co. to abandon its plans to reduce its passenger service in interurban runs.

The company has announced it would reduce this service on Aug. 14. It operates between Portland, Oregon City and Beilrose.

Helzel ordered the company to continue the present service until he has time to make an investigation. He will set a hearing date later.

The company contends that Helzel has no authority to interfere. Helzel's action came only a few minutes after Transit Savers, Inc. filed a complaint. This complaint said the company maintains poor service, but that the service would be worse if it were reduced.

The company proposes to reduce the service by 14 to 15 trips daily. Several weeks ago, Helzel denied the company's request that it be allowed to end all passenger service on the line.

Average hourly earnings in North Carolina manufacturing industries are about \$1.25 an hour with 42 cents an hour in 1939.

Senate Reopens Probe Of Triple Ax Slayings

NEW YORK (AP) — The Senate Armed Services Committee "has quietly reopened" the case of the 1946 ax slayings of three American Army officers in Passau, Germany, the New York Daily News said today.

Former Army Capt. James M. Leech, of Lima, Ohio, was charged with the crime last year in warrants issued by a United States court in Germany.

Leech has denied killing the three officers — Maj. Everett S. Cofran, Washington, D.C.; Capt. Adrian L. Wessler, New Rochelle, N.Y.; and Lt. Stanley M. Rosewater, Omaha, Neb.

They were bludgeoned in their beds in a luxurious villa at Passau, and their rooms were set afire.

Leech lived in a house adjoining a villa occupied by Cofran, who had Wessler and Rosewater as his guests when the slayings occurred.

Leech once was held for four months in Germany for questioning.

Ed Funderburk of Funderburk Construction Co. has advised News-Review Glide correspondent Mrs. Arthur Selby, that he expects to finish the 3 1/2 miles construction of the new North Umpqua Highway, from Steamboat to Apple Creek, sometime in October.

Although the company had to blast through 400,000 cubic feet of rock, Funderburk said, construction will be completed a year ahead of schedule of the contract.

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