

PGE Drops Appeal Against State Decision On Pelton Dam After Federal License

SALEM (AP) — The Portland General Electric Co. Wednesday dropped its appeal against a state hydroelectric Commission decision not to approve a license for Pelton Dam on the Deschutes River.

The state Supreme Court approved dismissal of the appeal after PGE said the question was moot now that the U. S. Supreme Court has upheld a federal Power Commission license for the project.

The decision was among eight handed down by the court Wednesday.

The attorney general objected to the grounds for the PGE motion to dismiss the case, but not to the dismissal itself.

The court said that the reason for the motion is of no concern so long as the respondent will not be harmed by the dismissal and makes no objections to it.

The appeal had been based on the state's denial of a license to build the dam, but the U. S. Supreme Court held the FPC license was the determining factor for the project.

Dismissal of a suit aimed at blocking removal of a bridge across the John Day River was affirmed on an appeal from Grant

County. Leslie Holland and others had sought to prevent the county from removing the bridge after the state relocated the highway there and turned the abandoned section over to the county.

Judgment for the Deschutes County municipal improvement district in an action to recover value of defaulted bonds was affirmed in an appeal from Deschutes County.

A motion by the attorney general to dismiss an appeal in the habeas corpus proceedings of George R. Barber was denied. The court said it was bound by a recent U. S. Supreme Court case to hold that enforcement of an appeal bond requirement in the case would violate the 14th Amendment.

The attorney general said Barber had failed to file the required bond, but Barber, an inmate of the state penitentiary, claimed to be indigent and unable to procure a bond.

A petition was denied for a rehearing for James Quinton Anderson, convicted of the Nov. 4, 1954 shotgun slaying of Richard Miller after a drunken brawl at Beatty. Anderson's second degree murder conviction was recently affirmed by the Supreme Court.

Oakland Residents Attend Synod Meet

By EDITH DUNN

Dr. and Mrs. Homer M. Noble and Mrs. Guy Pealer are attending the Presbyterian Synod of Oregon this week at Lewis and Clark College in Portland. The former is minister of the Oakland Community Presbyterian Church.

Wine Trip

David Barker, Oregonian carrier for Oakland, was one of the boys making the trip to Disneyland, near Los Angeles, Calif., last week as a reward for increasing the number of subscribers to the paper. The boys were gone six days and made the trip by bus.

Jesse Lee, Clarence and David Mallick and the Rev. R. C. Zager went fishing at Lava and Elk Lakes last week.

New Business

A new business has opened in Oakland which should be a boon to bachelors and husbands with overworked wives. Two enterprising young girls, Jennifer and Joann Barker, have put up a sign at First and Walnut streets in Oakland, which reads, "We sew on buttons, three cents each."

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Barker and family this week are Mrs. Barker's mother, Mrs. John Bena, and son, Donald, of Chehalis, Wash., and her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Cooper and son, Raymond, of Anchorage, Alaska.

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House Approves Measure Allowing WWI Pensions

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Wednesday passed and sent to the Senate a pension-raising bill for World War I veterans.

The politically hot legislation was stripped at the last moment of increases proposed for service-disabled veterans and for veterans' widows and dependents.

Instead, the House okayed a straight non-service-connected pension bill which would allow \$90-a-month payments to World War I veterans at age 65 if their incomes fall within certain limits.

The measure was passed in a parliamentary turmoil which saw the House once vote, 159-107 on a standing tally, to send the bill back to committee. This would have meant killing it for this Congress.

The standing vote decisions — on which members are not recorded by name — was wiped out on a formal roll call, 305-110, and the House went on to pass the bill.

Under present law a veteran who is rated permanently and totally disabled can get \$66.15 a month provided his other income is not more than \$1,400 a year, if

single, or \$2,700 if he has dependents. If he has been a pensioner for 10 years continuously or has reached age 65 he can get \$78.75 a month.

By a voice vote, the House agreed to raise these rates to \$75 and \$90 a month.

All World War I veterans would be deemed permanently and totally disabled at age 65 for pension purposes and thus eligible for the \$90 a month if they come within the income limits.

As the measure came from the veterans committee, it would have upped pensions for all veterans.

But Rep. Sisk (D-Calif.) got in an amendment to limit the bill to World War I veterans. He argued they were "a deserving group of men" who had not received the GI benefits which went to servicemen of later wars.

In parliamentary maneuvering, Chairman Teague (D-Tex.) and Rep. Ayres (R-Ohio) succeeded on points of order in knocking out of the bill the many increases proposed for veterans outside of pensions.

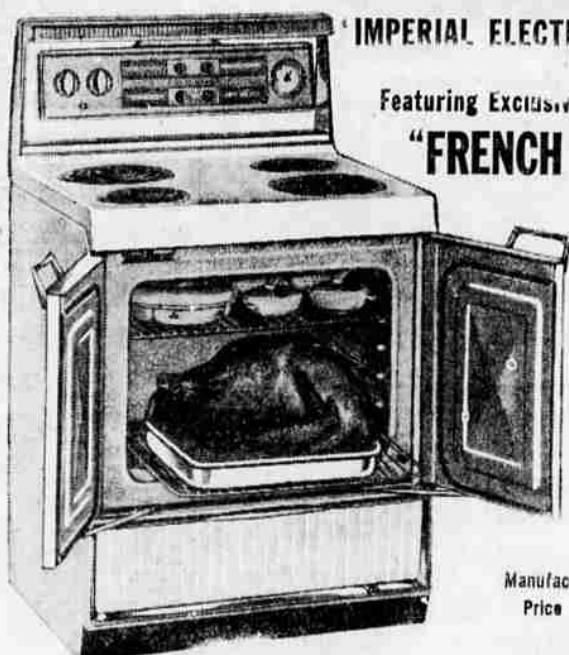
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