

Power Problems

The first of a series of articles discussing the general theme of Bonneville power for southwestern Oregon.

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MR. ROSS SPEAKS

INTRODUCTORY—These articles are planned not as a personal expression of opinion merely, but rather as an attempt to analyze the pertinent facts relating to the development and use of electric energy as particularly related to the problem of bringing Bonneville power to Curry county.

In attempting to do this, I do not assume to pose as an expert, but may claim the comparatively modest qualifications of a newspaper man who was employed by the Eugene Water Board for a couple of years in the capacity of a public relations man and incidental to that job acquired considerable knowledge of power systems and their management.

THE BONNEVILLE DAM is an accomplished fact. In a year or two, the huge project at Grand Coulee will be completed. These two mighty great achievements may quite possibly mark the beginning of a new era for the Pacific northwest. They embody in concrete and steel the realization of a dream. But the realization of dreams is not always happy. It is anticipated that Bonneville Dam will make the Dalles a great inland sea port. That remains to be proven. It is believed that the impounded waters of the Grand Coulee will make a vast area of the desert into a verdant garden spot in the nation. We shall see.

From these two great projects a mighty stream of electric energy will flow forth on the wires—cheap power to spread light, to revolutionize our industrial and

social life. The realization of this part of the dream seems assured, with but two ifs to be surmounted. If there is an accessible market for this power and if it can be distributed economically enough to sell to you and me at a price we can afford to pay for use in running milk machines, refrigerators, ranges, machinery in factories, printing presses and what not.

THE BOSS MAN in handling Bonneville power is J. D. Ross. He has more authority and responsibility than the managing superintendent of any private power company in the United States. He has no board of directors to argue with and cajole and does not need to keep a weather eye on the bankers and stock brokers who have strings on the directors. He is the boss man as long as he can hold his job and he can hold it as long as he can retain public approval which protects him from political attacks.

Hence there was a great interest in the first public statement made by Mr. Ross a few weeks ago in an address at Portland in which he gave a general outline of his plans. THE MARKET is not really a problem at all, Mr. Ross states. In the three states of Washington, Idaho and Oregon there is an existing demand for 1,616,000 kilowatts annually. He figures that if all ten machines are operating at Bonneville, in less than five years the plant can only supply about one third of the probable demand. Relief can only come from tying in the big Coulee plant to help carry the load.

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PORT ORFORD 57 YEARS AGO

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THE LEGISLATURE The Legislature adjourned sine die on the 23d, having been in session forty-one days. We had hoped to have been enabled to present in this number of The Post a summary of the work accomplished by that body, but must forgo for want of data from which to make it up. The apportionment bill in which Coos and Curry counties were more vitally interested perhaps than any other two counties in the state was defeated in the senate in the form in which it was introduced. Whether it was amended and finally passed, we have no advice at this writing.

FROM ELLENSBURG Note—A correspondent who signs himself "Salmon Peter" sends items from Ellensburg. He writes in a jovial mood.

The fishermen are divided into two classes to wit: the sein men and the insane men. Into which crowd will you crowd me? The Asiatic beachers are getting ready to shovel black sand when the water comes.

What is the reason that none of your correspondents have mentioned the departure of Tommy Dolan? He has sold out and gone back to Ould Ireland. God spahde all travelers for we dun know how soon we may be on the road ourselves.

I have lived on salmon so long that the fish bones stick out of my back "like the quills on the trefoil porcupine." When I change my clothing, I have to pass them down under my feet. I feel scaly as a scabby sheep.

We had a good jollification for the last few days. All drunk but nine. Whoop lah! hurrah for Ellensburg! Pass round the salmon.

CHANGE OF TIME The time for holding circuit court for Curry county has been changed from the first Monday in June to the second Monday in June, at the instance of Senator Siglin. This

will give ample time to complete the calendar in Coos county before coming down here.

MOSE ARRIVES The schooner Mose, Captain Brown, arrived last week, having on board over forty tons of freight for parties here as follows: A. D. Wolcott, Capt. Lorentzen, Asa Carman, Louis Knapp, P. Hughes, and The Post. Messrs. Coldwell and Louis Knapp had a busy time delivering the freight as it was landed from the boat.

AWAIT WATER Mines on the Sixes are awaiting a plentiful supply of water to make the placers pan out abundantly.

"TRIBUTARY" We went out surveying last week, leaving a number of captions written on a slip, indicative of the subjects we desired our sub to write up. Among the list of headings we had prepared was "Ship Building." Imagine our chagrin upon returning home just as the paper was going to press and finding a windy dissertation on "Sheep Breeding." We clutched a proof sheet and nervously perused the article, and, just as we had concluded to let it pass, our eye fell upon this unique suggestion: "In some latitudes the buckram has been successfully crossed with the Angora." This was the last feather. We ordered the thing "lifted out."

A TEMPESTUOUS SPRIG In criticism of a speech lately delivered in Crescent City by the Hon. M. P. Ryan, the Courier of that place went out of its way to lug in a reference to The Post which was as undignified and unjournalistic as it was unprovoked and wanton. And then language was used such as could only emanate from a source given over to utter depravity. Whether the epithet "pup" shall be recognized by any person as a fit characterization of The Post, it may well be questioned. One capable of using it without the semblance of a provocation, will have to trace his genealogy a great way back until he come in direct ancestral line, face to face with the cur.

WE HAVE MOVED

Since the last issue of The Post, the office of the newspaper has been moved from the chamber of commerce rooms in C. W. Noyes law office into the old postoffice building.

We have cast the editorial eye longingly toward this small building ever since we started the paper as being about the right size and in just the right location for our purposes.

Now that we have moved, we invite all our friends and subscribers to drop in and look over our neat little office. Get the habit of pausing a few minutes at the office of The Post, when you visit the postoffice next door. Leave us the news items of your family or neighborhood. It will help us make the paper interesting. Remember, it is those little personal items that are about the hardest news to obtain. Help us out.

Naturally, we also figured that the new office would be very conveniently located for our subscribers to place renewals and for our advertisers to consult with us.

Anyhow, whether you bring us a bit of news or a bit of cash or only stop to pass the time of day, let us say very cordially you are welcome one and all.

ROSS OUTLINES A LONG RANGE PLAN

Ross outlines a long range plan involving the tying together the two great projects with a witching plant about midway between the two, at Umatilla or Pasco. Quoting Mr. Ross, we are informed: "From this switching station a line would reach Boise. From the Coulee a line would go over to Missoula. From Bonneville a line would go through Portland and down as far as Eugene. This line would join other lines to be built when necessary, several years later.

This seems to indicate that the main trunk line from Bonneville to be soon constructed will pass through Portland and end for the present at Eugene, where it would tie in with the largest publicly owned power utility in the state.

When and how the Oregon coast country will benefit by a hook-up with this Federally owned system remains among the future problems.

THE POLICY frankly expressed by Mr. Ross will be to favor first publicly owned distribution systems of power districts, cities and co-operatives. Half of the available power until 1941 is to be reserved for sale to such systems. The other half may be sold, so far as not needed by publicly owned systems to private power companies or large industries, preference being given to such as employ considerable labor.

LOCAL DISTRIBUTION of power from Bonneville to individual purchasers is entirely the problem of those who live in the various power districts, municipalities or other areas. The administrator sells the power delivered to the local switchboard. Its distribution and sale is a purely local problem. And it is at this point the costs mount rapidly in any electric system.

The next article will discuss the provisions in Oregon laws relating to the formation of power districts.

HONORS PAID TO OLDEST MASON

The Port Orford Masonic lodge held an informal social meeting at the home of W. T. White, Sr., Monday evening celebrating his 71st anniversary as a Mason. Mr. White enlivened the occasion with reminiscences of his Masonic associations.

DOCK FRONTAGE BEING REPAIRED

The recent severe storm's undermined part of the dock frontage at a point where the dock proper joins the land. The portion affected is now being bulkheaded. Other bulkheading recently completed both east and west of the dock stood up very well and prevented further washing away of the fill. This work has been under direction of Otto Johnson dock master.

GIRL SCOUT COURT OF AWARDS HELD

The Port Orford Girl Scout troops met last Friday evening at the Woman's club house to participate in the annual court of awards when each member received such promotions and honors as had been earned in a year of effort, under the leadership of Mrs. Roy B. Corson.

The list of tenderfoot scouts to be promoted were: Louise Baucard, Dot and Patricia Johnson, Gretchen Jacobs, Martha Masterson, Dolores Marsh, Elaine Forty, Lucille Tichenor. In the second class group were: Elva Musgrave, Lillian Woomer, Virginia Downing, Ruth McClintock, Barbara Marsh and Twyla Post.

Three were honored by promotion to first class scouts: Georgina McKenzie, Elmira Holsomb and Doris Corson.

The program was varied and interesting, opening with the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner". There were two dance numbers, The Highland Fling by Lillian Woomer and an Irish Jig by Elva Musgrave and Rachel Lindberg. Demonstrations were given in first aid, making an emergency stretcher and sending and receiving a code. A song number was given by a trio composed of Patricia and Dot Johnson and Doris Corson.

A group of scout songs were sung by the troupe. Talks were given by Mrs. F. F. Eddy and Mrs. Howard Hull. Dr. Baird made a brief address in which he referred to the Christmas seal sales to be conducted by the girl scout troop and told of the work being done to combat tuberculosis. Mayor Gilbert E. Gable also made a brief address. Taps was sounded by Bert Hoggett.

The awards presented by Mrs. Corson were as follows:

Elva Musgrave, silver attendance star; Rachel Lindberg, gold attendance star and patrol leader; Dot McClintock, troop scribe, patrol leader, scholarship and health winner; Lillian Woomer, gold attendance star, scholarship, observer, health winner and child nurse; Doris Corson, swimmer, child nurse and telegrapher; Georgina McKenzie, swimming, canner, five years' service stripe; Elmira Holcomb, child nurse, scholarship, health winner and cook; Helen Lindberg, housekeeper, junior citizen, girl scout aide, five years' service stripe; Virginia Downing, health winner and scholarship.

AMERICAN LEGION MEETING

At the meeting of the Curry County American Legion held Saturday night at the Women's club house in Port Orford reports on the hows sponsored by the post last week were received and definite plans were made for attendance of the post at the district convention to be held in Marshfield Tuesday of next week.

As a special order of business the new post will receive its charter from the district commander. It was planned to have a full attendance at this district meeting. The members of the post will leave early enough to be present at the afternoon meeting as well as at the evening session. Plans and policies for the coming year's activities will be outlined at this meeting by the commander and adjutants who have just returned from a national conference of commanders and adjutants in Indianapolis.

GABLE LEAVES FOR R. R. CONFERENCE

Mayor Gilbert E. Gable of Port Orford left Tuesday for Portland where he will join a group and go to Milwaukee, Wis., to attend a conference for discussion of plans relating to the construction of the Gold Coast railway, he stated to the Post editor just before his departure.

Mr. Gable also outlined his personal plans including a visit list after Christmas at the Stearns home in Ludington, Mich. He expects to leave there with Mrs. Gable and Bobby and possibly Mrs. Stearns with the house trailer for a leisurely trip back to Port Orford by the southern route. He expects to arrive in Port Orford about the middle of January.

GOVERNOR MARTIN PLANS MILL POLL

In his radio speech Monday night Governor Martin told of the plight of the lumber industries due to the disagreements between dual labor leaders and the inadequate powers of the NLRB. In view of this situation, the Governor states, he is ordering an election held in the Inman-Poulsen mill in Portland as requested by the employees.

Regarding this election the governor speaks as follows:

"The many ramifications of the federal law recently enacted governing the rights of labor are still confusing to the minds of most public officials, including apparently the members and representatives of the National Labor Relations Board. However, the rights of human justice are covered by a common law which will be enforced so far as the state of Oregon is concerned.

"To settle this dispute, to restore the economic health of our community and to aid the workers in their inalienable right of employment, I am calling a special election of the employees of the Inman-Poulsen Lumber Mill in Portland in the Multnomah County Courthouse, between the hours of 1 and 9 p. m., next Thursday which is the 9th of December.

"The purpose of this election is to afford the employees of the Inman-Poulsen Lumber Company a fair and impartial opportunity to express their preference as to the bargaining agency in dealing with the company. I have been assured by the managers and operators of the Inman-Poulsen Lumber Company that they will abide by the decision of this election and will open and operate their plant immediately after the results of the election are determined.

"As members of the special board I am appointing the Honorable Charles H. Grata, labor commissioner of Oregon, a duly elected public official, as chairman of the board. Farnham of the Portland Council of Churches, and George L. Koenig of the American Legion, to represent the general public. The integrity and fairness of these board members is above question.

"The election will be by the secret Australian ballot with the ballot being only to certified and identified employees of the Inman-Poulsen Lumber Company on the payroll August 14, the day when operations were stopped.

"To insure freedom from intimidation or undue pressure, the state, County and city authorities will act in concert to protect the workers in their right to vote and will prevent loitering in the vicinity of the courthouse during the election hours.

"When the company resumes operations, the rights of both employer and employee will be afforded the fullest possible protection in the continuance of operations.

"I stand ready to offer the same opportunity to other mill operators and their employees who desire to reopen their plants and return to work."

LOGGING CAMP HAS RESUMED OPERATIONS

The Gordon Marsh logging camp on Elk river resumed operation on Monday of this week and trucks have been hauling logs to the mill. Mr. Marsh expects to run this camp regularly during the winter months except during violent storm periods. The roads connecting the camp with the Elk river road have been gravelled for winter hauling and the Elk river road has been improved to stand up under this heavy hauling.

A BUSINESS DEAL

Gold Beach, Dec. 8—Jackie Christian, just topping ten, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Christian, has bound himself with a close contract with a local store proprietor, all in favor of a third party, his sister Norma. Jackie got out on the street one evening recently, and became a newsboy. The proceeds of his industry he took to a local storekeeper and used as a down payment on a remembrance for his sister. Three more payments and the gift is Jackie's—or Norma's.

CHAMBER TO ELECT OFFICERS THURSDAY

The Port Orford chamber of commerce meets this week Thursday at 8 P. M. There will be important business and election of officers.

FOR THE SEASON'S GREETINGS



A Gift to Last a Year

Here is a Christmas gift suggestion. Why not give a year's subscription to The Post? Many have relatives or friends who are interested in what goes on in Port Orford and Curry county. Send them a gift which will go to them in 52 parcels of news and last from Christmas till Christmas.

To interpret the thought of Christmas giving, The Post will mail with the first issue of the paper sent for this purpose a Christmas card of greeting which will state the name of the donor.

Now is not that a worthwhile Christmas suggestion?

OBITUARY

WILLIAM S. GUERIN

William Saunders Guerin, son of Frederick T. and Leona L. Guerin, of Langlois, died at the Leep hospital in Bandon December 5, at the age of 14 years, two months and 20 days. Death was due to kidney trouble, with complications. He had apparently been in ill health until a week before his death. He was a member of the Langlois class in the Langlois school.

Besides his father and mother he is survived by two younger brothers, Rayburn and Laurel, and one sister, Reta.

Funeral services under the direction of Schroeder Bros. were held at the Langlois Gymnasium Tuesday, December 7, with the Rev. Turner MacDonald of Port Orford officiating. Interment was in the Denmark cemetery.

AMANDA JANE HURST

Amanda Jane Hurst, Port Orford, died following a lingering illness Saturday forenoon, December 4. Funeral services were held Monday at 3 p. m. in the Community church with Rev. Turner McDonald officiating. Interment was in the Port Orford cemetery.

Mrs. Hurst has lived in Port Orford for the past 35 years and is mourned by a large circle of friends.

'AS THE WORLD WAGS'

STRIKE-BUSTER, is the role assumed this week by Governor Chas. E. Martin. He has repudiated the NLRB and all its works and attacked the operation of the Wagner act. Governor Martin has taken the position that the basic common law is sufficient to end the chaos resulting from the attempted enforcement of the special acts. He ordered an election held for employees of the Inman-Poulsen Lumber company to decide labor affiliations. He offers to hold similar elections in other plants as requested and has stated that workers will have state protection.

THE POWER MARKET is ready to absorb the entire capacity output of the Bonneville plant as now developed, providing 86,400 kilowatts, J. D. Ross stated Wednesday as he left for Washington, D. C. to arrange to appeal for immediate construction of two more big generators.

NANKING still holds out against the Japanese attack, it is reported. The government has abandoned the capital but the Chinese army seem determined to hold the battered city as long as possible, following the same tactics which made history at Shanghai.

NATIONS IN NIGHT SHIRTS, is the picturesque phrase used by Secretary Ickles in an address denouncing fascism and its spread in the United States. He said: "Just as certain nations uttering the excuse that they are stamping out communism, commit crimes at which savages would blush, so those in our own land who would undermine our democratic institutions do so under the same pretext.

THE FARM BILL now in the house of representatives seems likely to pass as an administration measure, without amendments. Amendments were defeated in votes taken Wednesday. The bill follows the quota system and give the government power of regulation of threatened surpluses.

NAVY BOMBERS, fourteen of