

PERSONALS

S. A. Dockstader, piano tuner, went to Hood River today.

Miss Lucille Johnston of Dufur was in the city yesterday.

E. M. Williams and L. Barnum motored to Centerville yesterday.

Miss Dorothy Fredden went to Portland yesterday.

Miss Geraldine Kelly went to Mosier yesterday.

Mrs. M. Taylor went to Portland yesterday.

Ralph Welborn motored to Salem yesterday for a few days' visit.

Jack Lucky of Bend is a business visitor in The Dalles today.

Mrs. Roy Forman of Antelope is visiting with friends in The Dalles.

Mrs. A. T. Monner of Gateway is in this city visiting with friends.

J. B. Small of Dufur was a business visitor in The Dalles yesterday.

R. W. Young of Hood River is at Hotel Dalles.

W. C. Bryant of Moro is registered at the Bank hotel.

J. F. Singer of Shaniko is in The Dalles today.

L. O. Root of Mosier is registered at the Bank hotel.

L. R. French of Grass Valley is a business visitor in The Dalles.

Mrs. Fred W. Wilson and children have gone to the country, near Mosier for the summer months.

J. H. Fitzpatrick of Tygh Valley was in this city yesterday attending to business matters.

O. E. Babcock, superintendent of the Indian agency at Wara Springs, was in the city yesterday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. John Griffith have gone to Hood River to spend the summer.

H. E. Stevens and W. I. Corson spent yesterday fishing on upper Fifteen Mile creek.

Mrs. Ellen Burgess went to Portland yesterday to visit friends and relatives.

Lou Kelly and J. W. Davidson of Maupin returned from Portland yesterday, where they marketed their hogs.

Mrs. Skaffe of Salem, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Charles Roth, the last two weeks, returned to her home yesterday.

Miss Bernice Ramsay of Madras was the guest of The Rev. and Mrs. Carl C. Walker, yesterday. She went to Portland on the afternoon train.

Robert B. Murray of Portland is the guest for a week of Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Bauer. Mr. Murray has just returned from a trip of several months' duration into the Orient.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Miller returned this week from Gateway where they attended the Central Oregon Baptist association. The Rev. Miller participated in the program.

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MEETING NOTICES

Retail Clerks Attention
Meeting of union Thursday, May 5, 8 p. m., Schanno's hall, over 15 cent store. Secretary. 5

Pythian Sisters
will give a dance Thursday, May 5, at K. of P. hall, for all members and invited friends. 5

The Good Intent Society
will hold an apron and pastry sale Saturday, May 7, at Corson's music store. Sale to open at 10 a. m. 6

Farmers, Attention!
County meeting, farmers' union, Wednesday, May 18, at 10 a. m., at Nansene local. County court will be present to explain the \$800,000 road bond issue and State Secretary F. A. Sikes will also attend. Other very important business. Do not forget the date.

F. H. HILLGEN,
5-7-9-11-13-16-18-19 Secretary.

Fort Dalles Fire Company
Regular meeting tonight, Thursday at 8 p. m. Refreshments. Request the presence of Louis Fritz to cook.
C. T. Woodard, secretary. 5

Regular meeting Columbia hose and chemical engine company, No. 2, Friday evening, May 6, 1921, at 8 p. m.
E. J. HANLON, Secretary. 6

"WHITE COAL"

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assets are utilized. When that is done depression such as now rests upon us is not likely to occur. If one branch of effort is temporarily under clouds other branches are active, money flows in its usual channels, and prosperity and contentment reign.

If Oregon can supplement its lumber and fisheries, its cereals and its livestock, its mining and its horticulture, by a comprehensive scheme of manufacturing, her future will be assured. She can take her station beside Massachusetts, Missouri and Michigan.

Thus far capital has not been attracted, probably because of a paucity of coal, of steel and of cotton. With the development of moderate priced electric energy, however, all these handicaps will be as nothing. Manufacturing in these days will surely follow cheap power.

Probably sentiment is not yet ripe for public ownership of this utility. Indeed the subject of electricity has thus far commanded little popular attention. The apostles of power have scarcely yet been able to make their voices heard over the protests of vested interests.

What must come is a decade of education as to the tremendous value of the hydraulic assets now running to waste on almost every stream, and during such period of education some means must be found to conserve the "white coal" and keep it from syndication. The people themselves can then intelligently determine whether the magnificent hydro-electric heritage shall pass to private ownership as oil and coal deposits have passed, or be retained as the property of all.

Oregon's first duty clearly is to undertake through her colleges and universities, her engineers and her executives, her scientists and her manufacturers, a comprehensive and bold system of investigation and discussion. The experience of other states and of other countries ought to be drawn upon freely, for this is beyond all question the most important industrial problem which has yet confronted the commonwealth, or will ever confront it.

While this educational campaign is in progress, it should be the duty of both state and county officials, especially the latter, to ascertain the scope, the value, the availability and the present ownership of every power site and privilege within the state. The public is entitled to know these facts now. If they, or any considerable part thereof, have already become the property of small or great power interests, that fact ought to be of record.

Several of the eastern states have permitted their water power substantially to become lost, and now that the world is alive to the staggering value of this factor in modern activ-

ity, the people are struggling with persistent but discouraging purpose to recover and control this essential element in their industrial and economic life. Oregon may learn a valuable lesson from the experience of her older sisters in the union of states.

One of the most illuminating experiences in modern electrical activity is that of hydro-electric development in Ontario, Canada. Its story reads like a romance, but it is told by hard-headed engineers, and the experience thus far in public ownership there has been pronouncedly a success. It would be a gracious thing at this juncture if some Oregon men of wealth and public spirit would furnish funds for inspection on the ground by Oregon scientists and engineers of the province in that province since 1907.

Whether workable here, may, of course, be a problem, but that the scheme of public operation of hydro-electric utilities in Ontario has been abundantly successful seems to be everywhere conceded. It at least is worthy the studious consideration of the citizenry of Oregon and Washington. The electrification of railroads, the furnishing of lights, the sale of motive power at low rates, careful business methods, intelligent acceptance of all modern improvements in plants and transmission, has stamped the Canadian experiment with universal public approval.

But whether or not in the end such a system as now obtains in Ontario can be generally adopted, it is sure that the public must keep itself advised of what is a reasonable cost of electricity for lighting, for manufacturing, for locomotives, for home and municipal use. It ought to know daily what rates the great corporations are paying to private water companies, whether equitable and just contracts exist, whether municipalities or private individuals are paying more than they ought to be paying under an equitable schedule.

The state, too, so long as the highly valuable power sites and privileges are in private hands ought to assure its treasury fair and guaranteed income from taxation of these assets, insofar as they lie within the taxable area of the several counties.

Running streams and the waters of lakes have been declared by the Oregon legislature to be subject to appropriation for the purpose of developing electrical power. How generally this statute has been utilized is not known. Probably to much greater extent than most of the people realize. The law is too lax. If it is to continue it ought to contain some stringent regulatory provisions.

There are two classes of people, outside the group denominated manufacturers, who are especially interested in this subject.

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ed in the subject of electric power cheaply and easily available, namely, the farmers and the railroad operators.

The future of successful agriculture and agreeable life in rural communities lies in the increased use of electrical appliances for lighting, heating, and applied power. If the surface railroads are to hold their own against the competition of the motor vehicles and the approaching epoch of airplanes, electric traction must be hastened.

In practice one of the modern electric locomotives replace four steam locomotives, and can run 1000 miles without need of mechanical renovation. Every rail line in Oregon ought to be intensely interested in this subject. By the transition coal will be saved, running time increased, cost of operation reduced, cleanliness in passenger transportation assured.

With farms, cities, manufacturers, transportation lines, home owners all interested, surely Oregon may well approach the hydro-electric problem promptly and courageously. Men may differ as to the part the state should ultimately take in actual development and operation, but none can reasonably oppose direction by the state of a broad plan of education, a prompt and intelligent assembling of data, and cooperation with the federal power commission and the authorities of adjacent states in the purpose of the federal power act, insofar as the latter statute now contemplates.

The Senior play is coming soon, May 13 and 14. "Nothing But The Truth."

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