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## Guarding the Water Power Act

THE federal water power act of 1920 was supposed to protect the public interest in the exploitation of water power sites by private corporations. Under its provisions the term of the permit for the power project is 50 years. During that period the cost is to be amortized so the project will be free of capital investment charge at the end of that time. Then it can be taken over by the public or it can be leased to private corporations on terms fixed by the government. During the period the plant is subject to recapture by private ownership units on payment of the costs of construction.

The ever-vigilant power interests have sought to in-trench themselves in the administration of the act. Recently there was brought to light the effort of utility organizations to secure appointments to positions within the federal power commission organization of persons "friendly" to the private utility program. Since the exposure the electric light association officers have disclaimed any responsibility for such an attempt, but the charge still stands.

A recent ruling of the federal solicitor in advising the chief accountant for the commission of how to treat the investment account of the corporations developing projects has been hailed properly as a valiant defense of the public interest. The matter came up through the effort of Insull companies to develop power at Cumberland Falls in Kentucky. Solicitor Russell instructed the chief accountant, William V. King, to strike out from the proposed capital account \$500,000. \$250,000 of this was the sum which was to be given to the Kentucky Park commission for the creation of a state park near the power plant. The other \$250,000 represented the customary juggling of accounts and pyramiding of costs among parent and subsidiary companies. The Insull interests used four companies: the Middle West Utilities, Kentucky Utilities, Cumberland River Power Co., and the Cumberland Hydro-Electric Power Co.

In the application for the license the Insull attorneys tried to have approved an item for \$250,000 which one company would pay to two of the others for their options, rights, engineering reports, etc. Russell found that \$40,000 was the limit that should properly be allowed for these costs and denied that amount until it should be proved.

The more the capital account can be padded the higher the power rates will have to be, the greater the charge to be made in case the plant should be recaptured by the public. These problems affect the west most vitally but they are disposed of back in Washington, and the facts are not readily available to the public. It is therefore of the highest importance that responsible positions are filled with men with strength of character to stand firm for the public interest under the law. If that is not done, the country may wake up some day to find its power sites passed into private hands under terms that baffle any protection of the interest of the people.

Hiring skilled attorneys and possessed of elastic consciences too many utility companies do not hesitate to exploit resources and the public they serve. Eternal vigilance on the part of public servants is vital to the preservation of public rights.

## A Laboratory War

IF WE are to have a war in Manchuria between the Russians and the Chinese, we suggest that it be made a laboratory war. Ever since Will Irwin wrote "The Next War," the world has been curious about the accuracy of his prophecy. He and Sir Philip Gibbs and Frank Simonds could make the Sino-Russian affair an experiment station in modern war-making. All the machinery of annihilation could be set up and tried out. Those new chemicals, a drop of which will kill a province, those airships whose bombs will blow a city into smithereens; if we have to have a war, now is the time to try them all out.

Arrangements might be made to transport all the Chinese from the famine districts who are going to starve anyway and let them be the subjects of the experiment. Most of them would prefer lethal gas on a full stomach than nothing on an empty stomach. The twenty thousands the Moslems killed recently in Dargah—too bad they are not available. They would have had several weeks longer of life; and the cause would be just as holy. Only the Moslems of course would not have earned their paradise.

This sounds brutal? Perhaps. But most people will agree that that is close enough to try out the new dread implements of war. The rest of the world might find out also just where they could economize on armaments without pinching on defense.

We realize that it is folly to hope for this being a real experimental laboratory in martial science. The poor Chinese and Russians will probably have largely a war of gestures. Neither is equipped, neither has organization. It takes the Christian nations to show the world how wholesale slaughter can be wrought by the tools of chemistry and physics.

Salem trees are filled with tent caterpillars. The treatment is simple and should be applied to destroy the pests. Make a torch by tying a cloth saturated with kerosene to the end of a long pole and ignite the cloth. Apply the flame quickly to the web of the "tent." Of course guard the flame that it causes no other fire.

The northwest is going along with its tongue hanging out these August days. Mud seems a long time back, and fall rains a long time ahead. Fires rage in the forests on many fronts. The call is for supreme caution so the air-splitting siren will scream no summons to new fires.

Who says that Marshall Dana isn't getting results boosting Oregon dairymen? A cow up at Shedd, a Jersey, has just won a silver medal. Starting in at the age of two years she produced 421.62 pounds of butterfat in 305 days. Now if we only had an udder one.

The Oregonian is strong for a Pacific Northwest baseball league. It recalls that back in 1901 Portland won the Pentam. Maybe she can again if they get the teams from far enough back in the bush.

## Director's Store Is Hit by Blaze

Fire caused probably by someone dropping a lighted match or cigarette, called the fire department's tight chemical truck to Director's store late Saturday afternoon. The fire was extinguished

before it had spread from the opening under a sidewalk grating. No damage was done.

Several grass fires have occurred in the last two days; one at Oxford park, another in Bush's pasture and a third at 17th and Waller streets. In no case did the blaze spread far enough to do any damage.

## One "Accident" We'd All Enjoy



## BITS for BREAKFAST

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Continuing about John Ball—

Who was the first school teacher and the first American farmer in the Oregon Country, who grew only one season's crop in 1833, on his farm that ran a half mile along the Willamette river at some point not far from the present Butteville or Champeau Park, thence all the way to the Mexican (California) line, the young colony that was to start the next year lost much from the decision of so able a man to return to the east, and by the same sign what was to become the state of Michigan gained much. Had Mr. Ball remained, as was his first intention, expecting immigration to start in 1833, he would have been a leader among the forces that in 1834 began planting the seeds of civilization at the Methodist mission station that was 10 miles below where Salem now is.

Mr. Ball said in his book that the graveyard of the Indians was near by his farm. Who in this day can tell the location of that Indian graveyard? Mr. Ball said: "On one occasion I attended with them the burial ceremony of one of their young men. They dug a grave as we would, put down some slabs at the sides and bottom, wrapped the body in his clothing and over these some mats, lowered it down to its place, put a board over and filled up with earth. Then they built a fire on the grave and sat on the ground around and for an hour chanted a mournful dirge, all very orderly and impressive. And for a long time after his mother would come almost daily to place food in the earth at the head of the grave for his use on his journey to the other world. At the head of a man's grave they stuck a paddle and at the woman's a stick, and then they dug the grave, with them a great article of food, the digging of which is woman's business, while paddling the canoe is that of the man."

"The camas grown on the prairies is the size of an onion, a stem, say a foot high, having a blue blossom. It is as palatable and nutritious as the potato. The wapato, another root they eat, is not so good but grows larger. It is the root of a plant like the water lily, which grows in the shallow waters of lakes and streams, and which they gather by wading in the water, often up to their arms, and break off with their toes, when it will rise to the surface. A common way of cooking these, as also sometimes meat, is to wrap in leaves and place in a hole in the ground, heated by a fire in it, then buried in same and a fire above—a very good way to cook."

"There is in use a mongrel language between the Indians and traders, called the Chinook; but unlike theirs, which was said by a man well acquainted with that and other Indian languages, to be the most copious of any. But this comprised hardly 300 words, and probably not half of these theirs, but composed in part of words of other tribes, English and French. Things new to the Indians were called by their accustomed names. The hog had its French name, the ox the Indian name, the buffalo where the buffalo ranges in the mountains. The Indians on the Willamette, as most of the Indians, talked much by signs and sounds. One word was used for bird, for instance, then by imitating its cry, would express that it was the swan, goose or duck. One word meant growing vegetables; then by an adjective, or some motions, show whether grapes or trees were meant."

"In enclosing my lands I fenced in a portion of their road or trail, and they went around, never crossing my fields. And in all things they were kind and just."

ply them on their journey to the spirit land. The Indian cemetery at the old mission below what is now Salem is identified by the beads and trinkets and implements found in the place where their dead were deposited. In the tombs of the pharaohs of Egypt are found like articles, though much more elaborate and costly.

A cynical tourist of the new rich tribe saw in China a young man depositing food on the grave of an ancestor lately buried. The American with curling lip scoffed: "How often do you think the dead man will come to sample the viands you are providing?" The young Chinaman had been in America; he was a graduate of Yale. "As often as your dead will come to smell the flowers you place upon their graves," he retorted.

There is a kinship in the traditions that surround the burial customs of all peoples. None of us is so all-knowing as to appropriately indulge in jibes at the notions of any tribe or nation concerning the customs and sentiments that prevail in this shadowy realm.

## WILLIAMS AIRPLANE SUFFERS ACCIDENT

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Aug. 19—A new misfortune has blighted the hope of Lieutenant Alford J. Williams of getting into the air for the first flying test of the Mercury Racer, the 24 cylinder tiny winged plane he is grooming for the Schneider cup. A short circuit in the ignition and violent backfire when he went to start the powerful motor did no permanent damage to the plane, but spoiled a chance to take advantage of favoring wind and water.

For ten days, Williams has stood by with his plane and except for one test a week ago when he taxied about the water to get the feel of the controls, wind, rough water or both have blocked each day the chance of learning what the racer would do on the wing.

## CLAIMS BODY WILL LAST 2 YEARS MORE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19—(AP)—The special claims commission between the United States and Mexico was extended two years today by a convention signed by William R. Castle, acting secretary of state, and Ambassador Teller of Mexico. Without the extension, the agreement under which the commission operates would have expired today.

The commission was set up to consider claims against Mexico on the part of American citizens for losses during Mexican revolutions and revolts between 1910 and 1920. The convention establishing the commission has been extended several times previously to enable the commission to complete its work.

Claims totaling \$1315.70 have been paid to Statesman readers by the North American Accident Insurance Co., in the past year. These claims were paid on the \$1.00 policy issued to Statesman subscribers.



## MANY SEEK TO DIVERT WATER

Numerous Applications for Permits Filed With State Engineer

George Cantler of Portland has filed application with the state engineer here for permission to appropriate water from Mulvaney Gulch, tributary of Sucker Creek, for domestic purposes in Josephine county.

Other applications filed with the state engineer during the past week follow:

City of Canyonville, Canyonville, Oregon, for permit to appropriate 0.4 second foot from O'Shea or Fols Creek, tributary of Catching Creek, tributary of Cow Creek for municipal purposes in Douglas county.

W. H. W. Hamilton, Baker, Oregon, for permit to appropriate one second foot from East and Middle Forks of Silver Creek and springs tributary of Powder river for domestic in Baker county.

Paul Bosshardt and Agnes Bosshardt, route No. 1, Troutdale, Oregon, for permit to appropriate 0.05 second foot from Unnamed Spring, tributary of Sandy river for domestic in Multnomah county.

Wallace Huntington, 110 Miramar Place, Portland, Oregon, for permit to appropriate 750 second feet from Clear, Fish, Lava, Lost, Mud and Big lakes, tributary of McKenzie river for power in Linn county.

Victor Lalone, Willamette, Oregon, for permit to appropriate water from a spring for domestic in Clackamas county.

F. C. Sell, Bandon, Oregon, for permit to appropriate 0.7 second foot from 3 springs tributary of Laura lake for storage for fish, muskrat ponds and overflow for power in Coos county.

D. H. Benson, Lakeland, Oregon, for permit to appropriate water from an unnamed stream, tributary of Benson creek for domestic and 60 cow dairy in Coos county.

John J. Hoefler, Coos, Oregon, for permit to appropriate water from Conklin Springs and Caldwell Big lakes, tributary of Mill Creek for irrigation of one acre in Union county.

W. A. Evans, Enterprise, Oregon, for permit to appropriate 0.5 second foot from Spring branch of Wallawa river for irrigation and domestic in Wallawa county.

Henry R. Mortimer, Fossil, Oregon, for permit to appropriate water from Cragsy Spring for irrigation and domestic in Wheeler county.

Allen C. Park, box 310, route No. 9, Portland, Oregon, for permit to appropriate 0.15 second foot from three unnamed streams, tributary of Sitcoos lake, tributary of Pacific ocean for irrigation and domestic in Douglas county.

Natural Lithia Springs Co., Ashland, Oregon, for permit to appropriate 0.10 second foot from a spring known as "Cold Spring" for domestic in Jackson county.

Wallace Huntington, Portland, Oregon, for permit to store 15,000 ac. ft. of water from Clear, Fish, Lava, Lost, Mud, Big Lake and McKenzie river, tributary of McKenzie river for power in Linn county.

Allen Willcox, Cascade Summit, Oregon, for permit to appropriate 25 second feet from Trap creek, tributary of Odell lake for power and domestic in Klamath county.

W. A. Coliver, Marshfield, Oregon, for permit to appropriate water from Stone Gulch and Unnamed creek, tributary of Stock slough and Catching inlet for domestic in Coos county.

L. A. Peek, Yachats, Oregon, for permit to appropriate .01 second foot from a spring for domestic purposes in Lincoln county.

## Frank Landgraf Is Called Beyond

Frank O. Landgraf, a native of Wisconsin and for seven years a resident of Salem, died at 5:30 o'clock Saturday evening at the family home at 250 North 23rd street at the age of 71 years. Funeral services will be held from Rigdon's mortuary Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

Besides his widow, Jennie, he is survived by the following children: Mrs. Irma Gorton, Franklin and Lester Landgraf, all of Salem; Wilford Landgraf and Mrs. Mildred Friedrichs of Wisconsin.

## Old Oregon's Yesterdays

Town Talks from The Statesman Our Fathers Read

In all probability the Salem cannery will not operate any more this season, as indications are that the corn crop upon which this cannery depends, will be very poor and that it will not pay the company to start up.

Mrs. Sukhoda Barnarhes, a native missionary from Calcutta, will speak at Yew Park this afternoon on Child Widows in China. She is a native missionary from Calcutta, China.

No bidders appeared at the meeting called to receive bids on the Rock Point oats pool. So the farmers owning the 40,000 bushel pool have rented the Darby and Howd warehouse at Shaw and are handling the oats there.

Ford Tarpley, Roy Duncan and Marie Wilson, the latter of the Edison theatre, have formed themselves into The Juvenile Opera company, and will furnish entertainment for folks big and little near their homes.

## 28 YANK CORPSES LOCATED IN RUSSIA

KANSAS CITY, Kans., Aug. 19.—(AP)—Bodies of 28 American soldiers killed in North Russia during the World war have been recovered by a commission of members of the veterans of foreign wars in the United States, it was announced here today at national headquarters of the veterans organization.

Information of the discovery of the bodies was received today in a cablegram from Edwin S. Bettelheim, Jr., Washington, vice chairman of the commission. The cablegram was sent from Archangel.

When the party left New York they hoped to locate and return to the United States the bodies of 128 American war dead. Twenty-nine of these bodies were buried in crude unmarked graves in the Drina river valley. Surviving members of the United States forces that campaigned against Bolshevik troops have supplied the approximate location of the unmarked graves. Most of the dead soldiers were Michigan men.

## Dallas

DALLAS, Aug. 19.—Mrs. C. B. Tents of Polk station who recently underwent an operation for glander is convalescing at the beach home of her sister, Mrs. Mark Hayter, at Nelscott.

Mrs. Curtis Tennis has been visiting in Seattle for the past week and attending session of the national convention of the Christian church.

Dr. and Mrs. Allen Bailey visited in Dallas Sunday. They had been attending the American Legion convention in Salem. Dr. Bailey was formerly engaged in dentistry in Dallas and is now located in St. Helens.

Mrs. Beldon Keller of Prescott was a guest of Mrs. Erle Fulgham for several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Turner and Miss Betty Jelinek spent the past week end at Yachats, fishing for tom cod. The party landed over 350 fish, Miss Jelinek having over 150 to her credit.

Roland P. Lockwood, representative of the Connecticut Life Insurance company of Portland, was in Dallas Tuesday on business for his company.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Parsons and daughter, Miss Bertha Parsons, left Thursday on a week's trip to Crater lake and other points in southern Oregon. Miss Parsons is on her vacation from the office of the county school superintendent.

Mr. and Mrs. Erle Fulgham are spending the weekend as guests of Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Steeves, at their summer home near Breitenbush.

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## HUBBARD HAS DALLAS AID

Dallas Musicians and Boys' Training School Chorus In Last Concert

HUBBARD, August 19.—The last of the series of Saturday night concerts given by the Hubbard Community band at Hubbard was a delightful affair. The band was assisted by members from the Dallas band and by a chorus of 40 boys accompanied by the Boys' Training school. An appreciative crowd was present to enjoy the following program:

Iron King March ..... March  
Sliding Some, trombone novelty featuring Claude Brown and Coble de Lespinass.  
Little Duchess ..... Overture  
I Scream, You Scream ..... Selection  
.....chorus from Boy's  
Princess of India ..... Overture  
The Octopus and the Mermaid ..... Selection  
Friendship ..... March  
The Prince of Peisen ..... Selection  
New Colonial ..... March  
Smile, Smile, and the Daye of the week ..... Boys' Chorus  
Lieutenant Santileman ..... March  
The Star Spangled Banner ..... Selection  
Following the concert the guest players from Dallas were entertained by the band director, Dr. A. F. de Lespinass. The guest group included: Ray Wilson, Tommy Stockwell, Bill Young, D. Smith, Charley Ross, W. Howe, and Able Revere.

## Perrydale

PERRYDALE, Aug. 19.—Mr. and Mrs. Engle Engleson and family of Portland spent the weekend at the home of J. A. Campbell. Mrs. Engleson is a sister of Mrs. Campbell.

Mrs. R. L. Duignan of Santa Rosa, California, with her small daughter, are spending a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Jennings.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Kurtz spent the weekend in Tillamook.

Mrs. Van Staaven is spending a week in Portland with her cousin, Catherine DeJong.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Hamilton were in Salem one evening last week taking in the Legion convention.

Charles Bratcher and daughter, La Vern, were calling on old friends here Saturday.

Miss Doris McKee was shopping in Astoria Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Conner of Unionvale are visiting with his mother, Mrs. Les Conner. They spent a few days last week at the Tillamook beaches. Mr. Conner returned to Portland in time to do his buying during "buyers' week." He has stores in Union and Enterprise.



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