

POWER PLANT DECISION DUE

Committee Will Report on Question of State Owned System

Decision within the next few weeks is expected in the question of a central power plant for the Oregon state penitentiary, where electrical energy would be provided for the various institutions of the state. For several months a committee appointed by Governor Meier, following the adjournment of the legislature, has been at work. Figures submitted to the committee at a meeting held in Salem during the week showed that the cost of providing electricity for the three largest state institutions here amounted to \$350,000 annually. This item includes fuel, labor and all other costs of operation.

The law authorizing the construction of the central power plant was passed at the 1931 legislative session, but no provision was made for an appropriation to defray the cost of the project. It was argued by legislators that some way might be found to construct the plant, and pay the cost thereof out of the annual earnings. Governor Meier announced recently that he had difficulty in procuring the financing of the project, provided that the returns would be sufficient to retire the warrants and take care of the interest.

Convict Labor May Be Used, Suggested

The argument also was advanced that such a plant could be operated with convict labor, and that the expense of maintenance would be small. There are now a half dozen electricians in the penitentiary, who could be used in maintaining the transmission lines and other technical work.

The records show that the penitentiary is the heaviest user of electrical energy of any state in the nation. This is accounted for by the fact that the state operates a flax plant at the prison, and has numerous other industries which demand electrical energy.

The state hospital, which operates a large laundry and other smaller industries, also uses a large amount of electricity. Both of these institutions would receive their electrical energy from the central power plant at the penitentiary.

Figures are now being assembled by the committee to determine the cost of purchasing the necessary machinery. It was said that the cost of the building would be nominal. Rufus C. Holman, state treasurer, particularly is interested in the project, it was reported. The committee is being assisted in its investigations by William Elmsig, secretary of the state board of control, who has had considerable experience in the operation of power plants. Elmsig has insisted that the cost of electrical energy used by the state be reduced.

Senator Burke of Yamhill county is chairman of the governor's committee, and has attended every meeting of the organization. It was mainly through the efforts of Senator Burke that the law authorizing construction of the plant received favorable consideration by the legislature.

HARDING TAKES UP 4-H LEADER TASK

Wayne Harding, newly chosen director of 4-H club work in Marion county, assumed his new duties at the county superintendent's office yesterday. Harding spent last year with his father at Sherwood. For two years prior to that he was principal of the school at Gervais and had been reelected to that position this fall, resigning to take the 4-H work here.

Harding announced yesterday that preparation of the 4-H club exhibit for the state fair would be his first objective. Club work for the 1931-1932 year gets under way October 1. Harding was a very successful club leader in the Gervais school.

H. C. Seymour, state director of 4-H club work, was here yesterday to confer with Harding about plans for the coming year.

Fetsch Case Is Dismissed Here

Several days ago August Fetsch was halted in justice court and

TWAIN MEET



Dan Capid recognizes no national boundaries apparently. The former Miss Mary C. Schorr (above), of Philadelphia, started her friends by marrying Kamenosuke Shinohara, Japanese research scientist. The couple will make their home in Japan.

ANOTHER TROPHY FOR HELEN



Again crowned Queen of American Tennis, Helen Wills Moody is here shown receiving the championship cup from Louis Carruthers, president of the American Lawn Tennis Association. The great Helen defeated Mrs. Eileen Bennett Whittinghall, of England (left), in straight sets in the final of the women's championships at Forest Hills, L. I.

Under the Occurrences and Gossip at the center of Oregon's state government

GOVERNOR JULIUS L. MEIER will not be at his offices in Salem this week—by orders of his physician. The governor left last week for his home, suffering an attack of indigestion. He has been ordered to remain at his home for at least a week. Reports state the executive however is feeling much improved.

Today is the first of September. Besides, meaning a lot of bills, the first of the month also means the beginning of schools in every district of the state. Charles A. Howard, state superintendent, announced that some schools started yesterday, while the majority will start next Tuesday. Salem schools take up September 21.

Charles Gram, state labor commissioner, is losing a lot of sleep these days pondering over the unemployment situation, and some possible solution. He will meet with the executive committee of the grange and federation of labor next Tuesday in an endeavor to work out a definite program of employment.

Charles Thomas, public utilities commissioner, who last week suffered a severe cold, is improved and is again at his desk. The Portland street car hearing will be resumed in federal court today, but Thomas does not expect to attend. Colonel A. E. Clark is handling the case for the commissioner.

Here's one way to get even, at least so the state department of agriculture informs it is being done. A dairyman in a nearby community recently went broke on his dairy ranch and lost his property. Now it is reported he is selling oleomargarine in a district where dealers have refused to handle it. He gets the stuff from Portland and sells at a profit. He says he is making good money now.

Max Gehlbach, agricultural director, doesn't appear to be so worried about the plight of the farmers. He says good times will return, not necessarily by increased business and industry, but people will get along better as soon as they become adjusted to the present condition of things. He believes adjustment will solve the problem.

confronted with the charge of carrying concealed weapons. His wife signed the complaint. After she had discussed the charge with her husband in court the two of them went off together, apparently reconciled. Fetsch explained to the court that he did not carry a revolver but only a toy pistol. The case was continued. Yesterday Fetsch appeared again, his wife who had been the private prosecutor, did not come to court, and Justice of the Peace Hayden dismissed the count for lack of sufficient evidence for a trial.

Paul Franklin Due to Return Later in Week

Paul Franklin, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Franklin, who has been in the east for the past two weeks is expected in Salem Wednesday morning. Young Franklin was sent east as one of the winners in the \$50,000 coach-building contest sponsored by an eastern automobile concern. As a result of his citation he has been offered a place in the General Motors company when ready to take it, according to his father, O. F. Franklin.

After attending the events in Detroit where the young contestants were entertained, Franklin visited in Wisconsin and attended the air races in Cleveland, Ohio.

Presbyterians' Picnic Enjoyed

The Presbyterian Sunday school annual picnic which was held Saturday at Hager's grove was enjoyed by 11 members of the school who were present. Games and swimming were enjoyed in the afternoon followed by a satisfying picnic lunch in the evening.

COLONEL HAND TO VISIT SOON

Will Take Over Duties in Guard Supervision for Ninth Corps Area

Colonel D. W. Hand, F. A. (Dol) who was recently assigned to the Ninth Corps Area in charge of national guard affairs, will arrive in Salem Thursday to visit Major General George A. White, Brigadier General Thomas E. Eilke and other guard officers here.

Colonel Hand, who relieved Colonel Charles S. Lincoln, leaves San Francisco today, and will visit also adjutant generals and commanding officers at Tacoma, Seattle, Spokane, Boise, Portland and Sacramento.

While this is his first northern trip in connection with his new duties, Colonel Hand is familiar with the army posts in this area, as he inspected them on numerous occasions when he was assistant chief of field artillery in 1925-27.

Coming here from Fort Ethan Allen in Vermont, where he commanded the largest army post in the northeast section of the United States, consisting of troops of field artillery, infantry and cavalry, Colonel Hand is by reason of his long association with national guard organizations familiar with their problems and unusually well qualified for his new duties.

Originally entering the military service as a major of the 16th Minnesota Infantry, he again continued his association with the national guard in 1916 when he had command of the third New York field artillery regiment during the Mexican border trouble at that time. Following this service he again became identified with the national guard from 1919 to 1922 when he was on duty with the militia bureau at Washington, D. C.

Trained Gunnery For War Service
As head of the gunnery department of the field artillery school at Fort Sill, Okla., during the World war he trained and taught thousands of embryo field artillery officers to shoot the French and British 75's so successfully used on the Western Front, and is known throughout the army as one of the few authorities of artillery firing.

Following the Spanish-American war, Colonel Hand advanced through all grades to that of brigadier general, which he attained during the World war. After the war he reverted to his regular army grade of lieutenant colonel, securing his present rank on May 15, 1926. He was awarded the distinguished service medal during the World war and a silver star citation for his services during the Spanish-American war.

AFTER DEATH



Before shooting himself to death in Washington, D. C. Arthur Brisbane (above) wrote Arthur Brisbane, noted editor, stating he would communicate with Brisbane "from the other world" within 60 hours.

SCHOOLS PLANNING TO FURNISH BOOKS

Public schools generally throughout the county will supply the new adoptions as free texts this year to students and in many instances, all the books will be furnished by the districts through the utilization of gifts of patrons and former pupils. Mrs. Mary Fulkerson, county superintendent, announced yesterday that the majority of districts had already ordered their new textbooks although some orders are still coming into her office.

As fast as the orders are received they are sent on to Portland where they are filled and the new textbooks sent directly to the district ordering them.

Yesterday Mrs. Fulkerson and her assistants were engaged in sending out the supplies of school law and records which go to all districts in the county. The order for one district for new textbooks is being held up she stated by the fact that the clerk forgot to put in the name of his district.

Governor Meier Delays Return Due to Illness

Governor Meier, who recently suffered an attack of indigestion, will not return to Salem for a week or 10 days, according to an announcement made at the executive department. The governor is at his home near Corbett, where he is receiving medical treatment. Governor Meier had intended to spend this week in eastern and central Oregon, but was compelled to abandon the trip because of illness.

RUSH FOR BOUNTY FOLLOWS WARNING

Remainder of Fund Used up In Hurry, Proving it Pays to Advertise

Doubting Thomases who question the efficacy of advertising need only to read this and cease wondering.

Saturday County Clerk Boyer announced through local newspapers that the \$4850 bounty fund appropriated for 1931 by the county court was nearly exhausted. Hunters of gophers, moles and greydiggers were asked to bring scalps to his office soon if bounties were to be secured.

Early yesterday the influx of bounty seekers began. All day they formed a line at the clerk's counter and 4 p. m. the \$231 remaining in the fund had been paid out. Mole and gopher scalps bring 10 cents bounty each and greydiggers bring five cents each.

County Clerk Boyer pointed out that the closing of the bounty fund marked the first application by the county court of the new 1931 budget law which forbids the clerk to pay out any funds after a budget item has been exhausted. In previous years over-drafts have been permitted and have been taken from the following years receipts or else the extra charges have been taken from the emergency fund. This year the emergency fund cannot be used for any items under which appropriations have been made in the regular authorized budget.

The largest bounty payment went to Ronald Stevens of Gervais who brought in the scalps of 377 greydiggers and gophers.

FRENCH FAMILY TO BE REUNITED SOON

Mrs. Lucy French is a happy hostess this week at her home, 125 South Cottage street, for she expects to have all her six boys at home again after a separation of 16 years. All but one, J. L. French of Hermiston, Oregon, are here now.

From distant points have come Rev. W. L. French of Sheridan, Wyoming and Enos French of Penolosa, Kansas. Rev. French is district superintendent of the northern half of Wyoming, representing the interests of the Methodist church.

Two sons, John G. and Clyde S. French are residents of Salem and James A. Franc reside on a farm not far from Salem. It is expected that the sixth son, J. L. French of Hermiston, will arrive this week to complete the family reunion. Mrs. French has made her home in Salem for over 20 years.

Hurry Mothers! Not Many More Days in the Free Photographic Contest

Free Photographic Contest

These are the facts: THE KENNEL-ELLIS Studios and THE STATESMAN are cooperatively staging this contest to determine the most attractive children in this section of the valley. You'll want to enter your child. Photographs only by appointment. There is no charge for a sitting.

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