

Public Power Issue Studied

Sponsors' Committee to Obtain all Data Upon Costs and Budgets

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First, there is the fact that an election already has been called for April 9 in seven nearby counties, on the public utility district question. That election will determine not only the policy that will be in effect in those counties with respect to Bonneville power utilization, but also the sentiment in those counties.

There is little reason to believe that general sentiment in Marion county is much different from that in Polk and Yamhill counties. If the seven-county district project is approved, then public power advocates in Marion county may logically conclude that they are justified in presenting the issue here, despite the heavy majority against the utility district program returned in November, 1936.

Transmission Lines Bill Progressing

Another factor is the status of the Bonneville agreement itself. Yesterday in congress, the house gave tentative approval to a \$2,500,000 appropriation for construction of transmission lines. Even that appropriation, which Rep. James W. Mott said would bring the power lines "only as far as Portland," encountered some opposition. Rep. Dondero of Michigan moved for a reduction to \$1,400,000 but his amendment was voted down.

If the \$2,500,000 is voted, as seems probable, it will presumably constitute the entire appropriation for transmission lines in 1938, and thus if any Bonneville power reaches Marion county before 1940, it will be transmitted over existing lines now privately owned—whether they are by that time privately or publicly owned.

Other points on which little light has been shed to date include the matter of rates. Administrator J. D. Ross has just recently asked for expression of opinion from widespread sources as to what the policy behind the rates should be. The allocation of Bonneville costs as between power and navigation has been decided—on a basis extremely favorable to power—but J. D. Ross' request indicates that there is no haste about determining the rate policy itself.

It is with these and other points in view, undoubtedly, that the original sponsors of public power in Marion county are proceeding deliberately to investigate all angles of the problem so that if and when an election is called, the proposal will be based upon concrete facts and figures rather than on theory and sentiment for or against public ownership.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—(AP)—The house tentatively approved today a \$2,500,000 appropriation for construction of power transmission lines at Bonneville dam. Representative Dondero (R-Mich.) asked reduction of the allotment in the interior department appropriation bill to \$1,400,000, but his amendment was voted down.

Representative Honeyman (D-Ore.) declared the \$2,500,000 was the "least amount" needed for power line construction in the next fiscal year. Representative Pierce (D-Ore.) denied the contention of representatives supporting Dondero's proposal that there was no market for the power. Representative Mott (R-Ore.) said the reduction would be a "stupid blunder." He said \$2,500,000 would bring the power lines "only as far as Portland."

Stubborn Blaze Fought, E. Salem

Smoke-eaters from the East Salem fire department for 2 1/2 hours yesterday afternoon battled flames in a house about one-half mile east of the Penitentiary. The fire started before finally extinguishing them and saving a good share of the back of the house, including the kitchen, bathroom and garage.

Forced to pump water from a small fish pool in a neighbor's yard, and finally resort to a hand-drawn well, the firemen probably could have saved more had they had a lift pump.

The fire started on the roof of the two-story house, firemen said, evidently caused by the flue burning out.

Case was the name of the family living there, according to firemen.

Dallas Residence Damaged by Fire

DALLAS—A fire which broke out about 12:45 noon Monday practically destroyed the upstairs rooms in the home of Mrs. E. A. Cleveland on Orchard ave.

According to Fire Chief Walter Young the fire was all through the upstairs rooms by the time the fire department arrived. The exact cause of the fire is not known, but is believed to have started from a spark on the roof of the home.

All the furniture in the upstairs rooms was ruined it is believed, but a large part of the furniture in the downstairs was gotten out without serious damage. The damage to the rooms downstairs was chiefly to the paper on walls.

Delbos to Follow Friend Eden?



On the heels of a British crisis that caused resignation of Foreign Minister Anthony Eden, comes report of a possible cabinet shake-up in France, where Foreign Minister Yvon Delbos, friend of Eden, is in danger of losing his job. Unless French diplomacy is readjusted quickly, observers said, Delbos will be forced out. Eden and Delbos are shown in a recent picture taken at a League of Nations council meeting in Geneva.

Oregon may Take Mexico Example

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enacted to stop usurious rates of interest he said were being charged by private loan agencies. Brown pointed out by way of contrast to his observations in Mexico that "the great state of Oregon allows them and limits them to only 36 per cent interest."

Senator Brown said he found much in Mexico to interest him in the way of ancient temples and richly equipped old churches. The murals of Diego Rivera, noted modern artist, in the Mexican department of education building, especially caught his attention. In a series of more than 100 life size pictures, the murals, he said, first portray the farmer and the laborer fighting "while the rich man laughed" but later progress to where the "farmer and laborer get together... and give nothing to the rich man."

In summary Brown said it appeared to him that the Mexican government "in all sincerity is trying through education to raise the standard of its poor people or are the biggest grafters in the world."

"Honest Audit of New Deal" Sought

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faces the new circumstances of this new age." Doctor Frank said the committee would be divided into eight or 12 subdivisions, each with a chairman, in order to distribute the work of sounding out sentiment in various sections of the nation.

A central agency, he added, would be set up, probably in Chicago, with which the regional committees would confer. The central agency, he asserted, would use "experts" to get facts concerning the new deal.

William Hard, assistant to John D. Hamilton, chairman of the party's national committee, was named full-time secretary of the program body.

The program committee, doctor Frank added, would finance itself.

"We are not to receive funds from the national committee," he declared.

Mill City Winner In County B Race

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Alley pocketed 19 for the academy.

Mill City will represent this district in the state championship games.

In the third leg of the triple-bill, Mt. Angel Stogges defeated Hubbard handily, 37 to 17.

The summaries: (38) St. Martin's Angela (28) 12. Solway Burrell, 3 6. Hurney Hauer, 2 3. O'Halloran Marx, 5 3. Buckso Karp 4; for St. Martin's, Brodnick 3, Schirmer 1. Referee, Plinsso.

Substitutes: for Mt. Angel, Sacred Heart (16) (25) Mill City Parion Schmidt, 2 2. Stone Gontakow, 4 2. Allen Alley, 10 4. Wacher

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Johnson Is Given One Year, Prison

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sas in 1933, his wife was ill and he was unable to work. He admitted the check charge.

Traffic Fatality Decrease Hailed

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CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—(AP)—A drop of 30 per cent in United States traffic fatalities during January was reported today by the national safety council, and termed "an encouraging start for 1938."

The decline in January was 30 per cent below December and 17 per cent below January, 1937.

The council, which estimated 1937 motor vehicle deaths at 39,700, reported 2,710 traffic fatalities for last January, compared with 3,260 in January, 1937, and 3,890 in December, 1937.

"January was the third successive month to show a sizeable reduction in traffic deaths from the corresponding month of the previous year," the report stated.

"The cumulative saving in the three month period was approximately 1,400 lives."

Building Permits Show Large Gain

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dwellings at 1634 North 4th, 4th, \$150; D. A. Larmer, to re-roof a one-story dwelling at 1009 Broadway, \$200; F. C. Headrick, to erect a one-story dwelling and garage at 1535 Madison, \$300; R. H. Murphy, to erect a one-story dwelling and garage at 1725 Madison, \$400; R. H. Murphy, to erect a one-story dwelling and garage at 1910 North 17th, \$400; W. L. Murphy, to erect a one-story dwelling at 2356 North Church, \$500; Mrs. Evelyn Oberer, to erect a one-story dwelling and garage at 1565 Madison, \$2200.

The Call Board

HOLLYWOOD Today—Katharine Hepburn and Ginger Rogers in "Stage Door" with Adolphe Menjou and Gail Patrick. Wednesday—"Love Is a Headache" by "Night" with George Murphy and Rita Johnson and "Life Begins With Love" with Jean Parker and Douglas Montgomery.

Friday—Double bill, "Range Defenders" with the Three Mesquiteras and "Cold Em Navy" with Lew Ayer, Mary Carlisle and John Howard.

GRAND Today—William Powell and Annabella in "The Baroness and the Butler." Wednesday—Special Return Engagement Will Rogers in "Country Chairman." Saturday—Dolores Del Rio in "International Settlement."

ELSINORE Today—Double bill, Robert Taylor in "A Yank at Oxford" and Franchot Tone and Mickey Rooney in "Love Is a Headache." Added attraction, "Audioscopes."

Wednesday—Double bill, Alice Faye in "Your Sweetheart" with George Murphy and "Double Danger" with Preston Foster.

CAPITOL Today—Double bill, "Daughter of Shanghai" with Anna May Wong and Errol Flynn in "The Perfect Specimen."

Thursday—Double bill, the Mauch twins in "Penrod and His Twin Brother" and Bill Boyd in "Casey of Bar 20."

STATE Today—On the stage, "The Great Virgil," premier illusionist. On the screen, the Jones family in "Hot Water."

Tuesday—Midnight—Virgil scare show featuring "The Den of Living Nightmares" and screen, Robert Montgomery in "The Longest Night." Wednesday—Walter Wangers "Vogues of 1938" featuring Warner Baxter and Joan Bennett.

Friday—Four acts eastern circuit vaudeville and Warner Oland in "Charlie Chan in 'Charlie Chan on Broadway.'" Saturday—Midnight—William Powell and Myrna Loy in "Double Wedding."

NLRB Wins out In High Court

Supreme Body Upholds in two Cases Involving Company Unions

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—(AP)—The supreme court upheld the right of the national labor relations board to use a potent weapon against "company-dominated" unions today.

In two cases involving Greyhound Bus Lines, the tribunal held the labor board had authority under the Wagner act to require an employer to withdraw recognition from a union which he had formed and dominated. The decision was unanimous. Justice Cardozo, who is ill, and Justice Reed, new member of the court, did not participate, however.

Reed, Cardozo Silent

The court also decided by a 5 to 2 vote that a federal district court in Wisconsin had exceeded its authority in granting an injunction against union picketing of a company which said it was on peaceful terms with its workers. Justices Butler and McReynolds dissented. Justices Cardozo and Reed again did not participate.

The labor board orders which the court upheld were directed against the Pennsylvania Greyhound Lines, Inc., and the Pacific Greyhound Lines, Inc. The companies had contended that at the time of the orders no elections had been held among the companies' employees to determine their collective bargaining representatives and that, therefore, it was unfair to "discriminate" against the company-formed associations.

Milwaukee Pickets Win

The Milwaukee picketing case involved the right of the AFL-Milwaukee local to picket the stores of E. G. Shinner & Co. The company contended there was no labor dispute, asserting its workers were not union members and were not dissatisfied with working conditions.

The district court and the circuit court of appeals both ruled in favor of the union. The Supreme court affirmed the circuit court's decision.

16 Schools Enter Speaking Contest

Sixteen high schools have registered for the fourth annual Oregon high school contest in extemporaneous speaking, serious and humorous interpretation and original oratory to be held at Willamette university Friday and Saturday, March 25, 26. Schools to enter are: Astoria, Clatsop, Forest Grove, Gresham, Hillsboro, Medford, Milwaukie, Park Rose, Salem, Tillamook, Corvallis and St. Helens.

Each school may have but one representative in each contest, or one person may represent a school in all contests having an attendance of over five hundred students which may enter two representatives in each contest.

Sponsors of the contests are the Little Theatre Guild, Tau Kappa Alpha and Theta Alpha Phi. The oratory division is new this year and is creating considerable interest. Bernard Shevach of Franklin won first in extemporaneous speaking last year, Marjorie Waters, Hillsboro, laureate in interpretation and Paul Sams, Dallas, serious interpretation.

Sunday Grocery Situation Quiet

PORTLAND, Feb. 28.—(AP)—The Independent Retail Groceries Association said today that a circuit court decision Saturday upholding the right of small stores not employing clerks to remain open Sundays brought little change in the number operating yesterday.

About 50 establishments had continued Sunday business despite a union closing rule.

The court ruled that no labor dispute existed in an establishment not employing clerks.

Art Center Fund Making Progress

The Salem art center project committee has raised \$149.55 toward the \$2000 required for the city's contribution, it was reported at a meeting of the finance committee last night. Among the latest contributions to come in was one of \$46.50, raised by the Salem Women's club.

The sub-committee decided to attempt to raise the rest of the fund this week. Federal art project officials have given assurance the Salem art center will be opened as soon as the local fund is obtained.

Fisherman Swept To Fate in Surf

CLOVERDALE, Ore., Feb. 28.—(AP)—Darrel Williams, 23, fisherman, was swept from a rock by a huge wave and killed at Cape Kiwanda Sunday.

The surf battered him against another rock, and he was unable to grasp a line thrown by his companions, Alfred Anderson and Arthur Coffey.

Baby Improper Debt Security

When County Judge Fred S. Reese ruled that "human flesh and blood cannot be held as security like personal property," Baby P, a 12-month-old child, was returned to his parents.



Neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Miller had held the baby as security for a \$2-a-week board bill because they had taken care of the child while Mrs. Miller was in a hospital for an operation.

Commons Approve Choice of Halifax

LONDON, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's choice of Halifax as foreign secretary was approved by the House of Commons today.

Opposition attacks against the peer who is destined to play a leading role in Chamberlain's planned European peace negotiations were smothered under a vote of 226 to 99 in favor of the government.

The attack was on merely constitutional grounds since Halifax sits in the house of lords and therefore is not available to answer questions in commons.

The commons vote came while Britain and France are pursuing secret diplomatic negotiations aimed at the possibility of enlisting Italian aid to safeguard Austrian independence.

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Appropriation Bill Is Passed by Senate

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—(AP)—The senate passed today a \$1,402,000,000 treasury-postoffice appropriation bill for the fiscal year beginning next July 1.

The senate added \$2,951,000 to the measure previously approved by the house, and the bill goes back for house action on changes.

The measure carries \$510,937,627 for the treasury, an increase of \$2,575,000 over house figures, and \$790,910,236 for the post-office department, \$1,079,423 less than the house approved.

Before the bill went through Senator King (D-Utah) led what he described as a "hopeless fight" to cut appropriations, charging that all efforts to balance the budget had been abandoned "and now the talk is only of more expenditures."

Japanese Losses In Planes, Ships Extensive, Claim

HANKOW, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Chinese military headquarters announced today the first four and a half months of the war had cost Japan 375 airplanes and 20 vessels, including warships and troop ships.

The military spokesmen said the figures for the August 13 to December 31 period were based on information obtained in Japan by the Chinese intelligence service.

The Chinese statement of Japanese losses was more than three and a half times greater than the latest official Japanese announcement which put the number at less than 100.

Stock Broker Expelled

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—(AP)—The securities commission invoked its most drastic penalty today against Charles C. Wright, New York stock broker, whom it found guilty of market manipulation.

Dry Vote Is Failure

DOTHAN, Ala., Feb. 28.—(AP)—Houstan county voted decisively against a return of Alabama's prohibition laws today in a referendum called by drys.

Two Dead, Eastern Storm

(By The Associated Press) A bitter cold wave borne by a whistling northwest gale swept the eastern seaboard last night, leaving two dead in Massachusetts and heavily snow blanketing upstate New York and New England.

Alleged Prowler Killed, Hillsboro

Edwin Everts Shot; Home Owners Ambush Him as an Annoyer

HILLSBORO, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Edwin Everts, 26, died last night in the Washington county hospital from a bullet wound in the back received, Sheriff J. W. Connell said, when a Beaverton resident fired at an alleged prowler.

The sheriff said Harvey Williams admitted firing the shot as he and a neighbor lay in wait to capture a prowler who had been annoying the neighborhood for several nights.

The officer quoted Everts as saying he was taking a shortcut across the Williams property when the shot was fired.

Survivors include his widow, Beaverton his mother, Mrs. Cora Clifford of Eldridge, Calif., and three brothers.

Sheriff Connell said Williams was not detained.

Sumski Indicted By Error, Ruling

Dismissed From Charge in Plummer Case; Letter Delays His Plea

That Pete Sumski, who faces "goon" charges in Salem and Portland, was mistakenly indicted by the Marion county grand jury along with Alvin B. Plummer on a charge of assault and battery upon Mae Welch, county relief office clerk, January 14, 1938, was discovered when Plummer was arraigned before Circuit Judge L. H. McManahan yesterday.

Because Sumski was not involved in the Plummer case and apparently was named on the indictment through a clerical error, the indictment against him was dismissed on the motion of District Attorney Lyle J. Page.

Plummer's arrest was not a plea but asked to have an attorney named to represent him and Judge McManahan appointed Roy R. Hewlett to the task. No time was set for him to plead. Plummer has been held in the county jail since his arrest.

Fred Morse, appealing from justice court, changed his plea to guilty when taken before Judge McManahan yesterday and was fined \$10 for a violation of the basic traffic rule.

A plea of not guilty was entered by Mark Broom, who was indicted jointly with Cloris Bourg last week on a charge of breaking into the milk house of Charles Bochsler.

Ellis Boring, under indictment charging him with reckless driving, will not make his scheduled appearance before Judge McManahan yesterday.

Barge Lacks Life Safeguards, Held

ASTORIA, Feb. 28.—(AP)—The coast guard referred to headquarters for affirmation of a \$1100 fine levied against the railroad barge Mastodon for alleged improper certification and lack of life saving equipment.

The big barge, under contract to the Columbia Construction company for use on the north jetty reconstruction project, arrived in tow of two Aberdeen, Wash., tugs, and was taken to Longview by the Portland stern-wheeler, The Dalles.

It will be used to transport flatcars loaded with rock.

The coast guard recommended a fine of \$600 against the barge Mastodon for alleged overloading of the deck with spruce logs. It was allowed to proceed to Grays Harbor with its cargo.

Hope Sees Base At Tongue Point

ASTORIA, Feb. 28.—(AP)—James L. Hope, Astoria attorney, said on his return from Washington, D. C., there was a possibility of a "fair, substantial appropriation" for a naval patrol base at Tongue Point.

"We can't hope to get the entire \$5,000,000 now, but the work of Representative Mott during the last two or three years is bearing fruit," he said.

Hollywood 15

LAST NIGHT ONLY

STAGE DOOR

Also "March of Time," News and Our Gang in "Russian Ballet"

FAMILY NIGHT

Also "March of Time," News and Our Gang in "Russian Ballet"

LONDON BY NIGHT

Also "March of Time," News and Our Gang in "Russian Ballet"

Precocious Youth Of 12 Is Missing; Kidnap Suspected

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y., Feb. 28.—(AP)—The apparent kidnapping of precocious 12-year-old Peter Levine was disclosed today by his father, a well-to-do New York lawyer, who in distraught language publicly appealed to "whoever is holding my son" to "open negotiations."

Peter, an imaginative boy who liked to play "G-man," vanished mysteriously on the way home from school last Thursday.

Murray Levine, the father, who has offices on Fifth avenue in New York City, made from his \$30,000 home in New Rochelle the first statement on the affair to come from either the family or the authorities.

"You may say," said Levine, his voice trembling, "that whoever is holding my son is guaranteeing a safe channel for communicating with me to open negotiations."

Federal and Westchester county authorities, he added, had promised to permit him to dicker without interference "with those who may be holding my boy."

Bank Thug Loses Freedom Battle

Crum's Third Try Against 25-Year Term Fails; Case Not Reopened

PORTLAND, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Chester Crum, sentenced to 25 years imprisonment for robbery of the Grant County bank at John Day last summer, lost a third attempt today to reopen the case when Federal Judge James Alger Fee refused him free copies of the court record.

Crum, who pleaded guilty with two others, was previously denied a petition to reopen the case because the application was not notarized.

The federal circuit court of appeals informed him it could not issue a writ of mandamus, and that his only recourse was to the president.

Crum contended the court had erred "in violation of six amendments or parts thereof of the United States constitution."

Judge Fee, in denying his plea, said the court's only error "was in giving him 25 years instead of life."

A bank official was beaten and a farmer shot in the foot during the chase and capture of the men who robbed the bank. A youth was wounded when officers mistook his car for one driven by the robbers.

Erosion Damages Survey Proposed

Expenditure of \$310,000 for surveys to determine the damage caused by erosion to land and water was recommended today by the state planning board.

Preliminary surveys by the board in which the state was classified into districts, showed that erosion was severe in the Columbia plateau regions but only moderately so in the rolling coastal and western valleys and "alight" in the heavily wooded Cascade and coastal mountainous areas.

February Rainfall Far Over Average

Last month failed to break the all-time rain record of February, 1937, when 10.36 inches fell, but it succeeded in producing 7.93 inches of precipitation, or 3.44 inches above the mean average.

Rainfall occurred on 21 days of the month. The heaviest single day's rain, on the sixth, was 2.14 inches.

Other years which brought a February wetter than that of 1938 included 1904, with 9.47 inches, 1927 with 9.05, 1919 with 8.10 and 1925 with 8.07 inches. The February with the least rainfall on record, in 1920, had but .34 inch of precipitation.

Ishbel MacDonald Wed to Villager

Ex "First Lady of Britain" Doesn't Marry Peer as Once Forecast

SPERN, England, Feb. 28.—(AP)—Ishbel MacDonald, "First Lady of Great Britain" when her father was prime minister, was married today to Norman Ridgley, the village handyman who is captain of the darts team at her pub, "Ye Olde Blew Inn."

And the boys were whooping it up at the flow tonight, that is, up to the 10 p. m. closing time for "the new master and his wife."

The bar taps had been gurgling rhythmically since "Miss Ishbel" rang up at opening time from Hampstead town hall where they were semi-secretly married in London and giggled.

"Well, we've done it!" When Ishbel accompanied her father to the United States in 1929 she was reported engaged to a peer of the realm; her brother is a cabinet minister; she still dines once in a while at Buckingham palace with the king and queen.