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"No Favor Sways Us; No Fear Shall Awe"

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Proposed PUD Law Changes

The Bonneville Federation of Oregon has drafted a five-point proposal for amending Oregon's public utility district law to encourage more general creation of such districts. Intimation from J. D. Ross, Bonneville administrator, that transmission lines will be built only to regions served by such districts and that it will be sold, not on a postage stamp rate but on an absolutely flat rate regardless of distance, will intensify the efforts to amend the law and create districts.

The principal amendment proposed is to permit revenue bonds instead of general obligation bonds, which has been long advocated. Other amendments include a provision for a payment of 5 per cent of gross revenues in lieu of taxes; a requirement that PUD managers must have had past utility experience; elimination of the hydroelectric commission approval in the case of county-wide districts.

As for the tax payment, it is designed to eliminate the argument of district opponents that creation of districts eliminating private utilities will deprive state, county and municipalities of tax revenue and thus increase other taxes. In order to eliminate the argument entirely, it might be better to provide that publicly-owned utilities be taxed the same as though they were privately owned.

There appears to be lack of logic in eliminating the requirement of hydroelectric commission approval for county-wide districts but retaining it for smaller districts. As a matter of fact, the more compact the district, the more certain is its feasibility, as witness the outstanding success of the McMinnville power utility. Economic practicality is much more doubtful in a larger district.

The reason for proposing this change is that the hydroelectric commission has recommended against certain proposed districts under the present law. Proponents of those districts have charged that the commission is prejudiced against public ownership. As in the case of many such objections, including some against newspapers, the real objection is that the commission is unprejudiced; i. e., not prejudiced in favor of any and all public ownership projects.

The Eugene Register-Guard objects that the amendments do not provide for enforced purchase of existing utilities to prevent wasteful duplication. Such a requirement would help to eliminate opposition and prevent unsound development; but there would have to be some safeguard against unreasonable obstruction to such purchase, on the part of private utility companies.

Personal Appraisal by Experts

The place you're most likely to notice it is in passing a shoe-shining parlor. If the proprietor happens to be standing in the doorway and to notice you passing, his glance invariably will shift from your face, no matter how pleasing, and alight on your shoes. He will know instantly whether you need a shine or not, how long since the last one and, if that wasn't too long, how expert the job was.

But if the clothing store clerk happens to look you over, he will appraise the style and material of your suit, know what you paid for it and how long ago. The barber will appraise your hair and perhaps, your whiskers; and he will know when you last had a haircut or a shave and maybe by some individual quirk of craftsmanship, he will know who is your barber. And if you chance to be of the opposite sex, any beautician will look you over and know when and where you got that permanent, how good a job was done, how difficult your hair is to "do," how much trouble you have with your complexion and how expertly you have applied the artificial portion of it. Indeed, the fair sex encounters more of these hazards than the mere male. One is apt to meet a corsetiere—but let's not go into that.

Any dentist you meet is likely to know at a glance how many of your teeth are your own and how many are manufactured; any physician will take one glance and know what if anything ails you—and this is a most disturbing thought—what are your chances of living to a ripe old age. Perhaps you will meet an athletic coach and he will make a mental note of your physique and be able to tell whether he would be able to use you at guard on the second string, quarterback on the fourth string or water boy.

It is actually appalling, the number and the penetration of expert appraisals one might encounter in a stroll down State street. There are only two things that can be done about it. One is to stay at home; the other is to take a leaf out of Popeye's book, say "I yam what I yam" and ignore the appraisers.

No Dies Committee There

Over the Associated Press wire to this office the other night came a dispatch from Canadian Press, a service with which AP exchange news, relating that "a six weeks summer school to teach communism is planned for the Calgary constituency of Alberta."

"Classes will be given three times a week on Marxism and Leninism and on history of trade unions. . . Purpose of the school is to educate newcomers and possible converts and to train more advanced members for leadership in the Communist Party of Canada," the dispatch explained.

There is no Dies committee of the dominion parliament to fulminate against these goings-on. Canadians, like their British brethren across the Atlantic, tolerate the exponents of all sorts of isms. The announcement of the communist school was made by a Calgary alderman who is a communist party organizer. The English and Canadians seem to have no fear of "subversive" elements, and manage somehow to avoid chaos and ruin.

Communist propaganda in itself is no more dangerous in this country than it is in Canada. We have only two things to fear. One is that communists through control of a labor organization may upset our economic structure. The other is that democracy may somehow fail to maintain reasonable living conditions and opportunities for a majority of our people.

Al Capone may or may not return to Chicago—even if he does he won't be free. Big Bill Thompson also hopes to "come back" in Chicago in the mayoralty race. If those things are "reactionary" we're disposed to be as "liberal" as possible.

"As clear as glass" ceases to be a valid simile, now that the monopoly investigation has revealed the number of patents that control the various processes that are involved in the manufacture of glass, and the manner in which production of bottles is controlled thereby.

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HEDRICKS

Roll of honor grows: 12-21-33
Men who learned here and saved the nation for America, democracy for world:

(Continuing from yesterday.)
Commanding the gunboat Pittsburg, Thompson participated in the attack on Fort Donelson, Feb. 13. His vessel was struck 40 times. . . He ran the heavy batteries at Island No. 10, Mississippi river, to aid Polk's army below. He was in the action, May 30, against the Confederate river flotilla, and in the capture of Fort Pillow, June 6. He went ashore in October, and in 1863-4 was at the Philadelphia naval rendezvous. He became commander July 16, 1862. He had much blockade duty thereafter.

Thompson, on the Decatur, was in command of the Pacific squadron, 1886-7, according to the Dictionary of Biography.
His last command was on the Canandaigua, 1872-3.
Number 153 falls to Henry Knox Thatcher, born at Thomaston, Me., at "Montpelier," the seat of his grandfather, Gen. Henry Knox, Revolutionary leader, who made the initial move establishing West Point military academy during Washington's administration. Young Thatcher entered West Point in 1822, but preferred the navy, served less than a year, and became a midshipman March 4, 1823, ordered to the "mosquito fleet" of Commodore David Porter, preparing to operate against the West India pirates.

"From 1824 to 1827 he was attached to the warship United States, of the Pacific squadron, the flagship of Commodore Isaac Hull. He was promoted passed midshipman March 23, 1829, while on the Independence, stationed at the Boston navy yard; became lieutenant Feb. 28, 1833. . . . When, in the last named year (1835), he was made commander, he was advanced 77 numbers by reason of the navy efficiency act of 1835. In 1837-9 he commanded the Decatur in the Pacific.

"After promotion, as of July 16, 1862, to commodore, he hastened home (from Mexico) and, on Aug. 26, 1863, was assigned to the Colorado of the North Atlantic blockading squadron. He commanded the 31st division of Admiral Porter's fleet in the attack on Fort Fisher, N. C., and was highly commended for the Union victory, by Porter.

"He was appointed Acting Rear Admiral Jan. 24, 1865, to take command of the West Gulf blockading squadron, succeeding Admiral Farragut. He cooperated with the army in the reduction of Mobile. Thatcher in the surrender of the city pursued the Confederate fleet up the Tombigbee river and received its surrender. Congratulations of the navy department followed.

"His naval career then took possession of Sabine Pass and the defenses of Galveston. On the consolidation of the two squadrons in the Gulf of Mexico, Thatcher commanded the combined fleet.

"From 1866 to 1868 he commanded the North Pacific squadron, with the Pezascocia as his flagship." (These quoted words are from the Dictionary of Biography.) May 26, 1868, he retired with the grade of rear admiral. In 1818 a torpedo destroyer was named for Thatcher.

Number 154 goes to Thomas Holdip Stevens, born at Middlebury, Conn., May 4, 1819, lived until May 15, 1892. He was made midshipman December 15, 1836, passed midshipman July 1, 1842. Trial service as aide to President Tyler was followed by coast survey duty. During the Mexican war he was naval storekeeper at Honolulu. Returning home in the Chilean ship Maria Helena, he was wrecked Jan. 4, 1848, on Christmas Island, passengers and crew were nearly three months in being rescued. Stevens' account of the experiences was published in a book, widely circulated.

"During 1848-9, Stevens was on West Coast surveying work," says the Dictionary of Biography.

In the Civil war he was on the Ottawa, in the capture of Port Royal Nov. 7, 1861; commanded the first expedition up James river, in 1862, and that year was in various expeditions in Virginia waters; commanded the Monitor in the James river late '62. He was on the Sonoma, on the Bahama Banks; captured five frigates; commanded the monitor Patapsco around Charleston, and in '64 was in command of the Onega of the Gulf squadron, and of the monitor Wehago in the battle of Mobile Bay. Was made captain in 1866, commodore in 1872, rear admiral, '79. Commanded the Guerriere of the European squadron, 1870-71.

Stevens was in command of the Pacific squadron 1880-81, his last duty service before retiring, May 27, 1881.

He wrote "Service Under Du Pont," etc., etc. His eldest son was a rear admiral, two others in the army and marine corps; he had six sons and three daughters.

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By Jimmy Hatlo

Radio Programs

- KSLM—WEDNESDAY—1370 Kc.**
7:30—News.
7:45—Time O' Day.
8:00—Morning Meditations.
8:15—Salon Melodies.
8:30—Haven of Rest.
8:45—News.
9:00—Foster's Call.
9:15—Friendly Circle.
9:45—Savoy Army.
10:00—Hawaiian Paradise.
10:15—News.
10:30—Unrepeated Broadcasts.
10:45—Voice of Experience.
11:00—Helene Daniels, Blues.
11:15—Organizations of the Air.
11:45—Value Parade.
12:15—News.
12:30—Musical Serenade.
12:45—Bob Young.
1:00—All Year Club.
1:15—Midstream.
1:30—Musical Interlude.
1:45—The Hatterfield.
2:00—Musical Interlude.
2:15—Johnny Lawrence Club.
2:30—WOR Symphony.
3:00—Feminine Favorites.
3:15—Christmas Show.
4:00—Paul Lewis, Jr.
4:15—Dick Stahl's Orchestra.
4:30—Kate Caplin Christmas Carol.
5:00—Marriage License Romances.
5:15—Adventures Gen. Shafter Parker.
5:30—Musical Interlude.
5:45—Dinner Hour Melodies.
6:00—Pageant of Melody.
6:15—Tonight's Headlines.
7:00—Walt Time.
7:30—Lone Ranger.
8:00—Paul Pageant.
8:15—Musical Interlude.
8:30—Anson Weeks' Orchestra.
8:45—Home Service News.
9:15—Fun in Your Kitchen.
9:30—Crystal Gardens Ballroom.
10:00—Paul Pageant.
10:30—Chuck Foster's Orchestra.
11:00—Jack McLean's Orchestra.
- KEX—WEDNESDAY—1180 Kc.**
6:30—Musical Clock.
7:00—Family Altar Hour.
7:30—Financial Service.
7:45—Bradley's Varieties.
7:55—Market Quotations.
8:00—Dr. Brock.
8:30—Christ and Santa Claus.
8:45—Originalities.
9:00—Alice Cornett.
9:15—Christmas Show Window.
9:30—Farm and Home.
10:15—Agriculture Today.
10:30—Chiquita.
10:45—Home Institute.
11:00—Name Trails.
11:15—News.
11:30—Voice of American Women.
11:45—Radio Review.
12:00—Story Hour for Adults.
12:15—Dept. Agriculture.
12:30—Swingtime Trio.
12:45—News.
1:00—Market Reports.
1:15—The Quiet Hour.
1:30—Walt Time.
2:00—Arthur Schult.
2:15—Financial and Grain.
2:30—Christmas Family.
2:45—Musical Interlude.
3:00—Carleton Quiz.
3:15—Orchestra.
3:30—Jesse Crawford.
3:45—News.
4:00—Marlowe & Lyon.
4:15—Father and Son.
4:30—Orchestra.
4:45—Christmas Music.
5:00—Keyboard Chats.
5:15—Sport Column.
5:30—Festive Thing in Town.
5:45—Mazouza Blossoms.
6:00—Minstrel Show.
6:15—News.
6:30—Orchestra.
6:45—Answer Game.
7:00—Sports on Trial.
7:15—News.
7:30—Paul Carson.
- KGW—WEDNESDAY—620 Kc.**
7:00—Story of the Month.
7:15—Trail Blazers.
7:30—News.
8:05—Ted White.
8:15—Singletown Gazette.
8:30—Sports Today.
9:00—Ray Towers.
9:15—The O'Neill.
9:30—Christ and Santa.
9:45—Vocal Vogue.
10:00—Patricia Gilmore.
10:15—Let's Make It Over.
10:30—Dangerous Roads.
10:45—Dr. Kate.
11:00—Betty and Bob.
11:15—Arnold Grimm's Daughter.
11:30—Yvonne Lady.
11:45—Betty Crocker.
12:00—Story of Mary Martin.
12:15—Ma Perkins.
12:30—Pepper Young's Family.
12:45—Guiding Light.
1:00—Backstage Wife.
1:15—Stella Dallas.
1:30—Vic and Sade.
1:45—Girl Alone.
2:00—Household Hannah.
2:15—Your Radio Review.
2:30—Lee and Ken.
2:45—Hollywood Flash.
3:00—Charles Kern.
3:15—News.
3:30—Candid Lady.
- KOIN—WEDNESDAY—940 Kc.**
6:30—Market Reports.
6:45—KOIN Clock.
7:00—News.
7:15—Three Merrymen.
7:30—This and That.
7:45—Her Honor Nancy James.
8:00—Romance of Helen Treat.
8:45—Our Gal Sunday.
9:00—The Goldbugs.
9:15—Life Can Be Beautiful.
9:30—Singing Organist.
10:00—Women in the News.
10:15—Real Life Stories.
10:30—News.
10:45—Sister Sam.
11:00—Scattergood Wilsey.
11:15—Fletcher Bailey.
11:30—Pretty Kitty Kelly.
1:15—Myrt and Marge.
1:30—Hollis House.
1:45—Home Service News.
2:00—March of Games.
2:15—So You Want to Be.
2:30—Castilians.
3:15—Newspaper of the Air.
4:15—Backgrounding the News.
4:30—Hollywood and Vine.
4:45—Second Husband.
5:00—Five o'Clock Flash.
5:15—Howie Wing.
5:30—Rainbow's End.
6:00—Star Theatre.
7:00—Isle of Dreams.
7:15—Organ.
7:30—Ask It Basket.
8:00—Organ.
8:15—Lam and Abner.
8:30—Paul Whiteman.
9:00—Gangbusters.
9:30—Orchestra.
10:00—Five Star Final.
10:15—Sophie Tucker.
10:30—Chiquita.
10:45—Harry Owens.
11:00—Orchestra.
- KOAC—WEDNESDAY—550 Kc.**
9:00—Musicians' Hour.
10:00—Story Hour for Adults.
11:00—Music of the Masters.
12:00—News.
12:15—Vocal Talk.
12:30—Market, Crop Reports.
12:45—PIA.
1:15—Variety.
2:00—AAUW Study Club.
2:45—Guard Your Health.
3:15—Travel.
3:45—Monitor Views the News.
4:00—Symphonic Half Hour.
4:30—Stories for Boys and Girls.
5:45—Vesper.
6:15—News.
6:30—M. McKeenan.
6:45—Market, Crop Reports.
7:15—Student Ag Club.
7:30—Advertiser's Forum.
7:45—Music of Czechoslovakia.
8:30—Pacific College.

Sage of Salem Speculates

By D. H. TALMADGE

A Song for Christmas
I would sing you a song for Christmas;
But my heart is lost in the maze
Of grief and fear that sweeps
The world,
The horrors of these last days.

I would sing you a song of Christmas
While the festal board is spread;
(But oh, the little ones in that
land,
Who, helpless, plead for bread!)

The stars that watched over Bethlehem,
Grow pallid at the sight.
Was it in vain the Saviour came
To earth, that holy night?

Rise, O my soul, above your fears!
For He will come again
In power and glory! Sing ye stars!
"Peace and good will to men!"
—CAROLINE COX, Portland.

cused him of these things very seriously. The president flatters himself. Anyway, he should be able to find subjects other than himself when he addresses gatherings of university students.

An acquaintance from the east coast sends me the season's greetings by air mail. Terms it a Christmas wish. I get it, but isn't it somewhat far-fetched?

I hope there is somewhat of truth in this thought transference theory. I have a heap of friends to whom I'd be mighty glad to present presents I've picked out for 'em mentally, and a transference of thought might help a little. If the thoughts aren't transferred—well, it is just too bad, that's all. Goodness knows, I've done my best.

Christmas comes but once a year, so you've heard that one. 'Cause it, please.

Bud Beazle says that any man who ain't trying to bust some world record or other don't amount to much.

Looks like one of those old time Willamette valley Christmases is about to take place. You know—when the snow comes down in liquid form, and the breezes have no bite, and, anyway, who gives a whoop whether it is dark or light?

In the display window at Roen's typewriter store on Court street a book that was printed 325 years ago in Geneva is on exhibition. Details later, if someone does not beat me to it.

A man and his wife are reported to have committed suicide together in an automobile near Seattle. Worn out trying to decide what to get each other for Christmas, I s'pose.

Everybody, pretty much, has his own ideas about things, but more about other people's ideas about things, perhaps, than anything else.

When you are standing about the toy department, old timer, don't you wonder why so many old timers are standing about there, also? Seems as if they should be old enough to know better, doesn't it?

Remember the time—no, you wouldn't, of course—when you licked the paint from a monkey on a yellow stick? And, if you should chance to remember the incident, you recall that the paint made you sick as the dickens, and that was how come you rhy med "yellow stick" and "made me purty sick" in your first Christmas poem.

The Unexpected Cheque
To Isaac Gregory, if he is still alive, which he probably isn't: When I was writing stuff for "Judge,"

Back in eighteen ninety-six—A most appropriate winter
For stoves and heated bricks,
And we had no Christmas money,
And we certainly were gung,
And then, quite unexpected,
A cheque from Gregory come.

I reckon things like that
Have happened to us all.
Even, y'know, for split milk
It ain't no use to bawl.
And I always think of Gregory's cheque
When things are looking blue,
And there's profit in this little tale,
I think, for all of you.

Guardsmen Slate Dance on Friday

WOODBURN—Among the most popular holiday season dances for this community is the annual Christmas dance given by Howitzer company, 186th Infantry, local unit of the Oregon National Guard, set for the army Friday night, December 23. This dance has served as a get together for many college students and others who are home for Christmas vacation.

Music this year will be by Hazel Fisher and her eight piece all-girl dance band from Portland.

Captain Eilburn T. Sims, is commander and committeeman arranging the dance are Sergeant Kenneth Schooner, Sergeant Harold Gilbert, Corporal Ben Reeser, Lieut. Everett J. Hughes, Sergeant Joe Kirsch, Corporal George Jackson, Lieut. Harlow C. Dixon, Corporal Chester P. Lavier and Corporal Ralph L. Lutz.

10 Years Ago

December 21, 1923

Dr. F. G. Franklin, a member of Willamette university faculty and Salem Writer's league, has received a request from "The Living Age" to write his biography for the travelers "Who's Who."

Robert L. Payne, acting pastor of First Baptist church, was last night elected regular pastor of the church.

Dr. J. McCormick, Prof. and Mrs. Cecil R. Monk and Prof. and Mrs. F. D. Lamer of Willamette university, are spending the holiday in Los Angeles.

15 Years Ago

December 21, 1923

Miss Mary Faye of Salem has been elected executive secretary of the Linn county Red Cross chapter.

Attorney General Van Winkle yesterday appointed Miles McKee of Portland as an assistant attorney general to take charge of the legal machinery of new state income tax department.

Annual becoming at high school will today with address of welcome by Benoit McCroskey, president of student body.

Look for the Kids in Front Of the Radio
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Dorothy Venable - Cass Kinball Young

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