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BONNEVILLE'S ANSWER IS WAITED

The proposal which the Eugene water board has submitted to the Bonneville management is extremely reasonable. Eugene will postpone the building of an additional steam plant to take care of peak loads, if Bonneville will sell power to Eugene over the coming ten-year period in units fitted to this community's actual needs and at rates not higher than our own production costs.

To build the new steam plant would cost \$600,000, of which the water board would pay \$270,000, assuming the rest comes as a grant from PWA. Eugene would save this \$270,000 investment, for the present, at least. Also it would save \$268,000 of estimated steam plant operating costs over the ten-year period.

Bonneville would gain a customer, and customers right now are Bonneville's chief need on an over-served power market. Bonneville would get at least \$203,625 worth of business from Eugene during this ten-year period and the chance to sell a much larger amount of power here as the city grows.

As to what Eugene's development policy should be after this ten-year period, time would tell. Power plants connected with the Willamette valley flood control project might alter the picture greatly. The main point is that under this plan, Eugene's power policy is kept firmly under Eugene control. Eugene is not relegating its valuable plants to auxiliary duty and paying a premium for base power merely to help Mr. Ross justify the experiment at Bonneville.

Incidentally, an adjustment with Bonneville should make it a bit easier for the water board to meet that other problem of some regular payment to the city of Eugene in place of taxes. The disposition of the water board to plunge ahead with costly expansions has had a good deal to do with the recurrent demand from that unfortunate element of the clientele known as taxpayers.

"AFTER YOU, MY DEAR ALPHONSE"

Big hearted as usual, John L. Lewis offers to resign as head of CIO if William Green will abdicate as head of AFL, but Mr. Green is not attracted by this "Alphonse and Gaston" proposition. Thus a bit of comedy is introduced into the labor war.

Nevertheless the warriors may find a good many of their followers taking heartily to the suggestion. There can be no doubt that the personal bitterness between these two chieftains has overshadowed the real issues in the labor struggle.

The problem of organized labor is to find some way of coordinating trades unions and industrial unions, "horizontal" and "vertical" organization. In great mass production industries where crafts are of minor importance the industrial union is logical. But in nearly all ordinary industry the older form of craft unionism is still preferable. It is safe to say that most of the dues paying members on both sides of the fence are sick and tired of the endless squabbles of Mr. Green and Mr. Lewis. They are tired of strikes and jurisdictional disputes which add not a dime to the worker's pay envelope. Maybe the workers will take the hint from the chieftains and vote both of them into obscurity.

Both Mr. Lewis and Mr. Green have been using their members very much as a Chinese war lord uses his private army. There's very little in it for the army. Neither is there likely to be any profit for labor in the class warfare toward which Mr. Lewis has been heading. That rumbling in the ranks of both CIO and AFL is from millions who are war-weary.

A California man was elected constable the other day by a flip of the coin. A flip of the coin in the right direction has elected lots of people to office.

"Turkey to Stress Democracy at Fair," reads a headline. Gosh, hasn't democracy had stress enough lately?

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

FINISH HIGHWAYS FIRST

(Roseburg News-Review)
 From time to time during the years since some clever Oregon legislator invented the idea of taxing gasoline as a means of raising revenue with which to finance a state highway program, mouths of tax spenders have watered for a bit of this luscious ever-bearing tax fruit. Fortunately all such efforts have thus far been resisted.

It is not easy, therefore, to look with favor upon the suggestion advanced by an organization known as the League of Oregon Cities, that \$1.50 per capita be set out from the highway funds received from gas taxes and given to cities of the state with which to rebuild and maintain city streets.

The idea has a distinctly metropolitan flavor

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since the greatest street problems are in the metropolitan areas. If that is the case, tourists and other users of gasoline in Oregon should not be required to help build and maintain streets in Portland—or, for that matter in any other city.

The gasoline tax is the easiest tax to collect, the most certain of steady income, and it is the one tax that has, with the exception of the year 1938, been increasing each year. But with the increase in gas tax receipts there is an ever increasing demand for highway improvement and construction. The highway system of the state is not in perfect condition by any means—nor is it complete. So far as this newspaper is concerned it prefers to see the highway funds let alone and let the cities struggle along with their street problems—at least for a while longer.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By RODNEY DUTCHER
 (Register-Guard Washington Correspondent)
 WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—The Roosevelt appeal for C. I. O.-A. F. of L. peace hasn't brought it a bit nearer.

There just isn't any peace in sight or even in the wind.

The chief reason is that no one can devise a formula by which the two groups can reunite without giving one or the other an upper hand. A. F. of L. leaders would have every reason to expect an end to their control if they took C. I. O.'s millions in an equal voting footing. C. I. O. leaders are sure many of their unions would be raided and carved up if they joined A. F. of L. on any other basis.

Neither side, in the words of one labor leader, wants to "put its head on the chopping block."

John L. Lewis stands on the assertion that C. I. O. would move into the A. F. of L. "tomorrow" if each C. I. O. unit were promised a charter similar to those of other A. F. of L. unions, with the further provision that jurisdictional disputes be settled by the unions involved.

Unlikelihood of an early merger doesn't mean there's no chance of a cessation of name-calling and warfare between the two groups, as suggested by Mr. Roosevelt. But events at the A. F. of L. convention indicate there's no immediate prospect of that.

A Good Example
 Labor's chief victory in recent months has been the success of Sidney Hillman, widely known as "labor's statesman" long before C. I. O. days, and Philip Murray in reconciling the battling factions of the United Automobile Workers. That struggle threatened to damage C. I. O. even more than it has been hurt by the depression and might easily have gunned up the C. I. O. convention scheduled for Pittsburgh November 14.

One important expected result is elimination of both Lovestone Communists behind President Homer Martin and Stalin Communists, who worked with the group of suspended officials now reinstated, from the union's policy-making councils.

When C. I. O. Vice Chairman Hillman and Murray went to Detroit he believed the break between Lewis and Martin over U. A. W. peace terms could be healed. They were threatened with physical violence and gunplay. Arguing with individuals one at a time and supported by rank and file union members interested in union preservation rather than leaders' squabbles, they finally convinced a majority of Martin's board. Martin, isolated, gave over control of the dispute to Murray and Hillman. Lately a united board has been referring all problems and disputes, willingly and gratefully, to the two arbitrators.

Lewis and William Green apparently can't work out a peaceful agreement like that because there's no higher authority to whom they would be willing to refer differences. Roosevelt can't do anything about it. Neither Green nor Lewis has any present intention of asking him to try.

Problem For Miners

One wouldn't expect the United Mine Workers to have much trouble getting coal to heat their big, handsomely renovated offices here. But there are some problems involved.

First they had to be careful where the coal came from. It must be union mined. Then the question of a fair price came up. Now the difficulty is in getting the coal delivered by union teamsters. Teamsters aren't organized in Washington.

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AN EDITORIAL ON HEALTH

By DR. MORRIS FISHBEIN
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One of the most astounding mechanisms of which we have any knowledge is the human hand. The human animal is the only one who uses tools to aid him in his work. He is also the only animal who uses the index finger separately from the other fingers. He is the only animal in whom there are separate muscles that go only to this finger.

In the development of the human body, the position of the thumb is different from that in other animals, being opposite to the fingers, whereas in other species the thumb is on the same side as the fingers. An animal with the thumb on the same side as the fingers has great trouble in trying to use any tools.

The human hand developed its present flexible form in response to the needs of mankind.

When the anatomy of the human hand is studied, it is found that, first of all, it rests in a certain position—that is, flexed. The resting position is not the best working position. The tendons on the backs of the fingers do not need tunnels to control their motion, because the fingers cannot be bent backward. The tendons might, however, slip sideways over the knuckles when the fingers are flexed, were it not for the fact that the tendons on the back of the hand are tied together sideways by bands of tissue.

This construction of the hand is important in relationship to its ability to function. For that very reason an injury to the hand is of the utmost importance, because it may interfere with the ability of the individual thereafter to work.

The wear and tear of life exposes the hand in an unusual degree to all sorts of injuries, as well as to infection by bacteria.

Sometimes the hand is infected following injury with a pin or a thorn; sometimes infection occurs after a severe bruise. The structure of the hand gives opportunity for the infection to burrow deeply.

One of the commonest infections of the hands is the formation of pus after an infection in the pulpy part of the finger tip. Frequently felons become so serious that they have to be opened by surgery. If the felon penetrates deep enough to involve the bone, the end result may be a shortening of a finger.

An infection around the fingernails is called paronychia, and because it spreads along the line of the nail it is often called a "run-around." Frequently these infections develop after unclean manicuring. Usually if the fingers are soaked for five minutes in very hot water, it becomes possible to push the skin back slightly from the nail to permit the pus to get out. Soaking of the finger in hot water for a long time will relieve the pain and usually permit healing.

If there is to be any surgical incision—if it becomes necessary, for example, to cut away the tissue so as to get out the nail bed—a surgeon's attention should be had. He can relieve the pain by the use of proper local anesthetics, and he can make certain that the operative procedure produces healing and not a further destruction of tissue.

Experience Social Of Grove Church Nets Large Sum

COTTAGE GROVE, Oct. 13.—(Special)—One hundred eighteen dollars was netted at the annual experience social of the Presbyterian aid society Wednesday afternoon and more has been pledged.

Mrs. George Bjorset, president, and Mrs. James A. Smith led devotionalists. Mrs. Roy Short and Mrs. L. W. Colner were captains of the teams. Mrs. Short's side being the winner. Plans were discussed relative to buying a new carpet for the Sunday school room.

Announcement was made that the aid is sponsoring a benefit silver tea and doll exhibition at the home of Mrs. Short, Wednesday afternoon, November 30. Mrs. J. P. Graham will be in charge of the doll show. The public is invited.

Refreshments were served by the hostess committee, Mrs. S. L. Godard, Mrs. Joe Smith and Mrs. Oliver Veatch.

AT HARRISBURG

HARRISBURG, Oct. 13.—(Special)—Mrs. Cora Goodman left last week on an extended visit to her children. While away she will visit her son, Myron Goodman, at Detroit, her daughter, Mrs. Josephine Munsey at Milton-Freewater and a son, Duane Goodman at Tacoma. Her sister, Mrs. Frances Platts also left last week for a visit in Portland. While the ladies are away the Goodman confectionery will be in charge of Don Goodman, Mrs. Earl Tyler and Mrs. Wallace Starr.

Recent guests at the W. F. Elliott home were Mrs. E. J. Wilson of Boise, Idaho, Rev. Oscar Paine and wife of Salem and Mr. and Mrs. Lark Elliott of Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Chrisman of Rowland went to the Burns country on a deer hunt, which will keep them away for two or three weeks. While they are gone the store is in charge of Mrs. Hazel Bault. Among others who have gone deer hunting are Royal Carpenter and Lester Coats to Wildcat mountain, and George Belts and Ray Nott to eastern Oregon.

IN HALSEY

HALSEY, Oct. 13.—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Francis Leeper and son Jerry and Mrs. Maria Leeper have moved into the Daisy Northrup house recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Alcorn.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Bond have returned from Portland where they enjoyed a five-day vacation and attended the international livestock show.

C. V. Averill was elected choir director of the local Methodist Episcopal church choir at the first fall meet of the choir.

GRANGE MEETS

CANARY, Oct. 13.—(Special)—The regular meeting of Maple Creek grange was held at the hall

Sunday. A potluck dinner was served at noon followed by a diversified program conducted by Cleo Kern, the regular lecturer. Mrs. Jessie Hardcastle, being absent, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Baker, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Black, Miss Cleo Kern, Mrs. W. G. Morton and Mrs. Lulu Titus of Maple Creek grange and Mr. and Mrs. Millard Martin and Mrs. Fred Plack of Ada grange attended the grange conference held at Eugene last Saturday.

PARTY ON BIRTHDAY

LOWER TRIANGLE LAKE, Oct. 13.—(Special)—A surprise birthday party was given at the V. A. Parker home Tuesday evening honoring Mrs. V. A. Parker and Virgil Post who are twin brother and sister. The evening was spent in visiting and playing games. Refreshments were served. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Savage and son Norman, Mr. and Mrs. George Worthington and daughter Betty, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Robertson and daughters Juanita and Eva, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Post and children, Merle, Marcell and Vivian, Pontius, Ed Robertson, F. L. Norton, Mr. and Mrs. Harold O'Flynn, Sam Pritchard and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Parker and three sons, Francis, Derl and Bobby.

TO GIVE PROGRAM

HALSEY, Oct. 13.—(Special)—A program of interest to all will be the reception for the 33 new members taken into the local Methodist Episcopal church last year and the newcomers in the community on Friday evening, October 21 at the church. The program committee has secured Mrs. Egan Nichols of Albany, just home from a trip around the world, to tell of the boat trip and Cairo. Several other features will be heard on the program and games and contests will be enjoyed. Awards for ability in the contests will be fruits and vegetables and home-made candy. Refreshments will be served.

LODGE MEETS

YONCALLA, Oct. 13.—(Special)—The Neighbors of Woodcraft met at the I. O. O. F. hall Tuesday evening. A short business meeting was held after which a social evening was enjoyed. Mrs. Ruth Edes and Mrs. Hazel Hanan served refreshments to the following: Mrs. Golden Kruse, Mrs. Bertha Wilson, Mrs. Mamie Lee, Mrs. Nettie Hanan and Mrs. Anna Kruse.

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LOWER TRIANGLE LAKE, Oct. 13.—(Special)—Paul Glover of Cheshire visited relatives in this community last week.

Those attending the benefit social for the E. O. Rust family at the Triangle school gymnasium reported a large attendance.

FORMER RESIDENT DIES

YONCALLA, Oct. 13.—(Special)—Word has been received here of the death of Captain Oliver Cromwell Applegate at Klamath Falls, Oct. 11. He was the son of Lindsey Applegate and was born in the Yamhill district of

what is now Polk county, on June 11, 1845, coming to Yoncalla at the age of five years. In 1880 he moved with his parents to Ashland. He leaves many relatives in and near Yoncalla.

LODGE MEETS

MARCOLA, Oct. 13.—(Special)—Mt. Home Rebekah lodge met Tuesday evening with 13 members present. Mrs. Mae Wiltzie was taken into this lodge by transfer from Mt. Ryderwood lodge No. 311, Ryderwood, Wash. Plans were completed for the dinner for the Springfield past noble grands who are to be here Tuesday, Oct. 18.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Moore are on the committee for the social evening in two weeks. Those who attend this next regular meeting are asked to bring a card of introduction or some number for the purpose of the order.

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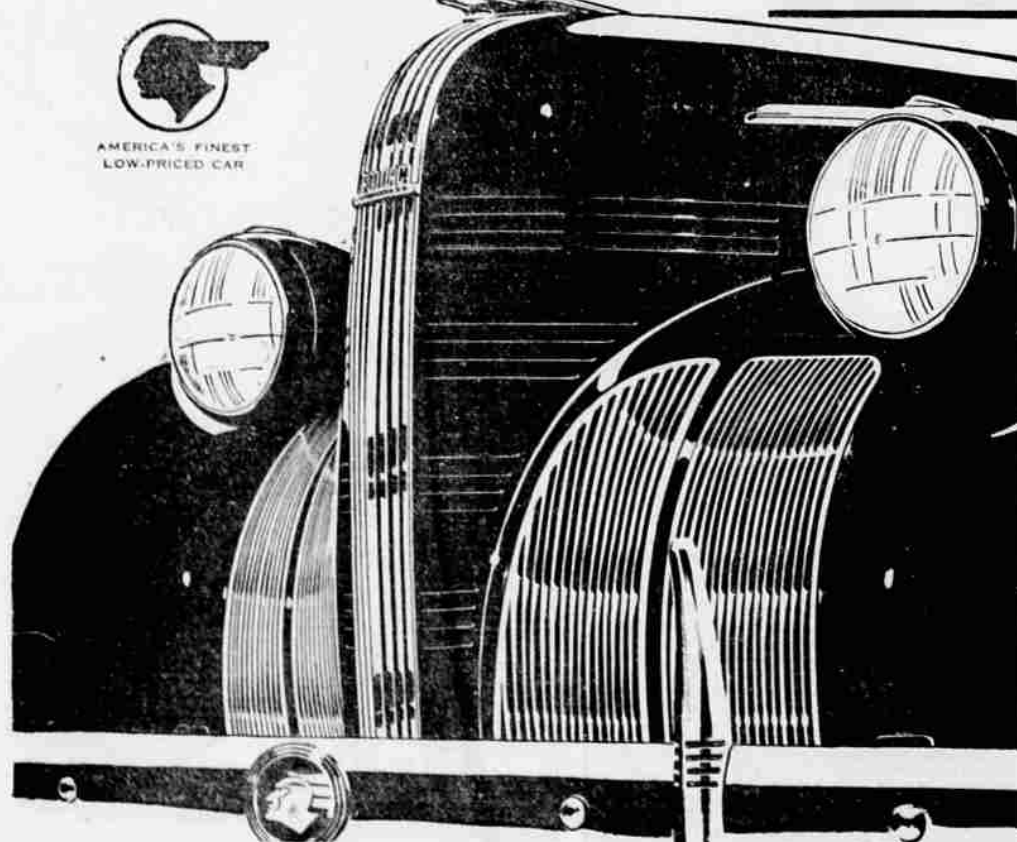
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