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FOR THE OXBOW DEVELOPMENT

In our editorial of some two weeks ago, "More Power For Oregon", we discussed the legal technicalities involved in the hydro-electric law and the proposed amendments on which the voters will pass in November.

Back of the bill, it is well known, is the plan of the Idaho Power Company to modernize and enlarge the generating facilities of its plant at the Oxbow site on the Snake river.

The Idaho Power Company is an independent operating utility and is not a part of, or affiliated with, any holding company system. It supplies all the electric needs of its territory in southern Idaho and eastern Oregon.

These Oregon points and regions like southern Idaho and everywhere else need more electric power. This plan of the Idaho Power Company would help to provide it.

The record of the Idaho Power Company in meeting the needs of the territory it serves is excellent. It has a large construction program now under way on the Snake wholly within Idaho.

The city of Baker and numerous business and service organizations in both Baker and Malheur counties (11 by our latest count) have endorsed this measure to facilitate the Oxbow development.

The Oregonian editorializes about a "Whatzit at the Zoo", apparently a cross between a fox and a coyote or a coyote and a dog.

Bend's Yesterdays

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO (October 21, 1933) Albert T. Rennels, resident of the Tumalo district for the past 15 years, died at his home near Tumalo last night.

Dalles here yesterday. The Bears are unbeaten in the 1933 season and ruined 'The Dalles' team's perfect record.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

(October 21, 1918) A. M. Pringle, R. S. Hamilton and J. C. Rhodes spent yesterday at Davis lake on a duck hunting trip, reporting good luck.

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Washington Column

By Peter Edson (NEA Washington Correspondent)

Washington (NEA)—President Truman at Akron and Governor Dewey at Pittsburgh gave the voters their first real basis for comparison of the two candidates' campaign promises on specific issues.

Minimum Wage Law: Truman—"I believe that we should increase the minimum wage from 40 cents an hour to at least 75 cents an hour."

Both statements head the same way. The difference is that Truman is specific and Dewey is general. Truman advocated his increase during the last congress but was blocked by the republicans.

Social Security: Truman—"I believe social security should be extended to the large groups of people not now protected. I believe that the insurance benefits should be increased by approximately 50 per cent."

Both statements head the same way. The difference is that Truman spelled out a specific anti-inflation program for the special session of congress.

Cost of Living: Truman—"I believe we should do something, at once, about high prices." Dewey—"We will make sure that soaring prices do not steal food, clothing and other necessities from American families."

Both statements head the same way. The difference is that Truman spelled out a specific anti-inflation program for the special session of congress.

Housing: Truman—"I believe the congress should provide aid for slum clearance and low-rent housing." Dewey—"We will break the log jam in housing so that decent houses may be provided at reasonable cost for our people."

Both statements head the same way. The difference is that President Truman specifically supported the Taft-Elender-Wagner bill in full. In the housing bill finally passed by the special session, slum clearance and low-rent housing sections were killed by the republican congress.

Taft-Hartley Labor Law: Truman—"I believe that we should repeal the Taft-Hartley Act." Dewey—"The new law is not perfect... wherever and whenever it needs change it will be changed."

Here there is real difference. There is no question about what the president's statement means. But Governor Dewey's statement could mean anything.

What Dewey apparently means is explained in other sections of the Pittsburgh speech. He said that the Taft-Hartley law had reduced strikes instead of increased them, that it had reduced the discharge rate instead of increased it, that the Truman administration had itself used the law seven times to head off major strikes, being successful in six cases.

Wool is a cool-country commodity in both production and use.

Washington Scene

By Harman W. Nichols (United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, Oct. 21 (U.P.)—Your official congressional quartet regrets it won't be able to make it Friday night.

That's when the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc., presents its annual "Harvest of Harmony" at Constitution hall.

The best amateurs in the country will be up there on the stage giving "In the Evening by the Moonlight" the very old what-for. It's sort of a shame the four boys

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications are invited on matters of current and local interest. Letters should be not over 400 words in length, on only one side of the paper and, if possible, typewritten. Letters or manuscripts submitted for publication will not be returned.

SUPPORTS COMMISSIONERS

To the Editor: Speaking of the recall of our five commissioners, I didn't help vote these men into office, and I certainly don't intend to vote them out.

I, as a voter, certainly do not approve of a recall, or of two men running our city or appointing five others to run our city government, men of whom I know nothing.

Only last year we voted for seven men to run our government to get away from a two or three man government. Now the first sign of a difference of opinion, we have a small group and one preacher get out a recall.

What kind of government is this? That we, the voters, can't still elect men to run our government? If this recall goes through according to the Bulletin, the two remaining commissioners propose to rush in and appoint the commissioners. It is a serious thought.

I feel we should get behind these five commissioners, back them, have faith in them for standing for their convictions. They certainly haven't received such thanks for their fine service to the people of Bend.

What is it to be? Back these men the voters elected for the balance of their term? Or let a recall go through and have nothing to say about who runs our city.

If each of us would clean our own back yard, perhaps we wouldn't find so much fault with others.

What is it our Bible tells us about casting stones? This alone should make us more tolerant of others.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh I'm Glad We're "Different!" There's a lot of difference of opinion in our county on the best kind of pasture. Some say alfalfa mixed with brome grass - others say mixed with oats or barley. But all agree that a mixture's better than a single crop. I sometimes think people are the same way - and the strength of America is its mixture of so many different strains - some from one country, some from another - right down to little differences like folks who have a taste for beer and those who prefer cider. From where I sit, so long as we never become intolerant of one another's different tastes - so long as we live together with our differences, and even supplement them the way brome grass does alfalfa, then we're a mighty good crop. So neighbor - enjoy your cider while I enjoy my beer! Vote for your candidate - I'll stand by mine! But never let our differences divide us! Joe Marsh Copyright, 1948, United States Brewers Foundation