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POWER FROM PELTON

Power production on the Columbia river where projects have multi-purpose values can be undertaken only by the federal authority. This is so because only the federal authority, in making such investments, can charge off the costs of the benefits secured for such interests as navigation and flood control. Private company power development can be carried out only where power is the sole product. It is, of course, the income received from the sale of such power that carries the whole investment.

The Deschutes river offers one of the few opportunities in the region served by the Pacific northwest power pool for private utility development. The Pelton site on the Deschutes, having been studied, tested and diamond drilled over a long period of years is, as it were, a "natural" for immediate private development. The northwest power supply situation being in the highest degree critical and there being no adequate relief in sight for several years the private utilities in the pool have taken the obvious course in proposing construction at the Pelton site. They are thereby undertaking to meet the obligation that is theirs as utilities in the service of the public.

Placed as the Pelton site is alongside the area now developing as one of Oregon's finest agricultural sections its product, if the program is consummated, will help to meet the demand that is bound to grow. As a participant in the Pacific northwest power pool the Pelton plant will, of course, share its product but, certainly, every power user in Jefferson county and to the south will benefit.

The Pelton site is on the Deschutes below the mouth of the Metolius. Such dam as is proposed can hardly fail to affect the fish life in the two rivers. The Metolius has always been a salmon water and last year the fish commission completed and began to operate a salmon hatchery on the river just upstream from Camp Sherman. The game commission, also, has a new hatchery on the Metolius—at Wizard falls.

We assume that the Wizard falls operation will not be affected by a dam at the Pelton site. This is a rearing undertaking and the young fish will be taken away for planting in many other streams than the Metolius. With the salmon hatchery the case is different. Its product goes into the river and in due course survivors return to perform their part in carrying on the race. Perhaps a ladder, as at Bonneville, will permit their passage. Perhaps the dam will be too high to make the ascent possible even with the best of ladders. Announcement of the intention to develop a salmon hatchery below the dam suggests the latter to be the case.

Before the announcement of this proposed power development had been made it had been reported in the news that a bill was to be introduced at Salem forbidding further dam construction on the Deschutes. Its proponents, the commercial fishing interests, will now fight the harder for the measure. On the other hand there will be eager support for the Pelton power development as offering a comparatively speedy means of providing badly needed kilowatts. Whether sports fishing interests will take sides or remain neutral remains to be seen.

A good many years ago a reclamation bureau board studied the Deschutes with respect to possible conflicts between irrigation and power and out of its report came the proposal that the upper Deschutes be dedicated to irrigation and the lower river to power. The former proposal is now in effect. As to the latter this issue of the salmon, not taken into account before, now enters to complicate the situation.

Faced with the necessity of taking sides central Oregon, it seems to us, must support the power proposal. The region's agricultural development, limited by the available water supply, approaches its peak so far as acreage is concerned. Further progress in the region must rely on industry based on power. Pelton offers the power potential.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications are invited on matters of current and local interest. Letters should not be 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.

PROTEST ANGLING RULING

To the Editor:
Again our state game commission is not abiding by the thoughts of the majority of sportsmen in Deschutes, Jefferson and Crook counties.

We feel that to discontinue the use of salmon eggs, cluster and single, is the same as telling hundreds of women, kids and older men that you just can't fish unless you fish like we want you to.

We believe it is time a stop is put to these crazy rulings.

Let us ask a question: Is it any worse to catch a fish on a salmon egg than a worm? Is it any worse to still fish with salmon eggs than to drag a plow-shear through the water? We think not.

Mr. Fisherman, this is your

DEAD REST TOGETHER

Fort Scott, Kan. (AP)—Seven officers and enlisted men, the crew of an American bomber which crashed in Bulgaria nearly five years ago, have been buried in a single grave with full military honors. Relatives agreed upon the mid-America resting place in Fort Scott National cemetery, although the victims' homes were scattered from Pennsylvania to California.

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FUNNY BUSINESS

By Hershberger



"It's an asbestos bag—his whiskers were always catching fire!"

Now to Get Them to Eat From the Same Dish



WASHINGTON COLUMN

By Peter Edson
(NEA Washington Correspondent)

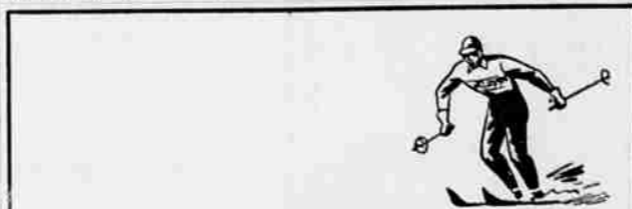
Washington (NEA)—Army Undersecretary William H. Draper, Jr., tells a story about having once invited a Big Four economic directorate on Germany to take a trip with him to the French Riviera, to get better acquainted. In the party were French financial expert M. Sergeant, British Sir Percy Mills, Russian general Shabolin and Zorin, flying from Berlin to Nice, France, General Zorin, through interpreters, taught the members of this four-power brass how to play Russian 21. When the good-will trip started, all the officials had their pockets stuffed with German marks. Before they landed, Zorin had it all. "He was then the capitalist," says General Draper, "and we were the communists. The trip was a great success. We came back the best of friends. For nearly a year we thought that in Germany we could clear the way for world peace."

There's a national shortage of veterinarians, among other things, and department of agriculture are trying to step up the supply by holding open examinations for all qualified applicants. Vets are wanted as meat inspectors, for research in bureau of animal industry and for livestock disease control—particularly for foot-and-mouth infested areas in Mexico. Incidentally, Dr. Rudolph Snyder, who was retired on Jan. 1 after 44 years as a government veterinarian, once had the difficult assignment of vaccinating all the wild buffalo in Yellowstone National park, to prevent the government-protected bison herds from being wiped out by a strange blood disease.

Add curious facts about this last election: In the great mid-western farm belt, with only a couple of possible exceptions, Dewey carried the wheat states while Truman carried the corn states. In the Dewey column

were Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Michigan and Indiana. In the Truman column were Iowa, Illinois, Ohio, Oklahoma, Kentucky, Tennessee and Missouri. Truman also carried Texas, Wisconsin and Minnesota, which probably belong in the wheat state category. Indiana, which went for Dewey, may also be considered more of a corn state than a wheat state. But the point which political experts are trying to make out of this observation is that it was the 80th congress action in cutting down on U. S. commodity credit corporation corn storage facilities which turned the corn-belt farmers against the republicans.

An air force officer with 20 years' service was recently ordered to Germany to check up on recruits he had trained for overseas duty. He writes back this report after a month's observation: "German civilians employed on the post here don't think much of us. I fear. Most of them speak enough English to get by. But in our contacts with them we detect a certain cold reserve, a feeling of resentment and, at times, of actual contempt. Perhaps if we goosestepped all over the place, calling 'attention!' and saluting on all occasions, they'd respect us more as soldiers. But you know the American GI's. Especially the 'little darlings' we have been sending over recently."



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Alfalfa

Alfalfa, Jan. 21 (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Dick Mayfield returned last Friday after a trip to Sacramento.

There was no grange meeting last Thursday evening owing to the fire at the Horsell potato cellar.

Bill Pringle, en route from Alaska to California, was an overnight guest at the Carl Livesley home last Friday.

Miss Barbara Owens, student at Redmond Union high school, is ill at her home.

The Saddle club was entertained at a party at the Snyder ranch last Sunday.

The home extension unit, scheduled to meet at the home of Mrs. Carl Livesley has been postponed because of the illness of Mrs. Livesley's husband.

STORM WARNINGS UP

Portland, Ore., Jan. 21 (AP)—The weather bureau announced that storm warnings would be hoisted at 2 p.m. Thursday on Oregon and Washington coasts south to Cape Blanco and through the Straits of Juan de Fuca for increasing southeast winds reaching 30 to 40 miles an hour tonight.

time, and got the works. That's just a sample of what to expect. These boys had just arrived."

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Washington Scene

By Harman W. Nichols
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, Jan. 21 (AP)—The little guy who elected the little guy from Missouri was conspicuous by his presence today.

He was outnumbered by the near-great and want-to-be-great at the inauguration of Harry S. Truman. But plain Joe Citizen was about and you could hear him holler.

The coat-tail hangers were locked up with a jug of 100-proof corn squeezins in the best hotels. But the common folks were where you'd expect to find 'em. Out there in the tourist cabins or other out of the way places, or in the line of march.

They were kind of laughing at the inaugural committee which told the people weeks ago that a man and his woman couldn't find a place to sleep inauguration week. They pointed at the early editions of the paper which screamed in big type "20,000 rooms available here."

Actually that more or less summed it up. There were literally thousands of beds that weren't slept in—including many in some of our best hotels. The inaugural committee—too late—announced that it could take care of 20,000—more if necessary.

The loud speaker system in front of the White house blared all afternoon yesterday that all tourists would be taken care of if they would get in touch with the inaugural housing committee.

But Joe, the voter and his lady, paid little heed.

The ones who were lucky enough to get tickets attended the "gala" at the national guard armory last night. Those who didn't, bought late papers and read about President Truman signing the bill that will raise his pay from \$75,000 to \$100,000 a year.

"That would be nice," commented Harold S. Bird, of Houston, Tex.

The joint jumped in the capital last night, but it didn't jump as

high as the committee thought it would.

Hotel lobbies were jammed—like they would be for a state fair or a big football game, but folks weren't spending the dough everybody expected. The guy who estimated people would dump \$37,000,000 into merchants' laps was a little worried.

Maybe the fellow will get well today when the rest of the crowd gets here.

Three of the nicest among the little guys came from the Knoxville, Tenn., area. They were Bob Franker, Al Graves and Ronnie Curran.

The kids are paper boys from the Knoxville News-Sentinel. They got a big whoop-la at Union station and rode wide-eyed down Constitution avenue in a limousine like presidents ride in. They waved at the people like presidents do, too.

The younguns are the special guests of Vice president-elect Alben Barkley and Les Biffie, senate secretary.

They sat in a spot of honor yesterday afternoon directly in front of the presidential rostrum on Capitol hill.

They watched a couple of other former newboys, Mr. Truman and Mr. Barkley, act right proper

as they took the oath of office. It's a big day in the life of all concerned.

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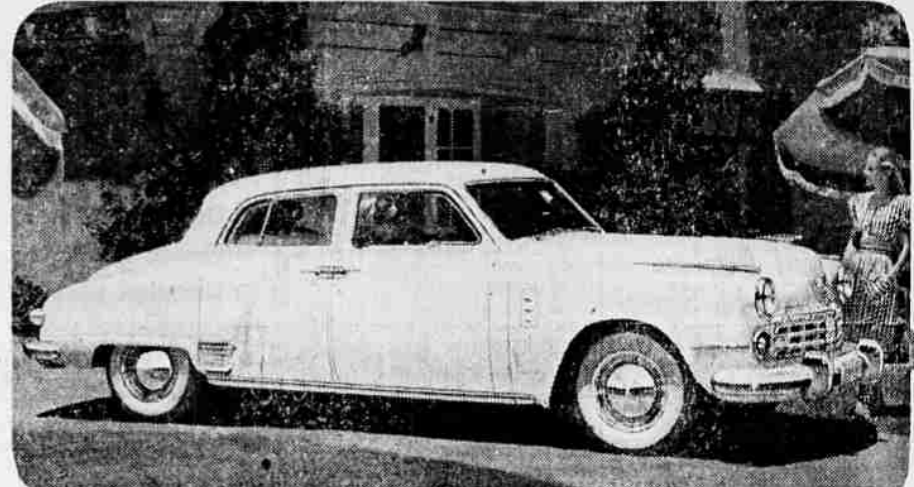
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