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"RELATIVITY: FISH, POWER, INDUSTRY"
Because it is sane, well-reasoned and non-rhetorical we like an editorial, "Relativity: Fish, Power, Industry", that appeared in the Oregon City Enterprise late last week.

Let someone suggest a new dam on the Columbia or any of its tributaries, and you hear loud deprecatory noises from down Astoria way. It's been going on for decades. No use blaming them—those people want to protect their fishing industry.

Oregon City, though more or less neutral in that it enjoys a bit of front door salmon fishing while being interested along with other Willamette valley communities in flood control and industrial development, has had a ringside seat at this fight, three speakers at luncheon club session here having discussed it recently.

Dr. E. L. Perry of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service who spoke at Tuesday's Chamber of Commerce luncheon had, in our opinion, the right slant. The fishing industry can be conserved, right along with power development, if there is intelligent planning rather than noisy recrimination which tends to obscure the facts.

In all this there is, however, a question of relativity which deserves emphasis. Dr. Perry, in response to a question, said the annual value of fish life in the Columbia and its lower tributaries is \$17 million, of which about \$14 million is in the commercial fisheries.

Now that is a tidy sum, and well worth safeguarding as it will be—but it is relatively microscopic in relation to all that is involved in power, flood control and irrigation. The value of commercial fish taken in the lower Columbia is, by coincidence, almost exactly the value of last year's production on just one irrigation project—the Owyhee in Malheur county.

On the other hand the Bonneville development, against which the fishing interests inveighed at the outset and have complained rather persistently ever since, is a colossus alongside the salmon take. In sale of hydroelectric power alone, Bonneville Administration's income from Bonneville and Grand Coulee installations—is 50 per cent greater than that of commercial fishing.

Today, further industrial expansion is stymied because once again, demand for electrical power has pushed ahead of supply. These additional plants must be built or the Pacific Northwest must level off at about its present state of development.

It follows that anti-power arguments of the fishing industry more and more are drowned out by the increasing clamor for additional power development. Relatively, salmon fishing shrinks in importance. Fortunately the fishing industry and its strange bedfellows, the sportsmen—usually at swords' points, yet allied in this fight—are coming to realize this.

At the recent Columbia Basin project hearing in Portland, spokesmen for the fishing industry made it clear that they would no longer oppose power development, but asked merely for such protection as could be afforded them.

The point is not that these interests should be ignored. The point is that these various factors in the Pacific Northwest's economy need to be viewed in proper perspective. When that is done, a long step toward solution of the various problems automatically has been taken.

To what the Enterprise has said we would add the suggestion that in protesting a Deschutes dam Astoria is not trying to protect its fishing industry. It seeks protection for one portion of that industry alone—that based on the river run of salmon. But the fishing industry at Astoria has many more strings to its bow.

Sharks from whose livers important oils are extracted have, in recent years, become an important part of the Astoria catch. Tuna, once unknown at Astoria, now constitute a large share of the port's fishing industry nor are these the fish taken in the nearby ocean. Tuna are brought to Astoria for canning from points as far south as Costa Rica and, according to our information, Astoria packers are now preparing to go after fish away across the Pacific around the Marianas. Varieties once discarded have now a wide market.

Central Oregon's resources are important but the region has no such opportunity as has Astoria to turn from one phase to another—unless it gets more power.

Others Say
CONSERVATIVE MRS. ROOSEVELT
(Corvallis Gazette-Times)
We wonder if the radical Truman program has scared Mrs. Roosevelt into being conservative or has she always been as sensible as she is in the article we quote from below. Dr. Strand sends us a clipping from a Washington paper which quotes Mrs. Roosevelt as follows in an article published there last week:

"It is essential to a high level of employment that it be profitable for capital to be invested, not just in safe enterprises, but in new and untried enterprises. There must be incentive for this, particularly in time of peace. Some of our biggest investors, such as trust companies, banks and insurance companies, are limited by law in their investment in order to safeguard those whose money they are using. Therefore, if we expect to develop new enterprises, to employ more people and to have more buying power, there must always be available capital from individual investors as it is getting harder to find today. Therefore it is going to be necessary, it seems to me, to examine everything not only with an eye to what we would like to do, but with the constant thought before us of what the essentials are that must be done.

Hongkong Declares Ban On Japanese Pedicabs
Hongkong (U.P.)—Some 600 pedicabs have been ordered off the streets in the first move to mechanize pedally-operated vehicles. The pedicabs—known variously throughout the Far East as tri-shaws and tri-cycles—are three-wheeled affairs which the operator propels like a bicycle, carrying two passengers seated side by side. They are a Japanese innovation.

The police department also plans gradually to remove rickshaws, replacing the traditional "rick-power" vehicles with gas-line-powered motor scooters.

WASHINGTON COLUMN

By Peter Edson
(Washington Correspondent)
Washington (NEA)—Veterans of Foreign Wars stole the show from American Legion at the unveiling of the Legion's own pension bill on Capitol Hill. Smart VFW legislative chief Omar Ketchum called chairman John Rankin of the house veterans' committee and told him that new VFW national commander Lyle Beggs was in Washington, but would have to leave soon. Ketchum asked if Beggs couldn't speak his piece on the bill first. Rankin agreed. As a result Beggs got all the initial publicity and made it appear that the whole thing had been planned by VFW. Actually, the Rankin bill, which would give veterans of both world wars \$60 a month at age 60 and \$90 at age 65, was drafted by the Legion.

Treasury secretary John W. Snyder has announced that the annual spring U. S. savings bond sales campaign will this year be launched as an "opportunity savings program." The theme will be, "Put More Opportunity Into Your Future." Governors of the 48 states are being asked to give dinners for their county savings bond sales campaign chairmen on Patriots' day, April 19. On May 15, President Truman is scheduled to make a nationwide broadcast. The drive will be on for the next six weeks, to the end of June. The fall campaign will be usual by an effort to get more payroll savings plans adopted. Three million workers are now having deductions made from their wages and salaries for the purchase of savings bonds. Sales last year were \$2,726,000,000 over redemptions—a new peacetime record which the treasury hopes will be beaten this year.

Katharine F. Lenroot, head of the U. S. Children's bureau, had to do some fast ad libbing to avoid an awkward conflict before the national commission on children and youth, meeting in Washington. Speaking ahead of her was George D. Stoddard, president of University of Illinois. In his talk he said he was not sure that rent control was such a good thing for the country. "Maybe what we need is less rent control and more houses," he said. When Miss Lenroot read her speech, she came to one sentence which said on paper, "Until enough houses have been built to provide a freer market, rent control will be needed to aid in keeping rents within the reach of lower income groups and to prevent evictions." Instead, she said, "The question of rent control needs close study in connection with lower income groups." Members of the audience who were following printed copies of the speech snickered. Miss Lenroot blushed.

300 Feared Dead As Wall Collapses
Lisbon, Feb. 21 (U.P.)—Reports from Praia, in the Cape Verde Islands, said today that 300 persons were feared dead in the collapse of the huge stone wall on a bread-line containing hundreds of indigents.

The wall was 22 feet high and more than 90 feet long. At least 360 persons were injured in addition to those killed. Rescue gangs were reported still digging in the crumbled masonry in search of survivors.

The crowd of poor and indigent lined up shortly after noon yesterday outside the public assistance headquarters of St. Iago island, where a soup kitchen was set up.

The crowd apparently fested against the ancient wall. It suddenly gave way along its entire length and toppled down on the queue.

Veterans' administrator Carl Gray is having a rough time with

Washington Scene

By Harmon W. Nichols
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Washington, Feb. 21 (U.P.)—Some scallywag once started a rumor that James C. Petrillo, boss man of the musicians' union, wanted to organize the night club lusher in Chicago.

Jim alleged, it was alleged, that anybody who bangs a highball glass with a swizzle stick in time with the music ought to carry a musician's card.

The former cornet player got red around the jaws and said it wasn't so. Which, doubtless, it wasn't. Proving, he said, that J.C.P. has a heart. Which, doubtless, he has.

Old Jim was wearing his heart where it belongs this week when he wrote U.S. Senator Harry P. Cain, R., of Tacoma, Wash., it would be all right for him to flip a flock of platters as a radio disk jockey. "Just so you don't make a habit of it, Sir."

"Mr. Petrillo was very nice about it," said the slender, brown-haired law-giver who is photogenic enough to jump from disk-jockeying to video. "He looked over the records we planned to use and decided all are in the public domain and that all of the folks who made them are rank amateurs."

It all came up like this: For over two years, Sen. Cain has supplied the people back home with the pro and con of stuff that goes on in Washington. Usually he keeps it to talks

that are of interest to his state. He makes a record of his talks on Wednesday and airmails copies to some 30 or more radio stations out there.

"I thought they might like a change of pace," he told me today. "So for my next Monday night show I went over to see my friend, Dr. Duncan Emrich, at the Library of Congress."

Emrich is in charge of the folklore section of the library, probably the world's largest collection of musical lore. Some 10,000 recordings, made up of more than 40,000 different songs and ballads, fiddle tunes, harmonica and banjo pieces.

Most of these were recordings made by singers and guitar strummers who never heard of Petrillo.

The senator didn't take any chances. He had his secretary drop a line to the czar of the treble clef in Chicago.

He told him what was up. He said he had heard about the Chicago rumor, which he did not believe. The senator also mentioned a case in which Petrillo kept a national champion high school band off the air.

The head music-maker came back and said he would be glad to. It was, he said, indeed a pleasure. The senator from Washington state had nothing to worry about. Words to that effect.

So on Monday night the people of Washington (state) will hear "Skip to My Lou." That's a fine little ditty granddad and his lady will remember. And "A Railroad-er for Me."

No, to mention "Barnyard Song."

Clam Contestants Ready for Action

Seattle, Feb. 21 (U.P.)—Contestants for the second annual Clam bowl were putting the finishing touches on training tables today as the west accepted the east's challenge of Kenneth (I Like Clams) Snow.

Snow, son of the founder of the Snow Clam Canning Co., Pine Point, Me., entered the contest as a "dark horse" contender late Saturday and immediately proclaimed he would eat defending amateur champion Dick Watson out of "house, home and crown."

The Seattle cab driver was unperturbed by the challenger's cries. He said it was beneath his dignity to even "think of answering such obvious bragging."

"He'll have to dig deep to prove his boast," was all Watson would say.

Snow, momentarily nonplussed when he learned the contest rules called for consumption of steamed clams, bowed to the rules of the International Pacific Free Style Amateur Clam Eating Contest association rules and sniffed the fragrant delicacies.

"But back home we eat 'em raw," he declared. "Steamed clams are only for sissies."

The 15-pound Snow sniffed disdainfully when he heard of the competition arrayed against him. "Mac Reynolds, of Vancouver, B. C.? Chuck Bray, of Amboy,

Madras Reports Willow Catkin

Madras, Feb. 21—It is believed that Mrs. Nellie G. Watts, Jefferson county clerk, has reported the first pussywillow of the 1949 season in central Oregon. Immediately on the heels of a chinook wind which swept the highland plains the latter part of last week, Mrs. Watts on Saturday morning found a single catkin of a pussy-willow in her backyard.

The backyard shrub on which Mrs. Watts discovered the precocious catkin grew from a cutting she secured in a little Willow creek meadow at the edge of town two years ago.

Wash.? Wellington W. Marsh, of Seattle? Who are these? Just rank clamateurs, I'd say."

The contest was scheduled to be held tomorrow night at the state armory.

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Photography
With the temperature remaining above the freezing point last week it appears that there is hope that Spring can not be far away. With that hope, the shutter-bug or camera fan begins to get the urge to get out doors. Be reminded, however, that all of the "weather" isn't behind us and that we shall be forced to remain indoors for awhile yet.

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FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS
By Merrill Blosser
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FRANKLY NUTTY, I'M NOT SO CONCERNED ABOUT JUNE!
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