

Post Grangers Dislike Report Made by Straus

Prineville, April 6—Members of the Post Grange, all of whom are land owners of the mid-Crooked river area, along the main stem of that stream about 25 miles south of here, definitely expressed their disapproval at a meeting Saturday night of a recently announced report of Michael Straus, commissioner of the U. S. bureau of reclamation, to Senator Guy Cordon, from whom residents of Crook county received the Straus report last week.

The Post ranchers did not like the implications of the Straus report, which indicates that the so-called Crooked river project, the accomplishment of which has for a decade and a half been the major objective of leading citizens of Crook county, who see in such development through application of adequate irrigation the stabilization of agricultural enterprise in this Central Oregon county, does not consider applying any of the stored run-off of this watershed on lands of ranchers of the area represented.

Proposal Made

Instead, it is proposed to store something more than 70,000 acre-feet in a major reservoir at the so-called Post reservoir some 55 miles upstream from Prineville, utilizing slightly more than a half of the supply in a diversion to the North unit of the Deschutes project in Jefferson county, or other Deschutes basin projects. The remainder of the water, however, would be used in supplying supplemental water for a fuller development of the old Ochoco irrigation district immediately around Prineville. The supply of water to the Ochoco district, settlers of which recently affirmed a contract submitted by the bureau of reclamation for taking over a reconstruction program of the old Ochoco dam, built as the key of a system under the state irrigation act in 1918, meets wishes of reclamation leaders of the community in its aim at increasing that district to a capacity development. However, when the proposals call for a diversion of Crooked river water to other districts, the Post farmers, as they indicated Saturday night, think the plan of a nature "that will rob them of one of their most precious resources," the loss of their water.

Resolution Adopted

And as grangers, the men at the Saturday evening meeting adopted a resolution, directed to Commissioner Straus, asking that the bureau of reclamation bring forth immediately the full text of its plans for Crooked river development as indicated in the report made to Senator Cordon, in order that its full import may be comprehended from an intensive study. The resolution asks that the bureau engage in an intensive study of the water resources of the Crooked river watershed, aimed at arriving how they may be most beneficially used on Crook county lands and also how a system of reclamation may provide flood control. It is requested that such a report be complete with estimated costs to land owners of the area in their use of such application of the water. It is declared, however, that the ranchers of the community, will oppose any move for any diversion of Crooked river waters, other than that in surplus quantity over and above the amount needed for adequate irrigation of lands of the area, to any other point in the Deschutes watershed.

It was resolved that copies of the resolution should go to Commissioner Straus, Senators Cordon and Morse, Representative Stockman, other state and federal officials and the Portland chamber of commerce.

Petition Signed

As land owners, the men at the Post meeting, signed a petition to Commissioner Straus, asking for a complete report on the Crooked river project. And in this they indicated their opposition to any diversion of the Crooked river water away from Crook county lands until the land owners who can make beneficial use of it are given an opportunity to voice their will to make such use.

The meeting Saturday night was presided over by E. L. Woods, Crook county agent, member of a reclamation committee, named by W. M. Romine, president of the Prineville-Crook county chamber of commerce, who was present at the meeting. Others at the Post meeting included Judge A. R. Bowman, chairman of the chamber's reclamation committee; LaSelle Coles, a member; and Joe D. Thomison, the chamber manager.

Atomic Group to Finance Projects

Washington, April 6 (AP)—The U. S. atomic energy commission has agreed to finance 21 new research projects in biology and medicine, in addition to the work done in its own laboratories.

The new research will be concerned with the use of radioactive materials for diagnosis; the measurement of radiation dosage from radioactive cobalt (which may be useful in treating cancer); and the effects of radiation on plant and animal tissue.

Ambadressress



Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, above, India's ambassador to Moscow, has been appointed ambassador to the United States, succeeding Sir Benegal Rama Rau. Mrs. Pandit is the sister of India's Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.

30 Mile Tunnel Planned in Idaho

Boise, Ida., April 6 — If things work out, Idaho will wind up with the longest tunnel in the world.

The bureau of reclamation today was contemplating building the tunnel to carry water from the Payette to the Boise rivers in southwestern Idaho.

According to Regional director R. J. Newell, the tunnel would be 30 miles long, and 19 feet in diameter, and lined with 18-inch concrete walls.

Its cost, on the basis of present day construction price levels, would be about \$100,000,000. Newell said the tunnel, if constructed, would be longer than such famous bores as the Delaware tunnel which supplies water to the city of New York.

"The tunnel is declared feasible and cheaper to maintain and operate than an aqueduct," Newell said. "It would carry 2,700 cubic feet of water a second and would generate about 75,000 kilowatts of energy annually with power installations."

At some points, Newell said, the tunnel would be 2,400 feet under the surface of the ground. It would be drilled through several mountain ranges.

He added that it would take between 1,000 and 1,500 men to build the tunnel, which would be constructed in sections.

Club Discusses Potato Problems

Powell Butte, April 6—Methods of treatment for seed and allied problems of potato planting came up for major discussion at the April meeting of Powell Butte Farmers' club at the grade school cafeteria here Monday night, when Archie Peeler, Powell Butte blacksmith and mechanic, demonstrated a new type of seed cutter he has invented and which he is now manufacturing for use in the area.

Potato growers in their brief reference to the wage scale for the season, expressed the belief that they will be called on to pay the same rate as in 1948, \$1 per hour. While Roy Snabel remarked that growers did not know how much they are going to receive for their potatoes, he said they did know how much it is costing the potato workers to live. Living costs, he declared, have shown no appreciable decline in the past year.

When to plant and how to treat seed was a moot question. One grower even declared that he always plants by the moon. There were about as many different opinions on planting and treatment as there were potato farmers at the session. J. C. Minson, long a successful and substantial potato planter, declared it his belief that use of corrosive sublimate is a standard and safe method for keeping to a minimum many diseases that attack local potato fields. Minson said he often held his cut potatoes, so treated, as long as 21 days in a cellar, where a temperature of around 60 degrees is maintained. He warned that sacks should be placed on planks and so spaced as to allow a circulation of air. No sacks should be piled on others. The potato sacks are kept wet.

Roy Snabel, on the other hand, reported that he has secured best results from planting cut seed immediately.

Banks Purchase School Bonds

Prineville, April 6 (AP)—The First National bank of Prineville and the First National of Portland yesterday purchased \$65,000 of Redmond union high school bonds, proceeds of which will be used in a building expansion. The local bid was at 1 1/2 per cent and a premium of 11 cents on each \$100. The only other bid was submitted by the Redmond branch of the United States National bank of Portland.

The bonds, which are three-year series, will be amortized in 1951, 1952 and 1953.

Science at Work

By Paul F. Ellis
(United Press Science Writer)

New York (AP)—You can eat your way into a healthier and longer life.

So believes Dr. Henry C. Sherman, professor of chemistry at Columbia University. He also believes that some persons may be penalizing themselves in terms of health, efficiency and longevity is no longer a matter of opinion but is an established fact.

The new knowledge of the chemistry of nutrition, he says, is "far-reaching in its potential benefits for human well-being."

Three Nutrients the Key

"Nutrition now offers definite promise," he said, "that the quality and duration of the life process—and so of the life history—can be improved."

Laboratory experiments over a period of years have shown that three nutrients are the keys to better health and longer life. They are vitamin A, calcium and vitamin C.

"Increase in the quantities of these three substances above levels commonly accepted as adequate have resulted in significant gains among laboratory animals used for the studies," he said. "Clearly, it is advantageous to the internal environment that concentration levels of these three nutrients be kept near the physiological saturation point. But it would be unscientific to assume that the same is true of all other nutrients. Each should be investigated on its own merits and with adequate numbers of experiments throughout entire life cycles and successive generations of properly chosen laboratory animals."

He urges that more Americans

Senate Defeats ERP Measures

Washington, April 6 (AP)—The senate Tuesday defeated more proposed amendments in its slow drive toward passage of the \$5,580,000,000 Marshall plan renewal bill.

Administration leaders hoped the measure, now in its 10th day of senate debate, would be passed tomorrow. The house has yet to act on it. Spending for European recovery ended at midnight Saturday but enough goods had been ordered previously to keep shipments going for a while.

The first amendment defeated today was one by Sen. Allen J. Ellender, D. La., to require recovery nations to repay with strategic materials one-fourth of aid they get from the United States. The senate also rejected another Ellender amendment, 55 to 27. It would have prevented Marshall plan nations from using funds from sale of recovery goods for reduction of their national debts.

WINDOW IS BROKEN

A plate glass window of the Congress Market, 210 Congress, was shattered about 10:30 o'clock Sunday night, and vandals were blamed for the act. Police were called to investigate.

use more of the three nutrients. "Whether the extra years of life now so clearly offered by today's knowledge of nutrition can be conceived as seven or 10 or more or less," he said, "they should always be pictured not as added to old age, but as inserted at the apex of the prime of life. "Certainly this adds much to the prospect of the accomplishment of life's ambitions."

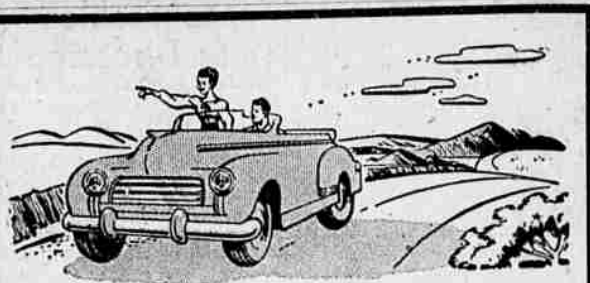
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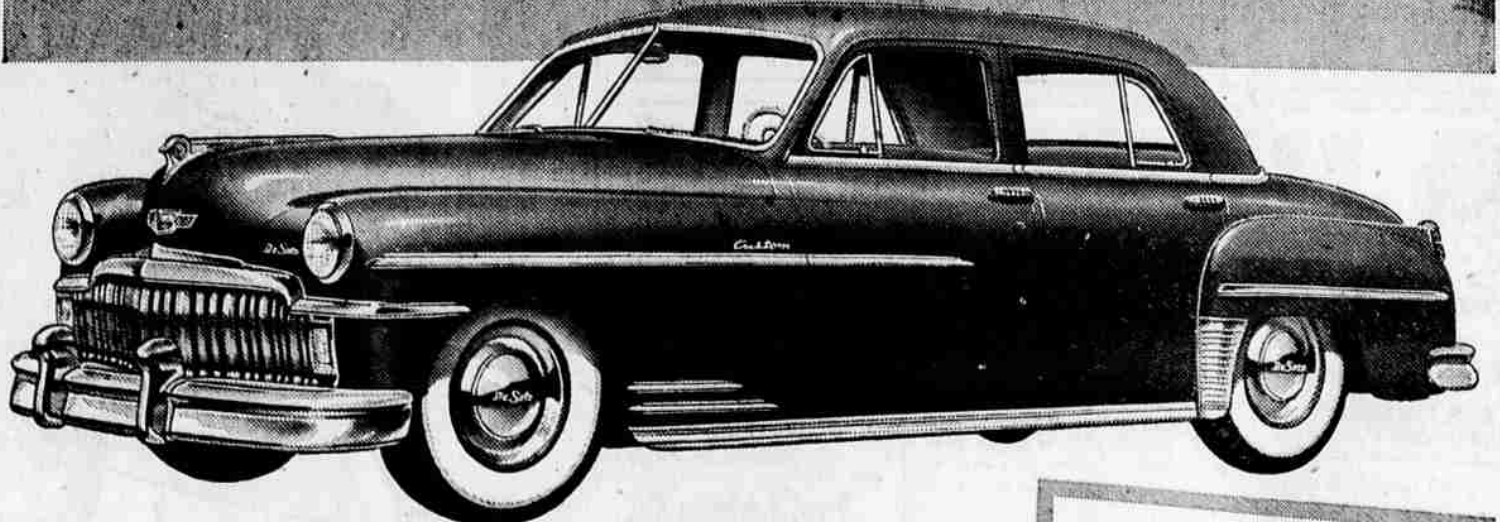
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