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A NOTE FROM FAREWELL BEND

Last winter's effort to secure permission to develop hydro power at the Pelton site brought that name into prominence and, at once, L. A. McArthur, author of the well known collection, "Oregon Geographic Names" undertook to discover how the site got the name. Theories of many sorts were advanced but McArthur does not take theories as facts. He wants everything buttressed and authenticated and in this, as in so many other instances, on failing to get the background of the name he turned to friends and the newspapers for help.

The notice of his search that appeared in the Central Oregonian, of Prineville, did however, bring an interesting reminiscence that is of particular interest here in Bend. This was in a letter from Mrs. Pearl Beale, of Monument, Oregon and here is what Mrs. Beale wrote:

I have just read your inquiry in the Central Oregonian in regard to the name Pelton for the dam site on the Deschutes river. This may be it. Pelton is a name of a pioneer family. Mrs. Pelton was a widow with two sons, Horace and Jim. She owned a stock ranch in Sams valley, Oregon. She married a Mr. Sisemore who owned a stock ranch at Farewell Bend on the Deschutes, where the town of Bend now is. They rode all over that country. My father, Joseph Woodruff, left Milton, Oregon October 8, 1888. We stopped at Mr. Sisemore's place on Saturday eve to rest our teams. Mr. Sisemore and father went antelope and sage hen hunting. Mr. Sisemore tried to persuade father to homestead land in that vicinity, saying that some day there would be a dam in that river and what a great productive country it would be. Our destination was Union creek. In a couple of days we went on, located at Union Creek, Oregon, the last week of October. Mr. Sisemore and the Pelton boys passed our Union Creek place twice a year, as they drove cattle from their Farewell Bend place to Sams Valley for winter beef. In the spring, often crossing 8 or 10 miles of crusted snow on the old highway south of Crater Lake they would drive by our place, often holding the cattle there over night. My maiden name was Pearl Woodruff, and my homestead is now known as Woodruff Meadows. Horace and Jim are dead. They were older than I. There were two children born to the Pelton-Sisemore marriage, a daughter, Hattie, and son Lin, both dead. The only one left is Lin Orth Sisemore, grandson of the old Mr. Sisemore. He was district attorney at Klamath Falls, in 1938 when I saw him last.

The Sisemore place, where Mrs. Beale and her father spent the night nearly 60 years ago, is now the Brooks-Scanlon yard and mill site. Sams valley is over near Medford. Mrs. Beale's information is insufficient to tie the name of the pioneer family to which she refers to the Pelton dam site but somebody else may be able to go further. Who can do so? And to think that you can hunt antelope and sage hens in this vicinity!

OIL BY LEGISLATION

Strolling through the book of laws enacted by Oregon's 1949 legislature we have come upon chapter 365 which is an act, to quote its title, "To regulate the drilling, prospecting for, production and conservation of natural gas and oil," etc. Now we suppose slickers will take the field to sell Oregon oil well stock and point to this law to support their claims that they are offering a good investment. "Why would the legislature enact such a law," they will ask, "if it did not believe that there was oil in Oregon?"

There may be an Oregon oil field. Many thousands of dollars have been spent in various parts of the state in drilling for oil, however, and so far without success. The best opinion is that there is no oil and that those who buy stocks in companies formed to prospect in the state are throwing their money away. The most that can be said for such enterprises that they are speculative to a very high degree.

And speaking of oil stocks what has happened, we wonder, to that oil enterprise about which we exchanged words a couple of years or so ago with a then Prineville resident. Seems to us he was selling his stock on an Oregon promotion anywhere but in Oregon. We wondered why and he replied with some heat saying effect, "You just wait and see."

We're still waiting. And referring again to that statute we suggest that oil cannot be found in Oregon by legislation.

Columnist Eleanor Roosevelt's pronouncement that the peaceful picketing of communist Robeson's concert was "unwise" excites a natural curiosity as to what her ideas may be on picketing in general.

Out on the Farm

By Ila S. Grant

Sept. 8—Indian summer, rich with the bounty of the harvest and resplendent in the colors of the first turning leaves, is our favorite season of the year. At most overnight, some of the trees in our neighborhood turned golden yellow. The sumac bushes are tinged with deep red.

There hasn't been enough frost yet to hurt the garden. Our biggest zucchini has literally "grown itself to death" and is starting to pop its skin. Some of the others have caught up with it, and there are several over 20 inches long. Last night I canned a box of peaches, to store away with the box of peaches I canned last week. It takes a full evening to put up a dozen or so jars of fruit, but it's time well spent, I think. A box of clingstone peaches, to pickle, would be nice, too.

This morning from the picture window, we saw a light on Tumble mountain, just north of Bachelor butte, that twinkled like a lone star. The windows in the lookout house caught the rays

of the sun like the facets of a huge gem. I went out in the yard and waved my handkerchief. But maybe it would be better to send up smoke signals?

Others Say

CREDIT TO TRUMAN

It is to the great credit of President Truman that he has done what Franklin Roosevelt stubbornly and bitterly refused to do—accord Mr. Hoover an honorable and responsible place in the councils of the nation. The Hoover report on reorganization of our federal agencies is a crowning achievement for a long and distinguished career of public service. And it marks the essential greatness of Mr. Hoover as a man, that on his 75th birthday, he can speak to his fellow countrymen about their problems without returning even the shadow of malice for malice.

Rye is the most commonly used plant for green manuring in home gardens.

WASHINGTON COLUMN

By Peter Edson (NEA Washington Correspondent)

Washington (NEA)—The 81st congress has been panned so much that it's high time somebody gave the lawmakers credit for the many fine, upstanding and constructive things they have done this year.

There is no better gauge on this than to look at the list of laws they have passed. After all, that's what they're here for. So what have they done? Up to Aug. 15, after seven months of work, 220 bills had been passed into law and duly signed by President Truman. That's roughly 30 a month, or one a day. What more would you ask?

On the principle that first things should come first, you would expect that the 220 new public laws would cover the most important subjects, settle the most vital issues, do the most good.

Public law No. 1, passed Jan. 18 after one day of work, made Jan. 20 and Jan. 21 holidays for all federal employees in Washington. This was so they could attend the inauguration.

Having passed this miracle, the next day congress raised the salary of the president, vice president and speaker of the house. This was public law No. 2.

It would be boring to just list all the laws passed, one after another. To get the spirit of the thing, let's just hit some of the legislative high spots. Feb. 25, after congress had been in session five weeks, it passed public law 9—to issue a commemorative stamp on the 200th anniversary of Alexandria, Va.

P. L. 22, March 23, extended an invitation to the international Olympic committee to hold the 1956 games in Detroit. There's farsighted planning for you.

Next day P. L. 23 authorized the marine band to attend the G. A. R. encampment.

There was a very important piece of legislation passed in P. L. 29, which permitted fourth-class postmasters to be upgraded to third-class postmasters, and third-class postmasters to be downgraded to fourth-class postmasters, without examination.

P. L. 32 gave the District of Columbia daylight-saving time again.

Spring got into the congressional blood on April 21 when they passed P. L. 51, regarding the processing of certain visa cases for admission into the U. S. of alien fiances and fiancées of G.I's.

By May 26, congress was really worried about the international situation. It passed P. L. 74, authorizing the president to designate Memorial day as a national day of prayer for peace.

Following the advice of a Roman emperor—Nero, wasn't it?—who gave the people circuses when they cried out for reduction of the cost of living index, congress on May 31 authorized the national capital sesquicentennial commission to proceed with plans for the 150th anniversary of establishing the capitol in the District of Columbia.

P. L. 88 authorized the marine band to go to Little Rock, Ark.

Congress did better after that, and passed its second 100 laws in only six weeks. P. L. 200 extended the time for construction of a toll bridge across the Rio Grande at Rio Grande City, Tex., after P. L. 188 had extended the time for construction of a free bridge across the Rio Grande at Del Rio.

In between were these epoch-making additions to Blackstone: P. L. 132 authorized completion of the Eden project. It was another Eden—not the original garden. This one's in Wyoming.

P. L. 190 authorized the general accounting office to make on-the-spot audits of accounts of the house sergeant at arms.

Anyway, P. L. 203, signed Aug. 3, designated June 14 of each year as Flag day, and you don't have to worry about that one any more. Long may it wave.

Republicans Seek Aid for China

Washington, Sept. 8 (AP)—Senate republicans today promised a "major battle" for military aid to China when the administration's \$1,450,000,000 arms aid program gets to the senate floor.

They renewed their attack on the China policy as a special 25-man committee considering the arms aid plan called Vice Adm. Oscar C. Badger, retiring navy commander in the far east, for questioning on the hot China issue.

Controversy over what to do about China flared as the aftermath of a charge by Sen. Tom Connally, D., Tex., chairman of the foreign relations committee, that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek "absconded" with \$138,000,000 in gold from the Chinese treasury when he quit the government for a refuge in Formosa.

Dispute Torrid The dispute over China policy reached such a torrid state that Connally declined to pose for photographs with Sen. William F. Knowland, R., Calif., with whom he clashed on the senate floor late yesterday. Connally refused to join Knowland and Badger before the committee session for a photograph.

The arms program as proposed by President Truman contemplates military help for European countries outside the iron curtain and for some non-communist nations elsewhere. But it includes nothing for nationalist China. Sen. William F. Knowland, R., Calif., who is leading the fight to earmark \$175,000,000 in arms aid for Chinese non-communists, told reporters that "the administration has no intention of doing anything for the far east."

"That means there will be a major battle on the senate floor on this issue," he said.

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