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Quality of Oregon Water

How does Bend's domestic water, from icy Tumalo creek in the eastern Cascade foothills, compare in hardness with other municipal supplies in Oregon and the United States?

The question is answered in a recent U. S. Geological Survey report. That report deals with the industrial utility of public water supplies in the United States.

The studies cover 1,315 cities, 15 of them in Oregon.

Hardness of Bend's water is listed as 11, which makes the city's supply the second softest water in the state among the 15 cities studied. Pendleton's water, the hardest in the group studied, has a rating of 95. The average hardness of Oregon water analyzed is 34, and only two other states, Maine and South Carolina, have, on an average, softer water.

A Bend resident would consider Pendleton's water hard, but a citizen of Sioux City, Iowa, where the water has a hardness of 472, would think Pendleton's water rather soft.

"Knowledge of the chemical character of the water is an important factor in the selection of sites for most industrial plants," notes a State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries bulletin touching upon the USGS analyses. "Of particular importance is information about the hardness of water, for hardness is a characteristic that affects both domestic and industrial use.

"In domestic use, hardness of water results in an excessive consumption of soap and the formation of scale in vessels in which water is boiled. In industrial use, hardness causes scale to be deposited in hot-water pipes, heaters and steam boilers, resulting in economic loss through increased fuel consumption and breakdown of equipment."

Hardness is caused chiefly by the presence of calcium and magnesium in the water.

In Oregon, Portland's Bull Run water has a hardness of 9. The analysis of the Coos Bay water also showed a hardness of 9, before chlorination. Bend is in second place in the state with its 11 hardness figure.

Adds the report:

"Pendleton water from springs and deep wells contains 203 parts per million dissolved solids, while Bend water from Tumalo creek contains only 33 p.p.m."

Not only is Bend water soft and comparatively free from minerals but it has a fine rating in another department, color. Color refers to the appearance of water that is free of suspended material.

Coos Bay water has an undesirable color of 100. Treatment reduces the color to 6, but at the same time increases the hardness. In the color column Bend water has a rating of 7, compared with 15 for Portland. Incidentally, in hydrogen-ion concentration, Bend water has a rating that is near neutral.

The temperature of Bend's water (from a sample collected in mid-June) was 46 degrees. The only city reporting a colder supply was Medford, with a 42-degree reading in April.

Bend and Pendleton water samples were studied for dissolved solids, with Bend reporting a total of 37 to 203 for Pendleton. One of the solids missing from Bend water was fluoride.

Old-timers will remember that Bend was referred to as the "Spokane of Eastern Oregon". But the analyses note a great difference in the water supplies of the two cities.

The hardness of Spokane water, supplied from 13 wells, is 1577. That for Bend, fresh from upper Tumalo creek, is a mere 11.

Too Much Energy

It's about time some sort of protective league is formed among the husbands in some areas of the town. The reason: It's awfully hard to spend a Sunday afternoon putting boat, motor and fishing tackle in shape when the lady of the house insists on calling your attention to that green-thumbed neighbor who's already hard at work in his yard.

Quotable Quotes

The UN probably means more to the undeveloped people of the world than any other single effort of international cooperation in history. — Henry Ford, II.

First base is mine. I won't let anyone take it away from me. — Vic Wertz, Cleveland Indian.

Endeavors have been made to protect the investor against everything but himself. — G. Keith Funston, president of the New York Stock Exchange.

Before American independence, freedom of speech was a principle of political wisdom. When it was embodied in the First Amendment . . . it became a principle of law. — Prof. Zechariah Chafee, Jr., Harvard.

All Tooley (Gen. Carl Spaatz) does these days is hunt and fish. I can hardly wait to do it myself. — President Eisenhower.

Today, more than ever before, we need to impress upon our youth the great moral and spiritual principles which have made our democratic way of life a reality. — J. Edgar Hoover.

Increasingly throughout the free world free men have found it necessary to unite in the cause of freedom. — John Foster Dulles, after signing American-Chinese treaty.

Hold On, Folks, We're Going Around a Corner!



Edson in Washington

Tax Policies Do Affect Market

By PETER EDSON
NEA Washington Correspondent
WASHINGTON (NEA)—Any connection between the Senate stock market investigation and the Democrats' proposed changes in the federal tax laws may not be apparent or intentional, but it's there.

One of the principal psychological factors behind the present stock market boom is said to be business confidence in the Eisenhower administration fiscal policies put forward by Secretary of the Treasury George M. Humphrey. Expert witness after expert witness before Sen. J. William Fulbright's stock market investigating committee has testified to this effect.

Income taxes were cut ten per cent shortly after the fighting stopped in Korea. The excess profits tax was killed. New depreciation and business expense carry-forward provisions were written into the revised tax code.

Special income tax deductions were allowed on stock dividends. Selected excise taxes were reduced. Total federal tax cuts for the fiscal year ending next June 30 are estimated at \$5 billion.

These things plus optimistic statements by government officials on cutting government expenses and promises of further tax cuts next year unquestionably had their influence on boosting stock prices.

They are of course not the whole reason for the stock market rise of the last year. Heavy institutional buying by insurance companies, investment trusts and for pension funds helped bid up prices on the available supply of stocks.

Another factor here was that many corporations found it more advantageous to finance expansion on new enterprises by bond issues rather than stocks.

The theory that giving tax incentives to business would encourage new stock issues for financing business expansion didn't quite work out in this respect. Also, there was more buyer interest in the old reliable blue chip issues than in new and unproven stocks.

The supply of these stocks being lower than the demand, prices were naturally bid up to higher than normal levels.

What this demonstrates, it is now pointed out, is that tax policies do have their effect on what happens in the stock market.

So into this situation now steps the Democratic leadership in Congress, under Speaker Sam Rayburn and Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson, with some new tax proposals of their own.

The Democrats propose ending special tax concessions on dividends received. That might serve

to make stock buying less attractive.

Instead of continuing this dividend tax windfall to stockholders, the Democratic leaders wanted to give an approximately equal amount to everyone through \$10 and \$20 income tax reductions.

On Feb. 21, the House passed its tax bill calling for a \$20-a-head tax credit effective next Jan. 1. The Senate by a 50-44 vote defeat of a compromise bill which would have provided a tax cut of \$20 for each taxpayer and \$10 for each dependent other than spouse. The Senate bill as approved carried only the revenue raising provisions asked for by the Administration.

The bill now goes back to the House which can either accept the Senate version or send the measure to conference to iron out differences.

The Democratic plan would repeal the accelerated depreciation allowed under the 1954 GOP tax bill.

To whatever extent the Republican tax policies contributed to the stock market boom, the Democratic tax plan would therefore have an equal and opposite effect.

Comfort Given Via Telephone

MILWAUKEE — (UP) — Persons in trouble, folks feeling "low," or anyone in need of a comforting word, may call a number here and hear a message of consolation.

The message, relayed by a special recording device, is played on an average of 600 times daily now, according to Rev. Ralph Brushaber, pastor of the Warner Memorial Chapel. This Church of God congregation first installed the device six months ago and calls have risen from an initial 25 to 30 daily to as high as 1,000 in a 24-hour period.

The messages are changed weekly and may be heard at any time of day or night. Callers may leave their names and addresses if they wish a visit by the pastor. "Visitation teams" from the church help those with special problems.

The pastor said at least two calls a day were from persons who are almost desperate — in addition to the usual sprinkling of return messages from humorists. Generally, the people receiving the messages express gratitude, and the congregation has been amazed at the reception of the idea.

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Sage Brushings

By ILA S. GRANT

Monday morning, and a happy first day of spring to everyone! Because this Monday column is written on Saturday, it is not possible to comment on the arrival of the new season in appropriate vein. In fact, it's snowing as this is being written, and for all I know, it may be snowing again when this is read.

It's the first day of spring, nonetheless. Now that spring vacation is over, a good many folks feel that they need to spend some time on their three R's—Res', relief and relaxation.

This one is entitled, "Don't bury your light under a blanket," or "It was safe in the days of the kerosene lamp."

One evening not so long ago, a little shaver out on the REA retired to his bedroom with an extension cord and a light bulb, to look for something he lost. Let's say he was looking for the marbles that fell out of his head. The light bulb (still hooked up) on the bed, and went out and closed the door.

When the youngster went back into the room, several hours later, it was so choked with smoke that flames couldn't get started. The light bulb had burned through the bedding and was deeply buried in the mattress.

Names are omitted for security reasons. With all that smoke, there must be some fire.

We newspaper folk get a big kick out of someone else's typographical errors. Saturday The Oregonian, reporting the story of the women who gave birth to twins 48 days apart, noted that she was the "bother" of three other children ranging in age from 14 months to four years.

Occasionally we watch Edward Murrow's "Person to Person" program Friday nights on KOIN-TV. Last week, by accident or design, the interviews were a study in contrasts—Conrad Hilton, the hotel magnate, and Red Buttons, the comedian.

Hilton was first, and he showed Murrow's audience through a few of the 61 rooms of his palatial home, with the obvious and pardonable pride of a self-made man who is master of all he surveys. In one room he sat down at the piano, in response to Murrow's request, and played "Valsevietime," inexpertly but with spirit.

Then the cameras moved to Buttons' sophisticated four-room apartment. There was a piano there, too. Red couldn't have known what had happened at the Hilton mansion.

"And who plays the piano?" Murrow asked. "Oh, nobody plays it," quipped Buttons. "It goes back to the dealer tomorrow. We just brought it in yesterday, to look good for the interview."

P.S. The starvation diet pared six pounds off the Sagebrush editor last week. (When a girl aspires to be pretty as a picture, she doesn't mean wide screen.)

Blaze Blamed On Faulty Radio

PORTLAND (UP) — Tenants from 26 apartments fled into the street here early yesterday as fire destroyed one apartment in the building and seriously damaged two others.

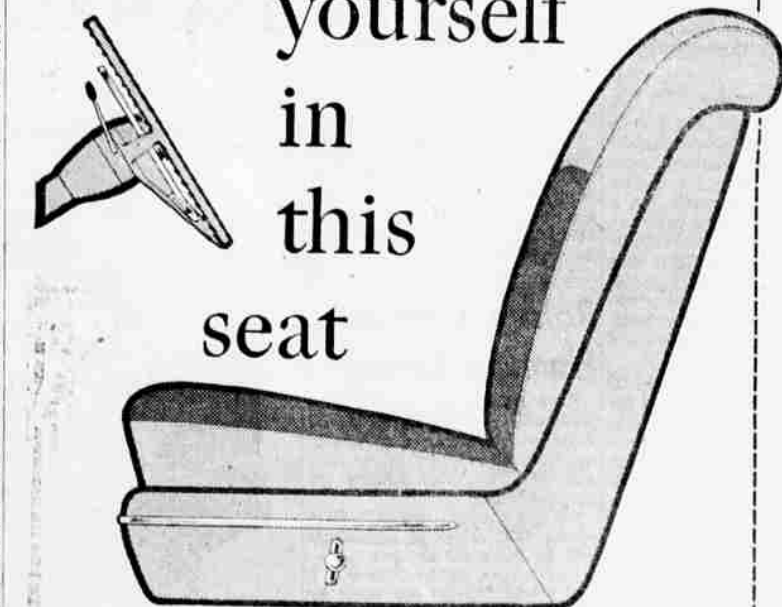
Firemen said the \$2300 blaze apparently started in a faulty radio in the apartment of Edward Armstrong. The building is located at 1130 NE 1st avenue.

William Bedient, whose wife manages the building, said a tenant reported smoke about 8 a.m. "When I opened the door I was met by a wall of flame," he said. Bedient turned in the alarm and firemen checked the blaze before it had a chance to spread. No one was injured.

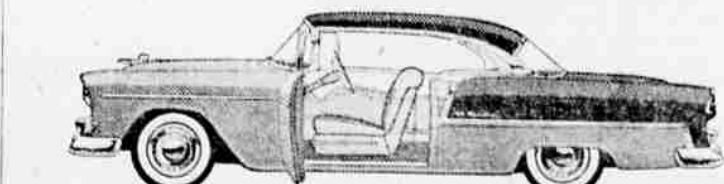
WINS TROPHY

GOVERNMENT CAMP (UP) — Eloise Stevenson, unattached, flashed over the 70-gate course in 2:10.4 on Multipeer Mountain yesterday to win the class A trophy in the annual all-Oregon women's slalom.

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