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A Jolt to Free Power

The army board of engineers for rivers and harbors has rejected the recommendations of the local engineers for great power development on the Columbia as well as Grand Coulee dam and irrigation project on the upper river, on the ground that there is no market for the power until the distant future, the sale of water would not pay for the Columbia basin project, while the improvement of navigation is held only a minor adjunct of power development. The board, however, invites the filing of arguments bearing on the necessity of adoption of either of the projects and will grant a hearing if desired.

The "free power for nothing" program at government expense has evidently hit a snag, and until a market for the power generated and for the products produced materializes, Uncle Sam, facing a three billion deficit, is in no mood to stand such a colossal sectional raid on the treasury. Either the engineers are woefully ignorant of the sacred Joseph platform or refuse to be stamped by a slogan.

There is already a surplus of developed power, as of most everything else. With lumber mills, our greatest industry, operating at 20 percent of capacity, with industry slowed down generally to 65 percent of normal activity, with a surplus piled up of everything produced, with agricultural products selling at less than cost of production and the federal farm board frantically urging reduction of acreage, any such development as proposed, at the present time, would only aggravate the situation and make conditions worse.

There is already a bill pending in congress for a moratorium upon payments of settlers on developed reclamation projects, which testifies as to their lack of prosperity. To add to the number would be folly. A market for power hinges on new industries which cannot materialize until there is a market for their products. To make river navigation profitable would require a great increase in both population and production and would only further penalize the distressed railroads.

The time will probably come, after the country finishes its tailspin in deflation, when some of the Columbia projects will be practical and feasible, but that is for the future. Our present problem is to again make profitable the existing industries and agricultural areas and not spend hundreds of millions of the oppressed taxpayers' funds in making conditions worse. Bills are pending in congress calling for huge sums and new set-ups to relieve business generally, and the Columbia will have to wait awhile.

Late In Assistance

The closure of the Hibernia bank in Portland, with its \$6,500,000 deposits is most unfortunate. The bank has had the reputation of being most conservatively conducted. The cause is evidently the depreciation of securities to far below actual value into the class of frozen assets.

The other banks of Portland announce that just as quickly as claims are verified by the state banking superintendent, reasonable cash advances on deposits in the Hibernia can be obtained from the other institutions. Why could not these "reasonable advances" been made on the bank securities, before closure was forced, and thus averted the failure? It is true by permitting the closure, the other banks eliminated a competitor, but in the reaction all are likely to suffer.

Perhaps the members of the Portland clearing house are not as selfish or shortsighted as their course appears to outsiders. But they permitted the Ladd and Tilton and the Northwestern National, the latter perfectly solvent, to close their doors, after which the other banks offered their assistance in liquidation—not operation.

This is a time for extension, not curtailment of credits, and for the utmost leniency in passing on security values. Only by such tactics by the wise in official and financial life, can the emergency be weathered and widespread bankruptcy avoided.

Like To Be Buncoed

Concerning the Capital Journal's remarks to the effect that the Culbertson-Lenz bridge match is a fake and a racket, the Oregonian says:

The large city newspapers will be chagrined to learn that everybody is out of step except the Salem, Ore. Capital Journal.

The Capital Journal makes no pretense of conformity to fads and has no apologies to offer for refusing to march with the procession when it is merely milling around in a circle and getting nowhere, as in the present stimulated, highly commercialized effort of popularizing professional bridge experts. These big newspapers, like the Oregonian fall for more syndicated bunk than any business in the world, and under the impression they are filling a long felt want, pay their good money and devote their high priced space to propaganda ballyhoo to enrich others.

There is nothing spontaneous about these efforts to popularize fads. They are carefully planned and worked out. There are "systems" to be sold, books to be peddled, radio talks, lectures, and syndicated newspaper articles to be hawked and "lessons" to be given by the "experts" all at a profit. One big newspaper takes it up and the others follow, on the principle of following the leader, and almost overnight there is a nation-wide hullabaloo, which subsides almost as quickly as it originates—when it is discovered that there is really no popular, but only an artfully stimulated artificial demand.

People evidently like to be buncoed, including great publishers, but they don't like to have it called to public attention by the country press.

Students Are Home On Short Vacation

Silverton—Among the Silverton young people arriving home Friday for the Christmas holidays are: From the Oregon State college, Jack Strantz, Lucile Shaff, Louisa Schmede, Blanche Young and Bill Eastman; from University of Oregon, Harriet and Jo Campbell, Frances and Elizabeth Keew, Robert

Strantz, Roger Cumstock, John and Inga Gopetrud, Evelyn Soltau, Shirley Sylvester, Tom and Eleanor Jane Hollanayne and Ruth Hubba, who will have as a house guest Miss Margaret Jamies, whose home is in the Hawaiian Islands, from the Williamette University, Max Lindholm, La Forrest McDonald and Frances Stewart.

Germany will spend \$312,000,000 for public buildings this year.

REFORMERS ON TRAIL OF CATS; LICENSES SEEN

San Francisco (AP)—It's swell for the fish, but tough on the cats. For Kitty's night life is about through. The reformers are after her. She's taken so much license that now she may have to wear a license—to end her kind of wild life and preserve another.

Which means that the state fish and game commission is considering a license tax on house cats. Given a saucer of milk, a ball of string or a warm fireplace, the commission grants that Kitty's grab. But when the moon rises and the back fence promenade starts, she's a terror.

By day, also, she gets in her licks. Out in the wide open spaces she resorts to type and stalks birds and fish. Pinned within the limits of a fish and game preserve, the law declares her a predatory animal, and game wardens are authorized to "put her on the spot." This protection, the commission insists, is not enough. The International Cat Investigation society proposes the death penalty for all cats found without a license.

There are 120,000,000 cats in the United States, the society revealed, pointing out that John Burroughs estimated American cats kill 6,000,000 birds a year. This is a loss to farmers, it is held, because the defunct birds would have helped destroy insects which cause \$800,000,000 crop damage annually.

The proposed license would cost 50 cents annually. At this rate, objection to the tax point out, a prolific lady cat would throw away the bigger part of a \$3 bill for her owner each year.

Doris Blake Says:

Mixed Foursome of Young Folks Causes One Girl Heartaches

We'll take the two girls, "Mickey and Mousie." (Honestly, that's what the boys call them.) But we'll take them because they have a problem that arises frequently in the lives of girl pals.

These two girls, say two girls, will best two boys. They do a good deal of partying around in foursomes. Then Mickey's boy friend will discover that Mousie is the one he really likes. Or, may be it is Mickey's escort that longs for the change of partner.

Now, what are the girls to do under the circumstances? Grab the bean away from under the girl pal's nose, or what? It's hard to make the "hurt" girl see that it isn't a grab. It's harder to make her entertain generous feelings for the preferred girl. She sets a "trap" on, usually. And stays mad for a long time. That's one of the crimes unpardonable—taking your bean away from you.

Well, a hurt vanity is something none of us stand up under very heroically. Least of all, the inexperienced young. It's hard to make them understand that love just happens that way, that the fact that a boy has been beating you about for a few months or a year may not mean you are the girl after all. He doesn't know it when he starts talking you around. And you may be a better looking girl than the one he prefers above you. You may be a nice girl, a sweeter one, a kinder one. But that hasn't anything to do with the case.

It just happens that the two fall for each other. You can't do anything about it. Nor should you want to. There's some attraction there that you can't rule, govern nor outwit. It's just there, with no one to blame. And that's the way I'd like to see more of you girls react to a situation of the kind.

Be wise about it. Be big and be right. Don't get mad about something that can't be helped. If the other girl of the foursome hasn't the courage to come to tell you of the infatuation, make things easier for yourself as well as for her and the young man involved by making the suggestion yourself. You can save your face beautifully that way—and your pride.

Hard Times Dance Staged by Firemen

Hubbard—The Hubbard volunteer fire department members were hosts to the community and adjacent districts at a hard times costume party Saturday evening. The affair was held at the city hall. The firemen give a dance every other Saturday, the proceeds being used toward a fire equipment fund. George Grimps is president of the fire company and Robert Brown secretary.

Antoinette's Beauty Talks

Stretching Is Best Reducer for the Too Generous Arm

By ANTOINETTE DONNELLY
About that flabbiness of the arm! When women run to general stoutness the arm flabbiness is noted in particular. A regular basket of flesh hangs loosely suspended from arm bone and muscle. In evening dress it is pretty distressing both to the onlooker and the victim.

In sleeveless gowns the enormous sixth isn't hidden by the material, either. The funny part of this upper arm flesh is that you find it on young women as well as older—

on girls who aren't noticeably plump or flabby elsewhere, too.

It's flesh that can be massaged off with more comparative ease than flesh otherwise located, because it is so loose and flabby. But the trouble for the average woman who feels she cannot afford professional massage service is that she simply cannot get around her arms with the forceful and vigorous massage movements needed. She gets discouraged after an attempt or two and decides she'll either cover up the arms or forget them.

Now seriously enough, though the arms do a lot of moving and swinging about in the course of a day, that upper arm sector doesn't get the necessary amount of muscle extension to keep fat off. If you note your arm movements for a twenty-four hour period you'll discover that rarely is there any pull or movement of any account on the upper arm muscles. Very little stretching upward is done. You use the small ladder to reach the shelves, or more likely you have the dishes you're using daily within easy reach. Or your closet shelves are within easy reach.

Consequently when you do a day's cleaning of these shelves your arms ache, indicating that you've been making those arm muscles do something they're not accustomed to doing. It is said that you find the loveliest arm formation among those Italian women who train their vines on arbores which are higher than their heads. The Italian woman is obliged to raise her arms in order to reach the vines. So stretching and reaching higher becomes the recommended movements for a harmony of arm line. Stretch and stretch and reach high up toward the top rim of an imaginary arbor of vines.

You can do this any time and anywhere around the house.

BUTLER KILLS RICH EMPLOYER

Poughkeepsie, N. Y. (AP)—Furious because he had been discharged, a Japanese butler stabbed and hacked his millionaire employer, J. William Schatz, 56, to death after a desperate struggle in the Schatz mansion here Sunday.

Aided by his meek sister-in-law, the butler then began a murderous attack upon Schatz's companion, Mrs. Florence Quick Carozza, 26, whom he had forced to look on as he killed the rich manufacturer and sportsman. Police summoned through the tracing of her strangled call for help, arrived to save her from death after she had sustained two stab wounds and several hammer blows.

Authorities said the butler, Gantaro Akiyama, 23, stolidly confessed the crime. His sister-in-law, Sadako Otsuka, 26, also confessed, they said. The pair was held on charges of first degree murder.

The attack began in the bedroom where Schatz and Mrs. Carozza were sleeping. Akiyama leaped through an open window from a porch roof and seized Mrs. Carozza, who he believed had induced Schatz to discharge him. Schatz entered the battle and was hit over the head with a water bottle. The battle raged into the hall, where the Otsuka woman entered to assist Mrs. Carozza tried to telephone for help. Schatz willed under the attack of his small but wiry opponent and was dragged to the cellar. Then Mrs. Carozza was forced downstairs and held in a chair while her friend was slain.

She managed to flee but was attacked on the stairs by just police hammering on the door. Akiyama fled.

It was Mrs. Carozza's desperate attempt to telephone for help that saved her life. She was pulled away from the instrument before she had said more than a word, but the receiver remained off the hook and the telephone operator heard the sound of the fight. The call was traced and police notified. They found Akiyama cowering in a coal bin, his sister-in-law upstairs. Both submitted quietly.

Akiyama had brooded over his discharge, of which he had been informed by Schatz when Schatz and Mrs. Carozza returned from the theater and found unprepared the lunch Schatz had ordered.

Sadako Otsuka, unable to speak English, told through an interpreter she had helped her brother-in-law because she sympathized with him. Schatz ran a small bearing manufacturing business into a fortune. He was prominent as a big game hunter and golfer. His home is an imposing place in an exclusive section of the city.

Mrs. Carozza is separated from her husband, a state trooper.

Lincoln—Children of the Lincoln school will present a Christmas program at the school house Tuesday evening and a Christmas tree and exchange of gifts will also be featured. Parents are planning to take either cake or sandwiches and a general get-together social hour will follow the program. Plans had been made to have the program Dec. 21 but because two neighboring communities were having programs on that night it was decided to change in order that others might come who wished to attend more than one program.

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HOLIDAY FILMS OFFER VARIETY TO SALEM FANS

Discussed as Santa Claus as far as Salem theater patrons are concerned, Manager Earl Rice of the Warner Bros. houses, is offering a varied selection of pictures in connection with the Christmas fiestas of films which opened Sunday night.

"Skyline," with Thomas Meighan, Hardie Albright and Marjorie O'Sullivan, opened a two-day engagement at the Warner Bros. Esplanade theater Sunday night, featuring hazardous feats and daredevil risks. This will be followed by "The Rumaround," a new technicolor presentation comedy-drama with Mary Brian, Marie Prevost and Geoffrey Kerr giving outstanding performances. The film reveals how show girls win millionaires. Ivan Leberdoff, with Genevieve Tobin and Betty Compson, is seen one night only, Wednesday, in the "Gay Diplomat."

showing the high arts of old Russia.

Three different shows in three days is the offering of the Warner Bros. Capitol theater, which presents Willard Mack's Broadway stage smash, "High Stakes," Monday only. Supporting Lowell Sherman are Mae Murray, Karen Morley and other well-known players in a film of racketeering women and lonely millionaires. Tuesday brings "Three Who Loved," featuring Betty Compson, Conrad Nagel and Robert Ames in a triangle drama with a powerful real-life plot from the pen of Martin Flavin. Sally O'Neill, in "The Brat," is seen Wednesday only in a comedy romance which takes a fling at life among the rich. "Wicked," with Victor McLaglen and Elissa Landi, comes Thursday only in a stark human drama strikingly revealing a new angle of mother love.

Christmas day and Saturday brings a "New Adventures of Get-Rich-Quick-Wallington" to the Esplanade and "A Dangerous Affair," a mystery-romance-comedy to the Capitol, featuring Jack Holt.

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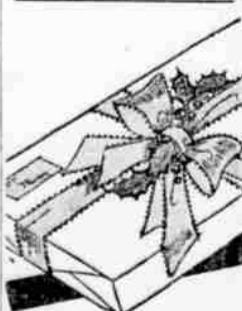


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