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"With or without offense to friends or foes
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Hope for Bonneville

Coming hard on announcements of the Portland General Electric company and other private utilities operating in the territory that they are ready and willing to purchase Bonneville power for distribution and pass on to their customers whatever savings can be effected, the statement by Acting Administrator Frank Banks of a new project policy gives promise of early utilization of electrical energy now running to waste down the Columbia.

Indicating that he conceives it to be his business to put Bonneville power to work through such agencies of distribution as the people themselves may elect, Banks yesterday told a gathering of Washington utility district officials:

We are in sympathy with you, but we are not going to fight your battles. We won't take the position of campaigning for formation of districts. The Bonneville administration is a federal enterprise and will give assistance and information equally to all.

In reply to a direct question as to whether the project administration favored negotiated purchases or condemnation for the acquisition of private utility properties by public districts, Banks replied:

That is for the people themselves to determine—whether they want Bonneville power and what steps they take to get it.

The policy stated by Banks is in glaring contrast to that preached and practiced by his predecessor, J. D. Ross, under whose administration the big generators at Bonneville lay idle for nearly a year for lack of customers for its power. Attempts of private utility companies to purchase power for resale met with rebuffs and delays while the administrator and his staff busied themselves with efforts to promote the organization of utility districts and attempts to influence the enactment of legislation favorable to such districts.

They were concerned more with politics than with power. Banks, it appears, takes the more logical position that it is his business to market the power Bonneville is prepared to generate and deliver. He proposes to make the federal government's investment in the project pay dividends rather than pile up deficits.

It is, as he says, for the people of the area served to determine how and by whom they want the power put to work.

Proving Their Own Guilt

A dozen pool halls, card rooms and beer parlors in Klamath Falls closed their doors for an announced indefinite period last Saturday in protest against a police order that they discontinue the operation of card games, slot machines, punch boards and other forms of gambling in their places and to force recognition of their activities as "legitimate business."

Their action followed close on the heels of issuance of a report by the county grand jury, dictated from the bench by Circuit Judge E. B. Ashurst and signed by six of the seven jurors, directing police officials to clean up gambling conditions in Klamath Falls.

Here yesterday to confer with Governor Sprague regarding the situation he declares exists in that city, Judge Ashurst charged that the "racketeers" whom he asserts are connected with a nation-wide gambling syndicate, are taking half a million dollars a year out of Klamath Falls.

Be all that as it may, the so-called "sympathy strike" of these pool and card room operators proves nothing, unless it be their own guilt of illegal operations. Notwithstanding the orders issued by the police they have no cause to fear official interference with their business so long as it actually is conducted legitimately and within the law. Their protest can be construed only as an admission that they have been violating the law.

What they hoped to do by their display of indignation was to influence local enforcement officials to close their eyes to violations of the local and state laws against gambling—just as they have been doing in Klamath Falls and elsewhere over the state for years.

Businesses which cannot exist by legitimate enterprise will gain scant sympathy from the public by such demonstrations.

Gill's Consistency

In his annual report to the Oregon State Grange at Corvallis yesterday Ray W. Gill, state master, made the following observation:

A bill was introduced in the last legislature providing for uniform truck loads as between neighboring states. This bill, so important for reducing rates to farmers, met with defeat largely because it was little understood. All restrictions that hamper proper uniform loads between states will prove injurious to farmer and consumer. The Grange should conduct an educational campaign for such legislation.

The reference made by Gill was to bills offered by the commercial trucking interests to increase the weight and size limitations on trucks operating in Oregon to conform to the maximum standards of some neighboring states. The Grange legislative committee supported these proposals in spite of the fact that their enactment would necessitate the expenditure by the state of enormous sums of money to rebuild roads and bridge structures to safely accommodate these moguls of the highways.

At the same time the Grange committee, headed by Gill, was advocating a reduction in highway revenues by exempting farmers and farm trucks from general licensing and taxing provisions of the state laws.

Idaho Residents Jefferson Guests

Jefferson — Mrs. M. J. Thacker and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Johnson of Pocatello, Ida., are guests at the home of Mrs. Thacker's daughter, Mrs. Charles McKee, Brock Goode, who has been assisting E. B. Redmond with his dairy, left last week for Alaska. J. G. Fontaine, local merchant, who has been ill for several days, is able to be at the store again. Hugh Emory of Monument, Colo., was a Sunday guest at the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Emory.

Returns to Kentucky — Bob Irvine, who has made his home with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Irvine, during the past four years, has left for his former home in Danville, Ky. He was accompanied by his grandmother, Mrs. E. E. Burton. He was a member of the eighth grade graduating class and also of the Keizer band.

Nearly 11,000,000 baby chicks were turned out by 535 hatcheries in the United States in February, 1939, a 30 per cent increase over the same month of 1938.

A Dog's Life

By Beck



Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

Softball reached a new high last night when the town spread out over the grandstand, new bleachers, the field generally and looked like a crowd entertaining visiting royalty. To Howard Maple, Gus Moore, Gurnee Flesher and other officials who worked up this great opening night a bushel of orchids would be much too little, to say nothing of what the players and others have done over the years to bring about such a deluge of softball spirit.

Incidentally a new high in managerial talent was revealed in the handling of his team by Don Hendrie. He succeeded in having his team eke out a win after five errors in one inning, which puts him two or three steps ahead of Joe McCarthy, et al. It isn't any trick at all for a manager like Joe McCarthy to have his ball team win a game, but when a manager can bring about a victory after five errors in a solitary inning it is a feat. So hopped up is Don about

this victory he already is wondering what pitcher he thinks he'd better start in the first game of the state tournament. Which also reveals a new high in optimism.

One of the interesting features of last night's occasion was when the Cherrians, after the opening show was over, were conducted to seats reserved for them, while the youngsters in the Master Bread band spread about looking for any place to light they could. However, there was some consolation in the fact that the seats reserved for the Cherrians might be denominated the loudest that could be picked out in the grandstand and the law of compensation got to work immediately.

At Last the Farmer Gets a Break

(Enterprise Chieflain)

"Again the farmer wrote, saying he did not own the dog and would not buy a license and the district attorney could come and get it if he wanted to. Arrest was threatened by Mr. Burlingame, and the next day he found the dog tied to a chair in his office, where the farmer had delivered it. Mr. Burlingame turned the captive over to Sheriff A. B. Miller, suggesting he kill it. Mr. Miller took it away, in fact took it to his home; but instead of killing the animal he bought a license for it and Eva Patten, now Mrs. Fred Witham, bought a collar. The farmer was in town some time later and, seeing the dog so handsomely outfitted, picked it up and took it back home with him."

We're still wondering if the president said to the king what the Governor of North Carolina said to the governor of South Carolina.

Pitchfork Injures Finlay in Ankle

Silverton—Teddy Finlay, son of the A. E. Finlays, will be confined to his bed for five weeks as the result of a wound in his left ankle caused by the tine of a pitchfork while he was stacking cut wild rose bushes in the family pasture. The Finlay family, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Finlay, Teddy, Norma, Blair and David, had spent Friday at Portland attending the Rose Festival.

Novelties In the News

(By Associated Press)

Patronage Proposition

Miami, Fla.—Informed he needed special permission to ride an elevator to Dade county's roof-top jail, a politician thundered at the operator, "Boy, I got you this job, and I'll see that you lose it."

"Can I depend on that?" asked the unperturbed operator.

Then the politician learned the man was a trusty, with a year to serve.

Conscience Painful

York, Pa.—Back in 1936 Farmer Harold Flinchbaugh shot a deer, but another hunter claimed the animal was his. Now, from Ohio, Flinchbaugh has received a \$20 bill and a letter saying, "My conscience has bothered me ever since."

Daylight Saver

Seattle—"Can you tell me what the trouble is?" an excited woman telephoned the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

"What do you mean?" asked a reporter.

"I mean why is it so dark outside? It's just like night."

"But, lady, isn't it usually dark at 9 o'clock?"

"Is it 9 o'clock at night?"

"Certainly."

"Oh, my goodness," she said, "I thought it was 9 in the morning. I have slept the day through."

He Didn't Lie

St. Morgan, Colo.—The way James E. Jewel, past national commander of the G.A.R., tells about it, he didn't exactly prevaricate when he enlisted for the Civil war.

He was 17, but he told the recruiting officer "I'm over 18."

He had stuck a slip of paper with the numerals "18" scribbled on it in each shoe.

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Holman Backs Up Senior Senator

World Literature Guarded at Capital

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., June 13—With army engineers ready to spend \$6,000,000 within the 12 months beginning July 1, and have dirt flying within a few weeks on the Willamette valley project, it may be of interest to note how from requiring local contributions of \$21,000,000 in the original plan, Senator McNary whittled it down until the local contributions will not exceed \$1,000,000, with the prospect that not a dollar will ever be required as a local contribution.

The senior Oregon senator saved property owners in the Willamette valley \$21,000,000 and made the project possible, for had such a vast sum been absolutely necessary, the project could not have been undertaken. Not even a state tax levy would have been possible.

McNary Wasn't Satisfied
Flood control bill of 1938 provided the sites for dams, easements, right-of-way and relocation of highways and railroads was a burden attached to the people benefited by the project. Estimate of the Willamette valley project is \$62,000,000 and costs of sites, etc., estimated at \$21,000,000, leaving government's share \$41,000,000.

In 1938 hearings were held, McNary appearing, and not satisfied with the 1938 act, urged modification. The house considered modifying the original act and dividing the burden 70 per cent on the government, 30 per cent to be borne by people benefited. This meant \$49,400,000 from the government; \$12,600,000 from the people. And that was too much for localities to carry. Finally the bill came to the senate with local contributions reduced to \$5,000,000.

Here is where Senator McNary turned the trick. He offered an amendment which provides that sites for reservoirs, easements, rights-of-way and relocation of

highways and railroads were all part of construction of a project and therefore the responsibility of the federal government.

Amendment Adopted

McNary's amendment went into the bill and is now in the act and its effect was to throw the whole cost on the government. It eliminated all local contribution except cost of local levees on rivers to protect private property. Army engineers say that the comprehensive plan of the project should make such strictly local levees for private property unnecessary.

There was some precedent for McNary's proposal that relocating highways and railroads was a legitimate part of construction — Bonneville, for instance, where railroads on both side of the Columbia river, and paved highways had to be changed.

While engineers have no "first" unit, they have more data ready on Cottage Grove reservoir and Dorena, on west fork of Willamette river, and can hit the ball there with more speed. The Cottage Grove unit has \$1,480,700 earmarked; Dorena, \$1,755,000. Work will begin, also, on Fern Ridge on Long Tom river, south of Eugene, for which \$1,489,300 will be available July 1. For highway relocation at Detroit reservoir, \$500,000 will be ready. These are the major jobs.

Part of the comprehensive plan is reversion work, open river and channel improvement on Willamette river in the tune of \$350,000 for the fiscal year, and similar work on Tualatin with \$160,250, and Santiam with \$60,000.

Willamette valley project is on the way.

Skirmish With Government

Bonneville dam flooded out Cascade Locks, navigation aid, but there still remains an island and a little acreage on the mainland.

This property, once 79 acres and acquired by the United States for \$15,032.50, is under control of the war department as the locks were a navigation feature. The port of Cascade Locks wants the residue for municipal purposes, a park, boat landings, and, above all, the water system connected with the old locks now abandoned, is vital to the interest of the Cascade Locks water system.

Department of Interior (Harold Ickes), wants the property since the war department no longer needs it, and Harry Woodring, sec-

retary of war, has requested the procurement division of the treasury department to make the transfer. But a subcommittee of the senate military affairs committee (headed by Senator Holman), has swept aside the wishes of war and interior departments and recommended that Senator McNary's bill (S. 235) conveying the abandoned locks property to the Port of Cascade Locks, be enacted.

Line up: Oregon's senators vs. interior and war departments. Result dubious.

FDR Likes McLeish

Librarians at Portland and other cities are protesting against the

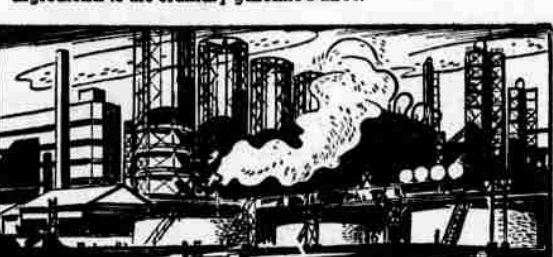
confirmation of Archibald McLeish to be librarian of the Library of Congress. On the house floor McLeish has been called a "fellow traveler," although Mr. Roosevelt says McLeish is a gentleman and a scholar. Librarians of the country differ from the president.

As a library for congressmen, the institution isn't. It has become a great international repository for world literature. Not publicized is the fact that since the rise of dictators, the priceless manuscripts and tomes of Europe and Asia are being photostated and these copies are being sent to the congressional library for safe keeping.

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