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The "Obstructionists"

Cornelia Marvin Pierce, wife and secretary of Congressman Walter M. Pierce, senses the fine hand of the "obstructionists" in delaying the distribution of Bonneville power until such time as the private utilities were ready to buy the energy and put it to work, and expresses the fear that under the policy enunciated by the new project administrator the power will all have been contracted for by the time public utility districts have been organized and are ready to function.

In the more than seven years that the PUD act has been on the Oregon statute books, the proposals of the public ownership advocates to set up public ownership units have been successful in the case of only one small rural district. The rest have been voted down, most of them decisively. Only this week at a special election in which no other issue was involved, the voters of a proposed district in Linn county—hand-picked to exclude Albany, which once before turned thumbs down on a similar proposal—rejected the scheme.

Even the people of Lebanon, whose favor had been courted by promises to make that city headquarters for the district, spurned the sugar-coated bait.

The reason why public facilities are not ready to purchase and distribute Bonneville power is because the people are not ready to scuttle existing facilities and lack faith in the prolific promises made by the public ownership propagandists. They have waited patiently for the "cheap power" champions to do something about providing a market for Bonneville energy, only to see it running to waste down the Columbia river for nearly two years since the dam was completed for lack of public facilities to distribute it.

It is understandable that Mrs. Pierce and other fanatical champions of public ownership should be irked by their failure to convince the people that public distribution is to be preferred to private—galling to realize that the public is more impressed by the counter arguments of the opposition than by the glittering generalities of the proponents.

But it ill-behoves them to shout "obstruction" when the shoe actually fits their own foot.

It was at the insistence of the public ownership group, for whom Mrs. Pierce is a recognized spokeswoman, that the stipulation reserving 50 per cent of Bonneville's power for public agencies until 1941 was written into the act creating the administrative authority. It was the arbitrary discrimination against private utilities practiced by their own hand-picked administrator, J. D. Ross, and his biased activity in fostering the creation of public districts, that has prevented the purchase and utilization of Bonneville power by private companies during the many long months the generators have been waiting to turn out energy.

Bonneville is capable of providing all the power the PUDs can use as rapidly as they are in a position to use it, and in the meanwhile supply all of the demands of the private utilities and put the government's \$2 million dollar investment in the dam into useful operation.

The "obstructionists" would seem to be those who are not in a position to use the power themselves and who object to anyone else putting it to work.

Madame Perkins' Yardstick

Because she committed the unpardonable offense of marrying an American war veteran in Alberta in 1924, bearing him eight children and accompanying him into the United States on a visitor's permit in 1933, Mrs. Madeline Bucholz of Los Angeles has been ordered to hold herself in readiness to board the first deportation train to Canada.

The husband and children, ranging in age from 1 to 14 years, presumably will be compelled to be left behind, unless Bucholz voluntarily decides to give up his job and establish home and accompany her—if the immigration authorities will permit him to do so.

In a similar citizenship mixup reported last week, a mother and father and three of the children were ordered deported, while four other children of the family are retained in this country.

For these technical violations of the letter of the immigration laws, families are being broken up by the ruthless enforcement policy of the federal department of labor under the domination of Madame Secretary Perkins, whose impartiality and independence of political influence and similar considerations permits Harry Bridges to remain unmolested in this country year after year.

Bridges is, of course, only a labor agitator and an accused communist whose chief aim is to stir up industrial turmoil and strife and who stands branded by competent witnesses as being affiliated with a subversive organization which seeks to overthrow the government by force.

By the labor secretary's yardstick of comparison, Mrs. Bucholz is an undesirable alien; Bridges a persecuted martyr.

Ten Numbers for Friday's Concert

A series of 10 numbers has been arranged for the band concert program in the Marion Square tomorrow night. The program will get under way at 8 p. m.

Reverie Concert March "Circus" by Alfred
Festival Overture "Urban" by Robert
Popular:
"Two Sleepy People" by Carmichael
"Little Sir Echo" by Clifford-Morrell
"Alexander's Ragtime Band" by Berlin
Concert Waltz "Español" by Waldteufel
Selection "Rose Marie" by Franz
Intermission
March (new) "Oregon State Fair"
Characteristic "Jungle Drum" by Krieger
Popular:
"Have Eyes" by Robin-Halpern
"The Umbrella Man" by Cavanaugh
"Penny Parade" by Halffter-Werners
Grand Selection from "Carmen" by Bizet
March "World News" by Samuels
Finale "The Star Spangled Banner"
H. N. Soudemeyer, Director

Erecting New Building

Falls City—Clay Guthridge is building a restaurant building on Main street next to the Davis Feed store and will rent the structure when completed.

Independence—William Noble, chief of police, made a trip to Seattle to bring his wife home. She had been visiting relatives in Seattle for a week.

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Torture

By Beck



Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

Bill Chadwick, our esteemed mayor, was seen purchasing two sets of horseshoes at a local sporting goods counter yesterday. If there's any official around hereabouts who needs a couple sets of horseshoes it's the mayor of this village. One for each pocket and an extra rabbit's foot or two wouldn't be bad in an emergency.

Maybe it might be an idea for Andy Burk, our sheriff, on his week-end tuna hunt over at the coast to get some naturalist to teach him the tuna call which might expedite his search.

Flaming Youth of Yesterday (Olive Barber in Coos Bay Times) We sit in condemnation, if we are condemnation-minded, on the Saturday night pastimes of our young people but nothing could be much worse than those awful "kiss-

ing parties" we had "when you and I were young, Maggie." In our early teens we played "post-office." Do they play it any more? I think not. It was a most unsanitary pastime. I hope no present day girls have to go through the distasteful business of collecting a "letter" from a boy, the very sight of whom gives her a spasm of revulsion, as I had to do at the parties of my girlhood. To receive this "letter" was to receive a peck on the cheek from the lad sending it. I remember one boy who had lost his teeth—ugh!

It seems Olive wouldn't get much of a kick out of belonging to our PT & BA.

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands," reads the pledge to the flag in the Oregon Blue Book. A slight typographical correction of which should be worked out in forthcoming editions. Maybe they merely overlooked putting in the Boston "u" party. One missing "u" out of 296 solid pages of small typed reading matter isn't bad, however. Especially in comparison with copy of yours truly.

According to the descriptions of the proposed new State street fire station the boys in the downtown fire house will be living in a hotel in comparison. However, we think that local industry is being slighted a bit in putting down pean floors in the upstairs portion. Why not walnut and make the surroundings seem like home?

Senator Bob Duncan from Burns, who has been filling in for Governor Sprague, says he's tired of the governor's job already and hopes Governor Charley never leaves the state again. Maybe all the marble and flubdub is just too much for one used to the hardships and lowly surroundings of the cattle country.

Oregon Goes Ahead In Lumber Production

Portland, July 13 (AP)—Oregon passed her neighbor state of Washington in lumber production last year and led the nation for the first time since records were kept. A Pacific northwest forest and range experiment station report showed Oregon cut 3,791,072,000 board feet last year against Washington's 3,348,567,000. The total for the two states was down 21.23 per cent from 1937.

The survey said Oregon had the greatest timber resources of any state.

Washington led in timber production from 1915 to 1937. Maine was the first leader, in 1899. Michigan was first in 1899. Washington gained the lead in 1903, lost it to Louisiana in 1909 and 1914 but in each case regained it the following year.

Kelly Says:

Oregon to Know Powerful Officials

Regime Planning Historical Film

Disaster Victims Not Accommodated

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., July 13.—In a matter of weeks Oregon and the three most powerful officials in the administration are heads of Federal Works Agency, Federal Loan Agency, Federal Security Agency. These agencies far surpass the established departments with seats in the cabinet. So far as public works is concerned, Harold Ickes has been purged; ditto with Harry Hopkins and work relief. Control has been placed in new hands.

Financially, most important job is head of Federal Loan Agency, directing this is Jesse H. Jones, who is up every morning at 5 o'clock reads the papers, breakfasts and goes to his office and works 12 to 14 hours.

Morgenthau Piker

This agency makes the treasury, presided over by Henry Morgenthau, look like a tin bank. Under Jones are 22,600 workers. Politicians hint that Mr. Roosevelt appointed Jones to this \$12,000 a year position to wear Jones away from any boom for his fellow-Texas, John N. Garner. Mr. Jones has had an ambition to be secretary of the treasury; his job now overshadows the treasury, but he is not in the cabinet.

Federal Works Agency has John M. Carmody as boss over 48,500 subordinates and under him are also the 2,000,000-plus workers on relief. Part of his job is the combined duties which were headed by Ickes (PWA), and Hopkins (WPA). Before he came to the new deal he was a management expert for big business, being, like Jones, a business man and not a starry-eyed planner.

All Classes Touched

It was Carmody who pushed the rural electrification program through various counties in Oregon and Washington. Recently Carmody refused appointment as administrator of Bonneville (\$10,000 pay). Carmody's relaxation, square dancing.

Federal Security Agency will be as important to Pacific northwest as the other two agencies. Various names have been mentioned. This agency has bureaus touching on the welfare of every man and woman in Washington and Oregon. The payroll taxes for social security are handled in one bureau; the National Youth Administration is a segment; U. S. employment service is another; office of education is part of the agency, as are CCC and public health. Policy of CCC camps will not be changed, but the unannounced head of FSA is the man who must be seen regarding them. One of the issues in the office which the administrator will find hot is health insurance.

Each of these agencies is larger than departments of labor, commerce, state, justice and navy, but as they have been created as agencies and not as departments they do not have cabinet status.

Political Film Planned

They've been keeping it quiet, but a super-colossal film (title to be "Unemployment"), is being made with contributions of \$120,000 from WPA; \$110,000 from PWA and \$35,000 from farm security. It appears that \$330,000 more is required. This is intended to be a great historical picture, telling future generations of the terrific depression that extended for at least a decade, and how the new deal administration met the situation with its WPA work relief, the public works projects, and how the farm security board built camps for migratory labor in California, Oregon and Washington.

High spots: Scenes of refugees from the dust bowl; discouraged farmers with families and household goods in jalopy and trailer rattling along highways to Pacific coast; flashes of non-federal projects and relief projects; scenes of technological development throwing men out of work. There will be plenty of drama, plenty of agony and, it is hoped, a happy ending.

Rural Loans Safe

Rural rehabilitation loans have not been risky in the northwest. Na-

tional average of repayments is 66.46 per cent. For Washington the percentage is 74.82 and for Oregon 87.75. These loans were made to distressed farmers who would be regarded as a poor risk, but with a little help they are getting on their feet in the northwest and are increasing their annual income more than in other sections.

Of \$1,270,190 loans in Oregon, \$1,114,542 has been repaid. Washington loans were \$2,262,656, with repayments of \$1,692,897.

Uncle Sam does not build permanent homes for victims of disaster. Months ago a hurricane caused destruction in Indiana and Illinois; last year New England was laid waste; Kentucky suffered from a flash flood a few days ago; last year Pilot Rock was hit. In view of refusal of federal government to build permanent homes in these cases, the house blocked an appropriation to spend a half million dollars to build homes in Chile, which suffered from an earthquake last January. Incidentally, Chile owes American investors \$216,000,000 on defaulted bonds.

Coast Wants Canal

Business interests along the coast—Puget Sound, Portland, San Francisco and San Pedro—are asking the Pacific coast delegations to support a plan for a canal at Nicaragua.

Such a canal would bring Atlantic coast markets 1000 miles nearer for producers in the region of Idaho, Washington and Oregon. President Dictator Anastasio Somoza, recently here, announced on his return home that the administration will get behind a Nicaraguan canal. It was supposed to be a state secret.

Wood and Family Establish Residence

Joe E. Wood, of Medford, is moving with his family to Salem today to establish residence and assume his new duties as assistant purchasing agent for the state Wood succeeds Arthur M. Compton who, as assistant to Dan Fry, served in the capacity for several years.

Wood has been active in republican circles in southern Oregon for several years. He has been in the mercantile business more than 35 years and at one time organized the purchasing department for the state of Montana, where he served until 1925.

Buetlers are Hosts

Central Howell—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Buetler invited a group of friends to join them in a picnic in their woods. Places were made at the table for 24 and the after-

noon was spent informally in visiting and resting. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Earl DeSart, Mr. and Mrs. Alice Mathys, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kuenzi, Erma Kuenzi, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mantle and her brother, Joyce, and Jimmie Kuenzi, Carolyn and Shirley Kaufman, Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Way, Bob and Dean Way, Mr. and Mrs. Buetler, Marion, Lloyd, Robert and Eldon.

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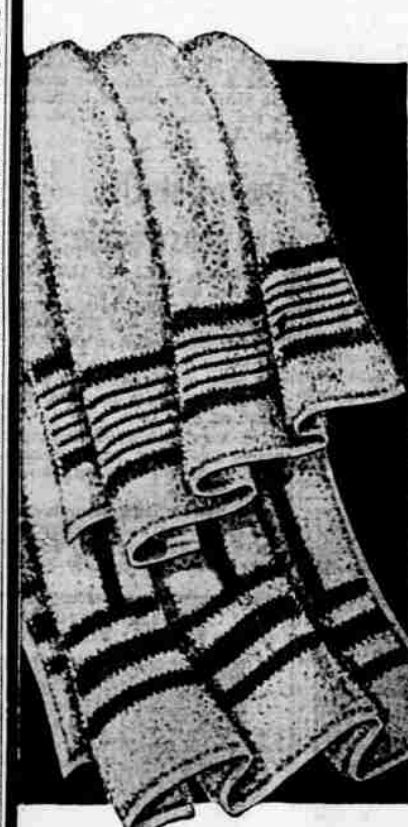
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