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West Salem's Problem

The good people of West Salem, like the citizens of many other Oregon towns who have pondered the problem of public ownership of their electric power systems, find themselves in somewhat of a dilemma, according to reports from across the river. They face three courses of possible action in the matter—continuance of the present plan of service by a private utility to determine the actual extent of relief to be secured from recently reduced rates; to join with the rest of Polk county, excluding Monmouth and Dallas, in the proposed public utility district for which preliminary petitions have been filed; or to set up a municipal system of their own to distribute Bonneville power.

Excluding private service from consideration in any contemplation of a change, for the obvious reason that they already have it, the advocates of experimentation with public ownership have a difficult choice to make, because of the pressure exerted upon them by PUD champions in the rural districts.

From a standpoint of low rates there are certain apparent advantages to city ownership, as is evidenced by the tariff schedules in force in Eugene, McMinnville, Forest Grove and Canby, largely by reason of their obligation to pay no local, county or state taxes—which, incidentally, raises the question of where the load of financing general governmental functions is to fall. City distribution is also more economical under either private or public operation, because of the greater number and closer proximity of consumers that reduces transmission losses and the expense of stringing and maintaining miles of line to serve a few customers in rural areas.

As "good neighbors" the people of West Salem are implored by the rural advocates of the PUD to subsidize farmer service by joining their heavy per-mile consumer load to the lighter demand of thinly settled farm districts.

On one hand the people of West Salem stand to accomplish some reduction in electric rates at the expense of heavier taxes; on the other they can hope for little or no relief. Testifying before a legislative committee last year, a Bonneville engineer declared that people in public utility districts could not hope for any appreciable reduction in rates for at least 15 years—until the peak of the load of bond amortization had been passed.

Between Two Fires

The Stockholm newspaper, Tidningen, prints a Moscow dispatch stating that Soviet Russia has extended her territorial demands on Finland before the joint commission at Moscow named to make "a more detail description of the frontier line" established in broad terms by the peace pact, giving Russia wide territorial concessions. At the initial meeting of Finnish-Russian delegates, the Russians made clear that the frontier would be farther west than Finland had anticipated, and the Finns were forced to accept the terms.

There is no official confirmation from either Finnish or Russian sources, but such procedure would be in keeping with Soviet diplomacy. It will be remembered that the peace terms Russia offered Finland through Sweden were drastically changed when the peace conference was held and greater concessions demanded. As a matter of fact, with Finn defenses surrendered, there is nothing to keep Russia from taking the whole country, if desired, for treaties mean nothing to Stalin, if they stand in the way of what he desires.

The outlook for Sweden and Norway is as black as that for Finland, for the Mannerheim line was also their first line of defense against Russia and it is gone, and their turn may be next. For the present they have escaped "with a whole skin," as Nazi commentators state. The acquisition of Hanko means that Red planes can bomb Scandinavia from Finnish bases as easily as they did Finland from Estonia bases. The building of a railroad across northern Finland will enable Russia to move troops against the Scandinavian ports in the Atlantic.

Germany is as much a threat to Scandinavia as Russia, for she still controls the Baltic and can occupy Denmark without a struggle, land on the south coast of Sweden and occupy a large portion of territory before allied troops could reach the scene. Only when the Nazis have been crushed can Scandinavia be assured of freedom. Neutrality is likely to cost independence.

Easter Sunday Dates

Easter this year falls on March 24. Since the introduction of the Gregorian calendar in 1582, Easter has fallen on March 24 just once, in 1799. There will not be another Easter Sunday on March 24 until 2391. The earliest Easter date is March 22, and Easter has fallen on March 22 four times—namely, 1589, 1693, 1761 and 1818, and the next will be in 2285.

Time for celebration of Easter has occasioned much controversy. A dispute arose in the second century between the eastern and western churches. The eastern church celebrated on the 14th day of the first Jewish month, or moon, considering it equivalent to the Jewish Passover. The western church kept it on the Sunday after the 14th day, holding it to be commemorative of the resurrection.

The council of Nice (325, A.D.) decided in favor of the western usage, which was adopted in England in 664. Conflict between the lunar and solar years resulted in great confusion, for they cannot be used in combination, so it became necessary to adopt a fictitious, or calendar moon of which a certain number of lunations would be equal in length to the solar year. Thus cycles were formed in which the dates of Easter occurred in the same order.

The history of the calendar is an involved one, and it takes a mathematician to figure out the reasoning and methods finally adopted in the Gregorian calendar, with its leap years and lapses to attain harmony of the lunar and solar cycles, but a table has been prepared for laymen, setting Easter Sunday dates throughout the years.

Falls City Visitor
Falls City—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mack and son, Charles, made a motor trip to Portland Sunday to spend the day with their son's family, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Mack. They brought Mrs. Mack's sister, Mrs. Flossie Lindsey, home with them for a visit with the rest of the relatives in Falls City.

Ignorance is Bliss

By Beck



Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

A corps of green fruit experts from the canneries were discussing Blossom Day dates yesterday and decided on either April 7 or 14 as the logical time, with accent on the 7th. This, provided the weather continues as it is now. In event of a change in weather it may be either the 21st, 28th, or some time in May. It shows how much more careful green fruit buyers are in their predictions than sporting editors.

Virgil Pinkley, European manager for the United Press, came back to Salem for a brief visit and enthralled the largest Rotarian meeting here in history, with his disquisition on affairs across the Atlantic. We'd like to compliment Salem by referring to Virgil as "another local boy who made good." But he was only here a year. He wasn't around these parts long, however, before folks in the office began to realize that there was an exceptional somebody and that he wasn't going to stay forever as bureau manager of the United Press in Salem, important as that post might be. So the boys and girls around the office of our favorite paper, where Virgil also had his office, weren't much surprised when they heard he was being sent to Rome. From there he went to London and then designated business manager for all Europe for that vast news gathering agency. This in a matter of five years. At any rate, we like to feel around the office that Virgil sorta belongs to us, and that maybe it was the intellectual aura around the office which in spreading its refugeance touched Virgil and sent him along to what heights nobody can yet say. Yeah, we'd like to feel that way about it, but it happens that Virgil has that certain something which distinguishes the few from the many. Yet, as far as us dubs around our favorite paper are concerned, he's still "the local boy who made good." It kinda peps us up to know we lived around a great man for a year and apparently didn't do him any harm.

Art Comes Out of His Coma
(Art Perry in Medford Mail-Tribune)
Scribblers in the journalistic vineyard at Salem are in a high

Fair Enough
Port Wayne, Ind.—Mrs. A. B. Long left a custard pie outside her door to cool.
Harry Towns' dog came along and ate it.
Towns paid for the pie.

C. of C. Memorial
Phoenix, Ariz.—The Junior Chamber of Commerce conducted a kangaroo court at the recent rodeo, fining all who appeared on the streets without cowboy costumes.

Novelties In the News
(By Associated Press)
One tourist, brushing away a tear, explained he had just lost a son and would give \$100 to the chamber's Christmas fund as a memorial.

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- \$1.00 Powder \$2.50 val. for \$1.09
- 50c Lipstick
- 50c Perfume
- 50c Compact, double
- \$1.00 Powder \$1.50 val. for 89c
- 50c Compact
- 50c Powder
- 50c Perfume
- 50c Rouge
- \$1.50 val. for 89c
- 10c Chesterfield, Men's White Kerchiefs 4c
- * Candy Specials ***
- 5-lb. box Chocolates 75c
- 1-lb. Piccadilly Toffee 20c
- 1-lb. Hard Mix 8c
- 1-lb. Commercial Chocolates 11c
- 40c pint Shell Dry Cleaner, close-out 14c
- * Antiseptics ***
- 75c Listerine 59c
- 1 pint Antiseptic Solution 9c
- 35c Vick's Antiseptic 29c
- 50c Peppermint 2 for 40c
- 50c Laveris 39c
- 50c Bocarol 43c
- 100 5-gr. Aspirin 16c

- * Sundries ***
- 23c Rubber Aprons 12c
- 20c Rubber Gloves, 7" 5c
- 1-pt. Vacuum Bottles 45c
- 25c Pipes 14c
- 15c Liquid White Polish with 1 pr. white strings 7c
- 39c Milk of Magnesia, 1 pt. 14c
- * Toiletries ***
- 25c Colgate Shaving Cream 2 for 26c
- CLOSE-OUT ON FACE POWDERS**
- \$1.00 Lablanche 49c
- 75c Bonicella 20c
- \$1.00 Marcelle 49c
- 50c Palmer 20c
- 1 pt. Self-Polishing Wax 19c

Kelly Says:

Trade Treaties Again Coming Into News

Northwesterners Beat Path to Washington

President Fails to Meet German Red Cross Head

By John W. Kelly

Washington, March 21—What the administration's reciprocal trade treaties mean to and have done to the Pacific Northwest will swim into the news in the next few days. Camouflage aside, it is a tariff fight and a General Hancock observed "tariff is a local issue." Debate will run along for days in the senate. This issue is whether the reciprocal trade treaty act (it expires in June), will be extended for three years. Administration pressure caused the house to approve the extension. Regardless of the fate of the proposal, the trade treaties already signed will live out their life. At bottom, the battle in the senate is an attempt by the members to recapture one of the constitutional powers they delegated to the president during the honeymoon days of the new deal.

Treaties, according to the constitution, can be made by the president but must be ratified by the senate. The senate authorized the president to make trade agreements without senate confirmation; now the senate insists a trade agreement is a treaty and must be ratified by the senate; the administration denies a trade agreement is a treaty. Take your choice.

These Oppose Act

At this time, before the matter comes to a vote, it looks as though these senators will oppose extension of the act: Oregon—McNary and Holman; Washington—Bons and Schwelienbach; Idaho—Clark and Thomas; California—Johnson and Downey. To keep western democratic senators from copper states from fighting the extension the administration suddenly dropped the proposed copper item in negotiations with Chile. More agricultural groups in Idaho than in Oregon are on record against the trade agreement policy.

The issue cuts across party lines. About 75 percent of the newspapers of the country support the measure, and most of these are republican in policy. The industries of the east (from which come heavy contributions to the republican campaign funds), favor trade agreements, but in the senate most republican senators believe that by killing the policy they can bring the agricultural regions west of the Mississippi back into the republican fold, from which the farm vote strayed in 1932 and 1936.

Busy in Society
Dozens of residents of the north-

west have traveled back and forth across the continent to come to the national capital to protest against agreements which have injured them financially. Northwest lumber industry has complained from the day the treaty was signed with Canada, yet eastern lumbermen are not objecting. Parenthetically, it should be noted that the manager of a national lumber group is not resisting the treaty program; he is circulating in the social set of Secretary of State Cordell Hull and lesser state department officials. The social lobby in Washington is quite an institution.

In debate it will be shown that Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation has spent millions of dollars buying up surplus of certain commodities and despite this attempt of the government to remove domestic surplus, under the trade agreements similar commodities have been imported while FSCC was performing this task at the expense of the taxpayers. What went on under the Hatch act debate will be mild in comparison with charges and counter charges to be expected in the present controversy. And it will continue for days and days.

Cold Convenient

President Roosevelt has the most convenient cold in the head. It is so severe that he could not receive His Royal Highness the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, who, although born in England and a relative of the late Queen Victoria, is president of the German Red Cross. Like British, Polish, French, Finns, Swedes, etc., he came to the United States on a good will tour, but un-

like the others he was not asking for money. While Saxe-Coburg was in town the president's sniffles were terrible; the affliction did not pass until the German was holding a reception (no cabinet members attended), and then a miracle occurred; the cold disappeared and the president dashed off to attend the banquet of the White House correspondents. The cold had not interfered with the president receiving and entertaining Archduke Otto, who is pretender to the extinct throne of Austria. President of the German Red Cross received a snub.

Bomb Brings Protest

Protests are being received by members of the military affairs committee against proposal to stake out a few score goats to see if they will be blown to atoms by a liquid oxygen-carbon bomb, which an inventor wishes to demonstrate. The inventor claims his bomb will kill anything, by concussion, within a radius of two miles, is asking \$25,000 for the experiment. So scared of the bomb were members that they even burned the stenographic notes of the hearing when the inventor discussed it. Army officers say phooey. Answers the inventor, his bomb would make obsolete every aircraft in the army or navy; a new type would be required to handle the bombs.

Mortier Family Moves

Solo—The Fred Mortier family, for the last few years residing in the Providence community, moved this week to the George Blyu residence in Solo, recently vacated by the Dean Morris family. Mr. Mortier is employed at Westfir, it is stated.

12th Street Plan Presented

Members of the county court and representatives from the city council and association representing South River road improvement went to Portland today to appear before the state highway commission to make two requests.

One of these is that the South Twelfth street cutoff from the Pacific highway to the city limits and Twelfth street from the city limits to State street be taken over as a secondary highway. This road now carries a large amount of the heavier traffic of the Pacific highway through Salem, the city is without funds to improve it within the city limits and proponents of the plan feel that it is logical that the state take it over and maintain it.

The other request will be that the commission make a survey of the South River road for about three miles out from the city limits. This is a part of the proposed development of the Salem-Kings valley highway and the worst part of the construction is in the city limits. The road is a federal secondary from Salem to Independence and the survey is sought to ascertain how much it would cost to make the improvement on this end.

Vacation Short One

Independence—A short vacation is being taken by the teachers and pupils of the schools over this weekend and school took up again Tuesday morning. Several of the teachers went home Friday.

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- 1"x 5 yds. 9c
- 1/2"x 5 yds. 5c
- 1"x2 1/2 yds. 4c
- 1 oz. Cotton 3c
- 10c Pocket Combs 4c
- 5c Stud Tobacco 3c
- 23c Rubber Aprons 12c
- 20c Rubber Gloves, 7" 5c
- 1-pt. Vacuum Bottles 45c
- 25c Pipes 14c
- 15c Liquid White Polish with 1 pr. white strings 7c
- 39c Milk of Magnesia, 1 pt. 14c
- 25c Colgate Shaving Cream 2 for 26c
- \$1.00 Lablanche 49c
- 75c Bonicella 20c
- \$1.00 Marcelle 49c
- 50c Palmer 20c
- 1 pt. Self-Polishing Wax 19c