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Bonneville Neutrality

The Bonneville authority, whose business it is to generate, sell and distribute electric energy—giving preference to public agencies of distribution—has one active and another potential customer in West Salem. Theoretically the authority is presumed to treat both alike, aside from the statutory preference on power applications, yet on the eve of a municipal ownership election in that city we find the authority exerting its influence to drive its actual customer out of business in that field and saddle upon the community a tax obligation that may in the course of time amount to as much as \$280,000.

The people of West Salem are fully capable of deciding for themselves at next Monday's special election whether or not they want to assume liability for an issue of \$80,000 in general obligation bonds bearing up to 6 percent interest, in addition to an outstanding indebtedness of more than \$100,000.

Between a city administration that is fanatically advocating municipal ownership and the additional spoils it will place in their hands, and the present private owners of the electric system, the proposal to be voted upon has been thoroughly analyzed both pro and con.

But at the eleventh hour the Bonneville administration enters the purely local controversy by providing proponents of the election measure with elaborate illustrated booklets, printed at government expense, proclaiming in clever phraseology the alleged advantages of public ownership and distribution. And the advocates of public ownership, through house-to-house distribution, are using these booklets to advertise a public meeting requested by opponents of the measure to answer allegedly false statements circulated concerning rates of the private utility.

Whether West Salem chooses to distribute Bonneville power through a public or private system is none of Bonneville's business. But the propriety of interfering in local affairs seems to be the least of the worries of federal bureaucrats under the new deal, unless it be the welfare of the taxpayers.

The Ships of Rotterdam

Rotterdam, Holland's great seaport, with a population of around 600,000, was destroyed from the air by Hitler. He left its ruins to stand as a warning to others who might prove courageous enough to resist his demands.

From this fine harbor, at the mouth of the river Meuse, went a thousand ships, carrying the red, white and blue flag of the Netherlands, to sail the seven seas. Today all is desolation. The once busy river flows deserted and empty between its banks. But the ships are free!

True it is that a few, like the liner Statendam, are tied up to deserted docks with funnels dead, but the bulk of the merchant fleet of the Netherlands still sails the seas. Warned in time 3,000,000 tons of their merchantmen joined the British merchant fleet and are carrying food and war materials to the British Isles. Above half the fleet, 180 sea-going ships and 250 coastal vessels are under charter to the British government. Several hundred others continue to fly the flag of their country and ply the trade routes of the Pacific and Indian oceans.

The Netherlands Royal navy also still lives. Its ships manned by their own crews, but under control of the British admiralty, operate in main strength in the North sea and the Atlantic. This small navy has been of great help to the British, and has been given much praise for services rendered.

To build an empire, the Netherlands braved the perils of the seas for centuries. Today their sons are fighting to preserve that empire, and they who have read the history of their forbears know that they will not fail in their purpose.

A Victory for Dock Strikers

The two weeks' "protest strike" of the AFL Longshoremen, which Dean Morse, federal arbitrator, declared illegal and a strike against the United States government, which closed shipping at three Puget Sound ports and interrupted it at other ports from Portland to San Francisco, has been called off on the promise of the National Labor Relations board to reopen the question of waterfront bargaining rights on the entire west coast. As this is what the strike was called for, it is a victory for the strikers.

The NLRB had ruled the CIO's International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union the exclusive west coast's waterfront bargaining agency and the AFL unions staged the strike, which Dean Morse held was "using economic force of the strike weapon in an endeavor to force a government agency to modify or rescind a decision."

The AFL strike has done what the United States supreme court has admitted it could not do when it held that it had no power to interfere with decisions of the NLRB's fixed bargaining units, thus destroying local self government in industry as in dictator ruled lands. The AFL union claims dominance in the struck ports but their claims were ignored by the NLRB.

Dirty Detroit

The suicide, in July, 1939, of a woman in a Detroit policy house, turned the city upside down. Diaries found among her effects recorded pay-offs to police and gave names. A citizens committee demanded a grand jury investigation.

Circuit Judge Homer Ferguson took over as a one-man jury. He barred the county's prosecutor from presenting the evidence, naming a former assistant prosecutor for the job. The evidence presented a sordid picture. Graft in high county and municipal offices—particularly the city's police department—had reached the proportions of big business.

As a result of one year's work, 376 indictments have been returned; 145 persons bound over for trial; a high official removed from office and others recommended for removal. The evidence revealed that policy houses, baseball pools, hand book operations and organized vice grossed \$50,000,000 annually. Of this amount, from two to three millions was paid to the police and other public officials for protection. Similar conditions exist in too many of our cities.

Silverton—Mrs. Al Down has received word from her husband who is employed at Tivoli, Wash., that he is in a hospital under treatment for an injury to his hand by which he lost a portion of his middle finger on his right hand in being caught in a conveyor.

Visiting at Bend
Rickreall—After spending several days here with her cousin, Mrs. L. A. Van Dyke, Mrs. Joseph Kriz left Wednesday for Bend to visit a son before returning to her home at Broken Bow, Nebr.

Recollections

By Beck



Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

Here's one for your centennial scrap book. Miss Mary Jane Huston, outstanding girl in St. Helena high school, has won a scholarship to Willamette university and will be here to register early next week. But the interesting centennial feature of this bit of news is that she's a niece of Jason Lee. Not grand-niece, but just plain niece. Jason Lee, as all hereabouts know, was co-founder of Willamette 99 years ago and so it's more than interesting to know that his niece is coming here 99 years later on a scholarship. In fact, we know of nobody who would have any more right to come on a scholarship. Yes, Miss Mary Jane is the niece of Jason Lee, but she happens to also be the niece of Oliver Huston who so very acceptably took the part of Jason Lee in the recent Centennial pageant and who did it so well all of us who remember the original Jason couldn't tell the difference. So if she isn't the niece of Jason Lee, whose niece is she?

We dropped in for a few minutes yesterday to watch the football squad at Willamette get into early action and saw at least four top notch football players on the field. These were Spec Keene, Howard Maple, Hal Pangle and Johnny Aravee. If there were any more there the season will reveal same.

A Voice in the Wilderness

(Monmouth Herald)

Expecting to get the news without the bother of reading, is a symbol of the times. It's a new twist of the old gag about wanting to get something for nothing. We are so geared up to pulling levers and pressing buttons that we hate to exert ourselves by doing real work. The theory of luxuries is that to get them spurs the indolent on to the end that he may be able to purchase them. Installment buying has developed a short cut. Now

we are at a stage where we expect to get these gadgets without exertion, accomplished magically by a government handout. It must now be dawning on many minds that earning these desirables does us more good than receiving them. The measure of self discipline that comes from work, the development of personal skill and resourcefulness are accomplishments that tend to more personal satisfaction than possession of material things.

It's refreshing as a fall rain to find somebody still expressing the sentiments contained in foregoing editorial. But we wonder how many will believe them.

A bit of old fashioned slap-stick comedy was pulled in the back yard of our old friend "Red" Rogers the other day, according to the neighbors. They saw Red come out with a rake, rake up the wet leaves, disappear in the house and return with an old coffee pot filled with fuel oil. Red started to pour the fuel oil on the wet leaves to make them flammable. Then the fun started. He happened to step on the times of the rake, the rake handle flew up and struck the coffee pot, the coffee pot went into the air, turned a somersault and landed inverted on "Red's" head, the oil streaming down through his hair and his clothes. It's too bad someone with a movie camera wasn't standing by. But it wouldn't have been so good to have a talkie attachment to same. It might have required asbestos film as "Red" has an interesting vocabulary when it gets started.

From all reports Friday the 13th wasn't so good for London.

However, if Queen Elizabeth is like a lot of women we could name she wants a new palace, anyway, so perhaps it doesn't matter.

Novelties In the News

Gadabout Teeth

Hollidaysburg, Pa.—Claude Skinner's false teeth finally have caught up with him.

He lost them while swimming in the surf at Ocean City, N. J., last month. He figured they were gone, but waves washed them ashore, and a hotel clerk mailed them back.

Today is Friday the 13th, but Skinner just laughed. That's because he was able to tackle a big steak for the first time in four weeks.

Drain on Imagination

Rochester, N. Y.—Everett de Lorn, 23, fugitive from Monroe county penitentiary, came out with this one when officers captured him: "I figured it was getting pretty cold outside, and I wanted to drain the water out of the radiator of my car."

Thorny Problem

Ballinger, Tex.—Postmaster Tom Gaudle is having his worries.

Charged with alien registration in this district, Gaudle found it difficult to fingerprint many of the Mexicans because their fingers have been torn by burrs while picking cotton. He appealed to the justice department for advice.

Jays of Motoring

Berlin, Wis.—Friday the 13th holds no fear for Stanley Miskey after this bit of tough luck:

His car was marooned by recent floods near here. When the ground dried he returned to get it, but the keys were locked inside.

He crawled under the car to push up a floor-board—and bumped into a nest of hornets. He got into the auto and found a nest of mice. He got out again to make a complete checkup.

The headlights bulbs were missing—and all four tires were flat.

Bolin Retires from Postal Service

After 27 years of service as a postal employee, of which 23 years and eight months were continuous service in Salem, John W. Bolin received honorable retirement from the service on August 31 at the age of 65. His final work for the Salem post office was as carrier on city route No. 5.

Postmaster Henry R. Crawford had this to say of Mr. Bolin: "John Bolin has been an exceptional character. In the six years I have been postmaster I have never heard nor had one complaint against him, and if there ever was one it never has been recorded."

Mr. Bolin had this to say of his work: "I tried to leave each patron a little happier with each visit, and I had the best patrons any letter carrier could want. Kindness, co-operation and helpfulness seemed to rule their lives. They seemed to feel that the greatest pleasure does not come from doing the things one is compelled to do but in doing the things one may do."

Geist Returns to Direct Choir

First Methodist church announces that Dean Melvin Geist, head of the music at Willamette university will again direct its morning choir. The dean himself will be the soloist Sunday singing, "My Soul is Afloat for God" (The Holy City) Gault. In the evening service Sunday, Josephine Albert Spaulding will be the featured artist. She was the soloist in the great Salem Centennial pageant. Mrs. Spaulding will sing two numbers, "Prayer" by David Guion and "Eye Hath Not Seen" (The Holy City) Gault.

Dr. J. C. Harrison will have for his morning text, "The Stone Which the Builders Refused is Become the Headstone of the Corner," and in the evening he will speak on "Fear and Faith."

Kelly Says:

Complete Monopoly
Paul Raver's Plan

Civilian Pilots
For Weather Service

Canadian Policy to
Be Further Extended

By Paul Dunham

Nothing short of complete monopoly of all electric light and power facilities of the Pacific northwest will satisfy the soaring ambition of Paul J. Raver, administrator of Bonneville, and his grandiose plans have been approved by Harold I. Ickes, secretary of the interior. That they also have the approval of President Roosevelt is apparent from the freedom with which they are being discussed in administration circles. The magnitude of the undertaking indicates that both Dr. Raver and Secretary Ickes believe federal funds are inexhaustible and that the entire United States will be willing to finance their dream of conquest.

Drafting of a bill conferring upon Bonneville administration full authority to proceed with purchases is now under way and it will be offered in congress with the blessing of administration. Its details were discussed on a recent visit of Administrator Raver to the national capital and as soon as legislation for national defense has been disposed of congressional sponsors will be sought for introduction of the measure in house and senate.

Procedure Outlined

Administrator Raver's plan for acquisition of the Puget Sound Power and Light company outlines the course which it is proposed to follow in acquiring other private utilities in the northwest. This contemplates the taking over by the federal government of the entire plant and facilities of the Puget Sound company and later re-sale of the Seattle properties to Seattle Light and Power, the balance of the properties to be sold piecemeal to public utility districts in the territory now supplied by the Puget Sound company.

It is contemplated that identical procedure will be followed in the later acquisition of all properties of the Portland Electric Power company and the Northwestern Light and Power company, operating in Oregon and Washington. Properties of all other private utilities operating in the northwest would be purchased from time to time until the federal government had complete monopoly of the light and power industry.

More Barriers to Go

One hundred young men who have completed the civilian pilot training course and have had a four-year course leading to a bachelors degree in a college or university of recognized standing will be further trained at government expense in aviation weather service as part of the national defense program. The training will be the joint undertaking of the department of commerce and the United States weather bureau.

Whether the high qualifications prescribed will prevent enrollment of the required number of applicants is a question which only time can answer. College graduates with a bachelor degree have become policemen in recent years, but none have obtained positions in the weather service. In this instance the added limitation to those who have completed a civilian pilot training course will further restrict the field of applicants.

Train for Weather Service

Further removal of industrial and economic barriers between the United States and Canada may be expected from continuance of the rapidly developing policy of President Roosevelt to create an integral unity regardless of the outcome of the war between Great Britain and Germany. Whether England wins or loses, the evident purpose is to regard Canada as an independent nation with which it is essential that the United States should build up the closest of economic ties.

For the present no move will be made to loan money to the Canadian government, an act which would be directly violative of the existing neutrality law, but funds will be provided to the extent of defense needs for the establishing of branches of industry north of the border, a trend more or less in evidence for a number of years prior to the opening of hostilities in Europe. It may be expected, too, in the event of Roosevelt's re-election, that steps will be taken for removal of trade restriction between the two countries either by broadening the scope of reciprocal treaties or to the outright repeal of tariff barriers.

Consummation of this plan may not be favorable to farmers and stockgrowers of the United States, but it is deemed essential to the success of a movement the ultimate purpose of which is to develop both the United States and Canada along lines of a unified North America divided in name only and presenting a single front to any possible overseas opposition. This objective has not yet reached the stage of open discussion, but it is the logical end of the policy now being developed.

Ship Sails as Strike is Ended

Portland, Ore., Sept. 13 (AP)—The Meyerhewer steamer Pennsylvania sailed for Seattle last night after AFL seamen ended a sympathy strike supporting Tacoma AFL longshoremen, who are striking against a National Labor Relations board award of Pacific coast jurisdiction to CIO longshoremen. The men had left ship Tuesday.

LaGuardia Out For Roosevelt For President

(By the Associated Press)
Wendell Willkie was off today on the 15 day, 7,200 mile tour of campaigning that will take him into 18 states for 69 speeches, one a major address on the third term issue.

Before leaving Rushville, Ind., last night, Willkie discussed final plans for his swing to the Pacific coast with his running mate, Senator McNary, republican national chairman Joe Martin, and Minnesota's Governor Harold E. Stassen. In New York, meanwhile, Mayor LaGuardia came out for President Roosevelt's re-election, asserting that the chief executive's preparedness plans and foreign policy "are the only hope of keeping our country out of war."

LaGuardia, in a broadcast paid for by the democratic national committee, announced that Senator Norris (Ind., Neb.), would serve as honorary chairman of "an independent committee for Roosevelt." The New York mayor, elected in the past congress as both a republican and socialist, said he belonged to no party.

Willkie's comment on LaGuardia's endorsement of Mr. Roosevelt was that the mayor was joining hands with the democratic leaders whom the republican nominee calls "machine leaders."

In Washington the question of political expenditures cropped up, with Chairman Gillette (D., Ia.), of the senate campaign expenditures committee announcing that two Willkie supporters had been "invited" to testify regarding a series of magazine advertisements asking funds to further their candidate's election. Gillette said the committee wished to establish "if there is any violation of the spirit of the Hatch act limiting these matters."

Oren Root, Jr., who, with John O. Young, was "invited" to testify, said in Chicago he would be "happy to accept" and give "all the information I have on any aspect of our Willkie club work."

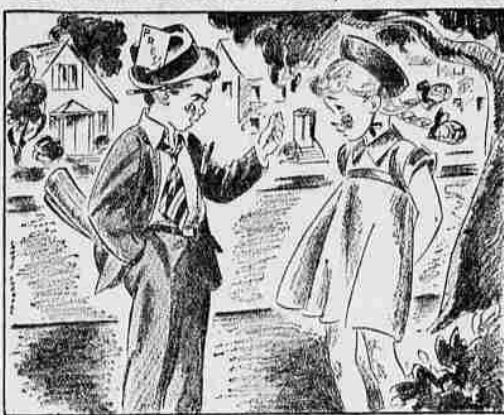
The American Bar association convention at Philadelphia avoided a threatened controversy on the third term question, tabling one resolution which condemned a third term for President Roosevelt and another which advocated a single six-year term for future chief executives.

Clem Clark Takes St. Helens Place

Clem Clark, superintendent of schools at Butte Falls, has been appointed trade and industrial coordinator at the St. Helens high school, the state board for vocational education announced today.

John Ludvigson, woodworking instructor at Salem high school, will go to Grants Pass high school to replace Harold W. Shogren, appointed coordinator of the board's national defense training program.

Salem Sketches By Will Danch



"Do I look like a critic? I'm going to try and talk Loring Schmidt into issuing me a courtesy pass to all the movies that show here!"

Hasse Forecasts Nazi Victory In Invasion

Berlin, Sept. 13 (AP)—Gen. Paul Hasse, describing the German plan of campaign to destroy the royal air force and cut off British trade with the outside world, wrote today that "if England then wants an invasion she can have it."

In a special article in the newspaper Boersen Zeitung, believed to be the first in which the German press has prophesied the possibility of invasion, Hasse asked: "Has England still a chance?"

Hitherto the German press has limited itself to indirect quotations from foreign newspapers on the possibility of a German invasion of the British Isles.

"The hastily thrown together English, Canadian and colored divisions, inadequately equipped with modern arms and led by officers without experience in modern warfare, will be unable to stand against a Germany which clearly enough has proved its fighting qualities and the genius of its leadership," Hasse wrote.

"Our friend Italy has tied down in the Mediterranean a great part of the British fleet and there and in Africa there is a remainder of British troops and the remnants of the British air force. When German dive bombers for the first time hurtle down in masses on the English divisions then that will be the end not only of England as a world power but of England as a power factor at all."

El Salvador's present population averages more than 155 persons per square mile.

\$6,000,000 Probable Income Tax Fund

The state tax commission estimated today that 1940 income tax receipts would total \$6,000,000, compared with \$4,594,000 last year. Second half payments are due October 1.

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