

## Claim Absurd, Delzell Says

Citing past negotiations which cover a period of more than a decade, Thomas W. Delzell, chairman of the board of Portland General Electric company, termed "absurd" the allegations that PGE has preferred taking a chance on dump energy to the assurance which the company's customers would have had under long-term contracts with Bonneville Power Administration.

"The contention that PGE would take such a gamble at the expense of its customers is completely at variance with the facts," Delzell said, "and the idea that the company has enough fat on its bones to absorb the excess costs created by steam generation during the power shortage is at odds with the strict regulation imposed on us by the public utilities commission of Oregon."

Delzell said that PGE has been endeavoring, without success, to secure a satisfactory long-term contract since 1939. He pointed out that "Back in 1941-42, discussions about a long-term contract took place. In these discussions, Bonneville Power Administration insisted that PGE was to transfer its properties in Woodburn, Oregon, and Vancouver, Washington, to public agencies at a price satisfactory to the Bonneville Power Administration; and also insisted that BPA be given an option on the entire properties of PGE. In other words, we would have to commit suicide in order to get a contract."

From December 10, 1941 to August 30, 1947, Delzell said, PGE secured power only on a day-to-day basis from BPA. He stated that in 1948 Dr. Paul Raver, Bonneville Power Administrator, sent to Franklin T. Griffith a tentative draft of a contract for Griffith's "personal information" only. This contract, which was never officially submitted to the company, contemplated that Bonneville Power Administration was to have an option on the property, with two years' time in which to secure authority to exercise such an option. It further contemplated that if such authorization was not obtained within the two-year period, the contract would be cancelled.

"Even if this provision had been legal, which it wasn't," Delzell said, "it would have had the effect of giving PGE a two-year contract, after which we would have been forced out of business."

"Since 1947 Bonneville has been heavily committed to other purchasers such as public agencies and heavy industries, and—up until September 30, 1951—we did business under a series of one-year contracts. Now we have a five-year contract under which we hope eventually to obtain a share of federal power on a firm basis; but we have no firm power whatsoever at the present time, and the contract is subject to cancellation by BPA on three years' notice."

"Had the company been able to secure a fair allocation of

federal power for the benefit of its customers, as the law contemplated, it is perfectly apparent that there would have been no need to have excess costs last fall and winter, and no need for the surcharge."

## Stayton High Dates Musical Comedy

Stayton—Almost ready for its presentation of "An Old-Fashioned Charm" is the musical comedy being rehearsed by the glee chorus of Union High school 4J, Stayton.

The play will be presented March 12 and 13 at the school gymnasium at 8 p.m.

Being directed by Dwayne Burgess and Mrs. White, the benefit is given for the group's choral robes fund.

Cast in leading roles are Sharon Poole and Gene Small, with Mack Williams, Cheryl Morgan, Claudia Johnson, Nancy Frye, Ed Small, Merle Boedigheimer, Almeta Coffman, Jimmy Frichtl, Ronnie Adams, Jimmy Oietrok, Ken Yargus and a chorus of glee members.

### CAROLINA SOLON DIES

Washington, (AP)—Rep. Joseph R. Bryson, 60, of South Carolina, died Tuesday night of cerebral hemorrhage. The Democratic veteran of 14 years in Congress was stricken just after he had said grace at a dinner of the Cotton Textile Manufacturers Association.

## Boise Chief Kills Burglar

Boise, Idaho (AP)—Boise Police Chief James Brandon Tuesday night shot and killed a Nampa, Idaho, man while standing guard at a Boise home awaiting suspected burglars.

Ada County Prosecuting Attorney Blaine Evans identified the victim as E. C. Loveland, alias Punched Haynes, who was felled by a burst of submachine gun fire when he refused to heed a police command to stop.

A second man, identified as Warden Red Seifried, 33, was taken into custody at gunpoint inside the dwelling, Evans said. Evans explained that Brandon, who was holding a submachine gun, was part of a police trap for suspected burglars.

The trap was set by Chief Brandon, Sheriff C. L. House, and Police Sgts. Neal Broyles and Gilbert Bloom in the residence of Fritz Boch, operator of a Boise supermarket.

Brandon, who was outside in the yard, Evans said, shouted five times at Haynes to stop, and then cut loose with the machine gun, killing the Nampa man with a bullet through the heart.

### Fire Destroys Shed

Lebanon—Children playing with matches were blamed for a week-end blaze that destroyed a shed and two tons of hay at the home of Tom Summers near Griggs station. Summers said he placed the loss at \$250.

## This Yegg Just Didn't Believe Signs

Pensacola, Fla. (AP)—A burglar who didn't believe in signs wasted a lot of effort in a burglary at the W. R. Taylor and Co. offices here.

The police report said he smashed in the glass of a door which had a sign: "Use other door."

Then he removed a sign which said: "Safe unlocked" and battered the knob off. The safe was empty.

He settled for two bottles of soft drinks and several packages of cheese crackers, and left.

## Need Teachers At Albany High

Albany—Members of the Union High School district No. 8 board of directors Tuesday offered contracts to all high school instructors now serving and to ninth grade teachers as well, with three exceptions, for the 1953-54 school year.

The exceptions are Arnold Hagen high school principal, and Woodrow Sarchet high school music instructor, both of whose resignations were accepted, and Veronica Tracy, who is retiring.

Meeting with John Cox, newly designated Union High school district superintendent,

the board adopted his recommendations and those of Ivan Wilson, present junior high school principal, regarding the ninth grade teachers, making a list of 39 who will receive offers of contract renewals.

It was tentatively arranged that Darle West, now instrumental music instructor in the junior high school, will take over the work now being done by Sarchet, inasmuch as when the projected new union high school building is completed the ninth grade will become a part of the high school.

### May Consolidate All U. S. Dam Building

Washington (AP)—The Eisenhower administration is reportedly studying the idea of consolidating all federal construction with Secretary of the Interior McKay, "there is no question but that such a study is being said Wednesday after a visit made."

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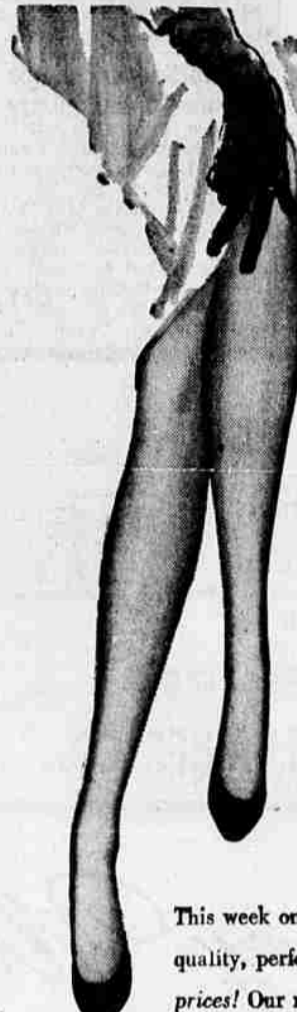
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