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The bars are down. The game is opened. Appearing before the joint committee on Judiciary at Salem were the representatives of the P. R. L. & P. Co., the Pacific Power & Light Co. and numerous smaller companies protesting to this committee that the people of Oregon not be allowed to vote at the next general election as to whether the state shall or shall not create electric power. They would stifle the heritage the Creator gave you before you could say yes or no. You are not to be allowed to voice your desires by ballot as the pleadings of these emperors dispensed fell on the ears of an "unsaved Senate".

The managers of these companies work on the lines drawn for them by scientists. During the war, tests of intelligence were applied to 1,700,000 prospective soldiers. The result is startling. Seventy men of every one hundred were below the mental age of the school child of fifteen. They are called a "Moron." A moron is defined as an adult who is of the mental age of from eight to fifteen years. Are you a Moron? Are you going to let some one think for you electrically, or are you going to think for yourself?

The development of the electrical resources of the states of Oregon and Washington is the most progressive step that can be taken to the advancement of these sister states. The forming of an Hydro-Electric commission means more to the development of Oregon than the Highway commission, and many of you know what good roads have done in unshackling the ties of rural bondage. We set in admiring wonder and watch the majestic Columbia roll by us to the sea. We do not give thot (Moron) that wrapped in its sinews is untold horse power wasting because you and I do not place an obstruction in its path that it may work for us ever after. We prefer to pay duty to adjoining states for our heat and light because we Moron. The Creator placed in the vaults of Mother Earth, minerals, coal and oil. There they remain until man taps them for the use of industry and art. Once used they are gone for ever. Not so with water power. It is the only concrete example that I know of where you can eat your cake and still have it. It rolls on forever. Perpetual motion.

Don't you think it ten year-old thinking of you and I that we do not take action to put it to work. Let us apply this to our county seat. They are paying \$900 a year per H. P. for their lighting system. You can not call it a commercial light. I would call it a sentimental light. There are periods of light and darkness. Whether the belt slips or the slab wood is wet I know not, but for spooney swains and melting coeds it's cheap at \$900 per horse. Heppner, is \$20 Umattila power worth the time of thinking or shall we listen to the power companies treatises on the over supply of electric power? Just so

long as the electric power of the state of Oregon is in the hands of private control just that long will our development be retarded.

Let us cite you a personal observation of a Boardman man who says: "Some eight years ago I gave up hope of the Government ever bringing water to these lands. I went to Portland to interest the Pacific Power & Light Co. in bringing in electric power to pump water for irrigation purposes. The interview boiled into a kilowatt was this. You go back home, sign up enough land to pay us 10% on the investment of putting power into your country and we will build. If the Pigmia fathers had demanded 10% for lewling the trail that started at the base of Plymouth Rock, the bunch of us today would be back in Wales separating coal from slate, or trundling peat from the bogs of Ireland. The company wanted \$60 per H. P. for six months use and a mortgage on the ranch. The fact that I already had a bet with the Government that I would starve in five years prevented me from taking on the Power company."

Gentlemen are we going to "Moron" or are we going to advance. It's up to you.

Volume 1, No. 1, of the Boardman Mirror has made its appearance and the first number shows up well. It should have a good patronage from the enterprising community of Boardman—None Independent.

While there is life there is hope—in Poland as well as elsewhere.

The holocaust appeal for "soap" must be a viable error for "soup."

There'll be a fine job lot of generals for hire when Villa retires.

When a man marries for money he seeks a good figure more than a pretty face.

Mexico is preparing to accept Canada's word that Uncle Sam is a good neighbor.

So long as there are grade crossings and reckless drivers there will be tragedies.

Students of "Inrest" will find the most interesting and distinctive specimens in Europe.

The rent profiteer has no conscience.

Bolshevism cannot improve with age.

The pedestrian has no rights that the reckless motor driver will respect.

Lemons are reported as cheap at present, particularly political lemons.

FOR SALE—About three tons of good wheat hay. Claud White, Boardman.

The Boardman Mirror.

We are in receipt of the Boardman Mirror, volume one, number one, published at Stanfield by M. A. Cleveland.

The Mirror is a bright looking newspaper, well filled with ads and speaks well for the community represented from a financial standpoint, and the news columns are written well and look better than the average country weekly.

We wish Editor Cleveland and the people of Boardman every success with the new venture. Boardman needs a newspaper, and we are glad to see them have one.—Hermiston Herald.

Boardman Has New Paper.

The Boardman Mirror is the latest adventure in the journalistic field and we this week received the initial number of the new paper which is scheduled to appear every Friday with Mark A. Cleveland as publisher. Mr. Cleveland is also publisher of the Stanfield Standard and the new publication is printed in the Standard office and mailed out from Boardman. It is a neat little publication, and while Boardman is still a small community this sort of arrangement for getting out a paper is perhaps the best. The Mirror will try to faithfully reflect the activities of the splendid Boardman section and we hope to see it get the support it is entitled to and that the paper will assist in further bringing Boardman to the front so that ultimately she will reach the goal anticipated by her loyal and united citizens. Success to the Mirror.—Heppner Gazette-Times.

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