

ONE-THIRD NATION'S POTENTIAL HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER IN COLUMBIA RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES

Projects for canalization of the Columbia are being pressed before congress and among civic and official bodies of Oregon, Washington and Idaho for the purpose of using the West's great river for power, irrigation and navigation.

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JUDGE BUTLER



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RULING SOUGHT ON TELEPHONE COMPANY

Portland, Or.—By pamphlets mailed to public service commissions of all the states of the Union, the Oregon public service commission took the initiative in seeking to have the United States department of justice obtain an interpretation by the United States supreme court of the Clayton anti-trust act as it relates to telephone and telegraph companies.

It is contended by the Oregon commission that the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, a subsidiary of the American Telephone & Telegraph company, is a common carrier and subject to section 10 of the Clayton act, and that application of this section of the act would solve the commission's difficulty in reducing rate base costs.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

The Idaho state grange will hold its 15th annual convention January 15 to 18 at Gooding.

Three hundred and twenty-one persons were killed in traffic accidents in Los Angeles during the year 1922.

Pierce Butler, of St. Paul, Minn., newly confirmed justice of the supreme court, took the oath of office Tuesday.

Senator Bursum of New Mexico introduced a resolution for a loan of \$1,000,000,000 to Germany, to be used in purchasing farm products and farm implements in this country.

About \$250,000,000 of the victory notes called for redemption December 15 remain outstanding, the treasury department has announced in a statement urging all holders of this issue to present for immediate payment all notes bearing the letters A, B, C, D, E and F, prefixed to their serial numbers.

Congressman Sinnott of Oregon has asked the customs division of the treasury department to revise its recent ruling that all jute grain bags must be individually marked with the country of origin instead of having the bales marked as in the past and indications are that the ruling may be revised.

Paris Refuses German Offer.

Washington, D. C.—The state department announced that the German proposal for an agreement under which France, Great Britain, Italy and Germany should "solemnly agree among themselves and promise the government of the United States" not to resort to war for the period of one generation without the authority of a plebiscite had not been transmitted to the French government formally by Secretary Hughes, as an informal inquiry brought out the fact that it was not acceptable to France.

Dublin.—Secret peace negotiations are reported to have been opened between Free Staters and Irish Republicans.

POWER DEVELOPMENT FOR BOARDMAN DISTRICT

Mr. Safford, manager for the Pacific Power & Light Co. at Kennewick, was a caller Tuesday. He was here to ascertain the possibilities for the sale of power by his company for this district.

His company is now pumping on 27,000 acres scattered thru eastern Washington. A power line will be built this winter from Kennewick to Pendleton via Umatilla. A stub line will be built into this district if enough business can be drummed up to justify the construction.

The line will be built west from Umatilla covering the large flat north of the highway between Coyote and Irrigon. It will run on west of Boardman to the scab rock district east of Castle Rock. Then it will cross the Columbia at Boardman to Black Island, irrigating that large acreage, thence to the Washington side, taking in the scope of country from Carleys to Plymouth, which is across the river from Umatilla.

No greater development will take place in the Northwest than this Columbia section. It is the cream of the surrounding milk. Erosion assisted by gravity brings the fertility of the high places. It means that many city comforts will be brought to the rural home. Instead of fusing a gas lamp or trimming one of John D.'s oil burners, you will turn a switch and receive a known quantity. Instead of mother trying to rub a corrugated wash board smooth, a Thor washing machine will smooth the wrinkles from her forehead.

The "peak load" of the use of electricity comes to all companies at some one hour of the day. In the cities it is when the bee hives disgorge their swarms of humanity at evening time. Then the car transportation is taxed to its limit. Mr. Safford spoke of his "peak load." It comes Tuesday forenoons. Every housewife is leading her electric iron over the clean Monday wash. It takes an electric horse power to "steam" up an iron. Every home, no matter how humble, has its iron. Fifty thousand irons are at work smoothing out your coming Sunday appearance.

The electric range will permit a July evenness in the cook's disposition. The chicken fancier will have a button at the head of his bed which he will turn at 5 a. m., causing the flock to hit a springtime flow of eggs. The book of instructions states that it is not wise to pull this stunt on a band of guinea hens. Mr. Safford states that in his district he has 112 customers who have their hens sitting up nights.

To the forcing of the early root crop, the electric atom is being used to tiekle the roots into more speed. What a boon this will be to the angle worm industry. It means a larger and more intellectual worm. No fish can escape a worm charged with electricity. To the grunting "bach," who grovels at the throne of the doe God, life is at last coming to you. You mush thru the grease cracklings of your bespattered floor in the shank of the evening with your boiler of mush and batter of muffins to the electric range. You set the alarm clock at the hour you would turn on the electricity. When the lark awakens you at the break of day your morning repast awaits you. The official cat dishwasher is superseded by the electrical.

While the farmer has been negative thru no fault of his, he is coming into a positive age when he will have time at least to set the prices on his products. Instead of per centage shavers of the Market streets of the land, a galley slave, whether of land or water, has no time to think for himself. The rural life is being drawn to the cities by the white lights from a positive and negative action.

The rural light has been of a negative darkness. It must be illumined by a positive action or else the white lights of the cities will ultimately become negative. Electricity will raise the standard of living and decrease the cost. Mr. Safford states that if construction is authorized power will be available this fall.

Approximately \$190,000,000 worth of road-building machinery, and other supplies from the surplus war material of the Army, including 30,000 motor vehicles, have been allotted by the Bureau of Public Roads, United States Department of Agriculture. This material, of which approximately \$150,000,000 worth has been delivered says the bureau in its annual report, has enabled many of the States to organize and equip maintenance divisions to patrol the entire State road system.

The largest item of materials delivered consisted of shop machinery and shop tools and equipment. This enabled the State highway departments to equip shops for reconditioning and repairing motor vehicles and other motor driven machinery received from the Government. The shop machinery consisted mainly of lathes, tool grinders, milling machines, cutting machines, planers, drill presses, and electric motors.

Approximately 8,000,000 pounds of picric acid have been distributed for road-building and land-clearing purposes. In addition to the material distributed from the excess stores at camps and arsenals in the United States, there are now being returned from Germany and France 150 motor trucks, 23 Cadillac automobiles, and 3,000,000 pounds of spare motor-vehicle parts, shop machinery, and machine tools.

Representative Shinnott was assured by the customs division of the treasury that a way was being sought to modify a recent treasury ruling compelling foreign manufacturers of jute bags to stamp their names on each individual bag instead of merely labeling each bale of sacks, as has heretofore been done. Individual stamping, it is found, increases the cost of bags about one-quarter of a cent each.

The state of Oregon will save in postage not less than \$10,000 biennially in case a bill introduced in congress by Senator David L. Walsh of Massachusetts becomes a law. This was announced by Sam A. Koser, secretary of state. The proposed law provides that official bulletins of information to voters issued under the laws of the state and affording opposing candidates and the advocates and opponents of measures referred to the voters equal opportunities for the presentation of their claims and arguments shall be transmitted within the limits of the issuing state in the United States mails free of postage.

THE MARKETS

Portland
Wheat—Bluestem, \$1.48; soft white, \$1.26; western white, \$1.25; hard winter, \$1.15; western red, \$1.17.
Corn—Whole, \$42; cracked, \$44.
Hay—Alfalfa, \$21 per ton; valley timothy, \$23; eastern Oregon timothy, \$24.
Butter Fat—50¢@53c.
Eggs—Ranch, 32¢@33c.
Cheese—Tillamook triplets, 32 1/2¢@33c; Young Americans, 33 1/2¢@34c; block Swiss, 30¢@32c; cream brick, 28¢@30c.
Cattle—Choice steers, \$7.75@7.90; medium to good, \$6.25@7.
Sheep—East of mountain lambs and choice valley lambs, \$10.50@12.50.
Hogs—Prime light, \$9.25@9.50; smooth heavy, \$8@9.

Seattle.
Wheat—Hard white, \$1.30; soft white, \$1.25 1/2; western white, \$1.25; hard red winter, soft red winter, northern spring and western red, \$1.21.
Hay—Alfalfa, \$24; timothy, \$28; straw, \$15.
Butter Fat—52¢@54c.
Eggs—Ranch, 34¢@35c.
Cattle—Prime steers, \$9.75@9.75; medium to choice, \$6.50@7.
Hogs—Prime light, \$9.30@9.50; smooth heavy, \$7.25@8.25.

BORAH WITHDRAWS CONFERENCE PLAN

Idaho Senator Informed That Harding Is Working Along the Same Lines.

Washington, D. C.—The fight over the proposal of Senator Borah that President Harding call an economic conference came to a substantial climax in the senate when the Idaho senator announced that he would withhold his proposed amendment to the naval appropriation bill on administration assurances given by Senator Watson of Indiana that the president already was sounding out the situation in a way that might lead to some movement that would aid the adjustment of conditions prevailing in Europe.

After Senators Lodge and Watson, speaking for the administration, had assured Senator Borah that the government is now moving in the direction desired by him, Borah said he had no desire to "retard progress" and he announced he would not push his amendment to a vote.

At the White House it was said the president regarded Senator Borah's action as a "wise move." High officials also said that the president was not now contemplating the calling of a general economic conference, but at present proposed American participation in an economic conference on reparations. Adjustment of this and of the allied debts question, the president was said to feel, are necessary before the administration can proceed with further steps in Europe's behalf.

7 ARE INDICTED ON WAR FRAUD CHARGES

Washington, D. C.—Benedict Crowell, assistant secretary of war under the Wilson administration and six "dollar a year" men associated with the council of national defense, were indicted here by the special grand jury investigating war frauds on charges of conspiracy to defraud the government in construction of war time army camps and cantonments.

The others indicted are William A. Sierrett, Morton C. Tuttle, Clemens W. Lundoff, Claire Fester, John H. McGibbons, James A. Mears. The indictments charge a conspiracy to maladminister existing regulations, to control the giving of contracts to friends, associates and clients under the "cont plus" system, which it is charged resulted in a loss to the government of millions of dollars and reduced the morale of labor.

GREEK ARMY IS ON MARCH

War is Considered Inevitable Between Greeks and Turks.

London.—A dispatch from Athens says the entire Greek army is moving toward Thraee, war being considered inevitable.

The dispatch adds that former Premier Venizelos telegraphed the revolutionary government advising it to send reinforcements to the Thracian front and asking to be informed of the number of troops there. A meeting of the cabinet followed and the army moved.

The reservists of the 1920 and 1922 classes, the dispatch continued, have been called to the colors. War Minister Pangalos has been appointed commander-in-chief in Thraee and has left with his secretary for Salonika.

The average yield of potatoes per acre in the United States varies from about 60 bushels in Texas to more than 200 bushels in Maine, according to reports of the United States Department of Agriculture. The average for the entire country for the past 10 years is 98 bushels per acre.

Corn is produced in every State in the Union, production ranging from around 30,000 bushels a year in Nevada to over 450,000,000 bushels in Iowa, according to reports of the United States Department of Agriculture.

FIRST OF SERIES OF MEETINGS FOR FATHERS AND MOTHERS

A meeting for the benefit of all mothers and fathers will be held on January 13, in charge of Miss Marjorie M. Smith of O. A. C. She is here in the interest of nutrition in the home. Everybody is urged to be present. And if you will listen very carefully over the telephone you will hear as much about it as you did about the bazaar, because we are going to talk about it until the meeting will be held.

This is the first of a series of meetings which will be held in all, to be held before the close of school. We are indeed lucky to have this held in our town, as it will not be held anywhere else in Morrow county this year. The extension department of the O. A. C. is doing this for our benefit, and we desire the cooperation of all parents, not only mothers, but fathers, and all of the bachelors on the project. Everybody come—Saturday, January 13, at 2 o'clock.

NEW GRANGE OFFICERS

At the last regular meeting of Greenfield grange the following officers were elected: Master, Charles Wicklander; Overseer, John Briece; Lecturer, Charles Nizer; Steward, Robert C. Mitchell; Assistant Steward, C. D. Albright; Chaplain, Lillie Nizer; Treasurer, Alice Albright; Secretary, C. H. Dillabough; Gatekeeper, Sam T. Shell; Ceres, Lulu Wicklander; Pomona, Ella Shell; Flora, Breta Morgan; Lady Assistant Steward, Emma Dillabough; Assistant Lecturer, Lulu Wicklander. The above named officers will be installed Saturday evening, Jan. 6, 1923. We trust that all members will be present to assist. Coffee and cake will be served after the meeting. C. H. DILLABOUGH, Secy.

LEGION BEATS HIGH SCHOOL

On Thursday evening of last week the Legion and high school basketball teams clashed on the floor of Beck's building. The game was hard and fast from start to finish, both teams determined to win. The Legion boys had the best of the high school boys in weight and experienced players, but just the same the high school gave the Legion a run for its money. The game was clean and orderly, well worth the price of admission of 15c, and we hope to see some more games soon.

The lineup was as follows:
Legion center High School
Watkins center Carpenter
Lee, G. forward Messenger
Lee, M. A. forward Olson
King, W. O. guard Atteberry
Waggoner, Ope guard Klitz

HERMISTON HERALD AGAIN CHANGES OWNERSHIP

For the fifth time in less than three years the Hermiston Herald has again changed management. This time Raymond Crowder, of Wasco, becomes owner and editor. Mr. Crowder has had seven years experience in the printing business and is a very capable and live-wire newspaper man, we are told. We welcome him to our neighborhood and bespeak for him the usual easy sailing on the country paper sea till he reaches the port of opulent old age—as all brothers and fellows have had who have gone before.

Mr. Williams, who was in charge for the past few months, expects to go to the eastern coast and engage in real honest-to-goodness, astute journalism—where the field is wide and the population thick.

NEW DOCTOR FOR UMATILLA

Umatilla's first doctor in many years, Dr. Ray W. Logan, is leaving this week for Seaside, which he deems a much larger field. His practice will be taken over by Dr. Alexander Reid, who has been at Stanfield since last May.

Dr. Logan was railroad physician at Umatilla and was instrumental in getting a drug store established.

Dr. Reid has practiced in Ione, Stanfield and was at Haines, Ore., before returning to Stanfield this summer. He stands high in the profession and will be well liked in Umatilla. He will handle the railroad business as did Dr. Logan.

SENATOR RALSTON



Samuel M. Ralston, democrat, who was elected United States senator from Indiana in the November elections.

VANCOUVER LIQUOR EXPORTS ARE HEAVY

Vancouver, B. C.—The Consolidated Liquor exporters made public their receipts and disbursements, showing that the 15 liquor export warehouses which amalgamated a few months ago are taking in from foreign sources \$1,000,000 a month. Of this amount the Canadian government gets 340,000 for duty, the United Kingdom liquor plants get \$400,000 and the remainder, \$260,000, is for profit and overhead.

Government officials were not inclined to believe the reports of the liquor warehouse consolidation, saying that in their opinion the exports had been much heavier.

There are four other liquor warehouses in the city, acting independently of the consolidated, and in all it is estimated that the port of Vancouver alone receives in gross income from liquor shipments approximately \$1,750,000 a month.

STATE WINS ESTATE SUIT

Court Rules Washington is Entitled to Collect Big Sum.

Olympia, Wash.—Federal estate taxes paid on estates of persons who at the time of death were living in the state of Washington are not deductible in computing inheritance taxes due the state and personal property of the decedent whether in the state or outside is subject to the state inheritance tax, the state supreme court rules. The decision was rendered in the estate of Josephine O. Sherwood, former Spokane woman, who was killed in California in 1919, and opened the way for collection by the state of \$13,843.68 with interest in addition to the \$27,551.52 already paid.

According to George G. Hanson, assistant attorney general in charge of the inheritance tax division, the decision clears the way for settlement of taxes on many estates which have been hanging fire several years.

Lemp, Well-Known Brewer, Suicides.

St. Louis, Mo.—William J. Lemp, 56 years old, president of the Lemp Brewing company, committed suicide by firing a bullet into his heart in his office here. The millionaire brewery owner was the third member of the immediate Lemp family to die by self destruction. The property of the Lemp Brewing company here, once valued at \$7,000,000, recently was sold at auction for \$588,000.

Idaho Governor Takes Oath.

Boise, Idaho.—Idaho's new governor, Charles C. Moore, of St. Anthony and the elective officials of his administration were inducted into office a few minutes after noon Monday in the chamber of the house of representatives. A large crowd witnessed and applauded the ceremony, which was impressive but exceedingly brief and simple.

San Francisco, Cal.—Wine is being manufactured and consumed in the United States under the guise of a home product, in fully as great quantity as before prohibition became effective. R. L. Nougaret, agriculturist of the state department of agriculture, said.