HYDRO POWER BILL **CONTAINS JOKERS**

Power Bill Calls for Bonds of Millions to Be Spent By Four Elected Men

PIERCE'S PET SCHEME

"Housewives" Council Sought to Have Spending of \$40,000,000 Without Least Restriction.

In a recent issue of the Portland Oregenian John W. Kelly tells of the pet bill of Governor Pierce and just how it will affect the taxpayers of the state in case the electors adopt it at the coming election. The article is well worth the perusal of Times readers. Mr. Klly

One way to get a job is to create it and elect yourself to it. This is with the hydro-electric bill of the Housewives' council, which the supreme court said must go on the ballot and which will be voted on at the general election.

"Housewife" Dan Kellaher and four other "housewives," if the peoto the constitution, will have the uncontrolled spending of \$40,000,000. Furthermore, when elected (they are named in the bill) they are to be beyond appeal. The public service corporation cannot order a scale of rates if there is objection to the rates fixed by the "housewives" for light, power and water.

The bill plunges the state into ownership of power and water. It places control of the irrigation districts in the hands of "Housewife" Dan and his colleagues and they will have authority to buy a pound of beef or sell a dozen empty bottles to the junk man.

Four Others Named

The four named in the bill, aside from Kellaher, are "Housewife" Waldo Anderson of Albany; "Housewife" J. T. Rorick of The Dalles, "Housewife" Frank M. Gill of Dufur; Kate Bonham of Portland.

None of these five has had intimate experience with light and power and none of these "housewives" has had the training which in the men who spend millions of dollars. Lack of experience does not feaze the "housewives." They are prepared to spend \$40,000,000 of the taxpayers' money as easily they would shop in the public mar-

Immense Machine Possible.

The "housewives" council hydro-electric bill could become a serious matter if the electorate approve of it in the November election. . It would empower these four men and one women to build up an immense political machine; turn over to the quintet control of the irrigation of the state; build and operate power plants where they felt like; run the state into debt and force the taxpayers to plunge deep into their pockets to pay the bills

The bill authorizes the "Oregon water and power board to issue bonds up to 5 per cent of the assessed valuation of the state, which, roughly, can be called \$40,000,000 of securites. If the enterprises of the board fan to meet the interest and principal on the bonds, then these charges must be paid out of the general fund, which comes from taxation. When money is not taken from the general fund for interest and principal, the board of housewives can issue another block of bonds to meet these obligations, the bill provides.

There appears to be no end to the money these "housewives" could spend Aside from bonds and more bonds, and drafts on the general treasury, and the levying of taxes, and a direct appropriation of \$250,000, the industrious "housewives" could also issue and sell interest-bearing public utility certificates for the construction or acquisition by purchase, condemnation or otherwise of any public utility. These certificates would be secured by a mortgage on the plant,

State Bodies Insignificant The state board of control, the with.

BOARD OF HEALTH IS ACTIVE FIRE THREATENS

Will Compel Installation of Sceptic Tanks or Use of Chemicals.

Compaints having reached the city board of health regarding the condition of several outdoor toilets in the city, that body has decided to enfoorce the oordinance which treats of such menaces to public health. Unless offensive toilet sare taken care of at once the board of health promises to begin action to compel the cleaning of same. A word to the wise is sufficient, and should work on those who persist in disregarding the health laws of Maupin.

MACHINE SHED IS BURNED

Building on Chas. Skogsburg Place Goes Up In Smoke

A second telephone call on Friday evening caused several Maupinites to hurry to the Charles Skogsburg place on the Criterion road. Arriving there it was found that a large machine shed had been consumed. The shed contained a disc plow, 12-foot drill, an old Ford flames spreading from the pile. car, and several smaller pieces of what is being done by Dan Kellaher farm machinery equipment, all of of which was a total loss.

The ranch is being run by Edwin Kidder. At six o'clock that evening he, with his wife, had gone to J. G. Kramer's after some machinery parts, leaving everything safe. When he returned the shed ple adopt the bill as an amendment and contents had gone up in smoke. The loss is estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$400.00, with no

CLAUDE WILSON BUYS RANCH

Item Taken From Shaniko Star of Friday, July 10, 1914.

Claude Wilson on Monday purchased from Chris Borg 160 acres in the Bakeoven country for which he paid \$20.00 per acre. This is good wheat land, and illustrates how cheaply land of that character may be obtained in this section. Two from a trip all over the northwest, six coyotes. The animals have some time. and repurchased the farm from R. B. Hinton which he sold last fall. He is not only satisfied there is no better place for farming investments than in his old home place, and is now adding to his holdings in the some neighborhood. The place just purchased is within a mile of the place he bought last week.

big corporations consider necessary highway commission and other important bodies in the state are insignificant compared to the authority and power of the "housewives" if this amendment to the constitution is adopted. Even the legislature could be told to go way back and sit down, for the lawmakers cannot amend the constitu-

For years "Housewife" Dan Kelaher has been fussing around the edge of politics, prodding utilities wheneverhe could. He has never had a chance to show just how light and power companies and irrigation projects and waterworks should be constructed, financed and managed, so he got the Housewives council to help him. The result is that he has prepared an amendment to the constitution, which will go on the ballot through initiative petition, in which he names himself and four other "housewives" as members of the board which is to handle \$40,-000,000 and more.

All Expenses Paid While the "housewives" are serve without salary, they are have their expenses paid, and as it costs money to travel around the state studying water power and irrigation, a little matter of \$250,000 is provided from the general

treasury in the bill. Originally there were two of these hydro measures. The state grange was sponsoring one, but a few weeks ago the farmers sort of lost interest and did not sign up fast enough, despite the urgings of Governor Pierce. The governor is strong for the hydro business, and it is presumed that since the grange bill failed to make the grade, that he will embrace and advocate the measure of the "housewives."

Provided the hydro-electric bill is adopted, "Housewife" Dan, after all these years, will be sitting on top of the world with \$40,000,000 of the taxpayer's money to play son failed to let us know of its date

SPRINGS HATCHERY

Burning Brush Heap Scatters Flames Over Large Area

A telephone call shortly after one o'clock Friday last conveyed the news that a fire was raging at the Oak Springs hatchery and ask that help be summoned. A large number of Maupinites quickly motored to the scene, expecting to find the buildings in flames. When they got there the fire was found to be in the timber growing along the springs streams The blaze had reached huge porportions and soon spread to the dry grass on the hillside and neared the rim rock on top. By heroic work the men succeeded in beating out the grass fire, then turned their attention to the blaze in the brush. A bucket brigade was organized and the fire soon brought under control.

It is supposed the fire started from a spark from a passing locomotive. There was a pile of dry brush near the track and the idea is that this was first to catch, the

Two Lade Injured by Being Thrown By Horse in Threshing Around

The two small sons of Gus Balzer of Tygh Valley went to the hills last Saturday to look after some sheep, both riding one horses. In some unaccountable manner the horse became entangled in barbed wire and in its efforts to extricate itself threw the boys off, one of them striking on his head, being rendered unconscious, in which condition he remained for some time. The other lad was somewhat bruised in his fall. The horses was so badly cut by the wire that it died later.

Halbrook Catches Coyotes

Predatory Animal Hunter Halbeen waging destructive war on lambs, turkeys and chickens in the Sherars district and the hunter will keep at work there until the coyotes are exterminated.

Mysterious Blaze

About 10 days ago T. B. Slusher was hauling a load of hay from the field when the coupling pole broke. Britton nuhitched and went home, leaving the load in the field. Last Friday he sent the boys after the load. As they did not return when expected the father went to the field after them. When he arrived at the place he had left the wagon he was surprised to find but a pile of ashes. In some mysterious manner the load had taken fire and both it and the vehicle had been

Ford Turns Upside Down.

An automibile party enroute from Bend to the lower country turned turtle on the Criterion grade Monday forenoon. According to the story of one of the occupants of the car the driver was exceeding the speed limit and when rounding a turn the car left the road and went bottom side up. One of the men suffered severe lascerations on the face and another had an arm badly torn. They came to town and Dr. Elwood fixed up the injured men and Joe Kramer attended to the auto ..

Measured Springs' Flow.

J. H. Woodcock measured the flow of the springs at Oak Springs Monday and the result showed 14.2 second feet of water coming therefrom. This flow is sufficient to develop 320 horsespower, and will be used as power for the new electric plant the Maupin Power company will install there. A wier has been constructed, built of concrete. The company will soon send men to the timber to cut poles for the line to be run from the springs to Maupin.

Red Cross Meeting.

Miss Sena Peterson, county health nurse, conducted a mothers' meeting in the lower hall of the Odd Fellows building Tuesday afternoon. Just what the nature of the meeting was we were not informed. Miss Peteror where it would be held.

BOXING CONTESTS LISTED FOR FAIR

Twenty-Four Rounds of Sparring to Be Added Attraction.

Carl Dahl has assumed the role of boxing promoter and in that capacacity has arranged for a boxing carnival to take place dring the fair at Tygh Valley the first of the coming month. Carl has lined up some exceptionally good talent and promises a real treat under a big top. The lists will include a 10-round contest between Art Bibby, an 165-pound boxer from Grass Valley, who will exchange punches with Battling Mosier of The Dalles. The latter is in the 170-pound class. Spike McClaskey, also of The Dalles, will mix with Frankie Webb of Portland. These athletes weigh 146 and 144 pounds respectfully, and will try to make a four-round go interesting. Mike Bibby, from Grass Valley, and who tips the scales at 168 pounds, will try conclusions with Colly Stoops, the fighting Portland policeman, for four rounds, each being in the light heavy weight class, and will box four rounds. A couple of 150-HORSE KILLED BY BARB WIRE pounders-Henry Barnum of Moro, and Kid Bennett of St. Paul, will entertain with a four-round exhibition. and the carnival will conclude with a battle royal by all the kids who care to enter the lists.

Mrs. Griffin Recovering.

Mrs. E. W. Griffin is making rapid recovery from a stubborn case of blood poisoning, which developed from a fall received some weeks ago. the house for some time and that she is now able to be out again will be welcome news to her many friends.

Fishing Fine, Says Henneghan

L. C. Henneghan and wife, accompanied by Mr. Wilkinson and wife, are enjoying the scenery and air at Neskowin. Lew writes The brook has been operating in the vi- Times that the weather is fine and cinity of Sherars Bridge lately and the fishing good, so the party may weeks ago Mr. Wilson returned last week succeeded in taking in not be looked for to return for

Batty Leases His Ranch

Fen Batty last week entered into an agreement with Lester Crabtree whereby the latter leased Mr. Batty's 560-acre ranch on Juniper Flat. Mr. Batty had advertised the place for sale, but when Lester signified a willingness to lease the property, Fen proved agreeable to the idea, so the lease was entered

Shpped Joint Car of Lambs.

A number of sheep growers joined in filling a car on Tesday and the muttons were sent to the Portland stockyards. Those supplying part of the shipment were: L. B. Woodside, Gabel Bros., Carl Dahl, O. E. Walters, L. E. Walters, O. B. Derthick and James Mace, the latter accompanying the shipment to Poortland.

Got Second Crop Wool.

Lester Kelly sheared his sheep for the second time this season, getting a yield of about eight pounds to a fleece. The first shearing produced a little better than nine pounds, so it will be seen that Mr. Kelly's sheep yielded quite a lot of wool this year.

Purchased 300 Lambs.

Ed. Herrling has purchased 300 ewes from A. B. Mathews of the Tygh section and on Tuesday took them to his ranch near Criterion. The sheep were all young and will make quite a showing with the others on the Herrling range.

Homesick for This Section.

Joe Crabtree, after spending two years at Astoria, threw up a perfectly good job to come home to Maupin. He drove through, arriving Tuesday night. Joe said there was no place like home and that he was homesick for old scenes and friends.

Domestic Department Supt.

Mrs. Susie Kelly has been named as sperintendent of all the Domestic Art departments at the coming fair in the place of Mrs. Bruce Hull, as printed in the premium list. Mrs. Kelly has made a great success as leader in Girls' Club work and is been chosed as executive head.

PICTURES TOMORROW NIGHT

Latest Story to Be Pictureized Will Be On the Bill; a Comedy Also

C. M. Plyler will be in Maupin tomorrow evening and will put on a motion picture show at the Legion hall, the picture to be shown being a film version of Gene Stratton Porters great work-"The Keeper of the Bees." This is said to be the greatest story to be pictured this season and Maupin people are extremely lucky in being able to see it at this time. A two reel comedy fea ture will complete the bill.

After the show a dance will be given, for which the Rosebud Strollers orchestra, a well known Portland organization, will furnish the inspiration. Prices for the show will be 25 and 50 cents.

BOUGHT CHRISTMAS STOCK

Bates Shattuck Selects Holiday Line At Portland Last Week

Bates Shattuck and wife returned from attending Buyer's Week at Portland Saturday night. their return they stopped over night at Welch's, on the Loop road coming over that highway to Mau-While in Portland Mr. Shattuck selected a large and varied assortment of holiday goods and says his line this season will eclipse all former efforts to supply Christmas gifts for the people of Maupin and surrounding territory.

HINTS FOR HOME AND FARM

Mrs. Griffin has been confined to Some Useful Suggestions Beneficial to Housewife and Soil Tiller.

> Do as the Romans Did. Green manuring is one of the oldest methods used to maintain or or increase the productivity of the soil. The Romans used legumes, whch were sown in September and turned under in May for the benefit of the following crop.

Many Juices Make Vinegar Many fruit are well suited to vinegar making, as they contain sugar in the proper proportion and stances. The United States Department of Agriculture has published a bulletin on making vinegar at

Quick Breads

In making quick breads and cakes allow in general 1 to 11/2 teaspoons of baking powder for each cup of flour. Butter cakes that have a great deal of egg white may, however, need less. Pop-overs and sponge cakes are the exception and require no baking powder at all.

Kraut

Sauerkraut made in small quantities in the home may be preserved in the following way: soon as fully fermented, pack -in mason jar and cover with the kraut brine, or, if this is not posible, with a fresh brine made by adding one ounce of salt to a quart of water. Heat in a water bath until the center of the jar shows a temperature of about 160 dgrees F., then seal tightly. If stored in a cool place it wil keep for a year or more.

Some Salad Lettuce production has become an important industry in recent years. Shipments in 1924 filled

more than six times as many cars

After Death

The carcasses of diseased fowls should never be thrown where chickens or hogs can get to them, as there is much greater danger of severe infection from eating tuberculous or otherwise diseased organs of a dead fowl than from other sources.

Sells Garage Interest

Hugh Wood has disposed of his interest in the Maupin Garage to his partner, George Tillotson. The latter will conduct the business along the lines followed by he and Mr. Wood, taking care of all repairs, accessories, gas and oils, as well as continuing the selling agency for Ford products. Mr. Wood will assist in the car selling end of the business when he can tear himself away from his Shady Brook ranch, to which he will give his future attention. Mr. Tilletson is a general favorite here and no eminently qalified to have charge of doubt will receive the patronage the department of which she has his business methods warrant. The sale took place last Saturday.

LANDMARK SUFFERS **DISASTROUS BLAZE**

Fire Started In Attic From Defective Flue-Very Little Salvaged

MACHINE SHED SAVED

Shaniko Men Respond and Keep Fire From Standing Wheat-Mother Dog's Pathetic Efforts

One of the most destructive farm fires reported in this section occurred on the Moody Estate ranch on the head of Bakeoven Tuesday a. m. Th ranch is operated by A. J. Holt, who lost practically all his household belongings, clothing and bedding, the only articles to be saved being a small amount of bed clothes, a heating stove and a sewing mechine. Mr. Halt's loss is total.

The fire was first discovered at seven o'clock, when the roof was a blaze. The conflagration soon spread to lower floors, precluding the salvaging of any but the articles mentioned. The alarm was phoned in to Shaniko and soon help arrived, but the men were too late to do anything but prevent the fire from reaching a standing wheat field, in the center of which was a large

machinery shed. The buildings burned included the dwelling house, two large barns, in the mows of which were tons of hay, all the corral and barn yard fences, and two wagons with header boxes.

Before the fire had reached the barns all the harness had been removed to a place of safety. The place is a landmark of this

section. Long before a railroad was thought of around here the "Bakeoven" road house was a familiar and welcome stopping place for stages and freighters. It was headquarters for horse and cattle ranchdistance between Sherars Bridge and Antelope to make it an ideal stopping place for travelers. A large spring supplied all with pure water, and this was another thing which added to the popularity of

We understand the buildings had an insurance covering, but that Mr. Holt had failed to transfer his policy to his new location.

A pathetic incident connected with the fire was the frantic efforts of a mother dog in trying to rescue her puppies from beneath the burning dwelling. She tried many times to go to them, but each effort proved futile, and at last she was compelled to come forth alone, although she was badly scorched in attempting the rescue of her family.

CHURCH SERVICES

Preaching at 8:00 p. m. Preaching at 11:00 a .m. by Rev. Aldridge and at 8:00 p. m. by the

Sabbath school 10:00 a. m. Prayer meeting Friday, 8:00 a. m.

The Ladies' Aid is busily working for the fair sale on September 2, 3 and 4. So far the members have had wonderful success in soliciting articles to include for their stock.

Do not forget Sunday school. We have had no serious summer slump so far this hot season. Our average has been well around 30. Let's keep it there.

Wapinitia. Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. Preaching at 11:00 a. m. No evening service.

Our Sunday school is holding up fine. Let's not let it sllump. Attendance at Sunday school 26; collection \$2.17.

Driving New Star Car.

George Morris says the best is none too good for him, also that he considers the Star car the acme of perfection in the atomobile field. He has invested in another auto of that make and now drives about the niftiest boat in town for a small car.

Kelly Cyr and the Ellersick family have returned from an outing among the lakes in the Bend country.