

Grange Master Warns of Fight To Increase Bonneville Rates

The well-being of every Northwest citizen is threatened by the current campaign to force Bonneville Power administration to increase its rates, according to Morton Tompkins, Master of the Oregon State Grange.

"This is not a question of public versus private power. It is a move on the part of eastern and midwest industry to keep the Pacific Northwest in the status of a backward empire," he asserted.

"The standard Bonneville rate produced net revenues in excess of \$4,000,000 last year, which is at a rate more than ample to amortize the investment of the government within the time limit set and gives the lie to Representative Ben Jensen of Iowa and Robert Jones of Ohio who are spearheading the fight to have Bonneville's wholesale rate upped, claiming the rate to be 'obviously inadequate' to repay the cost of the project," Tompkins asserts.

"Low-cost power is the lifeblood of the Northwest's industrial economy. Without it, we will be at the mercy of the industrial empires of the east and midwest which have been built up through utilization of

resources of coal and oil which we in the Northwest do not have. And that is just where we will be if the group for which the Jensen-Jones combination is acting has its way. The balance of power is now in their hands and only the united action on the part of every Northwest citizen will prevent them from having their way," Tompkins concluded.

The Salem Sampler

By Ralph T. Moore
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A parody on an old Mother Goose rhyme would constitute a timely theme song for the State's capital city at this time.

Hark, hark, the dogs do bark;
The Solons are coming to town,
Some in rags and some in tags
And some in velvet gowns.

As the legislature organizes for work it looks to be one of the best ever. There is plenty of experience in both houses to steer proceedings and block unwise legislation. The voters retired many of the orators and there should be a maximum of action and a minimum of words in consequence.

This is being written before action on the projected changes in legislative procedure. By the time reaches print the will of the Assembly will have been made known. Several of the proposed changes are meritorious and would expedite legislative action if adopted.

The reduction in standing committees to a total of 24 will help to avoid vexatious over-lapping of jurisdiction. If implemented by adoption of scheduled forenoon sessions of committees the efficiency of committee work would be substantially increased. Afternoon committee meetings tend to drag whereas forenoon meetings would tend to keep testimony brief and to the point in a race against the clock. Members are also fresher in the mornings and more alert to grasp the import of offered testimony.

Another item of importance, in view of the congested hotel service, would be the enabling of witnesses to give their testimony in the morning and then leave for home in the afternoon. Those with experience in appearing before legislative committees will appreciate the financial savings and general advantages in this idea.

The suggested limitation of seating

capacity in Senate and House to members, only, during business sessions is causing much discussion. Each member has a secretary and the problem of what these 90 people are to do during business sessions in stormy weather has to be considered. State House seating capacity for spectators is limited and disposition of the secretaries would probably interfere with the desire of the public to attend sessions in which spirited debate takes place over controversial measures.

This writer sees little merit in the barring of secretaries. Possibly it might add to the appearance of dignity and seriousness. But the secretary, particularly if she happens to be your wife, invariably has more sense than you do about the proper length of your speech. The gentle tug on the coat-tail at the right time is more potent than an hour's impassioned oratory and it gets business done faster. One should never underestimate the power of a woman in such matters. Her intuition is a valuable asset that should be availed of.

It looks as if the pressure boys will be around as usual to lobby for their respective interests. As formidable an army of lobbyists as ever glared down from the balcony when a legislator zigged instead of zagged will be on hand to apply the heat. The leftist boys will be mainly on the defensive, a new role for them. Most of the offensive will probably come from the so-called right because of the feeling that the voters gave mandate in that direction.

It is not likely that aggressive lobbying will get anywhere at this session unless amply supported by facts. It will be unusually difficult to goldbrick this legislature. Its members know their respective businesses and are definitely not in the mood to be pushed around by anybody.

Entertains Club

Friday night, Mrs. Jean Bryan entertained the "Sew-Said" club. The evening was spent in sewing and conversation. At a late hour refreshments were served. Attending were Lurene Laird, Dorothy Harris, Glenda Moy, Doris Sayre Ann Kamph, Marion Adams, Audrey Mattoon and Markie Sherrill.

Hi-Times In Contest

Copies of this year's Coquille high school paper, The Hi-Times, will be entered in the February judging contest of the high school publications of Oregon at the University of Oregon School of Journalism contest next month. Editors of the Hi-Times are Lois Hansen and Bonita Miller.

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