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To the Editor:

Friday, April 8th having been designated as the election date when the voters are to determine whether or not the seven county district for public distribution of power shall be organized, the sponsors desire at this time to express their appreciation and gratitude to all who assisted in getting this on the ballot for the voters approval.

Since Bonneville was built with public funds and fifty per cent of the product is reserved to the public for a limited time only and construction of transmission lines is about to commence, we trust there will be a big vote in favor of the district, so we may be one of the first to take advantage of the cheap power.

Of course, it may be expected that private and selfish interests, long accustomed to reaching rich rewards, will employ clever art and political propaganda to defeat the formation of the district, especially between now and election.

Already we hear much clamor against holding a special election, claiming excessive costs, even though they well know it only requires one judge and two clerks at each polling place; each receiving \$3.00 per day. A small cost indeed when compared with litigation costs which might ensue if the election would have been in the May primaries and the regular board should inadvertently permit unauthorized voters to cast their ballots on the district organization.

Even though the cost of a special election be small, the sponsors will be only too glad to cooperate with the county Courts and volunteers, where possible, to act as clerks and judges and to arrange to get as many polling places as possible rent free.

Shrewd observers realize it is not the costs of a special election which gives the power-harmon the jitters, but they hate like poison to meet this issue in a special election where only the one question of "public distribution of power" is involved. The records disclose that when the utility groups desired to put over one of their pet schemes they invariably resorted to special elections because they dislike to have their plans embroiled in political scrambles. In one instance they contributed nearly \$40,000 towards the expense of a special election held a few weeks before the primary election.

You see they object to the common people taking advantage of past experiences. Naturally they prefer to contest it in the primaries, when they are on the opposing side, knowing it will then become a political football, smeared with political mud, cross-fired political hatreds, their almost certain to become the victim of misunderstanding and political prejudices. A contingency every honest person should guard against.

You will remember when the first steps were taken to organize the district the power-boys accused us of desiring to make public distribution of power a political football which we denied; and as far as it is within power we are determined to keep our pledge with the public and make our word good.

We note that in an attempt to embitter the tax payers it is being urged that no provision will be made to replace the taxes paid by private concerns. This, of course, is an unwarranted and despicable accusation, since every power-barron knows only too well that the public owned plants invariably have contributed more liberally from their gross earnings towards the tax-load than private utilities; in some instances relieving real property of all taxes.

It is noteworthy to observe that in making its final report on the seven county district the Hydro-electric Commission estimated that it would require 7.09 per cent of the revenue dollar to replace the taxes now paid in the district by the companies. The Tacoma public plant contributes 10.5 per cent. Besides, the utility spell-binders very cunningly refrain from disclosing that when the taxpayers save on their electric bills they will have more money with which to pay taxes. Private concerns only pay taxes with the money they collect from the taxpayers. The amount the taxpayers will save in one month by lower rates will more than pay for the special election. So every day gained in organizing the district is a distinct advantage to every taxpayer as well as to every domestic consumer of electrical energy.

(Signed.)

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The "letter" from the committee promoting the Seven County Utility district is printed that our readers may have an idea of what is going on, rather than because the management of this publication is in sympathy with the movement. Many times we give space to ideas that are widely at variance with our views but in the interest of fair play and to keep our readers informed of what is going on in the minds of people.

The paragraph about the costs of special elections is quite insidious. They seem to infer that boards on special elections are much better qualified to judge the qualifications of voters. We wonder why these "special boards" should be so much better informed. And as to the sponsors being volunteers to be clerks and judges of the election, we believe that such a proceeding would be much like making the candidates at the regular elections the judges and clerks of the elections where their names are on the ballots.

An appeal was made to protect the "common people" against the power barons. They speak of political footballs, smeared with political mud and cross fired with political hatreds. They say that "public owned plants have contributed more liberally toward

LITTLE MOMENTS IN BIG LIVES



DANIEL CARTER BEARD, NATIONAL SCOUT COMMISSIONER AND HONORARY VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, STARTED SCOUTING FOR A FISHING HOLE ON THE OHIO RIVER NEAR COVINGTON, KY. DURING THE CIVIL WAR.

the tax load than the public utilities." We would be led to suppose that it was the "power baron" were the ones who saddled the bonded indebtedness on Beaverton to put in our late Bull Run water system! And to date, we have not heard much of the great amount Forest Grove's electric plant has turned into the city treasury.

Those who signed the letter, we believe are conscientious, honest, citizens. They believe that the utility district would be a good thing for the country. But, experience has pretty well demonstrated that public ownership of public utilities has not proved any great boon in this section of the country.—The Editor.

URA LYRE'S OWN COLUMN

Well, Ura Lyre has been taking a leap—and he has not leaped into the lap of luxury. His last jump landed him in Chicago and the first man he encountered—one at a filing station at which he halted, announced in practically the following words:

"I am thoroughly disgusted with this administration. I thought when Roosevelt was elected we were going to get somewhere, but now though big banks can loan the government huge sums of money and make a profit from that while small business and the people generally can get nothing to carry on with. I am thoroughly disgusted with this administration."

Today we rode several miles on the street car—seven cent fare, too, from one end of the city to the other—and not a smile did we witness during the whole distance, going or coming, just glum gloom and dejection from first to last, rather than head-up cheerful vivacity. Some were just fairly well dressed, but many were far from that. It is time the ones who ride in automobiles will average better dressed, but to one who saw Chicago in the old days, it

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN

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is surprising there are no more vehicles moving about than there are. Another thing there is to be noticed is the old time buildings. Many an old brick needs to be torn down and better ones erected, or, at the least, should be brightened up. One more condition however is, as it was in days before the war: that is the number of slop houses. It is nothing uncommon to pass three or four to the block along some of the main thoroughfares where their wares are proclaimed with bright and flashing lights.

Portland is a great city, but the Roosevelt times are hitting it plenty, and generally little construction is being done except in the suburbs. In the large inner portion of the city where so much of the building was done a half or two-thirds of a century ago, it is to be expected that many structures are not up-to-date and attractive. Many a place is vacant along the less choice streets, and there are numerous vacancies in business locations even on others. Naturally dwellings in a city

The SNAPSHOT GUILD

"BACKGROUND" TROUBLE



The sky makes an excellent background for pictures of people. But don't tilt the camera too sharply!

IN YOUR snapshots of people, do you ever run into "background" trouble? That is, do the backgrounds in your pictures tend to attract more attention than the persons in them?

This is the case in a great many amateur snapshots, and the reason is simple. Many snapshooters concentrate all their attention on the person or persons they are picturing, and forget that there is a background. But the camera doesn't forget—it obediently takes in everything at which it is pointed.

The background is just as important as the person in a picture, and should receive just as much attention. Particularly does one need to take care that the background is not obtrusive, and does not "steal the show" from the person pictured.

In the summer time, the "worst offender" in backgrounds is spotty foliage, such as trees or foliage with light shining between the leaves. Backgrounds of this sort tend to show up as strong black with splashes of strong white, and prove quite distracting.

John van Guilder

ten times the size of Portland would seem cramped for space to those not accustomed to it. Old style houses are also much in smaller cities in the Sucker state.

Their opinion of us.

The following is from an article which we are informed recently appeared in the London Sphere. We do not say they faltered, even though they did call our politicians statesmen.

"The U. S. contains 6% of the world's area and 7% of its population. It normally consumes 48% of the world's coffee, 53% of its tin, 56% of its rubber, 21% of its sugar, 72% of its silk, 36% of its coal, 42% of its

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ARE YOU ONLY A THREE-QUARTER WIFE?

MEN, because they are men, can never understand a three-quarter wife—a wife who is all love and kindness three weeks in a month and a hell cat the rest of the time. No matter how your back aches—how your nerves scream—don't take it out on your husband. For three generations one woman has told another how to go "smiling through" with Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It helps Nature tone up the system, thus lessening the discomforts from the functional disorders which women must endure in the three or four of life: 1. Turning from girlhood to womanhood. 2. Preparing for motherhood. 3. Approaching "middle age." Don't be a three-quarter wife, take LYDIA E. PINKHAM'S VEGETABLE COMPOUND and Go "Smiling Through."

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