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HOOVER FAVORS UMATILLA RAPIDS

Senator McNary Has Interview With President Relative to Project.

A Washington, D. C., special to the Morning Oregonian says the Umatilla rapids power project on the Columbia river will have the support of the Hoover administration providing certain conditions regarded as essential to its success can be met, according to the impression gained by Senator McNary.

McNary found the president interested in the future development of the Columbia river for both navigation and power purposes, with water storage for irrigation as an essential part of any hydro-electric project. In point of importance the president is said to regard improvement of the Columbia as ranking next to Boulder dam on the Colorado and Muscle Shoals on the Tennessee river.

Before the federal government can take up in detail important questions concerning the Umatilla rapids project, such as generation and sale of power or lease for private operation, or extent to which the Columbia may reasonably be canalized, several kinds of information will have to be obtained, and President Hoover is understood in his talk with the senator to have expressed hope that local agencies could be relied upon to supply part of the essential data.

The report of the army engineers who have spent more than two years on a complete survey of the Columbia's possibilities from the viewpoints of power development, navigation, irrigation and flood control, is due to reach congress early next year, probably in January or February. It will furnish a foundation upon which a case for the Umatilla rapids can be built, but much additional information will undoubtedly be demanded by the interior department, which must eventually recommend a hydro-electric project if it is to be approved by congress.

Before the Boulder dam project was put up to congress, California and other states of the Colorado river basin had definitely shown that they would be able to use all of the power proposed to be developed. A similar statement is desired for the Umatilla rapids, and the board of army engineers, before recommending canalization of the Columbia for navigation, will want to know how much freight for water movement would be tributary to the whole project.

Furthermore, estimates in both cases will have to be prepared in detail, showing how much power can be contracted for immediately and how much more would be used as soon as cheap rates served to attract more industry; also how much freight would be forthcoming from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana for water movement to seaboard, now and later.

President Hoover is understood to have emphasized the need of such data in his discussion of the practicable side of the Columbia river development. The federal government, if his views are interpreted correctly, asks first of all that it be convinced by actual proof of justification for any project, whether it be one of river or power development.

Sectional responsibility is no small one in the case of a projected plant capable of producing 450,000 units of continuous primary power, for all of which an outlet must be found if the cost of energy is to be maintained at minimum, it has previously been pointed out by government officials who have made surveys of both the Boulder dam and muscle shoals projects. Unless night-time service, when municipalities would keep the plant operative by their consumption of power, could be supplemented with day-time industrial demand, capable of keeping the plant in steady operation, the price of power generated at Umatilla rapids probably would not be less than three mills, it has been estimated.

Governor Grants Stay of Execution of One Week For Clark at Walla Walla

Walla Walla.—Preston Ray (Slim) Clark will live at least a week longer than he had expected, Superior Court Judge John L. Sharpstein being informed over the telephone that Governor Roland H. Hartley will relieve Clark for a week while a commission is investigating his sanity. Clark was under sentence to die this morning for the murder of Alpheus Bidwell. Judge Sharpstein called the governor and asked for the reprieve.

A commission of physicians began the work of studying Clark, the group being named by Judge Sharpstein in response to a petition filed in court. The board is composed of Doctors H. R. Keylor, Roscoe W. Smith, Frank C. Robinson, J. T. Rooks, Harry C. Cowan and E. L. Whitney. This board is to report in writing at a time to be decided later by the court and it is planned that a formal hearing will be heard Tuesday, July 15 at which time testimony will be heard.

Judge Sharpstein in announcing his decision said that the state presumes that Clark is sane and it will be necessary for Clark to prove himself otherwise. Testimony must deal solely with facts, and opinions will not be considered, he said. Further, he said, unless he can be convinced otherwise, no alienist, or layman, will be permitted to answer any hypothetical questions regarding Clark. Testimony as to anything out of the ordinary which Clark has said or done, will be permitted.

Judge Sharpstein remarked that he had made a careful study of the question of epilepsy and had come to the conclusion that epilepsy does not denote insanity.

He said there will be no hearing this week, because the reprieve will permit more time being given.

The doctors named to the commission were notified Monday evening of their appointment, and went to the prison Tuesday morning to talk with and study Clark.

Paris Dormitory for Americans



Scene at the official opening of the American Students' house in University City, Paris. The building will provide dormitory and social headquarters for 200 American students in Paris universities and schools.

Pendleton Quadrangle Is Provided For; Map Will Cover Large Territory

Salem.—Completion of the Pendleton quadrangle is provided for in a contract entered into between state engineer Rhea Luper and the United States geological survey.

The topographic map will cover an area of approximately 820 square miles, including, among other, the cities of Pendleton, Athena, Adams, Umatilla, and most of the Umatilla reservation.

The larger part of the Umatilla county wheat area is within the quadrangle. The cost of the survey will be \$11,500, divided equally between the state and the government.

Twenty Year Old Egg

Down in the low window at Gallagher's Garage is a 20 year old ostrich egg, or at least the 20 year old shell is there. Mr. Gallagher got the egg 20 years ago from an ostrich farm in California. Explaining the circumstance of receiving the egg, Mr. Gallagher revealed that he knows something about the habits of the big birds. Once mated, a pair of ostriches go through their lives together. The mother bird during the incubating period, sits on the nest during the day and the male bird takes her place for the night. When the chicks come off there are extra eggs to be broken for their food and the hen goes off visiting leaving the male to raise the family.

Aviator Tex Rankin Has Piloted 600,000 Miles

Portland.—Fifty-six times around the earth at the equator; one million four hundred thousand miles!

That's the impressive total of miles flown in airplanes by three flyers of Portland in the Pacific Northwest. Tex Rankin, the veteran of the trio and the one who taught the other two to fly, has more than 6000 hours in the air in the 12 years he has been flying, making an impressive total of 600,000 miles. Art Walters, whom he instructed eight years ago, has 4000 hours or 400,000 miles; and Dick Rankin, Tex's brother, in his class eight years ago, also has 4000 hours or 400,000 miles in the air.

Last week the three flyers—all instructed students in the Tex Rankin School of Flying—checked up on their hours and found that they probably have the most hours in the air of any three men who started flying in the Pacific Northwest.

After two years of flying in France and England during the war, Tex Rankin returned to Spokane, Washington, to start his first school. It was there that he taught his two assistants to fly in an old war-time Jenny. Later he moved to Portland—seven years ago—and has operated a school continuously here ever since with "Dick" and "Art" as his instructors. Among the three of them they have turned out hundreds of students. They are known as the Three Horsemen of the Air.

Extension Service Finds New Methods Effective; More Service Planned

Oregon State College.—Radio and the movies, recognized as two of the most important factors in education of the general public, have become so important in the program of the Oregon State college extension service that it has been found necessary to conduct them under separate divisions, announces Paul V. Maris, director.

Not many years ago these were minor elements in a department of information and exhibits. Today the college radio station KOAC has become probably the most important public owned station on the coast, while the demand for educational motion pictures has grown to the point where the college maintains the largest movie reel library in the northwest.

W. L. Kaddery, formerly head of the department of information and exhibits, has been assigned to devote full time to his position as program director of KOAC. U. S. Burt, formerly Kaddery's assistant, has been placed at the head of a new project in visual education in charge of lantern slide and movie distribution, preparation of charts and general oversight of college exhibits.

Last year more than 100,000 persons viewed educational films and slides loaned free by the college through parent-teacher associations, granges, Smith-Hughes teachers and the extension staff.

Many Unemployed Men Found In This District

M. Donald, of the Pendleton employment agency stated to the East Oregonian that at the present time there are a large number of unemployed men in the wheat district, estimating that there are four men for every job.

"The whole structure of wheat operations here is based upon a selling price of about \$1.25 per bushel," Mr. Donald said, "and at the present price of almost half that some readjustment must take place in the way things are run on the ranch." Owners of farms are having to do more of their work themselves, and allow other work to go undone until wheat sells at a better price. Curtailment of expensively operated farm machinery must and is taking place. One indication of the change, Mr. Donald pointed out, is the great over supply of cooks available this year, caused by farmers' wives doing the cooking for the harvest crew. Last year, he said there were not enough cooks to supply the demand for them.

Wages are not so much lower this year as might be expected, and farmers are quite generous in giving the men they hire a fair wage, Mr. Donald said. While the price of wheat has dropped almost half, wages have only dropped on the average of about one dollar a day.

Bogus Cloth Peddlers May Come Out This Way

Look out for these fellows; they may strike Oregon. The National Better Business Bureau of New York sends out warning that touches a swindling scheme that has been featured for years but is now even more impressive than ever before, since a new high tariff bill has come into the commercial life of the nation.

A nation-wide warning is going forward to industrial employes regarding the "whispering peddlers" of woolen goods. In this scheme the peddler has several pieces of suiting materials, in suit lengths, on his arm. He tells his prospect that they were smuggled into the country and since he is short of funds he will sell "the genuine English materials" at about half what they are worth.

These goods are made right here in America and frequently they can be found in suits selling at low prices.

Burned Bridge Causes Wreck

A Union Pacific express train was wrecked on a burning bridge near North Powder, Saturday night. Train crew and passengers escaped injury, when Engineer Root clamped on the brakes with a suddenness that piled up a part of the train crosswise. The big \$100,000 passenger engine hung to the bridge and balked all efforts of the wrecking crew to dislodge it.

DePew Is Belt Winner

Kenneth DePew, Long Creek cowboy, won the all-around championship at the Ukiah cowboy convention by taking first place in bucking and roping contents and second for relay and pony express. Merl Swaggart, grandson of A. L. Swaggart, was first in the relay race and third in the pony express.

Helped With the Show

Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Baker and Miss Sadie Pambrun attended the cowboy convention at Ukiah over the Fourth. Bryce assisted materially in putting on the show, which he says was one of the best the Ukiah bunch have ever put over.

GASOLINE WAR FILLS BARRELS

Bottom Touched at 10 Cents per Gallon at Filling Stations Here.

They came, they saw and bought it—gas at 10¢ per gallon.

The gasoline war struck Athena with a bang at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening, when Standard and Shell lifted the lid off and retailed gas at filling stations for 10¢ per gallon, a flat drop of six cents, from 16 cents, the previous cut price.

All night long farmer trucks loaded with empty barrels, drums and cans, drove up to Standard and Shell pumps and loaded up with the low priced fluid. At 7 a. m. Wednesday morning, Standard was out of gas, having sold approximately 3,600 gallons, and was out of the game. Shell quit delivering to Hoffman's Garage and Huggins' Service Station at 11 p. m. Tuesday night, but resumed delivery Wednesday morning.

Conoco and Union were tied up all of Tuesday night, but Wednesday they met the 10 cent price and released gas from their big storage tanks at their local plants through the pumps at the Athena Service Station and Gallagher's Garage, and lines of trucks continued to cart away cheap fuel for approaching harvest operations, for the automobile, for the jitney and for the gas engine at the home well.

All sorts of receptacles and containers—no tomato cans were in evidence—were used to receive the cheap gas. Mostly the standard oil drum, racked in tiers on farmer trucks were used, but Jimmy Lieualen of Adams, showed 'em and how, by trailing an old horse-delivery Standard Oil tank, 700 gallon capacity, up to a filling station and they pumped it full.

No certain angle can be seen for the gas war. For several days the price had stood at 17½ cents per gallon, and then with a rush zoomed to 10 cents. Automobile owners and farmers met it with a smile, bought liberally and wouldn't mind if it happened every once in a while.

Miss Pearl Green Is Bride of LaGrande Man

The wedding of Miss Pearl Irene Green and Mr. Leo Lewis Hawes was solemnized Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Presbyterian manse in La Grande, with Rev. J. George Walz officiating. Witnesses for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lynch and Mrs. Walz all of La Grande.

Miss Green is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Green of Athena and is a graduate of the Athena high school, class of 1929. Since that time she has been employed with the Modern Laundry of La Grande.

Mr. Hawes is the son of Mrs. Joe Oliver of La Grande and has been employed with the Mt. Emily Lumber Co., there since graduating from the La Grande high school in 1925. After returning from a short stay at North Powder the newlyweds will make their home in La Grande.

Indians At Cayuse Camp

The Umatilla Indians are holding their annual July gathering at Cayuse. The camp was established before the Fourth and the Indian celebration will continue for several days. Yesterday afternoon the big parade was put on in the presence of a number of white people, who viewed the spectacle with interest. There are 40 tepees on the camp grounds and about 500 Indians in attendance, including visitors from other reservations.

Mrs. L. D. Lively Dead

Mrs. Jennie Barrett has received a letter from Everett Lively, announcing the death of his mother, at South Omaha, on June 29th. Mrs. Lively was the widow of the late L. D. Lively, who was the cashier of the First National Bank of Athena in the early '90s. The Lively family resided on Fifth street, in the residence now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dell.

Beauty Shop Closed

The Harris Beauty Shop is closed for the present and will be reopened on the return of Mrs. Harris, who will finish her course in a school at Portland after several weeks instruction there. Miss Gladys Beem, who had charge of the shop for several weeks has gone to La Grande to operate a beauty parlor in that city.

Marshal On Vacation

Leon Miller, city marshal and water superintendent, has been given a 20-day vacation by the city council. Mr. Miller will spend a portion of his vacation in the harvest field, running a caterpillar tractor on the Harber ranch.

Walla Walla Elks Promote Out Door Opera, Red Mill

Walla Walla.—Walla Walla talent is again to appear in an outdoor opera. Under the auspices of the Walla Walla lodge of Elks 75 persons are nightly drilling for the signing of Victor Herbert's famous production, "The Red Mill." Net profits from the production are to be used for charity funds of the lodge which yearly spends thousands of dollars for relief work in this territory.

Howard Pratt, director for the Whitman conservatory of Music is directing the musical end of the program being assisted in the dramatic by Jimmy Wright and Joe Chamberlain, local business men who spent several years on the vaudeville and dramatic stages before coming to this city. Mrs. Hal Tilley is in charge of the dancing features.

The comic features of the Red Mill combined with its tuneful music are expected to make the production stand out above all other ever given here. This is the third time Walla Walla has staged such a production in the open. Pinafore and The Mikado were given several seasons ago. Like the Red Mill they were presented on the Whitman College campus. The current production is to be presented July 23, 24 and 25.

Power Shovel Breaks Down At the Nat Well

The power shovel broke down shortly before noon Monday while excavating in the new well at the Legion natatorium in city park. The shovel had just begun to make a showing in the work of removing mud and dirt from the bottom of the big well which is down to a depth of 15 feet, when the bucket broke. The machine was removed to Helix to resume road work there when the bucket will be replaced with a new one.

M. I. Miller, in charge of digging the well says that the work will be completed with man power, several men to be employed in the work.

The pool was filled for the last time yesterday with water from the city mains, warm weather and increased demands on the system for irrigation, precludes further supply for the swimming pool, so it is said.

A centrifugal pump, equipped with gasoline engine power, has been secured and will be used to keep the water down to a point where the workmen will be enabled to use shovels, and later when the well is completed, this rig may be used to pump the water from the well into the pool.

Harry Newberg Paroled

Harry Newberg of La Grande, one of the two hunters who mistook Leonard Olsen, of Wallowa, riding a white horse for a deer and shot him, has been paroled from prison by Governor Norblad, on recommendation of the trial judge, the prosecuting attorney, the jury members and a petition bearing the names of 1500 names. A committee headed by Mrs. Walter M. Pierce of La Grande, interviewed the governor in Newberg's behalf.

Worms On Shrubbery

An army of worms, similar to the common measuring worm is noted for the first time, feeding on shrubbery and flower plants. These worms spin a web and are found hanging from tree limbs. They feed on the tender leaves, and in some instances plants and shrubs have been seriously injured as a result of the onslaught made by the worms.

Milton-Freewater Tomatoes

The first tomatoes of the season from the Milton-Freewater district were shipped the past week and it is thought that by tomorrow carload shipments will be moving. It is expected that about 200 carloads will be shipped from that district this year, quite an increase over last year. All growers report good outlook for their crops and are very optimistic over the yield.

Grant County Stockmen Here

Herman Geissel and Glenn Arbogast, Grant county stockmen, came to Athena Sunday and visited relatives and friends. They returned to their ranch near Ritter Monday, taking with them a new International binder which they purchased from Rogers & Goodman. Bryce Baker took the binder to Ritter on his truck.

New Trail At Ukiah

Construction of a new forest trail, approximately 15 miles long in the Ukiah district was started Wednesday. Five men are now employed in making the trail, which will be of great advantage to forest rangers, and hunters with pack horse outfits going into the hunting country which the trail will open up.

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Cowboy Convention

The annual cowboy convention, held at Ukiah July 3 and 4 was well attended and the rodeo program, including the races, was even better than given in former years. Quite a number of Athena people drove to Ukiah for the occasion and all report that they were well repaid for the trip. Perhaps the most interested spectator in the Athena group was the Press man's young friend, Bill Richards. Bill is a lover of horses and is the owner of three sleek, beautiful ponies with which he spends the greater part of his time.

Painting Reservoir Roof

J. W. Pinkerton, chairman of the city council water committee has been engaged this week in repainting the roof covering the reservoir of the municipal water works.

Pacific Tel. & Tel. Adds Japan and China to String

Telephone service to Hawaii, Japan, China or any of the other countries or islands bordering on the Pacific ocean, now is assured, according to word received by J. A. Murray, manager from E. D. Wise, vice-president and general manager for Oregon for the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company.

This was made known following the application of the American Telephone and Telegraph company for a construction permit to erect a short wave radio telephone station in California.

By 1932, according to the plans, customers of the Mutual Telephone company of Honolulu will be within voice range of telephones within the United States. Then as the demands for service increase Bell system telephones will be connected one after another with far eastern nations through a combination of land wires and short wave radio transmission.

For Forest Improvements

An increase of \$100,000 has been allotted for 1930 for improvements on the 22 national forests of Oregon and Washington, according to regional forester C. J. Buck, Portland, Or. The total set up for 1930-31 for permanent improvements, outside of roads and trails, on the national forests is \$200,500. These funds are to be spent for a variety of purposes, such as maintenance and construction of telephone lines, fire lookout houses and towers, ranger stations, firemen's shelters and cabins, barns, tool houses, water systems, and fences.

Maxine Culley a Bride

Beautiful in its simplicity was the marriage of Miss Maxine Culley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sim J. Culley, and Robert V. Wood, solemnized Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, 236 Stanton street, Walla Walla, says the Leader. The impressive ring ceremony was read by the Rev. Robert Elmer Smith, pastor of the Pioneer Methodist church.

Rebuilds Combined Harvester

Rogers & Goodman mechanics have rebuilt an International Harvester for the Washington-Idaho Seed company, which will be used to harvest the seed pea crop in the Weston district and on the Barney Foster ranch, south of Athena. The header was reduced in size, other alterations were made and pea separating equipment was added to the machine.

License Plates Galore

The largest consignment of automobile license plates ever delivered at the Athena postoffice by parcel post, came in from Salem, Monday, states Postmaster Barrett. It seemed to him that every Athena automobile owner received his 1930 license plate in the shipment.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hill left Thursday for Lewiston, returning Sunday.