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IT MUST BE PROVEN

What may happen to Bonneville is going to be a question that will bother some citizens of the northwest for some time, if the decision of the appropriations committee in the house is indicative of the feeling of the entire congress.

News reports have it that the department of interior budget has been cut about 60 percent, a large part of which came off the appropriation for the Bonneville administration. The Columbia river project also suffered a big cut. The Deschutes project was not hurt.

It seems entirely possible that there is more to the story than the influence of eastern congressmen who want to cut appropriations to the western power systems to prevent removal of populations to this area. There is probably some private power company influence but it has not been so effective as the public power company influence for some time. Also there seems to be a general feeling that governmental provision for irrigation projects is not necessary as long as we are paying to prevent a surplus of some farm products.

A recent news story may explain a part of the cut for Bonneville. It tells of the trouble the committee had in getting information from Raver. Mr Raver should know that when he appears before a committee asking for money he should be prepared to tell how his last appropriation was spent. Committees are some what like bankers in that respect; they want to know what became of the last ten million. Perhaps properly so.

It is inconceivable that congress would handicap Bonneville so it could not operate. It might curtal appropriations so that expansion would be slower than the administration desires. It might restrict its development of power and let other agencies do the distributing of it. It certainly will do nothing so drastic as to prevent its operation.

It is not inconceivable that congress should call a halt on some of the reclamation projects that were in the interior budget. About two-thirds of the appropriation for the Columbia basin project in Washington was cut out. This is probably the Grand Coulee irrigation scheme that would irrigate thousands of acres of wind blown wheat land. If that be true congress is not so crazy.

The west, and its planned development by government aid, will surely be hurt whenever the federal income taxes are reduced. You can't make an omelet without breaking eggs, and you can't reduce taxes without cutting appropriations. Some westerners have come to believe that the only kind of progress worth having is in vast irrigation projects that will bring more people. Actually few of these projects have been paid out, and the people who have settled on them have not always been accepted by the first settlers of the district.

Trying to make alfalfa and tomatoes bloom where grease wood has barely survived is quite an undertaking and no one, government included, has done a very good job of it. The Mormons probably have the best record, a record that was made by staying pretty much to the river bottoms. It takes something more than a Chamber of Commerce to make an irrigation district pay.

If the action of the house committee serves to make the big irrigation boomers overhaul their plans it will probably be worth while.

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Frances Ekstrom
Geo. G. Updegraff
Attorney for Executrix,
Moro, Oregon 24-27

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County her Final Report and Account as administratrix, with the Will annexed, of the estate of Kathryn Kersey, deceased, and that Saturday, the 17th day of May, 1947, at ten o'clock A. M., of said day, at the County Courtroom, at the Courthuse, in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, has been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said Final Report and Account and the settlement of said estate.

May Kuks
Geo. G. Updegraff
Attorney for Administratrix with the Will Annexed
Moro, Oregon 24-27

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR SHERMAN COUNTY

Claud P. Bayer ---- Plaintiff
VS. Summons
Beth T. Bayer ---- Defendant

To Beth T. Bayer, defendant above named.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit for divorce on or before the 16th day of May 1947 being the last day of publication hereof, and if you fail to so appear and answer, the Plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in his complaint filed herein: to-wit:

For a decree dissolving the marriage contract, that now exists between you and the Plaintiff herein, and granting him a divorce from you forever. And further to bar you from any interest in his property, or other charges against him.

This Summons is served upon you by publication thereof once a week for four successive weeks in the Sherman County Journal, a weekly newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon by order made and entered herein by the Hon. D. N. Mackay, Judge of the above entitled Court, dated April 11th 1947.

The date of the first publication being April 18th 1947, and last publication being May 16th 1947.

Roy J. Baker
Attorney for Plaintiff
Residing at Grass Valley, or The Dalles, Oregon.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County her Final Account and Report as Administratrix of the Estate of Wilford Belshe, deceased, and that Wednesday, the 7th day of May, 1947, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., of said day, at the courtroom, in the courthouse, in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, have been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said Final Account and Report and for the settlement of said estate.

HAZEL BELSHE
Administratrix

T. Lester Johnson,
Attorney for Administratrix,
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From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

"As Homelike As a Barn"

Cy Hartman finally got his new barn painted, but plenty of folks had a hand in it. Whenever someone got a free day, or a little extra time, they'd come over and help out with paint and brush.

And Cy, to show his appreciation, held a big "barn warming" Saturday—for all the folks who'd helped him (but not barring those who couldn't). Ma Hartman supplied sandwiches, and Cy rolled out a mellow keg of beer.

You'd never think of a barn as "homelike." But with those lanterns hanging from the rafters; makeshift tables spread heavy with food; and Ed Carey's fiddle playing while the folks enjoyed their beer—Cy's barn was sure a mighty hospitable-looking place!

From where I sit, it's just about as appropriate to have a barn warming as a housewarming . . . if only because it's another chance to get neighbors together in a spirit of good fellowship.

Joe Marsh

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Where Does The Telephone Strike Stand Today?

Because you as a Telephone User, have an important stake in the issues we'd like to give some straight answers to questions you may have about the strike situation up to date.

1 *Why Is There a Telephone Strike?*

The unions made large demands. We could not agree to these demands but offered to extend contracts while bargaining continued. But the unions refused. We then offered to arbitrate the basic issue, wages. The unions again refused and went out on strike.

2 *What Are The Unions Demanding?*

They are demanding scores of changes in contracts which would, if granted, amount to an increase of more than $100,000,000 a year in the cost of telephone service.

This amount is five times our 1946 earnings.

It would make our payroll alone larger than all the money we took in last year.

3 *What do these Demands mean to Telephone Users?*

The union demands equal $45 per year added to each telephone bill . . . a 40 per cent increase in all telephone rates.

4 *How well are Telephone employes paid?*

Studies show telephone wages are in line with those paid for other jobs on the coast requiring similar skill and training . . . telephone wage rates now average 58 per cent above the 1941 level. Here are typical examples:

OPERATORS: Even a girl right out of school starts at a basic rate of $30 a week while learning – in small towns, $28 to $29. Actual earnings are higher due to overtime and premium pay. There are frequent pay raises, too. At the end of the first year the new operator can be earning over $1,900 a year. A supervising operator can earn over $2,700 per year working a 5-day week.

PLANT MAINTENANCE MEN: Actual earnings of many experienced men last year were more than $5,000.

The basic rate for inexperienced men is $34 at the start and scales up to $72. Overtime and premium pay are in addition.

5 *What other Benefits Do Employes Get?*

Among other extra advantages are paid vacations up to three weeks depending on length of service . . holidays with pay . . sickness and death benefits . . pensions . . good working conditions. And telephone work is steady work . . . the kind a person can count on.

6 *Why Can't the Company Agree To Union Demands?*

Wages and other costs of service are paid by the people who use telephones. We can't give blanket agreement to the unions' huge demands because we cannot justify them to our customers who pay the bill.

7 *How Has the Company Tried to End the Strike?*

We wanted to extend the liberal working contracts while bargaining continued. But the unions refused. We repeatedly offered to submit the wage question . . . the basic issue . . . to arbitration. But the unions continue to refuse. We have offered the unions a practical plan to settle the strike . . . a plan that is fair equally to our employes, investors, customers

8 *When Will the Strike Be Over?*

We don't know. But we believe that no matter how long the strike lasts, it is in the public interest to face it rather than to capitulate to the unions' huge demands which would require large increases in telephone rates.

Meanwhile we will continue to do our best to handle your calls.

Calls from dial to dial telephones, which make up the bulk of calls in many cities, are completed without interruption. Many calls which require the service of an operator are also being completed.

Many Telephone Company people are working days and nights on strenuous shifts to keep service going. They have been joined by many others who put the public interest first. We wish to thank the public for their helpful cooperation during this troublesome period.

The Public Interest Must Come First

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company