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**POWER FIGHT**

The offer of the PUD in The Dalles for the Wasco county and part of the Sherman county distribution facilities was not made entirely clear in the news. No one knows what part of the Sherman county system would be included in the sale or how the separation would be made. The history of such matters does not indicate that there will be any change made immediately. The company, if it answers at all, will ask a much larger price than offered. The condemnation case will go to the courts and it will probably be years before anything is decided—if at all.

The electricity used would be the same regardless of the name of the distributor. There is no way known to make one kilowatt better than another either by gliding one, packaging it in plastic or subtracting something from it. The customer, however, is greatly interested in the regularity with which electricity is delivered. So far the private company with a comparatively

old system has been doing a better job than the government with a new system. There are times when we could suggest improvements in the system, however.

It may be that the service is better since there is competition from the government. That could be true. If so, it is also true that service would be better if the competition of the private company was retained, for men who work for the government are subject to the same slackness as those who work for private companies—sometimes more if assured of a job. Government ownership is no assurance of efficiency with or without competition.

It is probable that the government agency is using the offer as a means of trying to get more customers in The Dalles where it is rumored that it has not done very well. It is said that the PUD is making more mistakes than the PP&L which seems unbelievable.

Some way should be devised to permit the voters to decide whether they want government ownership or private ownership of utilities. Now the government has the power of condemnation as a threat and unlimited power to borrow from a federal source already overburdened with debt and promises. For our part we'd rather see that million dollars spent for some guns to shoot North Koreans.

In any event it is unlikely that Sherman countians will have anything to say about it. Wasco county did get to vote on establishment of the government agency for power distribution. We will not. The towns will have no opportunity to buy the systems within their borders and set up municipal power units. If the government would do as it promised to do when Bonneville was started cities could buy power at \$17.50 per kilowatt year at the

bus-board right in town. In that case the cost of transmission would fall on Bonneville, not on the consumer. But it has not been done at least not in this section.

**SOCIAL SECURITY**

Soon the housewife will be paying "security" on her cook and the farmer will be sending in a check to the check-hungry government for a payment on the steady old hired man and business men will have to puntle over some two percent of his income to the government on himself.

That is the latest political gadget of the security minded bureaucrats. It will take in a lot of money which now is worth a little. And some of it will be paid out when it is worth less.

It is like chasing a will-o-the-wisp or more like a dog chasing his tail. The latter has long been considered a sign of internal disease on the part of the dog and it is just as true of the government.

Actually no government can assure security. Attempts have always inflated the currency so that the money returned is of little value.

Security for a whole nation can come from high production of the goods that people need for food and shelter and other accepted uses. A condition of high production does not come from forced retirement of men from productive ranks. It does not come from taking funds away from individuals who might use them for investment.

And above all security does

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not come from giving the people the feeling that the government is responsible for their welfare or food and shelter either in youth or age.

**NOTICE OF BOND SALE**

Bids will be received until the hour of 5 o'clock p. m. on the 5th day of September, 1950, by the undersigned, and opened thereafter by the City Council at the Council Chambers in the City Hall of Moro, Oregon, at a regular meeting of the City Council on such day, for the purpose of selling the \$8,000.00 issue of CITY OF MORO GENERAL OBLIGATION STREETS AND DRAINS IMPROVEMENT BONDS authorized at an election held on June 3, 1950, said bonds to be numbered 1 to 8, inclusive, in denominations of \$1,000.00 each, to be dated September 1, 1950, and to mature serially in numerical order at the rate of \$1,000.00 on the first day of January in each of the

years 1955 to 1962, inclusive, and to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 6% per annum. The interest on said bonds shall be payable semi-annually on the first day of January and July in each year. principal and interest payable in lawful money of the United States, at the office of the City Treasurer of City of Moro; said bonds to be issued pursuant to Chapter XVII, amendment to City of Moro Charter, and to Ordinance No. 128.

All bids must be accompanied by a certified check of 2% of such bid. The successful bidder will be furnished with an approving legal opinion of Messrs. Winfree, McCulloch, Shuler & Sayre of Portland, Oregon. The Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids.  
Ralph J. Busse  
Recorder, City of Moro, Oregon 41-3c

**NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT**

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the State of Oregon for Sherman County his Final Account and Report as Administrator of the Estate of James D. Kenny deceased, and that Monday, the 11th day of September, 1950, at 10:00 A. M., of said day, at

the courtroom in the court house, 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.  
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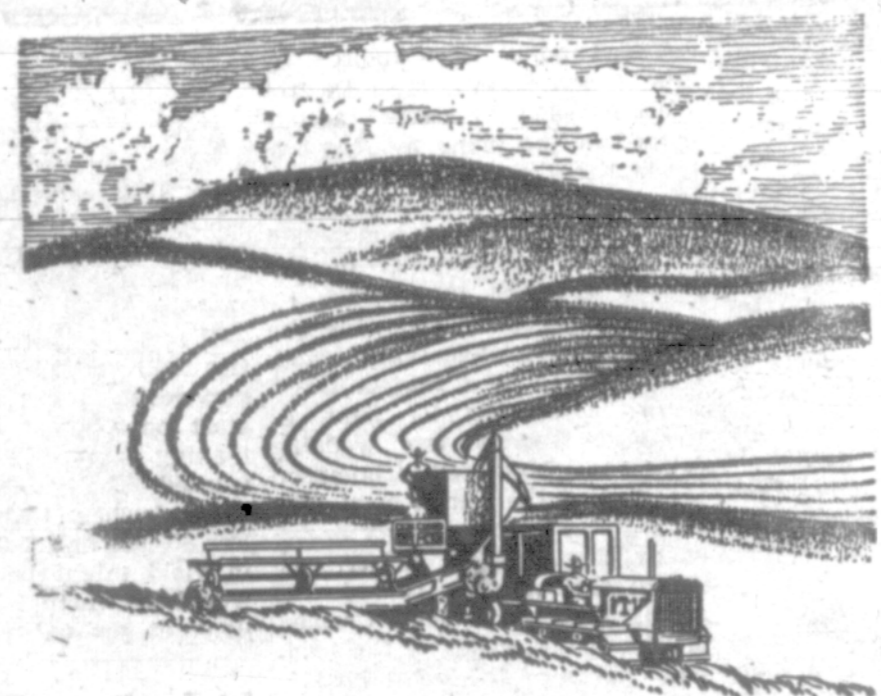
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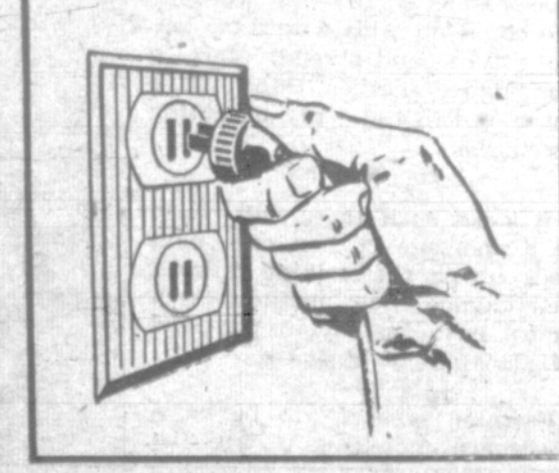
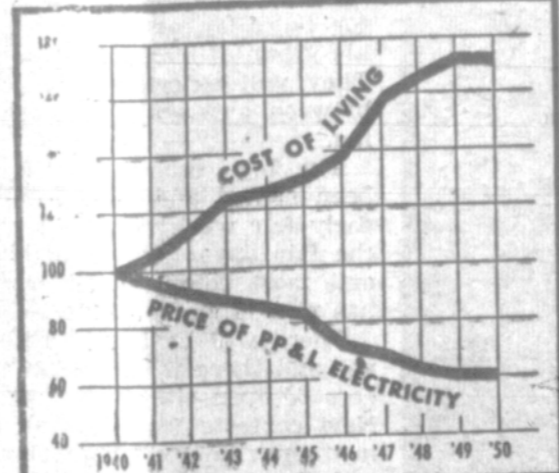
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