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MORE FISHING VISITORS

The decision of the Oregon game commission to try to get federal funds raised by the tax on fishing equipment to open the old railroad grade on the Sherman side of the Deschutes river to automobile traffic has been received with a great deal of interest.

Reason given by the commission was that there is a fall steelhead run. This may not prove to be the case although some few persons have caught quite a few steelhead in the Deschutes. When the number of fishermen is increased there may not be many steelhead for anyone. Despite statements by the game commission at hearings about upper Deschutes dams there are not many steelhead in that river.

The cost is estimated at \$90,000. It will involve the opening of a tunnel that is pretty well filled with rock. It is safe to presume that without scaffolding the rocks will continue to fall. The bridges will have to be rebuilt or repaired and the cost does not seem great for the work that will need to be done. After the road is once open there will be an annual upkeep that will very likely seem heavy by the commission for sudden summer floods or winter storms can wash such a road full of debris in a few moments.

Not many Sherman countians have been fishing this stream recently. There are not many fish in it although it is likely that the commission would plant trout if the road was opened.

Some would prefer to keep the present hazardous way of getting to the river and make occasional trips in the comparative solitude now possible while others would like an easier journey to fishing water. In either case no one will catch many fish out of the Deschutes.

BUILDING SITES

This legislature in its expiring days has again referred to the people the old question of whether or not it should be necessary to amend the constitution in order to establish a state institution anywhere but in Marion county.

It seems an archaic provision in a constitution but so far the people have refused to change it although they have on numerous occasions voted to build in other locations. This time the move for another vote comes from Portland which is anxious to have the hospital for aged built there and also to have a full-sized university in the city. There are good reasons for both.

Actually there are some excellent reasons why all state institutions should be together. There is a saving in administration; a decrease in travel with its sav-

ing in time; there is opportunity to see state officials in one place for the inquiring citizen. There is no less chance that the state will build new institutions because of political pressures with the people having the final say on such things. Now that Portland is to have so large a percentage of state legislators it would be doubly dangerous to permit the establishment of institutions without vote of the people.

HELLS CANYON DAM

Columnists and the less opinionated news writers are in agreement that the administration must soon make up its mind about Hells Canyon dam and either grant the petition of the Idaho Power company to use the Ox-Bow site or prepare to construct a dam on the Snake at a lower site, either Hells Canyon or Mountain Sheep.

If it was possible to put the dam at Mountain Sheep the Idaho Power company could still use the Ox-Bow site. But less storage could be obtained at Mountain Sheep and it is not considered so fine a site as Hells Canyon.

The main advantage of the Hells Canyon dam is that it would store millions of gallons of water that could be used to make electricity on every dam from the Snake to the sea. It would greatly increase the capacity of every Columbia river dam below the mouth of the Snake and aid the power output on Snake river dams as well.

It is not, therefore, merely a question of public and private power. This administration has chosen private power as a general rule, or so it appears. Yet, to permit one comparatively small private power company to utilize, in effect, a site of so much value to previously planned and built government dams doesn't seem advisable.

The Snake river flows in so deep a canyon that water storage there is easy and little of value would be destroyed. Its construction would go far toward preventing power shortages from lower Columbia river dams. Therefore, if the government expects to operate those dams at an efficient peak, it should go ahead with Hells Canyon.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The passing of J. O. Elrod in Portland (prominent real estate dealer) brings back memories of the days when he was a big booster for Sherman county and especially Moro. That was when Moro had growing pains, and was a bitter rival of Wasco, and this flared up, whenever they played baseball, so in the winter of 1903 (fifty years ago) J. O. said, "boys I am going to get up a ball team that will not only beat Wasco, but every team in the Inland Empire", and he did just that, spending money right and left for players from Portland and other places. There was two local boys on the team, Dolph Heydt played center field and I played short stop. When the season start-

ed, Moro won the first two games—and much gold. Everyone bet on ball games in those days. So when Wasco came up to Moro to play the third game, they brought a new team, including a pitcher, a right hand pitcher by the name of Calst from the coast league, and were so sure of winning, that they also brought along a lot of money to water on the game. Now the Moro people felt like it was Wasco's time to win, to they wouldn't bet. This caused the Wasco crowd to become very angry, and abusive, especially one by the name of Crosfield, who was a business man with the O. T. Company in Wasco, and he kept after Elrod till J. O. could n't stand it any longer, and he said "boys I am going up to the bank and get enough money to cover every bet on the ground". So he came back with \$500.00 in gold, 5s, 10s, and some 20s, and went through the crowd saying, "any more Wasco money, any more Wasco money, come on you fellows get your money up, I'll take all you got."

Well, "believe it or not" Moro got to hitting the ball in the 9th inning and won the game, and you never saw such a sick bunch, as those Wasco folks. I can see J. O. going around collecting bets, when he got his hands full, he didn't know what to do with the rest, and a bystander took off J. O.'s hat, which was a large beaver (the style then) and said here dump it in. When the hat was full J. O. paraded up and down Main street, showing everybody and finally came in to the old postoffice and said, "look here Mr. Parry what I have" and he dumped the money out on a table and gold pieces rolled every which way, some spilled off and rolled on the floor. What a sight that was.

Years later in Portland I used to go up to his office and talk over old times, and we usually got around to some of those old ball games, and one day he said to me, "Walter, I have made a lot of money in my time, but winning that ball game from Wasco, was my greatest thrill."

—W. F. Parry
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corner of Lot 5, Block 7, Town of Rufus Sherman County, Oregon, said point also being approximately 30 feet North and 1100 feet East of the North quarter corner of Section 16, Township 2 North, Range 17 East, W.M.; thence South 88 Deg. 34' West along the South boundary of said town of Rufus a distance of 429.93 feet to a point on the Easterly right of way line of the Scott Canyon Road, said point being 40 feet distant from (when measured at right angles to) the relocated center line of said Scott Canyon Road at Engineer's Station 6 x 67.57; thence Southerly and Easterly along said spiral of way line as follows: On a spiral curve to the left (the long chord of which bears South 10 Deg. 50' East 263.16 feet) a distance of 265.37 feet, on a 318.10 foot radius curve left (the long chord of which bears South 55 Deg. 30' East 303.24 feet) a distance of 316.00 feet and on a spiral curve left (the long chord of which bears North 86 Deg. 11' East 130.63 feet) a distance of 131.16 feet to a point which is 40 feet distant from (when measured at right angles to) said center line at Engineer's Station 14 x 50; thence leaving said right of way line and running North a distance of 432.29 feet to the point of beginning.

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Tract 2: Beginning at a point that is South 1 Deg. 26' East 50.0 feet from the southeast corner of Block 20 in Rufus, Oregon; thence running south 87 Deg. 22' West 171.60 feet; thence South 0 Deg. 13' East 221.40 feet; thence South 85 Deg. 41' East 169.0 feet, to the Westerly right of way line of the County Road; thence tracing the county road westerly right of way line in a northerly direction 229.0 feet, more or less, to a point that is North 87 Deg. 22' East 4.50 feet; thence South 87 Deg. 22' West 4.50 feet to a point of beginning; said parcel being in the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter (NW1-4NE1-4) of Section 6, Township 2 North, Range 17 E.W.M. in Sherman County, State of Oregon, containing 3.72 acres.

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taining 0.92 acres, more or less. The property will be sold in separate parcels. Dated and first published April 10, 1953.

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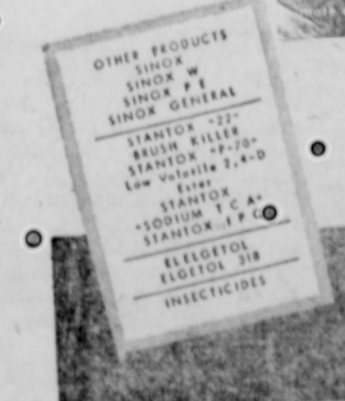
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Assets	
Cash	\$10,000.00
Accounts receivable	14,000.00
Real estate	87,125.00
Policy loans and premiums	1,928,575.33
Cash and bank deposits	305,292.08
Prepayments due and deferred (life and accident and health)	817,361.93
Interest and other investment income due and accrued	201,045.72
Other assets	199,801.84
Total assets	\$3,730,242.42
LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND OTHER FUNDS	
Reserves for life and accident and health policies	\$27,327,891.34
Policy and contract claims	828,829.44
All other liabilities	8,262,498.17
Total liabilities	\$31,419,018.95
Capital paid-up	\$1,000,000.00
Unassigned surplus	\$2,297,223.54
Surplus to policyholders	\$2,297,223.54
Total	\$34,730,242.42
SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS (Accrual Basis)	
Premiums and annuities	\$6,510,605.85
Commissions for supplementary contracts	283,410.11
Net investment income	1,031,256.95
Other income items	18,346.75
Total	\$7,850,628.69
Policy benefits	\$3,605,013.37
Payments on supplementary contracts	143,322.00
Dividends and interest	1,312,091.47
Increase in reserves	2,495,702.69
Commissions and general insurance expenses and other operating expenses	401.07
Dividends to policyholders	68,230.49
Total	\$7,625,422.05
Net gain from operations	225,206.64
Dividends to stockholders	
Other items affecting surplus and surplus funds (net)	
Total	\$225,206.64
INCREASE IN SURPLUS AND SPECIAL FUNDS	\$225,206.64
FOR THIS YEAR	
Gross premium and annuity considerations collected during the year	\$58,772.21
Dividends paid or credited to policyholders during the year	830.37
Gross benefits and claims, annuities, surrenders, and annuities paid during the year	\$4,108.22
Principal office in Oregon, Portland	