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JOHN DAY DAM

Congressman Coon has introduced a bill into congress for the immediate construction of the John Day dam. The estimated cost is \$310,000,000 of which the power unit cost is \$273,000,000 or 88 per cent of the total.

The bill presumes that the private firms contributing the \$273,000,000 will be willing to pay that amount of money for 50 years use of the estimated 1,000,000 kilowatts the dam will produce. Coon says he has been assured that the money will be forthcoming.

The dam will be built by the U. S. Engineers and will belong to the government. The private companies putting up the money are just buying the power for 50 years and paying in advance for it.

If the companies had other means of obtaining power it would be valuable for them to do so. But they have no assurance that that they can build any other dams and they know they are going to need more power pretty soon unless the trend changes. They have been balked at Pelton and have not yet received permission to build on the Snake below Hells canyon or on the Clearwater. If they are to stay in business they must arrange for more power.

Because of the preference clause in the Bonneville act the private companies cannot expect to receive enough power from Bonneville (which includes the whole government dam network) to supply their customers.

We do not know how much the total cost would be for the power companies but including interest during construction and until the \$273,000,000 is paid the power cost will be about \$500,000,000. If the river stays high enough to generate power at full capacity there will be around a million kilowatts to sell. Rates will certainly be set to permit some profit on it although they will have to be competitive with other power also.

The cost of transmission, of selling, of maintenance and of billing and collecting will run into quite a figure itself. Fifty years is a long time gamble and while we expect and hope that the North west will continue to grow it can hardly be expected that it will grow at the rate we have enjoyed in the past ten years.

Most of the argument against the bill is that no one should make any profit out of a natural resource. It is an argument that we consider to come from an ideal of pure socialism. If Americans had never made any profit from a natural resource there would have been little development of anything, land, timber, mines or any other. Making a profit is not seriously held to be immoral in this country.

It looks as if the government would fare better than the private companies in the Coon bill. It will get the dam back, power and all, at the end of 50 years and it is not expected that a well built dam will be useless by that time, especially as the private companies will be under contract to keep it up and in good repair.

It may be expected that power rates will drop in the next 50 years because they have been dropping steadily. The John Day dam is one of the better sites from a cost angle and power may be produced there at a figure comparable with Bonneville. If high cost dams, such as Hells canyon are built the cost of production may rise. The threat of atomic power and better steam plants, however, are expected to keep the price low.

Unless we are to be short of power in the Northwest some dams must be built. Here is a chance to get one built with a cost of only \$37,000,000 to the federal government which is a little short of ready cash at the moment. We hope the bill doesn't stir up the partisan political furor other proposals have done. That leads to delay and this is no time for delay on dam building.

Indians who fish at Cello will be playing their gambling games and roasting their fish at the same stand for at least another year. The road may cause a movement of buildings, but what is that in an Indian's life?

The Northwest and the entire nation will lose a distinctive sight when Cello falls is flooded and the long board stands of the Indians are washed away to be used no more. It has thrilled thousands of tourists to see them holding their long handled nets in the spray at the top of the rushing water and to note the ropes that tie them securely. When one falls into the water he is gone to the happy hunting grounds for there is no rescue.

In payment for this stirring sight we will have electricity and factories with whirling wheels that make things for sale so that those involved, workers and investors, may have money.

ANNUAL SESSIONS
At the end of any legislative session that runs to more than 100 days the workers of the group are very, very tired; the drones are bored. All of them are inclined to search for and grab any idea that might relieve the strain hereafter. That is the reason for the talk about annual sessions.

It is possible to conclude the work of any legislative session in shorter time but in order to do so it would be necessary to "take away some of the freedom of action of members. So far they are not willing. We do not know that they ever will be, nor that they should be.

A strong rules committee that would restrict the introduction of bills would shorten the session; giving authority to presiding officers to force committee chairmen to bring bills out of committee would shorten the session; encouragement of regional or political blocs would shorten the session.

Any of these would reduce the freedom of individual members and to some extent the "democracy" of Oregon's sessions—and it is cherished in some quarters; cherished more than fatigue is deplored. In order to shorten the session some authority must be given to some one or some group to restrict members to what the group interprets as necessary legislation.

made the falls and sent the fish be introduced, drag through committees, be debated on the floor and often passed. The reason is often: "It won't hurt my district and good old Joe wants it." Good Old Joe can ruin any representative government unless counterbalanced by enough tough so-and-soes. "Yes" men make the sessions too long. More "No" men would shorten them.

We have recently been in a political era in which we expect too many things to be settled by government, by legislation. When we become more politically mature and emotionally less dependent we won't need so much legislation. Until then we'll have to suffer through long legislative sessions and legislators will have to wear themselves out trying to solve our childish problems that we might better solve ourselves.

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OF INCREASING TAX LEVY OVER AMOUNT LIMITED BY SECTION II, ARTICLE XI, STATE CONSTITUTION

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held Monday, May 16, 1955, by the Rural School District of Sherman County, State of Oregon, in all component school districts of said Rural School District.

The election will begin at 2:00 p.m. and will be held in the school house in each of said component districts. The purpose of the election is to submit to the legal voters of the rural school district the question of increasing the tax levy for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1955, over the amount limited by Section II, Article XI of the Constitution.

The reasons for increasing such levy are:
The Rural School District base is too low to permit the raising of sufficient funds for operating the schools.

The amount of tax, in excess of the six per cent limitation proposed to be levied by the Rural School District of Sherman County, Oregon, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1955, is \$168,793.78. Dated this 13th day of April, 1955.

Attest
Charles Burnet
Chairman, Rural School Board
Wily W. Knighten
Secretary, Rural School Board

Clair L. Balzer
Sherman County Assessor
25-27c

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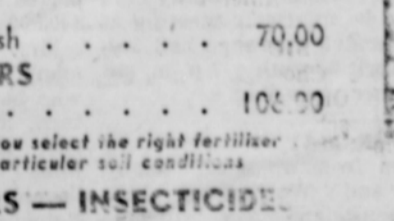
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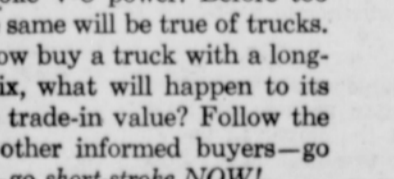
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