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REGIONAL POWER PLAN

The Pacific Northwest Public Power association has written a bill for authorization of Columbia river development that will probably be introduced in some form by members of the northwest delegation in congress.

Purpose of the bill is to establish a corporation with five directors appointed by the governors of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana and one by the president with wide authority over development of power on the Columbia river. It seems to this writer that Montana should not in its entirety be a member for most of that state is in the Missouri watershed.

The bill as written by the NWPPA, is pretty much a new deal document with broad grants of power to appointed personnel. As such it will have to be Americanized if approved. It specifies that it is to prevent monopolization and goes ahead to arrange for a monopoly by the corporation.

Whether by the northwest would be best served by a regional group to take charge of power already generated and to be generated is a question not very seriously discussed. Nor are the details of the plan well known. It might be the best course though we are building power dams about as fast as needed by present methods even though we are constantly told that we will be out of electricity soon unless the pace is speeded.

There are powers granted in this bill we do not think are necessary or advisable. We know of no reason why anyone suing the corporation should be jerked into federal court instead of a state court for instance. We know of no reason why "any agreement for the construction, operation or maintenance of any hydroelectric project by a non-federal agency shall be as favorable to the United States as if the project was constructed, operated or maintained by the corporation". That looks as if the corporation was intended to be somewhat dictatorial.

The bill contains the preference clause which seems designed to handicap those who from choice or necessity are users of private power. They would be the first restricted in the use of power and the first cut off in a power shortage. Private power users could only obtain a 20 year contract and that subject to cancellation. We do not think that advisable.

Although the bill provides for the payment of taxes, state and local, it would only pay taxes on the value of property at the time it was taken over. At John Day damsite, for instance, it would pay taxes on the valuation of the land before the dam was built. The county and the state would get no taxes on the value of the dam itself. That, we think is unfair.

But all these objections could be resolved if the congress should decide that a regional authority was the best way of developing power. Probably that decision will not be made—certainly should not be made—without the people of the northwest agreeing to it.

GOVERNORS' MESSAGES

We have read in entirety the message of departing governor Elmo Smith and the news report of the message of incoming governor Robert Holmes. Each states rather clearly the political philosophy of the men giving them.

Mr. Smith gave a realistic message based on his experience and his belief that the state should operate on a balanced budget. He ask for increased money for education, for new additions to the state institutions, for a change—but not repeal—in the relative responsibility law among less important things. He had provided the funds for all his requests.

Governor Holmes advocated in his message the things he promised in his campaign. His advocacy of a greatly increased school aid program will please teachers without obtaining the support of taxpayers who seem inclined to think that schools could absorb any given amount of money without improvement of quality. He wants a lieutenant governor which the people have rejected many times for what seems excellent reasons.

His objections to the multitude of boards and commissions is an

echo of the report of a committee that spent four years studying state government a few years ago. That committee proposed a reduction in the number of boards. Governor Holmes' statement that many boards come to represent the groups that sponsor them instead of the public is correct. It is not new. In fact, most of the boards were established for that purpose alone and it was so recognized at the time. The wheat commission, the potato commission, the optometry board, the medical board, all were set up to represent groups. And all do. That is expected and was expected at the time. The governor's proposal would force all such groups to take their problems to the governor whose authority—and job—would be greatly increased thereby.

Oregon does have a large number of "self-sustaining" boards that exist by collecting fees. They get no legislative appropriation although they do cost money. Members of the professions and economic groups represented asked for them. We doubt if state government can be performed without them. Nevertheless we do think there is some merit in the proposal to take a second look at them and perhaps reduce the number.

As for boards being formed to represent special groups the labor commission was formed to aid labor and perhaps the development commission was formed to help chambers of commerce and the Willamette Basin committee was formed to help that valley.

Governor Holmes seems a little anxious to obtain complete authority over state government. More experience may show him that the job is bigger than he thinks and that he will have enough to do as governor even with the aid of all the advisers he has on these several boards.

But the main problem the new governor has set up for himself is how to find the money to pay for the new, or larger, appropriations he wants. Former administrations have been so generous with public funds that the people are resentful about state taxes. It may be possible to talk them into still greater taxes as a means of solving their discontent but if the governor can do that he is a super-salesman.

JOHN DAY DAM

The president's budget made no request for the John Day dam. That in itself is another example of the disadvantage of political bickering over development of a natural resource. Last year the administration asked that John Day dam be built by a partnership arrangement and Democrats objected and were able to defeat the bill.

It may be that Democrats, in control of both houses, may be able to pass a bill for John Day but they certainly could not pass it over the president's veto which he might or might not invoke.

The Dalles dam is nearly complete, another year or so being needed to make it fully operative. The preliminary work is long done and the contractors and crews gone to other jobs. They would come back anytime but the idea, once had, that they would move from one dam immediately to the other didn't work out in practice.

But the point is that the battle between parties over development of a natural resource often results in serious delays. One wants the job done by government, the other by people. Our preference is always for people instead of government. We like them better; they are easier controlled.

An Oregon legislator is going to donate his wife's pay to charity. Nothing like a generous man. Before the session ends he may regret the gesture unless he is very, very rich.

Rufus Personals

Mrs. George Fox

The Moro grade school came to Rufus Friday for ball games. The girls volley ball game was very close with first one team ahead and then the other, but Moro was three points in the lead when the whistle blew. The score read Moro 13 and Rufus 10 points. The boys basketball game was easier won, and ended in favor of Rufus. The score was Rufus 31 and Moro 17 points. Steven Belloni was high point man for Rufus. Ralph Vrana is the Rufus boys coach. Jack Lloyd, principal of Rufus grade school officiated.

About three inches of snow surprised this community Sunday night. The snow fell on unfrozen ground, and will add a great deal to the farmers crop prospects. The snow melted a little Monday morning, but about an inch more fell that night. The temperature here was around 28 degrees Tuesday morning. The state highway snow plows and sanding trucks were at work keeping the roads open and safe for travel. The electricity was off an hour and a half Monday afternoon. Consequently, Rufus school children went home at 2 p. m. that day. The buses were running Tuesday; the snow didn't keep them from making the rounds.

Mrs. Durward Cummings was taken to the hospital Monday. Her mother Mrs. Sylvia Close of McCall, Idaho came to Rufus to stay with Chris and Timmy Cummings while their mother is in the hospital. Mr. Cummings is working near Missoula, Montana where he went after the Miller and Strong job at Rufus was completed.

Rufus grange and home economics club and families met Thursday evening with a dinner at the hall. The club furnished the roast pork which was deliciously cooked by chairman Mrs. Harland McDonald. After dinner was cleared away Mrs. McDonald called the business meeting to order. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Walter Morris with Mrs. Robert Byrd co-hostess. There will be a Valentine exchange. The chairman gave out the material for the new year books which were also passed around to the members. Most of the year's hostesses and places to meet were secured for the coming year. The menu for the Pomona grange dinner at Rufus February 9 was discussed and what each one would bring. The club plans a rummage sale again this year in The Dalles June 26 thru 29 if a place can be obtained.

The chairman appointed the following committees: year book, Mrs. Grace Medler, Mrs. Alta Smith and Mrs. Walter Morris; relief, Mrs. Charles Blake, Mrs. Dolph Baker and Mrs. Robert Byrd; program, Mrs. Sadie Rich, Mrs. Bert Swigart and Mrs. Joe Morris; historian, Mrs. Sam Brock and Mrs. George Drinkard; hospitality, Mrs. George Fox, Mrs. Atlee Wilson and Mrs. Walter Morris; membership, Mrs. Will Huck and Mrs. Harold Baker; decoration, Mrs. Tracy Fields and Mrs. Rolland Johnson.

Rufus grange held another card party in the first series at the hall Saturday night. Winning the pinchle high prizes were Mr. and Mrs. Atlee Wilson, low went to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blake. The canasta winners were Art Smith and Mrs. Sam Brock while the consolation prizes went to Sam Brock and Mrs. Mae Fowler. Supper was served by the ladies after the games.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Weatherford and family of Olex came Sunday for dinner at the George Foxes. They went home early on account of the snow.

A group of Rufus young folks enjoyed a sleigh ride Monday night in the new fallen snow.

Forms Important In Making Out Income Taxes

Like the golfer who scores lower when using the best possible form, you may be able to whittle your income tax by using the proper form.

It all adds up to this advice—which is just common sense and good business: Don't overpay your income tax.

Yet every year there are thousands of Oregonians who, for one reason or another, overpay.

The first step in taking advantage of the savings provided for you by the internal revenue code is to determine which form you should use.

Form 1040A the Punchboard Form The extremely simple form 1040A, designed for easy filing and speedy processing, is most likely to fill the bill if your gross income for 1956—consisting only of wages, interest and dividends—was less than \$5000, and if you had less than \$100 of gross income besides that listed in your W-2 withholdings slips.

However, you may cut yourself off from possible savings through use of form 1040A if:

- 1. You are "head of household" or a "surviving spouse."
2. You are entitled to special credits for dividends and retirement income.
3. Your itemized deductions (for contributions, taxes, interest, medical expenses, and the like) are above the 10 per cent of your gross income allowed by form 1040A.
Incidentally, if you use this form; or, for the first time this year, you may compute your own tax and either enclose the balance due with the return or indicate the amount of refund due to you.

Form 1040 Utilizing Short Form Tax Table This method is for persons with

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116 Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. N.G.; Vada DeMoss, Laura Grabenhorst, Secretary

Moro Lodge No. 113 I.O.O.F. Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in I.O.O.F. hall. Transient and visiting brothers are cordially invited. John Shipley, N. G. Leo Watkins, Secretary

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78 O.E.S. Meets every second and fourth Thursday in each month; visiting members invited. Moro, Oregon. Dorene Hall, W. M. Dorothy Heater, Secretary

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A.F. & A.M. Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us. Dean Pinkerton, W. M. Clyde Gilkner, Secretary

incomes under \$5000 who do not qualify to use form 1040A and who do not list actual deductions and compute the tax on page 2 of form 1040. They may look up the tax on the short form table provided in the instructions, which automatically allows for dependency credits and approximately an amount of 10 per cent of adjusted gross income for deductions.

Form 1040, Utilizing the Standard Deduction

If your gross income for 1956 was not within the limits for form 1040A or 1040 short form, you will want to use regular form 1040. A standard deduction of 10 percent of your income is available—and advisable as a money saver if your itemized deductions amount to less than that figure.

Even if you are in business for yourself, you may find it advisable to use the 10 per cent standard deduction after arriving at your adjusted gross income. You can deduct your business expenses on separate Schedule C to help arrive at your adjusted gross income on Page 1 of the form.

If you are an outside salesman, the same applies—except that you should attach a separate list instead of using Schedule C for enumerating expenses to determine your adjusted gross income for 1956.

If you are an employee with transportation in connection with your employer's business, and with meals and lodging while traveling away from home for your employer, you should itemize these "unreimbursed expenses" to determine your adjusted gross income. Then, you too should use the standard 10 per cent deduction unless your other deductions exceed the figure.

Form 1040, Itemizing Your Deductions

It is likely that you will reduce your federal income tax bill by using form 1040 and itemizing your deduction if you:

- 1. Had heavy medical expenses.
2. Had sufficient deductible child-care expenses.
3. Are an owner of real property.
4. Suffered weather, fire, theft or accident loss.
5. Made sizable contributions recognized as deductible.
6. Had certain unreimbursed expenses in connection with employment, other than transportation expenses and meals and lodging.

If you are not sure whether to use the standard deduction or to itemize, work out your tax both ways. Then use the method providing the greater saving.

Further information concerning the various forms is given in the instructions that come with them, as well as in special bulletins available from the internal revenue service. The IRS also provides some help and this year has established a telephone information service in some areas.

Internal revenue officials have repeatedly urged taxpayers to consult properly qualified advisers when in need of outside assistance.

MORO COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Russell Belshee, Sp't. Morning Worship 11:00 a. m. Sermon topic: "I Believe in the Resurrection of the body." 5:30 p. m. Westminster Fellowship

All are cordially invited to worship with us. Ernest C. Goodenberger, pastor

KENT COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH David Gaumitz, minister Carl Watkins, SS Sp't. Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Worship Service 11:00 a. m. Young folk's TNT group 7 p. m. Adult Bible Study (Acts 11) 7:30 "The Lord can't direct a man anywhere unless he starts." "As the Twig is Bent" A SS film to be shown at 7:30 p. m. Jan. 24. The public is welcome. The film will be shown by a representative of the American Sunday School Union.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE Mrs. W. M. Franklin, minister Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Morning Worship 11:00 a. m. Christ's Crusaders 7:15 p. m. Evening Service 8:00 p. m. Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Cargill of Colorado Springs, Colo., will be holding revival services from Jan. 16-27 with week day evening services 7:30. Public invited

WASCO METHODIST CHURCH Richard E. Bruner, pastor Church School 9:45 a. m. Morning Worship 11:00 a. m. "Life at It's Best" Youth Fellowship 6:30 p. m. Wednesday 7:30 p. m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

CHURCH OF CHRIST Harold Fowler, pastor Jerry Engberg, SS Sp't. Selma Watkins, pianist Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Morning Wprship 11:00 a. m. Youth Meeting 6:30 p. m.

WANT ADS

FOR SALE: Baker No. 2 potatoes \$2.75 @ 100, also U. S. No. 1 in 25 lb and 10 sacks. Call Gilbert 2-5486. 10-11c

WANTED: Well drilling, Machine now available. E. E. Shull - W. J. Rodda, Phone GI 2 5217. 9-12c

Custom Slaughtering by appointment only. Meat cutting, wrapping, sharp freeze. Kenny's Market. Grass Valley, Oregon. Call 242 for appointment. 7c

MONEY making opportunity for man or woman to call on farm families in Sherman county. Full or part time. Year round.

Dr. Otis G. Perkins Optometrist 405 E. 2nd St. (Across from Stadleman-Bonn Hardware) Phone 3362 The Dalles, Ore.

No experience required. Write McNess Co. P.O. Box 14, Bayshore Station, Oakland 23, Calif. 10-11p

STATE WIDE PAINT CO. complete painting and decorating services, spray or brush. Phone 3977 or 5293, 1205 E. 12th St. Vern Campbell and Jack Null, The Dalles, Oregon 3876n

FOR SALE: 3 registered Hereford bulls, one 5 in March, large, good, sound bull; two will be 2 in March and are in very thrifty condition, wt. at present approximately 1400 lbs. Price very reasonable. Phone 412 Grass Valley, Oregon. 10-13c

FOR SALE: One cat—choice of one D-6 Caterpillar, less than one year old, 620 hours, factory built cab, big front idlers, lights Beegee pump, \$11,000.00. OR Eegee of two TD-14s complete with cabs and lights \$4000.00 each; ALSO: one John Deere 14-foot disk killer plow, 24 in. blades. Contact M. M. Powell, Phone Jordan 5-3228. 11-14c

LEGAL NOTICES

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, his Second and Final Account as Administrator of the Estate of Chester B. Halfpenny, deceased, and that Monday, February 11, 1957, at ten o'clock A. M. of said day in the court room of the County Court in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, has been fixed by the Court as the time and place for said hearing of objections to said Final Account and for the settlement of said estate.

B. C. Baumgartner Administrator T. Lester Johnson Attorney for Administrator 10-13c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the Estate of Anna Medler Lee, deceased, are hereby notified to present them, with the proper vouchers and duly verified, to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Executrix of the Estate of Anna Medler Lee, deceased, at the office of T. Lester Johnson, attorney at law, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, to-wit: January 11, 1957.

LEONA F. SMITH Executrix T. Lester Johnson Attorney for Executrix 10-13c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the Estate of E. E. Barzee, deceased, are hereby notified to present them, with the proper vouchers and duly verified, to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of E. E. Barzee, deceased, at the office of T. Lester Johnson, attorney at law, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, to-wit: January 11, 1957.

MAX ELMER BARZEE Executor T. Lester Johnson Attorney for Executor 10-13c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the Estate of James W. Dyce, deceased, are hereby notified to present them, with the proper vouchers and duly verified, to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Administrator of the Estate of James W. Dyce, deceased, at the office of T. Lester Johnson, attorney at law, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, to-wit: January 11, 1957.

NORMAN E. FIELDS Administrator T. Lester Johnson Attorney for Administrator 10-13c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Iva Dams has been duly appointed as administratrix of the estate of Mary Lena Gibson, deceased, and has qualified as said administratrix. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present the same, duly verified as required by law, to the undersigned at the ranch of Iva Dams near Moro, in Sherman County, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, to-wit, December 28, 1956.

IVA DAMS, Administratrix of the estate of Mary Lena Gibson, Deceased. BROWN & VAN VACTOR The Dalles, Oregon Attorneys for Estate 8-11c

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 as Executrix of the Estate of Oscar N. Ruggles, deceased, and that Thursday, January 31, 1957, at ten o'clock A. M. of said day in the court room of the County Court in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, have been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing objections to said Final Account and for the settlement of said estate.

Allie Ruggles Executrix T. Lester Johnson Attorney for Executrix 8-11c

B.P.O. ELKS NO. 303 "BIG BROTHER PROGRAM" Cooperating with the American Society of Dentistry for Children - Announces POSTER & COMPOSITION CONTEST For Children - First Thru the Sixth Grades to recognize and encourage the observance of CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH WEEK FEBRUARY 3rd thru FEBRUARY 10th WIN 2-\$50 Savings Bonds 2-\$25 Savings Bonds CONTEST RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS * CHILDREN ELIGIBLE TO ENTER - Any student of any elementary school - Grades 1 thru 6 in Wasco and Sherman Counties, Oregon, and that portion of Klickitat County, Washington, East of the Klickitat River. *FIRST DIVISION - Includes Children, First Grade through the Third Grade. Two Savings Bonds of \$50 and \$25 will be awarded to the children making the best Posters of any size and color dealing with any phase of the Dental Health theme. *SECOND DIVISION - Includes Children from the Fourth through the Sixth Grades. Two Savings Bonds of \$50 and \$25 will be awarded for the best compositions of one or two paragraphs on Dental Health. NOTE - Parents may help children work out ideas, but the work must be done by the children. Contest starts now - all entries must be in by February 11, 1957. For further information - Contact Your School.

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