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EDITORIALS

"PUBLIC POWER FANATICS"

Bonneville Dam, according to its sponsors, was designed to bring a new era of civilization to the Pacific Northwest—at the expense of the general taxpayer, of course.

It made a fine story, but apparently a good many Northwesters took it with a grain of salt. The other day a special election was held in a section of Oregon to decide whether or not to create a publicly-owned utility district to build transmission lines for distributing Bonneville power. The largest community in the area is the city of Hood River, which is only a few miles from the dam. And Hood River citizens decisively voted to reject Bonneville power, and to keep on receiving service from the heavily-taxed, state regulated private utility which has long served the area cheaply and well.

As the Oregon City Enterprise says, "It is clear that hard-headed business men intend to retain public utility properties on the tax rolls, where they will share the burden of local government costs, as they should. Oregon counties, as voting units, have uniformly declined to fall into the embrace of public power fanatics."

In the meantime, it becomes more and more apparent that Bonneville is an enormously costly white elephant. The dam has been completed for some time. It was promised by its advocates that its completion would immediately result in tremendous industrial expansion in its area. But not a single important industry has settled there—and none seems to be even tentatively interested. The great dam isn't selling enough power to keep even a small stand-by plant busy.

So the public ownership experiment (Socialism) is leaving in its wake plenty of headaches for the sweating taxpayers who have been charged hundreds of millions to help advance the dreams of socially-inclined politicians.

So what? -

To use to the utmost your present opportunity is the only sure steppingstone to something better.—H. R. Hawels.

Marie Stone planning to attend picnic of the Just Right Circle in Medford this afternoon with Medford friends and was to meet them at 2 o'clock. All of a sudden Wednesday it dawned on her that it was time for picnic so she hurried to Medford. Later her son Neal stated to his father "Mother didn't go to picnic after all. It was the right hour but wrong day."

Elaire Leach wanting to know if she had her tonsils out would she stay in bed and have company and lots of flowers.

Fred Hesselgrave delivering a thresher binder to Mr. Byrd in Ashland so early Monday morning that Mr. Byrd could do a day's work with it, and each taking different roads. Mr. Byrd being down to the store a couple of times before they made connections.

If you hear some one driving around your house in the middle of the night, stop their car and begin to prow around with a flash light, don't be alarmed, it's probably only Jack Tharp fixing a telephone line.

George March giving the halls of learning a new coat of paint that will charm and astonish all who enter its portals in quest of knowledge.

Aileen Berry so entranced with the color scheme that she longs to be once more back in the grades, "Just to be able to study in such perfectly ducky surrounding."

Mrs. Moffatt doing her level best to reduce and delighted to learn that her efforts are not in vain.

Orville Caster dashing about in the company of a vicious looking snake which turned out to be the

product of a Chinaman's brain and not the real article as many deluded people were led to believe.

George Ford making wild passes with a spade in order to keep an unruly fire from leaping out of bounds, being gravely observed by the town marshal and mayor.

HE TALKS IN HIS SLEEP
To love you ever has been my lot, and are you worth it? I'll say you're not!

The Fleishers returning from a trek to the north, tired and wan but ready to enjoy the rest of the summer.

Pat Patterson becoming tangled up in the blades of a fan and discovering that he wasn't one bit tough.

Billy Abbott highhating the very people he used to speak to once in a while way last winter.

Shirley Kincaid being aided and abetted by the local police force in her attempts to gather some green but lucious looking apples.

Hal Jewett thinking that liver is good for kitties.

Mr. Alexander getting up at 4 o'clock this morning, closing his window, grabbing more covers, crawling back in bed and covering up his head.

Irish Lady Has Praise for Oregon

EVANSTON, Ill., July 17—"It was a distinct pleasure to visit Oregon after traveling across California with its constantly-evident advertising of liquors," Mrs. Emily Moffat Clow, Christian Endeavor and W.C.T.U. leader of Belfast, Ireland, declared here while visiting National W.C.T.U. offices.

"Oregon evidently proceeds on the assumption that the liquor trade should not be given carte blanche to try by every possible advertising means to make liquor consumers out of youth."

"Another pleasure was the change from California's brown hills to the green of Western Oregon which so closely resembles Northern Ireland."

GRANGE NOTES

The Central Point Grange will hold their regular meeting July 21, beginning at 8:30 P.M. Mrs. West will have charge of the program:

Rec.: "An Old Bouquet."
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LOCALS

Clem Finley threshed wheat for Walter Gebhard last week that 54 bushels per acre.

Frank Smith of Butte Falls recently purchased the Rev. Eastman place. Mr. Eastman will join his family at Spokane, Wash. Mrs. Smith is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Gonderman.

Relatives of Cy Hamiltons from Benkelman, Neb. visited them the fore part of this week.

Mrs. H. A. Johnston of Washington, Iowa, Mrs. Guy DeHart, Mrs. Roy Warrington and Mr. and Mrs. Edward DeHart of Fresno, Calif. were visiting at the C. M. Merritt home. They went to Klamath Falls, through Crater Lake and visited relatives in that city a couple of days where they were taken through the Tule Lake farming district and to the Lava Beds. The ladies are nieces of Mrs. Merritt.

Mr. Clayton Yost, who accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Albert Burch to San Francisco, returned Saturday. While in the Bay City he spent a couple days on Treasure Island and visited other places of interest. He also attended a Miners' banquet at which former President Hoover was a speaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Yost and Dick accompanied Mr. Ralph Hastings to Gazella and Granada Sunday, on beet business recently.

Mr. E. P. Stone and Professor H. P. Jewett made a trip to Rogue River and Grants Pass Tuesday to look at the gymnasium in the interest of our local school which are planning to build a new gym.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Walker of Medford and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pickhard were guests at the Theodore Glass home recently.

Mr. and Mrs. George Simpson of Grants Pass returned home recently from a visit with Mrs. Simpson's sister Mrs. Earl Massey and husband at Warm Springs, Jefferson Co. They all spent one day at the water carnival at Bend during their visit. Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. Massey are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hamrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Maple and son Allie returned home Tuesday after over a month trip north. They stopped both going and coming to visit with relatives at Cottage Grove and Longview. Most of the time they spent visiting relatives in Seattle, where they were joined by Mr. Maple's daughter and husband and also his stepson and wife. They enjoyed their vacation together. On their way home they went to Long Beach where there is a beautiful beach, thirty miles long, a wonderful place for a car. They also went

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Thompson of Grants Pass, Robert Grisham and Mrs. Roy Nichols left Friday for a trip up the coast going as far as Reedsport. They had a very enjoyable trip returning Sunday.

A. W. WALKER

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