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PROPOSED POWER DISTRICT WON'T BE CREATED

By E. M. GOLDER

THE SPECIAL ELECTION CALLED FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 8 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A SEVEN-COUNTY POWER DISTRICT SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN CALLED AS THE MATTER OF CREATING "THE NORTHWEST OREGON BONNEVILLE PEOPLE'S UTILITY DISTRICT" AS IT IS ACTUALLY NAMED, COULD HAVE BEEN SETTLED AT THE REGULAR PRIMARY ELECTION OF FRIDAY, MAY 20 AND THE SUM OF MORE THAN \$20,000.00 WOULD HAVE BEEN SAVED TO THE TAXPAYERS OF THE SEVEN COUNTIES IN THE AREA SPECIFIED. MANY PEOPLE WHO SIGNED THE PETITION FOR AN ELECTION CLAIM THEY WERE TOLD THERE WOULD BE NO EXTRA COST TO TAXPAYERS, WHICH SHOWS MANY PEOPLE ARE TOO HASTY AT SIGNING PETITIONS WITHOUT MORE INFORMATION ON THE SUBJECT THAN OFFERED BY THE PETITION BEARER WHO DOES NOT GIVE THE RIGHT SLANT ON THE PROPOSITION—THE PERSON OUT WITH SUCH A PETITION IS OUT TO GET PLENTY OF SIGNERS—HOW ABOUT THAT? THE DECISION OF the people on the matter of whether or not the district shall be formed is not necessarily the vital decision. Creation of the district does not, of itself, embark the people on a program of ownership and operation of a power project. If an election is held on the question of forming the district, an election of directors thereof, no bond issue or question of policy in the matter of acquisition or construction of an electrical distribution system will be involved in such election. Bear in mind, you get only half a start when you vote YES on such a thing. . . . Should the district be created at this unnecessary election, an organization would be available for making a complete investigation of the possibilities of acquiring electrical facilities. This is a decision to be made on April 8 by the people and to create such a district by a majority YES vote the people might in effect be legalizing crime. The American Revolution started because of Taxation without representation and bear in mind that there would be five

directors named to the district of seven counties and two of the seven counties would be without representation and also bear in mind that not one of the directors need have had any experience or training whatever in the work of handling such a project. They would know nothing whatever about the work they would be expected to do for the people, yet their salaries would be around \$10 per day. Most of such men have been mixed up in politics or running for political office most of the time in many years and ITS JUST PLAIN DANGEROUS POLITICS that the people in these seven counties are up against and it is a certainty from present indications, that there is going to be a great majority NO voters on April 8. Several highlights like these will give you something to keep in mind: That there would be five directors who need not be taxpayers nor have electrical knowledge. That you can vote your property in but you cannot possibly get it out of such a perpetual organization—you'd be stuck.

That taxpayers always pay costs of any special election, including many thousands of special ballots. That there would be five tax levying and collecting sections. That the directors can take your property by court proceedings and you must vacate on five days notice. The directors could borrow money and incur indebtedness without your vote. That \$10 per day plus expenses can be paid to each of the five directors. That the directors can have their own accounting system, as a standard system for such utilities is not required—and you can imagine the way things would go for the people, AND HOW! As far as Washington county is concerned from a point of taxation, the county's tax bill against Portland General Electric Company for 1938 is \$36,624.48 and the valuation of the company's property in Beaverton alone (district no. 48) is \$70,412.16 and their tax bill is the largest of any district in Washington county outside of Hillsboro district. Washington county is served by Portland General

Electric Co. Yamhill Electric Co. and Molalla Electric Co., all part of the General Electric Co. system and 56 of the possible load is now handled by them in this as well as in the other counties of the proposed utility district show that Oregon ranks very satisfactory in the United States in respect to low electric rates and if Bonneville power is marketed over their lines the people will benefit by whatever lowering of rates if any, becomes possible, but by creating a seven-county power district and finally bonding the district to the extent of considerably over six million dollars and then, finally getting a so-called publicly owned power plant in operation in all probability rates would be on the up-grade and there is no telling how much people would have to pay for electricity. It is a dangerous, nonsensical, silly thing to do and it behooves the good citizens of the seven counties in question to give this matter a very thorough study, which no doubt will mean the proposition will be voted down by a lot of NO votes—but remember, it is YOUR duty as a citizen to vote on this question, for the politicians who are working hard to get this put over on the people will be hoping that all the NO voters will remain at home by their fireside or in the hay loft.

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Bonneville Power is Not the BIG issue at the April 8 Special Election . . . There are Many Ways of Getting Bonneville Power, and Plenty of Time to Get It, Besides Rushing Into a New Tax-Levying and Bond-Issuing Scheme.

LET'S KEEP COOL AND THINK

Let's not get excited about Bonneville. Remember that Washington County power rates are LOW, like Portland's. Remember, also, that ONCE WE GET INTO A UTILITY DISTRICT, WE CAN'T GET OUT!

Why stick our necks into a trap that means more bonds and more taxes, when THERE ISN'T ANY ASSURANCE WHEN A TRANSMISSION LINE WILL BE BUILT TO WASHINGTON COUNTY!

NO BLANK CHECKS FOR FIVE MEN

This utility district scheme means that the people of Washington County hand a blank check to five directors, and say, "Write in the amount of taxes you want, and we'll pay taxes to help Lincoln, Clatsop or some other county."

NO BOND ISSUE Y E T SAYS SPONSORS

No sense in bonding now. But BONDS up to 10% of the assessed value of our property MUST SOMETIME be issued to raise the money to START this utility district scheme. BONDS and TAXES are inevitable.

GET ALL THE FACTS & THEN VOTE APRIL 8

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