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Official Paper for Morrow County



### High Finance

**M**R. THOMPSON says the editor of this paper was not informed or he wouldn't have written as he did in a recent editorial concerning Bonneville power. At the same time, Mr. Thompson failed to elucidate just where the lack of information came in.

It was hoped by the editor of this paper, along with many other people in Morrow county that Mr. Thompson would tell at the Pomona grange meeting last Saturday just what the cost of servicing Morrow county farms with Bonneville juice would be. But Mr. Thompson had no figures.

All we in Morrow county know is that Mr. Thompson believes we should organize a peoples power district forthwith, and that he promises "cheap" juice from Bonneville.

It is known that under the people's power district law, the cost of line construction, etc., is permitted to be financed by issuance of certificates against earnings of the district. What we wish Mr. Thompson to answer is, how, in God's name, can the juice be conducted to the individual farms at a cost sufficiently low to permit use and at the same time return a profit with which to redeem the "earning" certificates?

Until that question is satisfactorily answered, the editor of this paper will retain his position that organization of a district should not be attempted.

We in Morrow county went thru one sad experiment with "district" operation of a would-be utility. That would-be utility was the John Day Irrigation district. True, it was to serve a section of our county with water instead of electrical energy, but the parallel is none-the-less pertinent. Smooth-tongued promoters showed us where the juice (water in this instance) was available

for nothing over on the John Day river. All we in Morrow county had to do was build a dam and dig a ditch to make the water flow thru to our desert country and it would bloom like a garden. But after obligating itself for many thousands of dollars of indebtedness, this district didn't receive a drop of water because it couldn't pay the assessments for the organization work, let alone dig up anything toward construction.

We take the position that if Morrow county itself cannot afford to pay for Bonneville juice, which we believe it can't even if Mr. Ross & Co. should give it to us free delivered at Heppner Junction, then it is not feasible to bring it here; and that we cannot expect to use Bonneville juice without paying for it.

Let us consider that Mr. Ross should build a transmission line to Heppner Junction, turn on the juice there and tell our people to help themselves. We organize the people's power district and elect officers with the right to issue certificates against expected earnings. Say these certificates are taken up by Uncle Sam's Rural Electrification administration and the money loaned with which to build lines, etc. And say that existing service facilities were taken over at a reasonable valuation, so that the towns could be drawn on as well as the country. There would first need to be quite an expensive job of engineering to determine the line routes, loads, transformer locations, etc. Then it would be necessary to buy poles, wire, transformers, and other materials essential to carrying the juice to the people to be served. By the time the district was set up for operation, the capital investment would be sizeable (the amount of which we would like for Mr. Thompson to tell us).

But then, say, it is found that the rate necessary to charge to make a profit on the investment is beyond the ability of many potential users to pay—it would have to be pretty reasonable, if a majority of people could purchase the electrical appliances they would need to purchase in order to use it, and pay for the juice too—then, who would be stuck for the capital investment? We might say, oh, let Uncle Sam worry about that.

But, as a supposition, say that every other county in the United States had organized and obligated itself in the same manner, and say that Uncle Sam had taken earning certificates from all of them also. Would not Uncle Sam, who is the total of all the counties, be holding the sack, and would not we in Morrow county be stuck, anyway?

No, Mr. Thompson, you are not right in saying we in Morrow county should organize a people's power district until you can show us where earnings can be made with which to redeem certificates. Electrification of Morrow county farms is greatly to be desired, but we doubt if our people would benefit enough by the addition of electricity to obligate them-

selves blindly. If use of Bonneville power on our farms would bring Utopia, then it would be worth the chance. It would add greatly to pleasure and convenience of living on the farm, but there are few instances yet shown where it would greatly augment the farm income.

One informed local man has said that Morrow county's first consideration should be development of the Columbia river for transportation. He believed savings in transportation thus effected would go a considerable distance toward supplying our farms with electricity. And that, when the time comes, let Uncle Sam build Umatilla Rapids dam with power facilities, which would be much more suitably located to supply our needs.

And another thing, Mr. Thompson. In case a local district is set up as aforementioned, who is going to compensate Morrow county for the \$9000-odd a year in taxes received from the utility now located in the county? And, Mr. Thompson, we almost forgot, how may we be assured that we can get officers who will be as concerned with giving good service, for a salary, as the present utilities whose very existence depends upon the ability of the managers to produce a profit?

### Last Three Classes Set in Adult Work

Daphna Simpson announces there will be three more lessons of the Home Furnishings class, the next of which will be held at 7:30 Thursday evening, April 14, in the Home Economics room at the schoolhouse.

At this meeting the subjects which have already been discussed will be reviewed—such as lighting in the home, lamp stands, bases, and shades (correct proportions and colors), relation of lamps to type of furniture in the home; furniture arrangement; color schemes of walls, woodwork, etc.; draperies and curtains for the home.

In addition, the lesson will include a discussion of rugs—the various types, correct designs, etc., of pile rugs and congolem rugs.

The principles of the use of paints for furniture, woodwork, floors, etc., will also be discussed.

The class is open to anyone who cares to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Clark arrived in Heppner the end of the week from Red Bluff, Calif., where they have been living.

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, The Dalles Oregon, April 4, 1938.

Serial 031097

Notice Is Hereby Given, That the First National Bank of Heppner, of Heppner, Oregon, did on April 4, 1938, make application under the Act of March 20, 1922 (42 Stat., 465) to select timber from portions of the following described lands in the Malheur National Forest, Oregon: in T. 15 S., R. 29 E., W. M., Sections 32 and 33; in T. 15 S., R. 30 E., W. M., Sections 8, 9 and 17; in T. 16 S., R. 29 E., W. M. Sections 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 35; in T. 16 S., R. 30 E., W. M. Sections 17, 18, 19, 20, 30 and 31; in T. 17 S., R. 29 E., W. M., Sections 1, 2, 11 and 12; and in T. 17 S., R. 30 E., W. M., Sections 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8; in exchange for the following described lands within and adjacent to the Umatilla National Forest, Oregon: in T. 4 S., R. 28 E., W. M., the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 21, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  and SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 22, SW $\frac{1}{4}$  and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 23, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 24, W $\frac{1}{2}$  Sec. 25, E $\frac{1}{2}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 26, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 27, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  and SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 33, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 34, and all of Sec. 35; in T. 5 S., R. 28 E., W. M., Lot 4, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 2, lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 3, lots 1, 2 and 3, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 4, SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 7, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 8, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 9, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 10 and NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 17, Serial No. 031097.

Any and all persons claiming the lands and timber selected, or having bona fide objections to the exchange should file their protests on or before the 20th of May, 1938.

W. F. JACKSON, Register.

### CARD OF THANKS

For every prayer, song, loving deed of kindness and word of encouragement given to our dear mother, Mrs. N. S. Whetstone, during her last years of life, and for the many expressions of sympathy, for the kindness shown us and for the beautiful floral offerings, we extend our heartfelt thanks.  
The Family.

### CALL FOR WARRANTS

Outstanding warrants of School District No. 1, Morrow County, Oregon, up to and including Warrant No. 4603, will be paid on presentation to the district clerk. Interest on said warrants not already called ceases April 8, 1938.

MURIEL VAUGHN, Clerk,  
Heppner, Oregon.

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