

STATE CAPITAL NEWS

- 'Juice' Deal
- Taxing Changes
- Road Fund Slice

By A. L. LINDBECK

Salem.—Announcement that the state board of control is negotiating with the Bonneville administration for the purchase of electricity for use in the several state buildings in the vicinity of Salem was made by Governor Sprague this week. According to the governor's announcement, a study just completed by O. R. Bean, public utilities commissioner, shows that purchase of Bonneville power at wholesale rates would result in a saving to the state of approximately \$15,000 a year over the price now being paid to the Portland General Electric company.

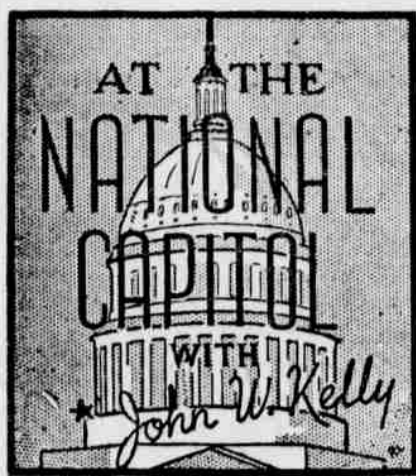
Seen as a stumbling block in the proposal to substitute Bonneville power for that now supplied by the private utility is the problem of transmission and distribution. Lacking any present authority to build a power line to serve state buildings, the state would either have to enter into a contract with the private utility for use of its power poles or persuade the Bonneville administration to construct the necessary lines from a connection with its high tension lines in Polk county.

Considerable confusion appears to exist in the mind of the tax paying public as to just what effect, if any, the change in the tax year, voted by the last legislature, is going to have on their pocketbooks.

Here, then, is an attempt to explain the situation:

The tax levy to be made by the various taxing units this fall (state, county, city, school district, etc.) will cover only 50 percent of the normal annual levy and will be payable in two quarterly installments, March 15 and June 15. Then next July (and each July thereafter) the normal annual levy will be promulgated. This levy will be made in four annual installments—November 15, February 15, May 15 and August 15.

For the property owner who pays his taxes on the first due date in order to take advantage of the cash discount the new schedule will work somewhat of a hardship in that he will be called upon to pungle up one and one-half times his normal annual tax toll during 1942—a half year's payment on March 15 and a whole year's payment again on November 15. On the other hand the tax payer who pays on the installment plan will have only three quarterly payments to make next year—March 15, June 15 and November 15—instead of the four quarterly payments he would have made had



Washington, D. C., Nov. 27—To the White House went Oregon's Senator McNary in response to a call from President Roosevelt. There is now in the house the omnibus rivers and harbors bill, authorizing in excess of one billion dollars for projects. Out in front on the list, which includes everything from development at Yaquina Bay to Umatilla dam, is an item of several hundred millions for the St. Lawrence waterway and power project. What did the senator think of the bill?

If, said Senator McNary, you toss out the St. Lawrence project, the Florida ship canal and the Tombigbee river, the bill would not be bad. As the bill stands, he said, he could not support it. But, hinted the president, the Umatilla dam is included. That, answered McNary, is a project so good that it can stand on its own feet and pass the congress without being tied in with flubdub. Besides, said the senator, what would the people say if a senator who has voted against a St. Lawrence treaty and the Florida canal should suddenly support the omnibus bill because it has Umatilla in it? Wouldn't that look as though it was a sell-out; that a senator had been bought?

Mr. Roosevelt laughed. There are few senators who can talk straight to the chief executive, and he likes the frankness of McNary, leader of the Republicans in the senate, the so-called "loyal opposition." What, inquired the president, did McNary suggest? That was easy; all the

the law not been changed.

After 1942, however, the tax paying problem will settle back into old groove, except for a change in dates, with the cash customer paying his bill on November 15 and taking the discount and the installment payer distributing his load over four quarterly payments.

Oregon will receive a substantial slice of the \$220,000,000 defense highway bill just signed by President Roosevelt, in the opinion of R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer. At least \$500,000 will be needed to strengthen bridges on strategic highways in this state, Baldock points out, while large sums will also be needed for the construction of access roads leading to military bases and industrial plants.

president has to do is to telephone Speaker Rayburn to have the St. Lawrence and the Florida and Tombigbee items eliminated from the bill. But, said the president, all the projects in the country had been rolled into the omnibus bill for the purpose of getting enough votes to pass it and thus save the St. Lawrence; he was not particular about Florida or Tombigbee, but he must have the waterway and power plant.

If the bill comes to the senate with St. Lawrence in it, observed the senator, he will endeavor, when it is in committee, to have each item taken up and acted on individually, and he was satisfied that on this procedure he would be able to knock out the St. Lawrence. Anyway, concluded McNary, that is a treaty matter and not an agreement; the senate has defeated it once when presented as a treaty for ratification.

There the matter stands. Other members of the northwest delegation, however, are inclined to support the omnibus bill, fearing their constituents will be angry if they oppose it when the bill contains such items as Umatilla.

The omnibus bill is an "authorization" measure and carries no appropriation. However, the president can pick out of the list such projects as he deems are for national defense. If the bill passes he plans to bring out the St. Lawrence item and shelve all the rest until after the war and use them as a means of employment on a massive WPA program. Opponents of this assert that the St. Lawrence is not a national defense measure; that, if started, it will take steel, iron and other materials away from sadly pressed industries now engaged in defense production. In this fashion, they insist, the project would interfere with national defense.

In the price fixing bill now in debate in the house, it is estimated that if a ceiling is placed on farm products, based on the complicated method of arriving at a price, the ceiling will be as follows: Wheat \$1.34 a bushel, butterfat 44 cents a pound, cheese 23.25 cents a pound, eggs 41.5 cents a dozen, hogs \$10.96 a hundred weight, cattle \$9.18 a hundred weight, wool 49 cents a pound, hay \$18.02 a ton, butter 45.8 cents a pound.

The farm bloc wants no ceiling, arguing that in 1942 the cost of production for farmers will be so high because of competition with war industries for help and higher prices for everything else used on the farm.

Priorities are now hitting the government itself, although they were intended to affect only civilian industries and war defenses in part. Because of priorities, work has had to suspend on four public schools in the national capital; a \$10,000,000 hotel has stopped at the foundation; a contractor is unable to obtain supplies to erect a building intended to house one of the defense agencies; work on two warships has been held up for want of steel; four of five plants with contracts to build tanks cannot start; war department is scurrying around to locate material for the \$30,000,000 building for which foundation has been laid in the national capital.

Notwithstanding these drawbacks because of shortage, the government is demanding steel frames and doors for its new buildings and steel walls for partitions, when lumbermen of the Pacific northwest are unable to sell their product because of federal restrictions on strategic metals.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Acklen of Madras were visiting friends and relatives in Morrow county the end of the week, calling in Heppner Saturday. Mr. Acklen is principal of the Madras grade school.

SUMMONS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF MORROW.

Linda K. Smith, Plaintiff vs. Thomas Franklin Smith, Defendant.

To Franklin K. Smith, the above named defendant:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the

BOARDMAN NEWS

Boardman Folk Dine On Thanksgiving

By MRS. CLAUD COATS

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Mallery arrived from Tacoma, Wash., Wednesday to spend the Thanksgiving holidays at the home of Mrs. Mallery's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Coats.

Among the local people being dinner guests Thanksgiving are Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Gorham and Mardell, and Mr. and Mrs. George McNab who were at Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Wetherall's at Echo; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Root, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Barlow and daughter Carma who were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Root of Arlington. Mrs. Margaret Klitz entertained Mrs. Eva Warner. Mr. and Mrs. Nick Faler, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Mallery and the Coats' were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Ransier. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Corwin entertained Mr. Corwin's father of Molalla.

Mrs. Olive Atteberry returned home Friday after spending several weeks with her son, Chet Atteberry, and family of Roseburg.

Mrs. Dan Ransier, son Daniel and Frank Marlow spent Friday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Roy Marlow of Umatilla. Sunday they will go to The Dalles to be with Mrs. Frank Marlow who is undergoing a serious operation at The Dalles hospital Monday.

The grange pinocle party was held at the Maude Kobow home Saturday night. High honors went to Mrs. D. F. Ransier and Russell Miller, low to Mrs. Russell Miller and Bill Harrington.

Norma Gibbons, teacher in the Bend school returned Sunday after spending the week end with her mother, Mrs. Gladys Fortier.

Earl Cramer is leaving this week for Spokane where he has a job shearing lambs.

above entitled Court and cause within four weeks of the date of first publication of this summons, and if you fail to so appear or answer, for want thereof, the plaintiff will apply to the Court for relief as prayed for in said complaint; to-wit: For a decree of divorce dissolving the bonds of matrimony now existing between plaintiff and defendant and granting the plaintiff an absolute decree of divorce from the defendant.

This summons is served upon you by publication thereof for a period of four consecutive weeks, in the Heppner Gazette Times by order of the Honorable Bert Johnson, Judge of the County Court of Morrow County, State of Oregon, which said order was made and entered on the 17th day of November, 1941, and the first date of publication of this summons is the 20th day of November, 1941.

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