

EDITORIAL

Damming the Dams

When the people called for a change in congressional personnel last fall it was not because the majority of them felt that the government was spending too much money on hydro-electric development or reclamation. It was asked because it was felt there were far too many government employees, too much unnecessary governmental generosity tainted with political favoritism, and to check a fast-growing movement toward centralized government control.

President Truman has been asking for governmental economy. A newly elected Republican congress, seeking to justify its election, is endeavoring to lessen the tax burden. Both sides seem to be sold on the idea that government-supported works should be cut off entirely or so greatly curtailed as to figure lightly in the federal budget.

Whatever is the motivating force, the result is anything but good for reclamation projects in the west. Unless there is a loosening up of numerous projects will be almost at a standstill, and this does not present a pleasing picture to districts already in the throes of a boom, such as some of our immediate vicinity.

To date, western congressmen have been taking a beating at the hands of eastern colleagues. The old cry of building western projects at the expense of the east is heard amidst the confusion on the Potomac and while figures support the contention of western reclamation development plans that such is not the case, the senators and representatives from this end of the country have not been able to raise a strong enough voice to be heard effectively.

Much of this economy may be prompted by the approaching presidential campaign. Mr. Truman, taking his cue from the change in voting sentiment which swept a Republican majority into congress may be trying to set the tempo for 1948 with the hope that the Democrats will regain control of the lower house and cause a weakening of the control attained by the Republicans in the senate. In other words, such economy as may be effected will be done at the expense of Republican popularity and once more in the saddle the Democrats could resume the pork barrel program with some assurance of voter approval.

On the other hand, eastern industrialists are aware of the great possibilities in the west and of the rapid migration in this direction. Too rapid development of cheap power is undermining their grip on the nation's economy and it is up to them to put a check on this development, either to cripple it for good or until such time as they can extend their control over development in this vast region. Perhaps when they get their affairs in proper shape it will be all right to go ahead with the western development.

Good Neighbor Policy

It was the privilege of some twenty Heppner people to spend a day at Milton and Freewater as guests of the Milton-Freewater chamber of commerce. It was a pleasant day all around—weather, traveling conditions, and genial hosts—and was worthy of a larger delegation.

Visits of this nature should occur more frequently. Better understandings result from communities knowing each other and their problems. Fraternization in this manner has a tendency to wipe out differences that arise from time to time and has a tendency to build up a given area rather than work for the good of a single community.

The Heppner chamber of commerce has accepted two invitations to visit other towns within the past year. It is Heppner's turn to issue the invitation. In view of the forthcoming poi festival at Milton-Freewater, it would appear that right now is a good time to invite the M-F chamber of commerce to come over and tell our community about it, and if the invitation has not gone forth before this column gets into circulation, it is understood that one will be on the way within a few days.

One thing that appealed to the visitors was the civic center in Freewater, used alike by the two communities. It had a special appeal to the junior chamber of commerce representatives, who have as their special project the building of a similar center in Heppner. Built originally to house the once-popular apple show, the citizens of the two communities wisely obtained the building for a permanent civic center. A similar building is badly needed here and it is likely that the twin cities will have numerous visitors in months to come who will be seeking information on construction and maintenance.

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Readjustment Arrives

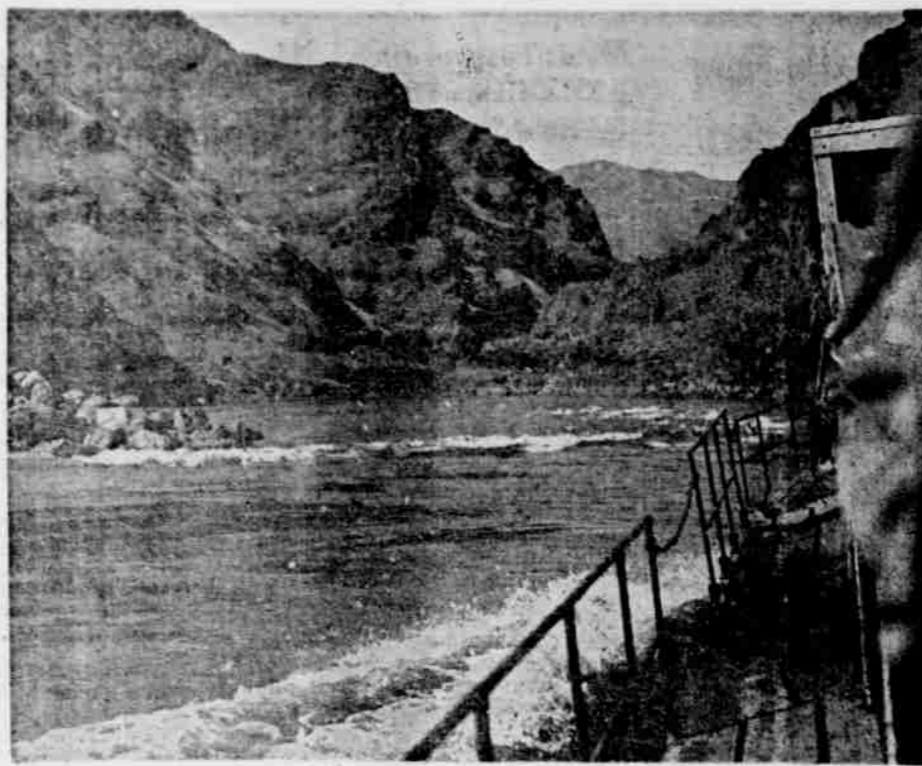
For many months there has been a feeling that the after-war readjustment period was about to set in and people with vision enough to carry them beyond the immediate horizon began to prepare for it. Events of recent date indicate that the readjustment is setting in and those not ready to accept the inevitable may suffer a bit of mental anguish, if not considerable financial loss, unless they set about to make adjustments in their own affairs.

There has been no overnight change to upset the balance of our economy. It has been coming ever so gradually and perhaps more in the minds of our business leaders than in actual operation. But it has been coming and the time is not far distant when the movement will become general.

The rule from now on will be to "sell." That applies to merchandising, it applies to advertising. Salesmen are once more talking up their lines rather than promising to sell what they can do about filling an order. This gives promise to the buyer of commodities that there will be competition, which in turn offers hope to the eventual consumer that he may enjoy a little saving.

This is not an alarming situation. There appears to be no evidence of price-slashing—just a gentle curving of the price line that has remained straight and rigid for so long. But it should apply all along the line and not permit any particular group to reap rich profits while others are paring their earnings.

Motorloggers Brave Snake Rapids, Find Comfort Now Added to Thrills



The Snake river boat heads into one of the more than 100 rapids that punctuate twisting route of the river through its rocky gorge (Hell's canyon) on the Idaho border.

The story below is condensed from a motorlog article appearing in the Sunday Oregonian of April 20, one of a series being made this year by The Oregonian in cooperation with the Oregon State Motor association.

BY J. LYNN WYKOFF
Staff Writer, The Oregonian

Even the Grand Canyon of the Colorado is exceeded in depth by the Snake river's channel, cut through a wilderness of mountainous peaks and ridges. It has been often repeated that the scenic splendor of this area, called by the U. S. forest service the most primitive in the United States, is well worth the rather hard trip hitherto necessary to reach it.

car on a four-day trip to Lewiston and up the Snake.

But now, at last, there are comfortable tourist facilities for those who wish to visit the depths of Hell's canyon. From Portland, for example, you drive to Lewiston, over those straight, smoothly paved roads which make it so difficult to hold speed within maximum or recommended limits. You spend a night at a hotel there. Next morning you board the Florence, a powerful 60-foot boat, along with probably a score or more other sightseers, and start southward on the Snake river.

rapids through the windows of the glass-enclosed cabin.

Before nightfall you are at Hell's Canyon lodge, in the shadow of 700-foot snow-dusted Hat Point. Here you dine at a long table, American style, and enjoy a night of deep slumber in the cool mountain air. Breakfast at the lodge, a morning devoted to horseback riding along the canyon's winding trails, or perhaps just to loafing and enjoying the grandeur of the scenery, and after lunch the boat starts back downstream.



Capital Parade by Murry Wade

LAST BILL SIGNED

When the legislature adjourned last Easter morning it left 250 bills for Governor Earl Snell to approve with his signature, veto or "by-pass." On Monday the last bill, providing for county aid in the construction of veterans memorial buildings, was signed. Seven house and five senate bills got the veto axe. A definite decision was made on each bill, sustaining the governor's record for having never taken advantage of the Oregon law which provides that a governor may let a bill become law by withholding his approval and his veto for 20 days after the legislature has adjourned. It is an advantageous avenue for a governor to use for political hot potatoes.

A total of 1019 bills were introduced at the last legislature, 625 were sent to the governor's office. The governor signed 335 house bills and 236 senate bills. Twenty bills were recalled from the governor's office and two were submitted directly to the people.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS CONFERENCE

Governor and Mrs. Earl Snell headed off to the Pacific Northwest. The proper grading and leveling of this project is to the county line will be appreciated by a very large number of our citizens and the traveling public in general.

left Monday for San Francisco where the governor will attend a Pacific coast conference on inter-government relations. Governors Warren of California and Wallgren of Washington will also take part in the deliberations. It is expected there will be more than 400 officials of state, federal, county and city governments in attendance. Housing and unemployment problems are scheduled to be given first attention.

APPOINTMENTS BY GOVERNOR

As provided in Senate Bill 306 Governor Earl Snell has appointed Orval J. Millard of Grants Pass as circuit judge for the first judicial district, Jackson and Josephine counties position No. 2. William F. Johnson of Grants Pass was appointed as district attorney to succeed Millard who resigned to become circuit judge. Both appointments were effective April 14. The governor named Robert Schmidt, Albany; Fred Anadahl, Portland, and E. S. Benjamin, Salem, as members of the hospital survey and construction council to the state board of health. The appointments become effective July 6, 1947.

INDIAN OFFICIALS MEET HERE

Hundreds of Indian officials, policemen and other officials will come from 25 far away as Alaska to attend the Indian Leaders' Training conference summer school for employees at Chema-wa, near Salem, beginning June 5 and continuing to July 25th. The school this year will be the ninth offered to private employees with advance training in Indian service administration of justice on reservations, public

health nursing and the Indian reorganization act.

SCHOOL FUND ALLOCATED

The state department this week distributed \$4,000,000 to school districts of Oregon, the amount being the second half of the \$8,000,000 annual state school support fund. The first half was distributed last October. The funds, created by the 1943 legislature, were doubled by the 1947 legislature.

NEW ONG BRIGADIER

Appointment of State Police Superintendent Harold G. Malson as brigadier general of the national guard has been approved by the war department. Governor Earl Snell announced today. Malson is expected to become assistant division commander of the 41st infantry division, which includes the national guard of Oregon and Washington.

HIGHWAY BIDS OPENED

Ten Oregon highway projects estimated to aggregate over \$1,500,000 were closed this week and will be opened and awarded April 24 by the commission. The major projects are in nine counties and include: Clackamas—on Clackamas secondary highway; Clatsop—on Central Oregon highway; Harney—on John Day-Burns highway; Jackson—on reconstructing 3 bridges on Crater Lake highway; Jefferson—on The

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CARD OF THANKS

To the friends of Jim Archer who were so thoughtful of him in his illness and who contributed flowers and to the Masons and others who assisted with the funeral, we wish to express our thanks.

Letha Archer, Alice Habel.

TO HOLD SERVICES

Rev. Philip Ellman of Portland will hold services at the Lutheran church in Gooseberry at 11 a. m., Sunday, April 27. An invitation has been extended to the public to attend.

Mrs. A. H. Nelson and Miss Ellen Nelson of Oak Grove were week-end visitors at the Nelson Bros. ranch near Lexington. They drove up in a jeep which Norman Nelson recently purchased from the war assets corporation.

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30 YEARS AGO

From Heppner Gazette Times, April 26, 1917

Mr. and Mrs. James Thomson were passengers to Portland Tuesday where they will visit for a few days.

P. A. Anderson of the Morrow County Abstract company was called to Portland on business this morning. He expects to return Sunday.

Walter Kiteup, prominent Jones canyon sheepman, came in from the ranch Tuesday. He was accompanied by George Lund who has been working at the Kiteup ranch several months.

Norman Florence, upper Willow creek farmer, brought a load of "gold" to town this week. He delivered a fine lot of Borbani potatoes to Phelps Grocery company.

S. W. Spencer has resigned as assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Heppner to take the cashiership of the Farmers & Stockgrowers National bank, a new institution which will open its doors in Heppner about the first of June.

George Thomson has purchased a new Buick light six from Albert Bowker at the Heppner garage.

J. J. Adkins of Bhusa creek has sold his ranch of 1049 acres to A. J. Haverstick of Bellingham, Wash., who has already taken possession of the property. Mr. and Mrs. Adkins and son Albert will move to Heppner.

Harry Cummings has been very busy the past several days clearing trees and shrubs in the adjacent yard around town.

E. J. Merrill, farmer from the Chapman country, was traveling business in Heppner Monday.

J. B. Batty and son of Eight Mile were registered at the Palace hotel last Saturday.

J. B. Carmichael of Lexington was a business visitor in Heppner Friday. He has purchased a Case tractor with which he is now plowing on his farm.

Theodore Anderson purchased a couple of gang plows while in town Friday.

Mrs. J. V. Crawford is visiting at the home of her son, O. G. Crawford, in Enterprise. Mrs. Crawford lived in Enterprise years ago when her husband was pastor of the Christian church.

EDITORIAL—There is some indication that the people of this county will no longer enjoy riding over a real good road down Willow creek from Heppner. The work now under way is the right kind in fact it seems to be the nearest approach to a road that has so far been undertaken in this county and will no doubt result in getting the kind of road bed that is

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