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HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECT

(Editorial by Neil Boynton)  
The scheme of those who proposed having a hydro-electric plant at Umatilla was to construct a thirty-foot dam across the rapids of the Columbia near Umatilla. At low water, approximately one hundred and ninety thousand horse power would be developed and at high water the increase would be twenty-five per cent greater. This enormous amount of power could be used in a number of ways: first, the electric energy generated would be utilized to run motors which in turn would operate pumps to bring the water for irrigation into the country north of the river, called the "Horseheaven" country. This barren country would soon be transformed into a rich irrigation project and all surrounding territory for miles would be almost entirely operated by electricity. All railroads would be electrified which would bring about a great saving of coal resources. All homes could more readily be equipped with electrical appliances since any amount of current would always be present. The wide use of the electricity would bring the rate down so that any home could well afford to have this necessity.

John H. Lewis, formerly state engineer, estimated the cost of the dam alone to be around twenty-five million dollars without taking into consideration the cost of power plant, power lines, etc. This additional cost would add a great deal more to the original twenty-five million. It was proposed that the two states, Oregon and Washington, should go into this project together, and if possible to get the federal government interested, making it a state and national undertaking.

This project will take several years of construction work and it will be several years more before it can hope to become successful, for in order to make a project of this size profitable it must have the co-operation of the railroads which would be its main source of profit. If these railroads become electrified, they must, to be efficient, be formed into one long powerline, as has been done in California, where all railroads form one powerline. Electrical energy is furnished by various stations and substations erected for this purpose.

This project would become a real-

ity much sooner through the use of electric railways than through any demand for electricity in the surrounding territory.

THE NEED OF A NEW HIGH SCHOOL

(Editorial by Doris Swayze)

Since districts 112, 14, 115, 26 and 8 have consolidated in to Union High School district No. 4, the need of a new high school building has become urgent. It is needless to state that the present quarters of the Union High School are unequal to the task of accommodating the increased registration and new classes. The hurried efforts to cope with this situation resulted in the increase of faculty members and the converting of the "stage room," assembly and principal's office into class rooms.

The need of a new high school is no longer a distant possibility but a present necessity. The possibility of enlarging the present building would be inadvisable if not impossible; so the only alternative is a new high school building.

This new building would enable the high school to offer courses covering a larger range than at present, for instance under the Smith-Hughes Act, which provides for one half the salaries of vocational teachers to be paid by the federal government, vocational courses could be introduced, such as manual training and domestic science. Adequate recitation rooms and study halls would be supplied.

Gymnasium facilities would be had and the Union High, No. 4 is badly in need of these for that is one thing which the athletes of these districts have never possessed; and regular gymnasium classes would be held. A gymnasium is essential to athletics.

The Union high school district should undertake the erection of a modern high school building in the near future. Compare this district with any other in the county and it will be found that the comparison is to Hermiston's discredit. It has only been this past year that the need of a new building has become so pressing but a progressive community like this should take immediate steps to build a new high school building which would give us many advantages we now lack.

THE MCKAY PROJECT

(Editorial by Eida Buhman)

The McKay project will be a very great help to eastern Oregon especially to the Umatilla project, because of the fact that it will draw many people to this part of Oregon.

There are several thousand acres of idle land in the west side of the Umatilla river which could be turned into very good farming land if water could only be furnished for it. The land is very level and the soil is in some respects better than that which is found on some parts of the Umatilla project. Because of the land being level it would not take any great amount of work or expense to plant it t alfalfa or other products. Because it does not cost a great deal to get this land in condition many poor people could come and purchase land and make this part of Oregon their home. Through this, Hermiston has the prospects of becoming a large and flourishing city.

The water for this project is to be taken from the Umatilla river. The reservoir will be located a few miles below Pendleton. This land has been surveyed and now the people are waiting for the money which is to be appropriated by the government so that they will be able to start the work on the project.

BRIGHTEN UP

(Editorial by Dewey Payne)

Summer is coming, though it seems far away, and during the warm summer months, when the paint runs smooth and free, is the correct and best time to paint.

Wives, you should persistently urge your husbands to buy and use more paint. No, not on the face, but on that old, weather-beaten, decayed-looking barn, old and weather-beaten chicken house before it begins to look like the barn, old and weather-beaten. You know the value of paint and surely you can appreciate the appearance after looking at that old unpainted building. If your house needs paint, paint it and the satisfaction you feel when you see the neighbor admiring it will repay you. Surely you would not like to look at flowers if they had no color except a dark brown. Your home may be made an ornament as well as a convenience.

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Opening of Columbia Highway

There is a general demand in Eastern Oregon for the opening of the Columbia River Highway. Last Sunday's Journal voiced the sentiment of this section of the state among which were the following from our city: E. P. Dodd, president of the Commercial club, says indications are that all highways throughout Eastern Oregon will be open for travel within a week or 10 days, and general activities among farmers and stock men will begin early in February.

If the Columbia highway is not opened it will be necessary to cross the Columbia river by ferryboat and travel many miles of poor roads to reach Portland by automobile. The tourist travel will begin in March or April and this will be all routed the Washington way unless the Oregon highway is opened.

C. W. Kellogg of the Hermiston Auto company, said: "In my opinion the Columbia highway should be opened if for no other reason than that there may be as little interruption of tourist traffic as possible."

"The state has and still is spending money to advertise the Columbia river highway. When a great scenic highway such as the Columbia is closed, the information travels far and wide and prospective tourists are inclined to change their itinerary and possible the state will lose much more in actual money than the cost of opening the highway, to say nothing of the loss to the traveling public."

OREGON WOOLGROWERS WILL HOLD CONVENTION

The twenty-third annual convention of the Woolgrowers will be held in Pendleton, February 10-11.

A great array of talent has been lined up for the session and both days will be crowded full in order to give the many good speakers a chance to lead in the discussion and for reports of the committees and the business of the convention.

The following authorities on the problems connected with the sheep industry will be heard: F. R. Marshall, Sec. of the National Wool Growers Association and manager of the Cunningham Sheep Co.; A. J. Knollin

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E. P. DODD

manager Woolgrowers Commission Co.; E. F. Benson, manager Dept. of Immigration, and Industry, N. P. R. R.; R. A. Ward, manager Oregon Co-operative Woolgrowers; Jay H. Dobbin, President Oregon Woolgrowers; Robert Whythcombe, Supt. Eastern Oregon Express Station; Paul V. Maris, Director of Extension O. A. C. Stanley Jewett in charge Predatory Animal work, M. S. Biological Survey and E. N. Kavanaugh District Forest Supervisor and others.

A banquet will be held Friday night and the Pendleton Commercial Club is holding a smoker for the Woolgrowers Saturday night. The executive committee is looking forward to the best attended session ever held.

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