



'Lingering Doubt' Seen That Coon Knew What He Was Proposing for John Day Dam

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Washington (Special) — The prospective debate between Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) and Rep. Sam Coon (R-Ore.) on the question of Coon's John Day dam "partnership" bill was born in the mind of Neuberger along side a lingering doubt that Coon really knew what he was proposing for the big Columbia river dam.

It all began many weeks ago when a lobbyist at Salem for one of the private power companies

Washington — (U.P.) — Rep. Sam Coon (R-Ore.) said Saturday the administration has endorsed his bill for partial financing of John Day dam on the Columbia river by private capital.

A Budget Bureau report on the bill, he said, says it is in accord with the President's program and would "provide a means of increasing the supply of hydroelectric power in the Pacific Northwest."

handed out copies of a speech he said Congressman Coon had delivered in Congress that day

In conjunction with introducing the John Day "partnership" bill.

As it turned out, Coon hasn't made the speech that day or introduced the bill. Over a week later, however, he did make it on April 21 and unveiled the new John Day proposal. Simultaneously in Portland, officials of three utility companies, Pacific Power and Light, Portland General Electric and Washington Water Power, announced details of the scheme under which they would put up the cost of the power investment in the multi-purpose project as provided in Coon's bill.

The highly complex bill and a section-by-section analysis, together with Coon's speech, were handed out to reporters here by a representative of one of the power companies, indicating clearly they had not been prepared by the congressman from Baker.

Gold Hill

Gold Hill — Mrs. Iola Beman who has been visiting with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Al Beman, Carmel, Calif., has returned home. She is a former resident of this area.

Jerry Bowen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bowen has just completed a 12-day leave and has left for Maryland where he will be for eight weeks before being sent somewhere overseas.

Linda Bowen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bowen, is getting ready to leave for Portland where she has an appointment to enter the Shrine Hospital June 2. She was injured when she fell from a tree trying to rescue her kitten and is unable to walk.

Mrs. H. A. Densmore has returned from Klamath Falls where she has been taking care of her daughter, Mrs. Pat Whitmore, who has been ill.

Mrs. Cecil Johnson who attended Red Cross home instructors school, has just completed an adult class in Medford.

Mrs. Mildred Green, mother of Mrs. Joe Buchanan has returned recently from the hospital but is still very ill.

Joan Skov, a seventh grade student at Gold Hill school, is ill at her home on Sardine Creek.

Mrs. A. D. Taylor and two children flew to Springfield, Mass., recently where she was called by the sudden illness of her mother.

Boy Scouts of Troop 43 with their leader, the Rev. Gerald Gear, left Friday after school for an overnight camping trip on West Evans creek. They returned home Saturday afternoon.

Eighth grade promotion exercises will be held in the school gymnasium Wednesday, June 11, at 8 p. m. The public is invited. Charles Cook, music instructor at the Gold Hill school, treated his band class with ice cream and cake last week.

Mr. Dietrich was born in Colmar, Alsace Lorraine, on Jan. 30, 1871, and came to the United States with his parents when a small child. He grew up in Colorado but lived in Wyoming where he was a deputy U. S. marshal, Texas, Oregon, Arizona and Massachusetts. Mrs. Mattie Dietrich died in Massachusetts in 1932. Ten years later he married Mrs. Maude Lochett who survives.

Mr. Dietrich joined the Gold Hill Odd Fellows Lodge in 1911 and also the Rebekahs. He later transferred his membership to

Pruett on Meteorites

By J. HUGH PRUETT Astronomer, Extension Division Oregon Higher Education System Several years ago while listening to a radio talk on meteorites by the late Dr. Clyde Fisher of the Hayden Planetarium in New York, I heard this noted scientist say that people from all over this country sent to his staff specimens which they wanted identified as meteorites. "You should see the collection we got! Folks send us the darnedest things you can imagine."

During the past 23 years I have been "running the meters" over a few far western states for Dr. C. P. Oliver of the University of Pennsylvania and president of the American Meteorite Society. Through these years I have likely received fully 1,000 "suspected" meteorites. All are always carefully inspected and tested. If they show the least likelihood of being "the real thing," they are sent to national experts for further checking. Only four (0.4 of 1 per cent) were meteorites.

Two Misplaced Pieces Of these four, two were misplaced pieces from the noted meteor crater in Arizona, numerous specimens of which are extant. Another was a further find of the Sam's Valley fall. Only one was brand new. This was the one found by Jerry Best at Washougal, Wash., on July 3, 1939, the day after the daylight meteor roared over Portland, Oregon, and caused so much commotion among the residents of that city.

Sams Valley Eighth Grade Promotion Exercises Tuesday

Sams Valley — The Sams Valley eighth grade promotion exercises will be held Tuesday, May 31, at the Sams Valley Grange hall at 8 p. m. The guest speaker will be Jennings Pierce, Medford.

Howard Jewett, superintendent of School District 6, will award the diplomas. The list of graduates follows: Bobby L. Bruton, Clarence E. Brown, Dennis W. Duggan, Clifford L. Houston, Vernola Mae Hutchison, Sheryl Adelina Koellner, Herschel L. Mack, Anna Louise Mathews, Carl L. Michael, Robert F. McCallister, Floyd E. Sherman, Melvin G. Smith and Roger W. Surgeon.

There will be special music by the Sams Valley School Glee club and special piano numbers by Deanna Dolani and Mrs. Ruth Thompson, who will also play the graduation march. The decorations are by Alice Michael, president of the Sams Valley PTA.

The Sams Valley school picnic will be held on Wednesday, June 1, which is the last day children attend. A program of games, track events, and movies is planned. The usual potluck dinner will be served in the cafeteria, starting at 11:30 a. m. and will be organized to take care of fathers who only have a short noon hour to spend at the school. Buses will run at the usual time in the morning but will leave at 2:15 p. m. Those wishing to remain at the picnic longer should depend upon parents for transportation. All Sams Valley residents are invited.

Neuberger became convinced that Coon wasn't the author of his own press releases but was having them written for him, which led him to wonder whether Coon knew what he was talking about concerning John Day dam. He decided the way to find out was challenge him to a debate.

"It seems to me the public is entitled to facts and not to epithets and name-calling," Neuberger told Coon in a letter bearing his challenge.

When the Pendleton Junior chamber of commerce and the Ontario chamber jumped in with invitations to both lawmakers, and both accepted, the debate was set. Coon suggested one reservation — and if the bill has been enacted into law by fall, it will be a moot question for public debate. Even the congressman concedes, however, that it would take a miracle to speed it through both chambers before the summer adjournment. No hearings have been held yet on the bill in the House, and no one has introduced it in the Senate where Neuberger and Morse have vowed to fight it.

When Neuberger suggested that it looked like Coon was trying to dodge his challenge, Coon declared: "I'll be glad to meet him anytime, any place, at any crossroads in eastern Oregon."

Neuberger, who writes his own speeches but doubts that Coon does, said he was gratified that the prospects are good for the face-to-face debate being held.

"We'll get him out in the middle of the ring, away from his handlers, and then see how he does," declared Neuberger.

Both Coon and Neuberger say their debate will be limited to the eastern side of the Cascades, the district Coon represents in the House. All the state needs to complete the picture would be a western Oregon series of debates between Morse and Rep. Harris Ellsworth (R-Ore.).

Ellsworth came out punching at Morse and Neuberger even before Coon, calling their hard and fast stand in behalf of federal power development a "reactionary" attitude. He, too, is sponsoring a "partnership" bill for Cougar and Green Peter dams which is opposed by Morse and Neuberger. Though they often exchange political potshots through press releases, Morse and Ellsworth have never debated face-to-face.

Douglas, Ariz., and completed over 40 years of membership in the order. He served as councilman in Gold Hill in 1913 having come here in 1910. Besides his wife he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Donald Foster, San Simon, Ariz., and Mrs. Donald Buckley, Burbank, Calif., four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Mrs. Buckley will be remembered as Agnes Dietrich who taught school at Gold Hill in 1916-17.

My collection of "suspects" surely resembles that received by Dr. Fisher. The most common material received is lava. Almost as numerous are clinkers from fires where the air supply has not been sufficient in some parts. The clinkers especially are full of holes and are extremely light in weight. The senders are correct that both types seem to have encountered great heat. Many are reported to have been seen falling in flames from the sky. Pieces of granite are often received. Garnet schist, obsidian, petrified wood, basalt, shale, thunder eggs and various iron oxides are quite common.

Real Meteorites Different Real meteorites are very different from any of the above mentioned materials. When freshly fallen, the thin characteristic "fusion crust" is quite evident. This is usually dark in color. The few seconds the objects spend in the atmosphere, where heating by friction takes place, are sufficient only to melt and sear the outer surfaces. The interiors are usually not affected.

Meteorites are never light and porous, but are solid and heavy. There are three distinct types. The metallic meteorites are an alloy of iron and nickel, the iron greatly predominating. If the dark crust is removed, the interior metal has a silvery appearance. Stony meteorites are silvery grains of nickel-iron showing abundantly in a cut and polished face. The intermediate type, the stony metal, is the rarest and most beautiful of all. A cut face shows a sort of honeycomb network of silvery nickel-iron in which are embedded crystals of olivine of striking colors.

Air Force Group Set To Arrive at Bend

Bend — (U.P.) — Some 75 officers and enlisted men from Geiger Air Force Base, Wash., and other air bases will arrive here June 15th for assignment to the newly constructed radar facility.

Howard Maple, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, said Capt. John Barnes of Geiger Field will command the unit. Some personnel would arrive June 1, but the main body is due June 15.

Also to participate in the operation of the radar unit were 15 civil service radar technicians. The facility is part of the nationwide network formed to guard against surprise air attacks.

Home Inspections To Be Resumed

Central Point — Inspections of homes in Central Point Rural Fire district will be resumed early next week. Inspections were discontinued last week while department members attended a school on fire pumps taught by Earl Albright at Medford and Central Point.

Albright is an instructor from the Public Service Training department of the state department of vocational education. The schools are held throughout the state.

Thus far, the Central Point Rural department has inspected 626 homes.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 1 a. m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day

Overross to Return To Face New Count

Salem — (U.P.) — Marion county authorities said here Saturday they had been notified that Casper Overross, indicted on a first degree murder charge, had been located in Alaska and would surrender himself to a federal marshal in Fairbanks.

Overross has been charged with the gunshot slaying of Silverton hop grower Ervin Kaser Feb. 17.

Salem Attorney Otto Skopil said late Friday he had received word from Overross' attorney, Bruce Williams in Reno, Nev., that he had located Overross in Alaska and had given him the first word that he had been indicted for the slaying.

Williams told Skopil that Overross had obtained work on a construction project in Fairbanks. He had left Salem after an earlier grand jury had refused to indict him because of lack of evidence.

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