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STEVENSON PEOPLE TO DEMAND FREE BRIDGE

Now the Stevenson people are determined to lift the tolls from the Bridge of the Gods bridge and throw it open to the people with no prohibitive tax. A movement has gained favor to have the government take over the bridge and this is increasing rapidly. As the picture now stands the toll is costing workmen a nice fat chunk of their small pay check to go to and from work at the new dam; the government is also paying a huge toll every month and this is increasing; contractors are already complaining over toll bills and the touring public has always been reluctant users of the toll bridge.

The plan is to have the government take over the bridge and lift the tolls. Chambers of commerce and all commercial bodies and public officials all along the river are lining up for the plan and some pressure will be brought to bear to have the tolls lifted. Representatives in congress are in favor of the plan and for the next thirty days there will be a concerted drive to secure a free bridge.

While the people are about it, may we suggest that they also include the toll bridge at Hood River and make the old gorge a free artery of traffic. Removal of the tolls would do more to advertise this part of the west than any other item. People resent this excessive tax. If you want to do your part, write your congressman.—Stevenson Pioneer.

HIGH WATER IN RIVER EARLIEST EVER KNOWN

With the Columbia 25 feet above normal and still rising, the river is now said to be the highest ever known at this season. The high water has forced the government to abandon work of clearing rock from the channel, above the bridge, and caused workmen employed on the contract to be laid off. Indications are that the work will not be resumed until late summer.

The early summer freshet usually comes in June. This year it is from a month to six weeks early. The high water was not anticipated by government engineers, who relied upon records over a long period of years, and they had expected to have the blasting of rocks well out of the way before the freshet came on.

Coffer dams in the river at Bonneville have reached a height where it appears certain they will hold back the water and contractors are getting ready to pump out the lake which has been created between the two dams in the channel on the Oregon side of Bradford island. The first coffer dam, put in last autumn by the General Construction company, has been entirely covered by the high water.

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PORTLAND MAN OPENS HABERDASHERY STORE

Oscar C. Hyde has been busy this week placing stock on the shelves of the new haberdashery store, which he and an associate have opened next door to the Cascade Food store in Cascade Locks. The store, to be known as the Men's Shop, occupies one of the ground floor rooms of the new building built by J. B. Laber.

"We will cater almost exclusively to men," said Mr. Hyde. "However, we are going to carry a line of women's silk stockings. Our stock is new and has been selected with a view of meeting the demands of the people in the Bonneville area."

Mr. Hyde ran a haberdashery store for years at Prineville, near Bend. After disposing of business interests there he moved to Portland.

Quite a number of people attended the P. T. C. meeting last Thursday evening. The lunch consisted of ice cream and cake.

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