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A STATION AGENT.

Business men in Cascade Locks are becoming provoked with the Union Pacific because of the railroad's failure to keep an agent at its station here. There is considerable talk of filing a complaint with the public service commission.

Under present conditions the people of Cascade Locks cannot file or receive without telephoning messages to Bonneville; they cannot receive an express package without going to Bonneville; they cannot receive freight without going through the Bonneville office; passenger trains whistle through, halting only on a flag.

Railroads complain of dull business, rush away to congress and ask for subsidies in the guise of loans. Private individuals enjoy no such privileges. Instead they are compelled to hustle and hold business on their merits. The Union Pacific is not seeking business on that basis. In a community of 1,000 people it permits its station to stand dark and deserted.

TOURIST TRADE.

Tourist travel is steadily increasing as spring advances and summer approaches. Hundreds of cars are passing over the Columbia River highway daily, but too many of them are rolling through Cascade Locks without occupants stopping to cool parched throats, buy a necktie, eat a meal or fill the gasoline tank.

Bonneville dam is going to prove a powerful magnet for visitors. It promises to become a mecca for the curious. Cascade Locks is strategically situated to enjoy a share of potential business that passes this way. But it cannot obtain the business by wishing. It must offer the tourist something for his money, make him want to halt and linger a while.

In our judgment the problem can be solved by setting up an Indian village here in an ancient home of the Red Man. Tourists, and particularly eastern tourists, are invariably disappointed in Oregon by failure to find blanketed Indians leering out at them from the brush. If we can find the means of accommodating the visitors, they will be only too happy to jot down Cascade Locks on their itinerary. There are any number of Indians close by. A village might offer them means of a livelihood. The subject is worthy of discussion.

A UNITED FRONT.

Stevenson, Cascade Locks and North Bonneville have one thing in common: All are dependent upon cheap power at Bonneville dam to attract industries.

It goes without saying that in the months to come much good natured rivalry will exist. Properly conducted, this rivalry will be helpful, rather than harmful. Eventually, what profits one, profits all. So they will find it to their advantage to work to a common purpose and to a common end.

All three communities want industries. In seeking them it is not going to be necessary for the three communities to fight each other. Their fight will be with strong and powerful neighbors further down the river. By working together they can no doubt work out and create a development program which will bring in large industries and large payrolls.

"Genius is developed in solitude, but character is made in the stream of life."

Business men are like motorists; They stop when they see red.

CHURCH SERVICES.

It is a sad commentary upon the religious organizations of Oregon that in a community of 2500 people there is no place where the people of Cascade Locks and Bonneville and other communities of the dam area can enjoy Sunday morning services.

Sunday schools have been established in Cascade Locks and Bonneville, but this does not satisfy the desires of older people for spiritual teaching. Surely the organized religious bodies of the state can afford to send pastors to the district for Sunday morning services. True, hundreds of people might not attend, but we believe enough people would attend to fill either of the two churches in Cascade Locks or the Community House in Bonneville.

If the church is to fulfill its purpose it must provide pastors. If it is not going to do this, then it has neither a purpose nor a mission.

New Paper at Cascade Locks.

The Dam Chronicle made its appearance at Cascade Locks, Ore., the latter part of last week. M. A. Shields and J. M. Cummins are the new publishers. The paper is a five column sheet with four pages of local news and four pages "patent" service. The new venture should prove successful and it should do a great deal to bring about a bigger and better community across the great river. Any community worthy of the name of a town should have a newspaper.

If the right kind of men are at the head of the publicity plan, a newspaper offers any community a greater service than any other enterprise. There isn't a business man in any community that can do as much for his location as the publisher. In most places you will find the newspaper man doing more than his share of public work, but that is the nature of the tribe and they like it.

Cascade Locks should get solidly behind its paper. Every bit of business in the community should be given the Chronicle and our neighbors will find, with proper support, the editors will not be found wanting in their services.

The Skamania County Pioneer, the pioneer newspaper of the gorge, offers a hearty welcome to the Chronicle, and congratulates our sister city in stepping out into the procession of progress. —Stevenson (Wash.) Pioneer.

ON SECOND THOUGHT

The government is talking of cutting the tax on whisky to stop bootlegging. If it is revenue they are after, why not tax the bootlegger?

They claim that the custom of betting on horse racing was originated by Queen Anne, of England. Uh huh! Always blaming the woman.

Some one is always making bright remarks. Now it is suggested that construction of Bonneville dam be financed by contractors passing the hat among spectators.

Tourist travel into Oregon is reported to be on the increase. We have felt from the first that some good would come from the creation of the liquor control commission.

Joe Dunne wants to be governor because he fathered the \$5 automobile license fee. He is on safe grounds until some rival candidate promises to remove the fee in its intireity.

The agricultural problem has largely solved itself. Farmers everywhere have moved to the highway and open gasoline stations.

"Do good to thy friend to keep him, to thy enemy to gain him."—Franklin.

"Who is the happiest of men? He who values the merits of others and in their pleasure takes joy, even as though 'twere his own."—Goethe.

A man without mirth is like a wagon without springs, in which one is disagreeably jolted by every pebble it runs over.—Henry Ward Beecher.

PLAN FOR CONTROL OF MILK DROPPED

Widespread Opposition Is Found by AAA.

Washington.—The farm administration announced abandonment of its plan for control of the national milk supply. Widespread opposition by the industry was announced as the reason for the action.

The plan contemplated payment of about \$165,000,000 in benefits to participating producers, revenues to be derived from a processing tax on butter fat. Additional appropriations might have increased the amount payable to dairymen.

"Opposition under centralized leadership developed before the proposed program was taken to the farmers for discussion in regional conferences," said the announcement.

"Since it was apparent that the dairy industry as a whole is not agreed upon acceptance of the proposed program or any other plan of production adjustment, the administration feels it should not undertake dairy production control until such a time as the dairy industry is substantially agreed upon production adjustment."

Farm administrators expressed fear that rejection of the plan would reduce the effectiveness of existing milk marketing agreements and licenses now operating in about twenty-one communities. The pressure of outside milk on city markets is likely to increase the contribution of fluid milk sheds to supplies used for manufactured dairy products, Administrator Chester C. Davis said.

The dairy plan was the first of the farm administration's programs to be set aside. Davis said it was apparent from reaction developed at conferences held throughout the country and from a subsequent check on producers' sentiment that the industry did not accept the plan.

"After a little more experience, they may want it," he observed.

It was announced that the AAA would continue its plans for eradication of diseased cattle and for increased relief purchases of milk and butter.

Various plans offered by certain dairymen as substitutes for the AAA program "could not be attempted in the near future," because they were deemed outside the authority of the agricultural adjustment act.

Opposition to the AAA plans, Davis said, came from interests including the National Co-operative Producers' Federation and several state and regional affiliates.

Rexford G. Tugwell Is Promoted by President

Washington.—President Roosevelt nominated Rexford Guy Tugwell, known as the head of the "brain trust," for the newly created position of undersecretary of agriculture. Tugwell has been assistant secretary of agriculture. The new job was created as a promotion for Tugwell, it is understood, and will increase his salary from \$8,000 a year to \$10,000.

T. Jefferson Coolidge, now serving as an assistant and adviser to the secretary of the treasury, was nominated by President Roosevelt to the post of undersecretary of the treasury.

Poison Gas to Guard U. S. Treasury Vaults

Washington.—Death by poison gas lurks in huge steel doors the government is setting in place in new vaults in the United States treasury.

A superburglar who by some miracle penetrated halfway through the 30 inches of metal would die quickly and horribly in a cloud of gas generated by chemicals concealed in the doors.

The vaults—big enough to contain all the monetary gold stock in the country as well as huge treasures in silver, currency and securities—will be completed in September at a cost of \$300,000.

\$200,000 Bank Loot Recovered for \$25,000

Kansas City, Mo.—More than \$200,000 in bonds and stocks stolen January 31 from the Independence (Kan.) State bank, was recovered here at a secret conference in a downtown hotel. Two attorneys represented the bank. The identity of the other negotiators was not disclosed. Payment of \$25,000 for the loot was reported.

NRA Sign Inspires Hen to Lay 4 1/2 Ounce Egg

Massapequa, L. I.—A white barred rock hen at the State Institute of Applied Agriculture in Massapequa has laid an egg weighing 4.45 ounces. The average hen's egg weighs a shade under 2 ounces. An NRA sign with the "We Do Our Part" inscription had been nailed right opposite the nest

FEDERAL FORCES AFTER DILLINGER

Outlaw and His Gang Escape Capture Twice.

Chicago.—Airplanes were poised at strategic points as the hunt for John Dillinger spread through the Middle West.

In the vanguard were the sharpshooters of the federal forces, the ace criminal trailers.

Melvin H. Purvis, chief of the United States bureau of investigation here, made the quiet, firm prediction: "We'll get him this time. We have more facts to work on than ever before."

Dillinger himself, it was believed, was somewhere near St. Paul, although his band has scattered widely.

Evidence that he had prepared a hideout in the vicinity of the Twin Cities was in the discovery of a Lincoln sedan which was stored in a private garage in Rochester, Minn., just a day after Dillinger seized it in Chicago from the chauffeur of Mrs. Herman Stern.

Dillinger's favorite girl friend, Evelyn Frechette, in an interview from her cell in St. Paul where she was held on charges of harboring a criminal, admitted that she was present in the St. Paul apartment shortly before the night of March 31 when Dillinger, John Hamilton and another woman escaped in a terrific gun battle with St. Paul police and federal agents.

John Dillinger and several members of his gang were located at a backwoods near Mercer, Wis., by federal agents and possemen. Because the officers mistook some conservation camp workers for the criminals the latter broke through the cordon and fled into the woods. In the fighting two men were killed and four wounded.

The next day three of the desperadoes were encountered in St. Paul Park, a suburb of St. Paul, Minn., by three deputies. The gangsters were in a stolen car and put up a fierce fight. They escaped again, but one of them was believed to have been wounded. Not far from St. Paul they stole another automobile and fled into Wisconsin. The car they abandoned was splattered with blood.

Canada Chief Justice Raised to Knighthood

Ottawa, Ont.—Knighthood was in flower again in Canada when the chief justice of Canada knelt before the governor general, was tapped on the shoulder with a sword and bidden to "rise, Sir Lyman Poore Duffe."

Thus, pursuant to the medieval practices of monarchs honoring their "right trusty and well beloved" subjects by giving them the accolade, Sir Lyman was admitted as a knight grand cross of the most honorable order of St. Michael and St. George.

Twenty-two Canadians received the insignia of various chivalric orders at the first investiture witnessed here in fifteen years.

Present to Head of Cuban Army Explodes

Havana, Cuba.—Col. Fulgencio Batista suffered injury to his right hand, unconfirmed reports said, when a small cigarette lighter—loaded with gunpowder—exploded.

The lighter, sent the commander in chief of the Cuban army through the mail, was said to have blown up as he was examining it.

WASHINGTON BRIEFS

The War department has issued orders that "based on improbability of their use in the future, the cavalry is to store its sabers."

Senator Nye of North Dakota was chosen chairman of the special committee to investigate manufacture and traffic in arms and munitions.

Arthur J. Mellott, Kansas City, an ardent Methodist "dry," was named by Secretary Morgenthau to head the government's liquor control campaign. Mellott will be a deputy internal revenue commissioner.

An election committee reported to the house that Representative Fred Britten, Republican, was properly elected from the Ninth congressional district in Illinois to his seat in the house. It recommended that the contest of James McAndrews, a Democrat, be dismissed.

Firms employing lobbyists hereafter will be barred from bidding for supplies to the War department.

Two Killed in Lawsuit Row
Henderson, Texas.—Trouble over a lawsuit led to a shooting in an attorney's office here in which Homer Harris, Jr., of Henderson and Joe Marr of

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