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SHOVELS BUSY ON SHIP CANAL AT BONNEVILLE

Demand for Dirt Prompts Engineers to Start Task of Digging Approach to Locks.

Demand for dirt to be used in making a fill has caused the United States army engineers to start work on the ship canal which will pass vessels from the river to the locks at Bonneville dam.

The engineers speak of the approach to the locks as a "borrow pit". They expect to call for bids on the canal at a later date, but at present are carrying on the work under force account.

When completed the canal will be one of the largest in the west, for it means the moving of 1,000,000 cubic yards of dirt and rock. The canal will take out of the river at a point below the railroad station. It will be 1600 feet long, 150 feet wide and 40 feet deep. It is being dug through soil in the mainland on the Oregon side of the river. At the upper end it enters solid rock. The locks will be installed in the huge cut, between the walls of solid rock, to the south of the power house, which will set in the slough.

Dirt now being moved out of the canal is being hauled to a point just west of the Atkinson camp, below the railroad station. The ground has to be leveled off for the 100 bunkhouses which the government proposes to build for use of men who will be employed in constructing the spillway, between Bradford island and the Washington shore.

The rock being carved out of the cut at the upper end of the canal is being stacked up at a point opposite the hospital and will be crushed at a later date and used as material in building the spillway and power house. Date for calling for bids on the power house and locks has not been fixed, but it is not anticipated that the call will be issued for some weeks yet.

Work of taking dirt from the canal and dumping it on the site of the proposed bunkhouses is being done by the Guy F. Atkinson company. They are employing a number of steam shovels and trucks. They have moved 35,000 cubic yards of material.

BASEBALL CLUB TO GIVE DANCE SATURDAY NIGHT

A benefit dance for the baseball team will be held at the Craigmont hotel, just beyond the city limits, on Saturday night. The dance will open to the public and efforts will be made to get out a large crowd. Mrs. Finlay, proprietor of the hotel, has volunteered to donate the use of the spacious lobby, parlor and dining room and has joined the management of the ball team in inviting everyone in the Bonneville dam district to be present and enjoy the evening.

An admission charge of 50 cents will be made for men. Ladies will be admitted free. Dancing will begin shortly after 8 p. m. and continue until 1 a. m.

The Craigmont, one of the most attractive hotels on the Columbia River highway, makes an ideal setting for the dance. There is ample room for 300 couples and plenty of space outside to park cars.

A splendid 5-piece orchestra has been obtained for the evening. Except for the music there will be no expense. The ball team is hopeful of clearing sufficient money to give it all the funds needed to start the season without any handicaps.

Parents are requested not to bring children.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Beginning next Monday The Chronicle will begin to seek subscriptions. Subscriptions are necessary to any newspaper, for they are an important part of the revenues derived from the publishing business.

The Chronicle has purposely delayed asking anyone to subscribe because it desired the public to become acquainted with the paper before asking readers to assume a portion of the costs of producing it.

We are now organized to mail the paper to out-of-town subscribers and orders will receive prompt attention.

The Chronicle sells at \$2 for one year; \$1 for six months; 50 cents for three months.

Those who desire may pay for the paper at the rate of 20 cents a month. Thus, the cost is divided into 12 equal payments.

The boys who deliver the paper will call at your homes and places of business and invite you to take out a subscription. We hope you accept the invitation for the more subscriptions we receive the better paper we will be able to give you in return for your money.

WILLIS MAHONEY GIVEN WARM WELCOME AT LOCKS

Willis Mahoney, dynamic young mayor of Klamath Falls, and candidate for the democratic gubernatorial nomination, stopped in Cascade Locks Saturday night to meet the crowd at Erick Erickson's birthday party and remained to make a brief talk.

Earlier in the evening Mr. Mahoney spoke in Hood River. After leaving Cascade Locks he stopped in Bonneville and other towns between here and Portland.

Mr. Mahoney is the only candidate for governor on either republican or democratic ticket who has visited the locks, and there is every indication that he will carry the district by a large vote. From Hood River comes word that he will have almost an unanimous vote among the Grange members and fruit growers in the upper valley.

The Klamath Falls mayor has visited every county in the state and is now engaged in a whirlwind campaign in Multnomah county. His friends say he will carry every county in eastern and southern Oregon, and predict that he will come out of Portland with a handsome majority. Because of his attacks on the Portland chamber of commerce and his demands for deep sea locks at Bonneville dam, Portland daily newspapers have refused to give him any publicity. He has overcome the absence of publicity by carrying his fight against the power trust direct to the people over the radio.

EIMER ELECTRIC OPENS STORE ON MAIN STREET

Jack Eimer, manager of the Eimer Electric, has been busy this week getting a large stock of electrical supplies on the shelves in his new store, across the street from the Cascade Food Store. The stock, one of the largest in eastern Oregon, would do credit to a town several times the size of Cascade Locks. Mr. Eimer has obtained a number of contracts for wiring new homes and business buildings. Between getting the new store established and taking care of his electrical supply business he has had no time to play. A licensed electrician, he has had about all the work one man can handle.

STATE RUM COMMISSION OPENS STORE IN LOCKS

R. C. Morris, owner of the Cascade Food Store, has been appointed agent for the state liquor control board in Cascade Locks. The first shipment of wet goods came up last Friday afternoon and was sold on Saturday. Mr. Morris said \$60 worth of stuff the first day.

Prices are considerable lower than prices quoted by the state when it began operating its liquor stores. A further cut was announced some days ago for the purpose of meeting competition in Washington.

The state will carry a reasonably large stock in Cascade Locks, Mr. Morris said. It will include whisky, wines, gin and other bottled goods.

PUBLIC HEARING CALLED ON LOCAL POWER RATES

A public hearing on rates and charges of the West Coast Power company in Cascade Locks and adjacent territory on the Oregon side of the river will be held May 25 by the public service commission. The hearing will be held in the town hall Tuesday by Commissioner Charles M. Thomas.

It has not been learned who filed the complaint that led to the calling of the hearing. Agitation for lower power rates has been going on for months and a number of people have threatened to lay the matter of rates before the commission at Salem.

BURT COMMENCES WORK ON NEW HOTEL BUILDING

J. H. Burt expects to start turning dirt Monday for the foundation of the new three-story hotel which he will erect on Main street, just west of the drug store, and opposite Merrill's Barbeque.

Plans call for a building 46 feet in depth, by 36 feet in width. The hotel will contain 15 rooms, with a lobby on the second floor. It will be of frame construction. The first floor is to be given over to a bar, a dining room and kitchen.

Plans for several other buildings are now in the making, and if the weather remains pleasant for a time work on them will be started almost immediately.

Inquiries for property are becoming pronounced, and the demand for houses continues unabated.

U. P. TO CROSS RUCKLE SLIDE OVER OPEN CUT

Only Signatures of Railroad Officials Needed to Let Job of Moving Tracks.

United States army engineers have abandoned plans for a tunnel in favor of an open cut through Ruckle slide, and now are only awaiting word from Union Pacific officials before undertaking the job of rebuilding the railroad line between Bonneville and Cascade Locks.

Adoption of the open cut has not been made public, but an announcement may be expected at any day. Reason for the delay is the fact that Union Pacific officials and state highway commission are not in agreement over the program advanced by the army engineers.

The government proposes to make a cut of sufficient width through Ruckle slide to carry the railroad and the highway on the same grade. The highway engineers are heartily in favor of this plan, but the Union Pacific is not so enthusiastic over it.

Plans for the proposed change in grade are now in the hands of the railroad officials in New York. When they have acted, the government will be ready to act. Indications are that an agreement will be reached at an early date, and that bids for constructing the new grade will be called within a few weeks.

Drilling of test holes on Ruckle slide will continue until the original contract is completed, but sufficient information has been obtained to tell the army engineers what they wanted to know. Drilling will end about June 1.

The new railroad grade will start a mile west of Bonneville station, pass through a 1,000 foot tunnel near Bonneville, cross Eagle creek on a trestle and pass through another 1,000 foot tunnel. After leaving the second tunnel beyond Eagle creek it will enter the open cut across Ruckle slide. It will end just west of the toll bridge.

Talk of relocating the rail line between the toll bridge and Wyeth is without foundation of fact, according to F. N. Finch, general manager of the O. W. R. & N. railroad. He said the railroad company had not intention of changing the location of the rail line through Cascade Locks.

The Union Pacific is reputed to have made a number of surveys back of town, with a view of obtaining a new grade which would be linked up with the grade on the new location between Bonneville and Cascade Locks. Mr. Finch shook his head and smiled.

"Nothing to it," he said.

NEW AUTO FREIGHT LINE ENTERS CASCADE LOCKS

The Dalles Freight Line, Inc., has been granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a truck line service into Cascade Locks and Bonneville and Brdal Veil. It will start the service this week.

R. J. Wuner of Portland has been appointed agent for the company and is moving his family to the Locks this week. He is preparing to open an office in the new building just completed by Mrs. S. M. Hill, across the street from the meat market.

Ed. Spickerman, manager of the company's Portland office, came to Cascade Locks with Mr. Wuner Wednesday and made arrangements to get the service under way. He announced that the company is preparing to open a freight station here and spent a considerable part of the day discussing plans for a new building. Through freight service will be supplemented by a local pick-up service.

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION TO RUN FOUR DAYS

Chamber of Commerce Joins With Civic Club in Arranging For Week of Fun.

Detailed plans for the gigantic celebration which will be held in Cascade Locks on the Fourth of July are fast taking form. At the meeting of the Civic club last Friday night President Frank Hall appointed Jim Merrill chairman of the general committee. At the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Wednesday, President A. W. Meyer followed the Civic club's lead by making Mr. Merrill chairman of the Chamber's Fourth of July committee.

The general committee is composed of seven members. It met Wednesday night and buckled down to the task of getting things rolling.

The celebration will begin on Saturday afternoon and run for four days with something doing all of the time. Stevenson and North Bonneville are putting on a joint 4 day celebration. So the fun that week will not be confined to one side of the river.

Within the course of a few days the general committee expects to be able to report back on plans for publicity which carry the story of the proposed celebration to the people of three states.

The entertainment is expected to include water sports, base ball games, fireworks, a carnival, wrestling and boxing bouts, horse shoe tournaments, racing, dancing and other forms of amusements and sports.

BUSINESS MEN AGREE TO INSTALL HYDRANTS

A definite move toward providing fire protection for Cascade Locks was launched at the meeting of the Civic club Friday night.

A. W. Meyer, principal owner of the Independent Water company, told the club that he would furnish water without cost on condition that business men and property owners generally put in hydrants.

The hydrants will cost approximately \$5 each. One or a dozen can be installed. They will be of a size that will conform to the hose used by the forestry service on its truck at the Herman creek ranger station. That will make it possible for the town to obtain assistance of the pumper.

President Frank Hall of the Civic club expressed the view at the meeting that the town should take steps to put in water mains and hydrants of a sufficient size to meet demands of the insurance companies. He said the insurance companies would not reduce rates unless the standards are met.

The club voted, however, to take advantage of Mr. Meyer's offer, and President Hall appointed James A. Merrill, of Merrill's Barbeque, to interview property owners and learn how much money can be raised toward defraying cost of buying and placing the hydrants. Mr. Merrill started the ball rolling by offering to put in a hydrant near his own property. Other property owners will be invited to accept responsibility of placing on or more hydrants.

The noonday luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce at the Rapids club drew a crowd of nearly 30 business men and women. Dr. E. H. Berger was chosen vice-president. Annual dues were tentatively fixed at \$3, payable semi-annually. Next week's meeting will be held at the We-Ask-You-Inn. Hope was expressed that the size of the crowd could be doubled within a short time.