

Construction of the spillway dam, the power house and locks at Bonneville, together with removal of the Union Pacific railroad tracks and rebuilding of the state highway through the Bonneville Dam area will bring millions of dollars into the Cascade Locks district.

Business men of Cascade Locks are looking forward and preparing to handle the tremendous volume of business that will accrue to them.

But if Cascade Locks is to profit must be ready and willing to discharge the responsibility of seeing that the workers are

properly housed, that the employes on the dam are able to cash their checks without delay, that the families of the men have opportunity for recreation and entertainment.

The spirit of helpfulness is manifested on every hand by the business men. They have endeavored to make Cascade Locks a friendly town and a good town in which to trade and play. Only cottages are necessary to swell the population four or five times its present size. The government must be urged to build them at once. They will be needed to supplement the cottages built by private capital.

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MERCHANTS OF CASCADE LOCKS TO CASH CHECKS

Chamber Appoints Committee to Meet Bankers and Obtain Funds With Which to Handle Payroll.

The problem of obtaining change with which to carry on business and the need for money with which to cash payroll checks from Bonneville dam was attacked Wednesday by the Chamber of Commerce.

Much business was lost to Cascade Locks merchants last Saturday, due to their inability to handle all the checks that were presented. Business houses all over town ran out of currency early in the afternoon and the workers were disappointed in not being able to procure cash on their paper.

At Wednesday's meeting the chamber discussed means of remedying the situation. The Bank of Stevenson has been bringing \$1000 across the river every Saturday, but discontinued the trips due to the heavy cost of insurance on the money. The bank has offered to help meet the situation if the necessary details can be worked out to the satisfaction of everybody.

President A. W. Meyer of the chamber appointed W. J. Carlson, R. E. Andrews and Dick Morris members of a committee to take the matter up with the First National bank at Hood River and the Bank of Stevenson.

With the building of the spillway dam and the removal of the Union Pacific tracks, payrolls at the dam will run into thousands of dollars every week. These will have to be handled in addition to the cashing of government warrants and the checks drawn by the Guy F. Atkinson company. The contracts direct that payrolls be met in cash, but it is not convenient for the contractors to pay in cash, and feeling is current among business men that Cascade Locks should maintain sufficient funds on hand to meet all demands.

Engineers to Raze Hill.

Army engineers charged with the task of relocating the Union Pacific tracks propose to whittle away the bluff at View Point, overlooking Bonneville dam, for a distance of several hundred yards.

The bluff is occupied by the homes of Mrs. M. B. Hill and Samuel C. Landcaster. The whittling away process may cause the entire hill to be razed.

Three reasons are assigned for shearing away the bluff;

1. The railroad wants to avoid construction of a tunnel.

2. The engineers want to obtain rock from the hill with which to rip up the mountainside through Ruckle slide.

3. Railroad officials and engineers insist that passengers on railroad trains would not be able to obtain a view of the dam unless the rail line parallels the foot of the bluff.

SUPER HIGHWAY TO COST STATE \$170,000 PER MILE

New Road Between Cascade Locks and Bonneville to Go Through Tunnel at Eagle Creek.

Oregon's new super highway up the Columbia Gorge, between Cascade Locks and Portland, is expected to cost \$5,000,000 before it is completed, according to estimates of engineers.

Cost of the first unit, between Troutdale and Multnomah Falls, is expected to reach \$2,700,000, or \$180,000 a mile for the 15 miles.

The state highway department at Salem has a crew of men working on plans for the road in anticipation of obtaining a loan from the federal government. However, greatest interest in the department centers about construction of that section of the road which must be built through the Bonneville dam area.

The Bonneville Dam area section will, roughly, parallel the Union Pacific tracks, according to present plans. If the highway department's ideas are adopted the road will go through a 700 foot tunnel at Eagle creek.

Estimated cost of reconstructing the highway between Cascade Locks and Dodson have not been made public, but the expense is going to be greater than anticipated, it appears. The state wants to build the eight or nine miles of road to conform with the grade it proposes to lay down on the super highway. This means a wider road than at present, the elimination of curves and a grade that will be on a parity with the railroad grade.

Length of time to be consumed in construction work has not been fixed, it is said, but will provide work for a large number of men.

Overseas Veterans Organize.

Veterans of Foreign Wars have organized the Damsite Post, No. 3051, at Bonneville with more than 60 members. The post expects to meet every Thursday night in the Community Center. Charter members are being accepted at \$1 each. An invitation has been extended to all veterans in the Bonneville dam area to join the post and help make it one of the largest in the state outside of Portland. A special effort will be made to get Cascade Locks veterans to enroll.

Frank R. Hays, federal labor commander. Other officers are Leo I. Ellis, senior vice commander; George Stovall, junior vice commander; Charles E. Regan, chaplain; Chester E. Ross, quartermaster. The adjutant, guard and color bearers will be appointed by the post.

Don Francis, manager of the Cascade Drug company, is ill this week in Portland. Charles S. Harlock, registered pharmacist, is filling the position behind the prescription counter.

The Airways Keeper.

By Noble F. Hyde.

Night, the stars and river seaward sweep.
Night winds in the pines whisper, sigh and moan.
Night things, rousing from their daylight sleeping,
Greet the moon upon her mountain throne.
Fog, above the marshland, ghost-like creeping,
And I, high on the rocky tree-fringed bluff, alone,
Alert to warn from danger those whose lives are in my keeping

A rumbling freight train puffs its siding, fills its ank,
Sighs, as patiently it awaits another's meeting.
A steamer, ports aglow, glides long the farther bank,
Unknown to it, has often sent me greeting
With rheumic wheeze and distant muffled clank,
And sloshing paddle wheels the water beating—
I mourned a friend the day I heard that it had sank.

The moon ascends and jeweled dewdrops dot the lawn,
MMoves across the heavens, poised and proud,
Yet humbled often as it travels on;
Such times it meets a drifting, vagrant cloud,
And takes its light behind the western hill, where it has gone,
And leaves the world in velvet star-frenched shroud
Which slowly fades before advancing dayn.

From out of the west, a hum increasing from a sigh;
Above the mountains, fast approach light green and red,
The early morning plane, on schedule winging high,
Swiftly on its journey passes overhead—
Emerald and ruby motors 'cross a diamond sprinkled sky,
The echoes of his passing linger for a space and die.

ITINERANTS WARNED AGAINST SEEKING JOBS

Transients who come into the Bonneville dam area seeking work are only wasting their time and also threaten to become public charges in Cascade Locks if encouraged to visit Bonneville, Frank R. Hays, labor agent at the dam, told the Chamber of Commerce in a noonday talk.

A transient, he explained, is a person who has not resided in a county for at least six months, or a person who has been away from his home county for a period of two years.

Hood River county has a quota of eight men out of every 100; the entire state of Washington has a quota of 16 out of every hundred; Multnomah county has a quota of 75 men out of every 100. However, more Hood River county men, many of whom are from Cascade Locks, are being employed on the dam than the county is entitled to, according to Mr. Hays.

All labor employed at the dam passes through Mr. Hays' office, and he asked Cascade Locks business men to cooperate by discouraging job seekers from flocking into town. All labor is hired either in The Dalles or in Portland, and it is useless for men hunting work to come direct to the dam.

Erick Erickson is putting on another party at his Rapids club Friday night. Invitations are out to the entire countryside on both sides of the river. The parties at the Rapids club are always enjoyable affairs and its anticipated that a large crowd will be in attendance.

The Union Pacific has ordered a telephone installed in the railroad station. This may mean much and it may mean nothing. However, it has given rise to the report that the railroad is preparing to put station agent in charge at Cascade Locks.

CHAMBER SPONSORS HOP AT CRAIGMONT HOTEL

A bevy of girls, each of whom would be queen of the ball to be held Saturday night, June 30, as the opening event of the Fourth of July celebration, have been busy for doys selling tickets.

Saturday night of this week the girl who has disposed of the largest number of tickets since the contest opened will be awarded a cash prize of \$15. The award will be made at a dance to be held at the Craigmont hotel.

The dance is under auspices of the Chamber of Commerce and the Civic club and will be open to the public. A 51-piece orchestra has been obtained for her occasion and Mrs. E. Finlay, proprietor of the hotel, has promised that the merrymakers will have ample room in which to do the light fantastic.

The Saturday night dance is the first of a series that will lead up to the queen's ball on the night of June 30, when the girl who has sold the largest number of tickets will be elected to preside over the festivities. Committees are working on details of the celebration and plans are going forward for the largest Fourth in the state this year.

Eagles Initiates Class.

The Eagles lodge held an initiatory ceremony Tuesday night at Odd Fellows hall, when it took in 42 new members. The organization is seeking to enroll 150 members with a view to building in Cascade Locks and opening club rooms. The lodge will embrace all the members in the Bonneville dam area. D. D. Hale, state president, and other officers spoke at Tuesday night's meeting.

Sunday the Portland Eagles will run an excursion up the river to Bonneville. They have chartered the Swan and will dance.

STATE REDUCES LIGHTING RATES IN DAM DISTRICT

Oregon Side to Pay 10 Cents Killowatt Hour for First 35 Cents and Three Cents Thereafter.

Lower light and power rates, tentatively promised two weeks ago in the course of a hearing in Cascade Locks, were announced June 1 in an order issued by Charles M. Thomas, public utilities commissioner.

The new rates are identical with the rates fixed by the public service commission for the Washington side of the river, where the West Coast Power company serves the town of Stevenson and adjacent territory.

The West Coast supplies the entire Bonneville dam area on the Oregon side with light and power. Its service extends from Herman creek to Multnomah Falls.

New rates announced: For residences, first 35 kilowatt hours, 10 cents a kilowatt hour and three cents thereafter.

For residences using electricity for both lighting and cooking, first 25 kilowatt hours, 10 cents a kilowatt hour and three cents thereafter.

A minimum charge of \$1 is allowed for homes using only lights and \$2 for homes using electricity for cooking.

Water heater rates were fixed at one and a half cents a kilowatt hour for continuous service, and for peak service, one cent a kilowatt hour.

Locks to Enter Float.

Cascade Locks will have a float in the Rose Festival parade this year. This became certain when Mrs. R. E. Andrews, head of a committee appointed to work in conjunction with the committees which are helping with Fourth of July plans, took hold and ironed out all of the details.

The float will be decorated with ferns. An Indian tepee will be mounted on a truck, which is being donated for the occasion by W. H. Clark. Hal Babbitt, one of the owners of the Bonny Ville, in West Bonneville, has consented to decorate it. He is an accomplished artist and does considerable painting in his spare time.

Merrill Starts Dance Hall.

J. A. Merrill, proprietor of Merrill's Barbeque, started construction work Wednesday on the new dance hall which he is building on the property in the rear of his restaurant. His brother, Colon, has been busy for several days getting the ground in shape and the foundation under way for the floor.

The floor will be 60 by 80. This will give a total floor space of 4800 feet. Work is being rushed on the floor in an effort to make it ready for use as early as possible. Construction of the hall insures the town of a dance floor for the Fourth of July celebration.