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## BIG CAMP COMES TO OREGON SIDE

### CONTRACTORS ON DAM CHOOSE SITE ON TANNER CREEK

Accommodations to be Provided For 1000 Men Just West of Guy F. Atkinson Camp.

The Columbia Construction company, contractors for the spillway dam at Bonneville, will build their camp for workmen between the railroad and Tanner creek, just west of the railroad station.

Definite location of the camp was formally announced at the company's offices in Portland Thursday. The announcement sets at rest all idle speculation which has been going the rounds for the past month relative to the selection of a camp site.

Week ago the company thought it might put the camp on Bradford Island, but this location was not entirely suitable for a number of reasons.

Selection of the site on Tanner creek brings the camp and headquarters for the contractors to the Oregon side of the river.

C. P. Bedford has come up from Boulder dam to become general superintendent of construction work at Bonneville. Edgar F. Kaiser will be administration manager. Both Mr. Bedford and Mr. Kaiser will occupy homes on Bradford Island.

Work on the spillway dam will employ 1,000 men when it gets into full swing. Construction of the camp will be started immediately upon receipt of word from the war department at Washington that the contract has been approved. Approval is looked upon as a formality.

Headquarters will be established at the camp. The office will be built first. With completion of that building work will be started on the bunk houses. The company proposes to build only about 35 bunkhouses now, but has sufficient ground in sight to provide for 150 bunkhouses if they are found to be necessary. The government has filled the ground between the railroad and Tanner creek for this camp, and expects to reclaim additional land on the north side of the railroad tracks, next to the river.

First unit of the huge dam will be built on the Oregon side of the river. This necessitates construction of a coffer dam from Bradford Island to the middle of the river. With completion of the first unit the contractors will be in a position to carry on construction of the second unit, next to the Washington shore. Although not definitely settled, there is every reason to believe all work for the entire dam will be directed from the Oregon shore, and that the workers will be housed on the Oregon side for the three years that will be required to finish the \$10,000,000 spillway dam.

A second camp, to provide quarters for workmen employed in building the foundation for the power house and the locks will be set up on the Oregon side of the river, following the awarding of a contract early in July.

This camp will be under canvas until September when the 500 workmen in it will be quartered in the bunkhouses now occupied by the men in the Atkinson camp.

Under the terms of both of these contracts common labor will be paid 50 cents an hour and permitted to

## ATTENTION OF STATE BEING ATTRACTED TO LOCKS CELEBRATION

The Bonneville Dam celebration in Cascade Locks July 1, 2, 3 and 4 promises to fulfill all expectations, according to reports which are coming into the committee in charge.

The celebration, under the joint auspices of the Civic club and the Chamber of Commerce, is expected to draw several thousand people to the Bonneville dam area over the 4-day period.

"Jim" Merrill, busy with his new dance hall, has resigned as chairman of the general committee and his place has been taken by A. W. Meyer, who is devoting the whole of his time to plans for the celebration.

Gerrabrant Bros., of Hood River, dealers in this territory for the Plymouth car, has turned the new sedan which will be given away over to the general committee. It has been fitted up with banners and the girls in the Queen contest are now exhibiting the prize to the public.

Choice of a queen will be made at the Queen's Ball Saturday night, June 30, at Merrill's new dance hall. On Sunday, July 1, the Hood River band will entertain with a sacred

concert in the government reservation park.

The program for the four days has been determined upon and will be announced in full next week. It includes baseball games, log rolling contests, a carnival, fireworks, jitney dancing, games, speaking and music.

From surrounding towns and communities has come word that people are coming to Cascade Locks in great numbers for the celebration.

Senator Joseph E. Dunne, republican candidate for governor will speak. An invitation has been extended to Congressman Martin, democratic candidate for governor, but he has not accepted yet. However, the committee is confident that he will accept the invitation and speak. Governor Meier is speaking at North Bonneville and it is anticipated that he, too, will speak in Cascade Locks during the celebration.

Jack Eimer, chairman of the concessions committee, is receiving applications daily for space from people who want space on the Midway. The Midway will stretch the full length of Main street.

### UNION PACIFIC STAGES STUDY BUS PROBLEM' MAY ESTABLISH SERVICE

Union Pacific stages are preparing to make a study of the Bonneville dam area in an effort to determine whether the territory between Herman creek and Warrendale will support interurban bus service.

Cascade Locks business men have talked for weeks of a service which would enable employes on the dam and residents of the Bonneville dam area to travel freely at a low rate on busses. Workers at the dam insist that a service has become a necessity, owing to the fact that many do not own cars and are unable to run into Cascade Locks for an hour or two in the evening or to live outside of the camps.

Investigations have made it clear that the service must be maintained 24 hours a day if it is to be of any value. Employes at the dam have different hours and the numerous shifts have to be accommodated if busses are put on the run along the highway.

A number of Cascade Locks men are studying the field and there is every indication that an application will be filed with the public utility commissioner at Salem by private capital for certificate of convenience and necessity unless the Union Pacific concludes to serve the district. Service contemplated would be on an hourly basis and so arranged as to accommodate the numerous shifts of men. The Union Pacific is reported to be interested in holding the field.

work 40 hours a week. This means that the lowest wages on the dam will be \$20 a week.

No word has come yet that would indicate when work will start on the Union Pacific track removal job, but the war department may act on it any day now, according to the engineers.

### CARLSON DEFEATED IN SCHOOL ELECTION BY ONLY SEVENTEEN VOTES

The annual school election in Cascade Locks was rather a quiet affair Monday, in spite of the effort of various parties to get the people excited about the issue. According to Gene Lovell, chairman of the election board, most of the 50 votes cast were by citizens new to Cascade Locks, and the old timers, with a few exceptions, stayed calmly at home.

The only votes which were centered were for Will J. Carlson, local candidate for the county board. The votes for the zone board were very much scattered about 15 candidates being mentioned. This district supported Aubrey Davis, Floyd Numaker, Luhr Jensen, George Alexander, and Will Carlson for the county board. The local zone resulted in Capt. Karl Rosenback getting the three year term; Ervin J. Broliar, the two year office and Gene Lovell and Dr. Fred Folsom tied for the one year term and the chairmanship.

The county at large supported the same ticket that won locally with two exceptions. J. H. Allegre, candidate opposing Will Carlson of this zone polled a 17 vote victory. This was due to his complete vote in the Frankton district, as the other county districts supported Carlson.

The other exception was George Galligan of Pinegrove, who defeated Aubrey Davis of Odell, and present board member. All members of the board, both new and old, are experienced men with school affairs, and the county system can look forward to another year of progress.

At present time the local board race is tied up with Dr. Folsom and Gene Lovell trying for the one year place. It is possible that these two may withdraw in favor of one of the other candidates for position.

### TOWN URGED TO CLEANUP.

The next few days has been designated by the Chamber of Commerce as clean up week in Cascade Locks, preparatory to putting the town in its best bib and tucker for the Fourth.

The Dalles Freight Line has announced that it will furnish a truck to haul away grass and brush cut on the streets and around homes and business buildings.

It is to be hoped that everyone will cooperate to the fullest extent in getting everything in readiness for the celebration.

### MONEY NOW AVAILABLE TO CASH ALL PAYROLL CHECKS ON SATURDAY

Details of the arrangements with the Bank of Stevenson to permit use of money for cashing payroll checks from Bonneville dam have been completed, and hereafter there will be sufficient funds on hand to take care of all employes.

Last Saturday the Chamber of Commerce obtained \$3,000—and it was exhausted within an hour. Checks were cashed at Dr. Fred Folsom's office. Business houses took care of many checks, but could not handle all of them.

Employes on the dam are invited to bring in their checks. They will be cashed, up to any sum.

P. L. McLeod, who won considerable local prominence a month ago when featured in a Sunday Oregonian feature story, has purchased a lot on the hill, back of the Odd Fellows hall, from August Peterson and is building a group of cottages. He commenced work Tuesday on the first buildings.

### Craigmont to Serve Beer.

Mrs. E. Finlay, proprietor of the Craigmont hotel, is erecting a building 18x28 on the hotel property preparatory to serving light meals and beer. The building will stand near the highway. After the weather becomes a little warmer Mrs. Finlay will place tables through the grounds and develop a refined beer garden.

### Float Builders Thanked.

Mrs. R. E. Andrews, Hal Babbitt, Donald Clark and Genevive Woodward were publicly thanked by the business men of Cascade Locks Wednesday for their success in handling the float which was entered in the Rose Festival at Portland.

The four were guests of the Chamber of Commerce at the weekly noonday luncheon. Mr. Babbitt, who is one of the proprietors of the Benny Villa Tavern at Bonny Villa, painted the scenery for the float and directed the decorations. Mrs. Andrews was chairman of the float committee.

The float, built to represent the transition of the old Cascade Locks of Indian village days into a modern, growing town, won third prize and attracted much attention in Portland. One of the judges insisted on giving the float first prize in its division.

### Columbia Gorge Now Open.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rowntree have returned to Oregon and opened the Columbia Gorge hotel, just west of Hood River on the Columbia River highway. They operated the hotel last season. Upon taking over the property a year ago they reduced rates quite materially. Rates this season will remain same as last. They are no higher than those of the average hotel in towns of 5,000 to 10,000 people. This season Mr. and Mrs. Rowntree are featuring a Sunday chicken dinner.

### PHONE COMPANY TO LINK LOCKS AND BONNEVILLE

Toll Rate Cut to Nickye and Survey Being Made Looking to Setting Up of One Exchange.

Early last fall when United States army engineers commenced the task of building Bonneville dam the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company installed an exchange at Bonneville for their convenience. A few months later it was shifted and improved the Cascade Locks exchange. A 10-cent toll between the two exchanges has had the result of limiting services of both exchanges. Now the telephone company is preparing to inaugurate a survey with a view to providing a service which will enable subscribers to obtain connections in in the Bonneville dam area without paying a toll. The Cascade Locks district runs from Herman creek west to Eagle creek, and the Bonneville district from Eagle creek to Warrendale.

Rates are comparatively low in both districts, but service is limited. Cascade Locks has 32 telephone patrons, while Bonneville has almost double that number, a majority of which are used by the federal government. New service contemplated by the telephone company would enable business houses to enjoy service throughout the two districts.

Inauguration of a flat charge of five cents for telephone calls between Cascade Locks and Bonneville, and the establishment of a direct telephone circuit between the two telephone exchanges was announced this week by H. L. Davenport, district manager for the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company.

Decision to place the flat five cent rate between the two exchanges in effect came as the result of public demand for the service, according to Mr. Davenport. Heretofore the minimum charge has been 10 cents.

Because of the growing community of interest between Cascade Locks and Bonneville, the new low charge for calls is expected to materially expedite business and social contacts between the two towns. Because of the Bonneville dam activities, there has been a rapid increase in the number of telephones in this area. As of May 1, the Cascade Locks exchange served 28 telephones; the Bonneville exchange 42 telephones.

The five cent call charge is a special rate established by the telephone company for exchanges within 6 miles of each other. The charge is the same, Mr. Davenport pointed out, as for telephone users in Portland making local calls over a public telephone.

### Chamber to Dance Again.

The Chamber of Commerce will hold the last of its series of dances at the Bridge of the Gods hotel Saturday night. The dance last Saturday night was well attended and yielded a nice purse with which to defray expenses of the float entered in the Rose Festival parade.

Expenses of the float totaled nearly \$50. About half of the money has been realized from other dances and it is the wish of the Chamber to clean up all outstanding bills from the Saturday night dance. Hope has been expressed that all chamber members will attend.

FOUR DAYS AND NIGHTS OF FUN AT CASCADE LOCKS, JULY 1—2—3—4, 1934