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HUGE CROWDS TO GREET PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT TODAY

All Roads Will Be Cleared as Nation's Chief Executive Speeds up Highway Enroute to Dam

Guarded by police, secret service operatives and deputy sheriffs, President Roosevelt will come to Bonneville this afternoon for a personal visit to the dam. Following his tour of inspection he will speak for a few minutes from a stand which has been erected for the occasion.

Indications are a crowd of 20,000 people will greet him, for special trains are bringing people from south down the valley, far as Eugene, and Portland and The Dalles.

All highway traffic will be cleared for the President's car. Cars on the highway will be compelled to draw to one side of the road and wait until his party has passed.

Fresh from a month's vacation at sea, the President landed in Portland at noon from the Cruiser Houston. After a short automobile ride through the downtown business district, he will be driven out Sandy Boulevard and up the highway.

Mrs. Roosevelt drove through the Bonneville Dam area yesterday, enroute to Portland, where she met her husband and sons. She traveled north from Crater Lake in her roadster. Few people observed her pass through the district.

The President's visit today to the dam will terminate about 4:30 this afternoon, when he catches his special train at the Bonneville station for Spokane. A pilot train is being brought up from Portland to run ahead of the presidential special.

All work at the dam was closed down this morning, except for a picked crew from the Atkinson camp, which will demonstrate how material is moved at the dam. Shifts on all contracts will return to work this evening, shortly after 6 o'clock.

Indications are that there will be but few business houses in the district open this afternoon, and reports from Hood River, Stevenson and other nearby towns are that the stores there are closing.

All traffic is being shunted off the highway below Bonneville, after 10:30. After that hour cars will be diverted across the Bridge of the Gods and sent down the Washington shore.

Gates at the reservation are being closed at noon. The president is expected to reach Bonneville about 2:30 and probably will speak about 4 o'clock.

Gen. Charles H. Martin, democratic candidate for governor, will speak briefly. Knowing ones say the President may speak a word in the General's behalf today. But that is uncertain.

Plans for sending a battalion of Oregon national guards were cancelled, due to expense, and the government is not sending any soldiers up from Vancouver Barracks.

BONNEVILLE VISITOR



Nation's Chief Executive inspects huge employment project which he set in motion year ago.

ATKINSON COMPANY HAS HUGE CONTRACT ON DAM

Today, thousands of persons from all over Oregon, will view for the first time the Bonneville dam. Many other, though they have visited the site in the past, will see almost unbelievable changes since their last inspection. Practically all of this vast amount of the work completed thus far on the dam has been done by the Guy F. Atkinson company, one of America's most prominent contracting firms.

Guy F. Atkinson is president of the firm and is widely known throughout the United States where ever big construction work is being done.

His son, George Atkinson, has been in active charge of all work at Bonneville, but modestly insists upon the title of "job manager".

GEORGE WAALE COMPANY HOPES TO SET A RECORD

George Waale, of the Waale Construction company, contractors who are building the 20 permanent houses to be used by the engineers at Bonneville, and later will be occupied by the operating executives of the power plant when the dam is completed, is striving to set another record of speedy completion of his contract.

Mr. Waale had the contract from the government to construct the camp now occupied by the Atkinson employes and completed this job in 27 calendar days, though his contract allowed him 45 working days.

The entire Waale organization is keyed for a fast moving job, and it is expected he will complete his contract for the houses several days earlier than required.

STATE TO SPEND \$50,000 ON ROAD THROUGH LOCKS

Work of Grading and Paving Street, from Toll Bridge East, Enable Owners to Begin Building

Work is to be started within the next two or three weeks on the long-awaited grading and paving of the state highway through Cascade Locks, from the toll bridge to Carlson's Red & White store.

The state highway department has appropriated \$50,000 for the work out of funds received from the federal government. Whether the state will do the work itself or call for bids has not been made clear.

Definite announcement that the state proposes to go forward with the long-delayed improvement will have the effect of permitting the Odd Fellows lodge and other property owners in the district where the fire occurred July 2 to go forward with plans for rebuilding.

The Odd Fellows are having plans prepared for a two-story frame building, and indications are that Silver E. Perras and other property owners in the district will erect buildings similar in character to the one which the lodge has in mind.

Engineers and the attorney from the highway department have been frequent visitors in Cascade Locks during the week. They are endeavoring to reach an understanding with the Odd Fellows on the value of a 10-foot strip of ground which is being appropriated by the state for street widening purposes.

The grade will be lifted as much as four or five feet in some sections, and graded down at other points. The plans call for a street 100 feet, with room for graveled walks on either side.

The grading promises to provide labor for a considerable crew of men, and this coupled with renewed building activity, will make considerable work in the district.

CENSUS IS BEING TAKEN OF SCHOOL POPULATION

A survey to determine the number of school children within the Cascade Locks district will be carried on the latter part of this week and the first of next week according to Supt. V. G. Henderson.

On this advance showing will be reckoned the number of teachers the local schools will employ during the next nine months. Last year, with less than 100 in attendance, the grade school was being handled by three teachers, while the high school was taken care of by two teachers. The county board promised through Superintendent Gibson that should there be 100 students planning to enter the grade school, a fourth teacher would be chosen, allowing two grades to each teacher.

Evidence of the opinion of the board regarding the population of school age here is manifested in their recent purchase of a new furnace with which to heat the extra room in the grade building.

Dance with the Veterans Tonight.

RAPID PROGRESS BEING MADE ON BONNEVILLE DAM

Construction Work Enters Second Phase as Contractors Prepare to Tackle Major Jobs

Bonneville dam is moving forward. With more than 1700 men employed on the huge job, the engineers and contractors have completed the first phase of the work and are preparing to tackle two major tasks.

President Roosevelt will observe this progress on his tour of inspection today.

He will see the results of labor performed by the Guy F. Atkinson company, which has the contract for excavating the site for the powerhouse and the navigation locks.

He will observe equipment of the General Construction company and the J. F. Shea, contractors on the foundation for the powerhouse and the navigation locks.

He will observe the activity of the Columbia Construction company, which has the contract for building the spillway dam.

Looking across the river from Bradford island, he will see the camp of the contractor, who is shifting the tracks of the S. P. & S. railroad.

Accompanied by engineers, he will tour the reservation and note progress being made toward bringing the ground embraced in the area up to a standard grade.

He will have the opportunity of visiting the 20 houses being built for the government by the George Waale company.

Engineers will point out to him their plans for shifting the Union Pacific tracks up the hillside, and take him through the camps where employes of the government and the Guy F. Atkinson company live.

Preliminary work on the dam, started 10 months ago, has practically been finished and the engineers are now engaged in getting work on the dam and the powerhouse in full swing.

Two large contracts remain to be let. One, for removal of the Union Pacific tracks may be let this summer—and again the work may be held up until first of the year. The second will be for construction of the powerhouse proper.

Work is going forward on half a dozen important contracts. Lose ends are being tied together.

In another week the Columbia Construction company will be well under with work on its new bunkhouses, which will stand near the railroad station. On the island it has finished its office and is building a group of homes.

The General Construction company has completed work on its office and is now occupying the building.

Deep interests centers about the President's attitude toward deep sea locks. Word has gone out that the President will announce the government's determination to install locks capable of accommodating sea-going vessels.

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STATE OF OREGON

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

SALEM

July 30, 1934

Mr. President:

The State of Oregon greets you and bids you welcome.

For the great federal navigation and power project which is going forward here at Bonneville, we owe you our deepest appreciation.

Your vision and your initiative have finally brought to realization the dream which we had cherished for so many years.

The mighty Columbia River is America's greatest water power reservoir. Bonneville has a particular advantage in the fact that it is located at tidewater in the best possible position for potential development.

When this project is carried through, making the Columbia navigable from its mouth to its confluence with the Snake at Lewiston, Idaho, and making cheap power available to agriculture, industry and to the homes of this territory, the way will be opened for a new era of prosperity and progress for the Northwest.

The State of Oregon has taken steps to cooperate with the Federal Government in bringing this great undertaking to a successful culmination and we earnestly bespeak your continued sympathetic interest in this enterprise which means much to the welfare of every citizen of Oregon.

GOVERNOR JULIUS L. MEIER.