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WORK STARTED ON STORES AT TWO LOCATIONS

Carpenters are as busy as the proverbial bees on two buildings which are under construction in Bonneville to house the business and recreational center at the dam. Reimers & Joilevette, Portland, have the contract for erecting the building for Bonneville Community Center, Inc., just west of the railroad station, while the George Buckley company has the contract on the building being erected on the highway for business purposes by the National Commissary company. Work was commenced Monday on the building on the reservation, and Tuesday work was started on the building on the highway.

Bonneville Community Center, Inc., is putting up a building 100x200. Plans call for a theatre to be 100x90; a pool hall 50x90, and a barber room to occupy a space 12x50. There will be a barber shop, a shoe shop, a beer spot and a general merchandise store.

The National Commissary company has finished moving the old building formerly occupied by Herman's garage and is putting up an L-shaped structure which will house a drug store, a coffee shop, a card room, barber shop, beer spot, a general merchandise store and the telephone company's Bonneville exchange.

The beer parlor, the coffee shop and card room will be operated by the Commissary company, but the merchandise store will be owned by F. J. McDonald and G. O. Wallace. Mr. McDonald is vice-president and Mr. Wallace is secretary of the National Commissary company. The store will be under the management of N. Director of Portland. It will embrace a meat market, a grocery department and dry goods and clothing.

The drug store will be operated by T. W. Zenier, who recently came to Oregon from Idaho. The barber shop is being installed by Stevenson barber.

Work is being rushed on both buildings and hope is expressed by builders that the shops and amusement places will be ready to open before the end of October. Both buildings are of frame construction and both will be one story in height.

NEW ROAD BEING BUILT INTO DAM RESERVATION

Ground is being cleared for a new road into the reservation at the dam. The road will leave the present road down about the police station and come out at the highway nearly opposite the telephone office.

The state owns the ground on the south side of the highway, west of Tyrell's Tavern. This property has been surveyed and will be offered for sale. It is to be used for business purposes. The new road leading out of the reservation joins the highway immediately in front of the state's ground after having ducked under the Tanner creek railroad viaduct.

HOUSES A NECESSITY

Early last summer The Chronicle urged the federal government to build several hundred homes which could be rented to employes on the Bonneville dam at a nominal sum. Nothing has been done, nothing may be done, but The Chronicle believes that something should be done. And it is convinced that in the end the houses must be built, for the expense of maintaining two households is making it impossible for hundreds of men employed on the huge project to become self-supporting.

The camps built at the dam are among the best ever installed on a public works job, and there are no complaints over food or quarters. They offer ideal living conditions for unmarried men. However, a majority of the men at the dam are married. The bulk of them reside in Portland. The expense of running back and forth to their employment eats heavily into their earnings, and particularly is this true of men who are employed as common laborers.

The dam was inaugurated as a public works project for the purpose of providing work for the unemployed. The Chronicle believes President Roosevelt desires to better the economic condition of the men at the dam, and it does not understand, cannot understand, how the employes are to become self-supporting if the small earnings are expended in keeping up household in the city and for living expenses at the camp. Proof of this will be found by checking the applications for work on the part of men who have been employed on the Atkinson contract. These men have had work for six or eight months, but have been unable to save anything. So they are still on the relief rolls.

Expedition Fails To Find Clue to Origin Of Indians

Despite the labors of a field crew throughout the summer, the Smithsonian institute has uncovered but little evidence in the district from The Dalles to Crown Point which would indicate that the Indians migrated south from Behring Straits and spread out over North America through the Columbia river valley.

Work of digging for specimens has been temporarily suspended, but will be resumed after the last \$1000 of the \$4000 made available for the work has been put at the command of W. H. Kreiger, who is in charge of the investigation.

On Sullivan island, opposite Cascade Locks, the workmen employed under Curator Kreiger's direction turned up Northwestern Fur company token money, dated 1870, and at Eagle creek and at Skamania they found excellent specimens of picture rocks.

Curator Kreiger has been silent on his discoveries, but indications are that the information gleaned to date from the excavations fail to bear out the theory that the Columbia river valley was the gateway through which the Orientals, who drifted in boats or migrated of to the American continent of their own accord, established themselves in this section.

The preponderance of information obtained is said to be too fragmentary to prove anything of importance. The curator is reported to entertain the opinion that appropriations should be made available for further research work in the John Day country and on the high plateau west of Bend.

Some of the best finds were made in an old Indian burying ground within the city limits of Hood River, but aside from the pieces of white men's money, arrowheads made from flint obtained beyond the Deschutes river, scraps of pots and other pieces of

household utensils, nothing of great moment seems to have been uncovered on Memaloose island, Bradford island, Sullivan island or other spots where the redmen buried their dead.

Desire of Curator Kreiger to pursue his scientific research work in Eastern Oregon will give rise to some highly speculative opinions in scientific circles, due to the fact that new evidence is constantly being upturned which proves that the climate east of the Cascades was at one time almost tropical. No doubt the scientists will conclude that if the Indians entered North America through the Columbia river valley they settled in a warm climate and later moved south and east to escape the cold weather.

No evidence seems to have been unearthed by the expedition now in the field which would throw any light on habits of the Indians beyond 150 years, or prove that they lived on the Columbia at an earlier date than in other sections of the United States.

With the information obtained through the summer's work Curator Kreiger may be able to procure the necessary appropriation needed to carry on research work east of the Deschutes.

BONNEVILLE OFFICE

The Chronicle is opening its new office in Bonneville this week on the second floor of Archie Cook's Tavern. The office will make it convenient for everyone living in the lower end of the district to drop in with news. If you desire you may pay your subscription here and leave your want ads. These arrangements will permit us to cover the news even more fully in the future than in the past and make the office easily accessible to anyone who may wish to whip the editor.

NATIONAL WILL FEED EMPLOYEES OF THREE CAMPS

Contracts for feeding employes of all the contractors at the dam have been signed by the National Commissary company.

The Guy F. Atkinson company fed its own men, but with the finishing of its contract has sold its kitchen and equipment to the General Construction and J. F. Shea companies, whose men are to occupy the bunkhouses which remain property of the government. The National Commissary company proposes to continue operation of the dining room and kitchen, and will feed there as well as at the bunkhouses in which employes of the General Construction company are housed.

Orin, Bell & Malcolm, contractors on the Union Pacific track removal, have signed with the National Commissary company. Its dining room and kitchen will be located at the new camp, near the school house on the highway.

When the work at the dam reaches its peak next year the National will be feeding more than 2000 men daily.

HOMES AT DAM ARE ASSIGNED TO ENGINEERS

Within the next two weeks the members of the U. S. engineering force who carry horseshoes in their pockets will be moving into new homes which have been built on the reservation at the dam.

Houses have been assigned to the following: Lieut. G. S. Golrinski, resident engineer; G. E. Goodwin, senior engineer; Lieut. Colby Myers, engineering corps; H. Mac C. Rigler, engineer; Dr. Stanley E. Wells, physician at the dam; Capt. T. J. Thorkelson, commander of the U. S. guards; P. A. Spice, associate engineer; V. L. Glaze, associate engineer; E. C. White, in charge of surveys; W. W. Laxton, assistant engineer; D. M. Marvin, principal clerk; Don Orput, director of public relations; I. E. Burks, concrete technician; R. M. LePere, chief of the cost section; Ben E. Tarpen, power house engineer; R. T. Waggoner, assistant engineer; T. F. Johnson, associate engineer; L. W. Miller, associate engineer; Albert Bauer, assistant engineer.

Of the 20 houses, one has been set aside for officers and other visitors who will have occasion to spend the night on the reservation.

REGISTRATION BOOKS OPEN UNTIL SATURDAY

Postmaster Hall has the registration books for Cascade Locks precinct and will register all voters until Saturday. Voters taking advantage of the opportunity to register with him will be permitted to vote in the precinct this fall. Those who have come into the district are eligible to vote, provided they have lived in the county six months and in the precinct 30 days.

Send the Chronicle to friends.

CONTRACTORS NOW BUSY ON RAILROAD JOB

Orin, Bell & Malcolm, contractors on removal of the Union Pacific tracks, are now employing a force of 100 men in clearing up ground preparatory to the actual work of building the new railroad grade.

The contractors put a steam shovel to work Monday digging out a road to the new camp grounds, which are located just beyond the school on the highway.

At the fish hatchery employes are wrecking the building used as a grinding room, while surveyors are busy setting stakes and running surveys for the line.

Sub-contractors are getting preliminary work out of the way and getting a force together for the purpose of beginning construction of the Tanner creek viaduct.

Engineers have said for weeks that three of the homes on the fish hatchery grounds must come down but to date only one has been ordered razed. This is the house occupied by Jess Bales. It stands near the highway. Bales is preparing to move into the log cabin which was originally built for an office at the hatchery. He is adding another room or two to it.

AUDITORIUM IS BEING ERECTED ON RESERVATION

Work has commenced on a civic auditorium which the government is building on the reservation for recreational purposes.

The building will be T-shaped, contain club rooms, a stage, kitchen and have a seating capacity of 250 people in the auditorium. It is being built just south and west of the police barracks and will stand on the new road which is being built through the reservation.

Employes of the U. S. engineers are laying the foundation, but bids probably will be obtained for construction of the super structure, one story in height. When finished the new building will provide recreational facilities for all men employed on the dam, but it is not known how far the government will go in making the auditorium available for public use in the Bonneville dam area.

MRS. W. WESTERLUND NEW POSTMISTRESS

Unless the unexpected happens Mrs. Wilbur Westerlund is going Bonneville, and unless something occurs to upset the apple cart the postoffice will be shifted from the railroad station to the building now being constructed on the highway for a business center by the National Commissary company.

Mr. and Mrs. Westerlund ran Tyrell's Tavern for a year, but are now living at Eagle creek. Months ago when the postmaster general at Washington called for an amination to fill the vacancy the postoffice resulting from the resignation of Mrs. Collins, only Mrs. Westerlund sought the position.