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HEAVY DEMAND FOR HOMES IN CASCADE LOCKS

New Employes at Dam Seek Vain for Cottages and Apartments as Pay-roll Increases.

Despite departure of several families, the heads of which have been employed by the Guy F. Atkinson company, the demand for homes in Cascade Locks is heavier than at any time since the government commenced work on the dam.

The General Construction company and the J. F. Shea company, is now working more than 100 men, and with the Columbia construction company, the railroad contractors and the government taking on additional employes each week the scarcity of houses has become so pronounced that many families have despaired of finding a home in the district.

Numerous apartments are being built up in different parts of town, and construction of new cottages is going forward, both in Cascade Locks and along the highway, west of Bonneville, but the supply continues to fall far short of the demand.

The Chronicle has endeavored to list all vacant cottages, and to learn what houses or apartments are going to be vacant with a view to passing the information on to the people who visit the office in search of a place to live, but during the past 10 days has been able to offer little or no comfort to the steady stream of visitors.

Inquiries which have come to the Chronicle, coupled with inquiries which are known to have been addressed to business firms throughout town, leads to the conclusion that at least 100 houses could have been rented within the past week had they been available to men on the dam.

LEGION WILL DANCE AT CRAIGMONT TONIGHT

Bonneville Post No. 88 of the American Legion is preparing to hold another dancing party at the Craigmont hotel Friday night. The dance two weeks ago was well attended and was the subject of so much favorable comment that the legionnaires determined to continue them. A number of people drove out from Portland for the occasion, and every neighborhood in the Bonneville Dam area was represented.

NEW SCHOOL READY FOR USE NOVEMBER FIRST

Work continues to progress rapidly enough on the new Bonneville public school, which the federal government is erecting at a cost of \$15,000, but it is going to be another three weeks, at least, before the building will be ready for occupancy.

Dirt taken from the road being built into the railroad camp just beyond the school house is being dumped on the school grounds. Enough dirt will be used to bring the grounds up to a level with the highway and permit landscaping.

NEW WATER SYSTEM IS ABOUT COMPLETED

Work of installing the water system which the government is building to take care of the 20 new homes now nearing completion on the reservation is about finished.

Workmen have been busy all week putting on the final touches and testing the lines, and carpenters are raising the tower which will support the tank that is to be installed over the well, near the railroad right-of-way.

PHONE COMPANY TO MOVE OFFICE IN BONNEVILLE

The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company has leased quarters in the building now being erected by the National Commissary company on the highway in Bonneville, according to announcement by H. L. Davenport, manager for the telephone company for this and surrounding territories.

The quarters, to be occupied on or about November 1, comprise a 21x40 section on the ground floor, and will provide a business office, operating room and living quarters. The latter is for Ralph B. Markwart, agency manager and his family.

The telephone company will undertake the interior finishing of its quarters. George Buckler, Portland contractor, has the contract for this work.

A new switchboard, capable of handling twice the telephone facilities now necessary in Bonneville, will be installed in the new telephone quarters. There will be no interruption in telephone service when the change from the present switchboard to the new is made.

The Bonneville telephone exchange, first opened in January this year, now serves 85 telephones.

ANDERSON IS OPENING STREETS THROUGH NEW SUBDIVISION IN LOCKS

W. C. Anderson, president of the Central Lumber company, has a crew of men employed in falling trees and clearing away underbrush preparatory to opening streets through the tract of ground in the southwest corner of Cascade Locks, which he is opening up as a subdivision.

The subdivision, containing nine acres, is part of the Moody tract which was opened as an addition to the town years ago. It lies up the hill three blocks back of the state highway, and is west of the postoffice.

The lumber company bought the tract from the owners in one block. It is wooded and has never been improved. Few people in the district knew to whom it belonged.

Since the property was opened 14 lots have been sold and it is reported that a number of houses will be started by buyers at once. It is named in honor of President Roosevelt's estate, Hyde Park.

EAGLES SIGN UP 300 APPLICANTS FOR NEW AERIE

Stevenson Lodge Will Have Charge of Initiation of Class on Night of October 18.

With more than 300 applicants signed up, the Eagles are preparing to hold a large initiation in "Jim" Merrill's new pavilion the night of October 18, when an aerie which will include the entire Bonneville Dam area, will be established by the state organization.

D. D. Hail, state president of the Eagles, was up Tuesday from Portland and held an informal meeting in the dining room of Archie Cook's tavern in Bonneville. Tuesday night J. A. Morrill, state organizer for the fraternal order, spoke to a group of men from the dam at the tavern.

The initiation of the class and the installation of the aerie at the pavilion promises to be quite an affair. The members taken into the order last summer when the Eagles began organizing in the district prior to the fire are being transferred to the new aerie by the state organization. This will have the result of enrolling the majority of the business men in Cascade Locks and Bonneville in the order.

Eagles from Stevenson will be in charge of the initiation, and indications now are that a large number of wives may be forced to wait up longer than usual for the return of laggard husbands for it promises to be early in the morning before the last of the class is run through the mill. Officers will be elected at the meeting and the order oiled up to take full charge of its own affairs.

In the absence of a regular meeting place the order will use the pavilion. Promise is held out that club rooms will be established as early as possible. However, it is going to be up to the aerie to establish the club.

Will Toss for Pants.

If the person who—"borrowed" the coat of Richard Nance's Sunday-go-to-meeting suit from his car while parked in front of a barbecue stand after the Legion dance a week ago last Friday will come around, the victim will toss a coin to see whether he gets the coat back or throws the pants and vest in with the coat. According to Mr. Nance the coat can't be worth much without the pants, and on the other hand it's getting too cold to run around without a coat.

The coat was size 38, coarse weave, black, with peak lapels, and its return to the U. S. Engineer's office at Bonneville will be suitably rewarded and no questions asked.

More than 40 residents of Cascade Locks registered to vote in Hood River county during the three or four days Postmaster Frank Hall had the registration books open for this precinct. The registration was divided about evenly between the democrats and republicans.

PACIFIC COAST STEEL SUBLETS DAM CONTRACT

The Pacific Coast Steel company, of San Francisco, which has the contract for the steel that will be used in construction of the foundation for the power house and the locks at the dam, has sublet placing of the steel to the Larsen Steel company, of Seattle.

The Seattle firm has erected an office in the quarters occupied by the General Construction company and the J. F. Shea company, Inc., and is preparing to take up its end of the huge job.

PAUL C. KING TO ANNOUCE TENENTS SOON

No definite arrangements have been made as to who is going to occupy the Community Center, Inc. There have been many applications for the property but the owners, represented by Paul C. King, Portland attorney are taking their time about selecting the tenants.

Numerous rumors have been making the rounds this last week but the above information was obtained from King late yesterday afternoon.

"We are taking our time about closing the deals for we wish to offer the community only the best," King stated.

JUST RUMORS

Considerable talk has been going the rounds for the past few days relative to a large openair market to be built in Cascade Locks. Blue prints are reported to have been made and a deal is said to be under way for property on Main street, but The Chronicle has not been able to confirm this report, so passes the rumor on for what it is worth.

The Alaska Junk company is causing the old mill property, opposite the state highway garage, to be surveyed into town lots. No announcement has been forthcoming relative to the disposition to be made of the lots. The tract contains 70 acres, which will yield around 400 lots after ground for streets has been excluded in the survey.

Then there is the report that the federal government is about ready to commence construction on 100 houses to be rented to men employed on the dam. Like so many other rumors which fill the air these days, The Chronicle has been unable to obtain confirmation of the report, so again must pass it on to our readers for what it is worth—if anything.

Representatives of an aluminum manufacturer are reported to have been in the district the past week looking over the field. This report has been tossed into the same slot with the talk that is going the rounds on reports of representatives of other manufacturers who are said to be casting about for industrial sites.

GOVERNMENT TO SPEND \$50,000 ON BUILDINGS

Administration Building of Brick Construction to Stand Near Recreational Building.

Work is well underway on the foundation for the new administration building which the government is erecting on the reservation at the dam.

The administration building and the second building to be put up for an auditorium and recreational center, will stand near the proposed new railroad station just below the present gate. The administration building is to be built of brick and will be of permanent character, while the recreational center will be of frame construction.

The two buildings are being put up at a cost of \$50,000. The government is putting in the foundations, but expects to call for bids on the super-structures.

BONNEVILLE TO HAVE STAFF OF FOUR TEACHERS

With the opening of the new school in Bonneville about November 1, the teaching staff will be increased to four members.

The new position has been assigned to Mrs. Peggy O'Keefe of Brownsville, who formerly taught in the schools down there with Principal C. A. Robertson, who is now head of the Bonneville school. She was employed by the school board at its regular meeting Monday night.

The meeting Monday night was not largely attended, but enough people were present to vote the budget for the ensuing year. The budget provides for school bus service and sets up funds with which to permit the board to go forward with plans for a gymnasium and auditorium.

Foreman Injured.

M. C. Wood, 54, foreman for Pacific Coast Steel company, was injured Wednesday afternoon as the result of a fall. He was rushed to the St. Vincents hospital in Portland by Dr. L. W. Jordan. His injuries were not as severe as first thought.

Several ribs and his collar bone were broken. It was believed for a time that he suffered from a concussion of the brain.

The accident occurred as Wood was attempting to shift a timber on one of the 75 foot head towers. His peavy slipped and he fell about 35 feet then rolled for some distance.

The tower, located near the view point, is being built to support the south end of the tramway for pouring concrete into the forms in the locks.

Mr. Wood has been living at Coopey Falls.