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COURT AWARDS LABER TITLE TO NASSHAHN HOME

The former railroad property in Cascade Locks rests with Laber and occupants who failed to pay ground rent taxes can be evicted, Judge W. Wilson, of the circuit court, ruled in an opinion handed down Thursday. The opinion was written after Wilson had heard the action brought by Laber to title the W. A. Nasshahn property, just west of the telephone office, on main street. It is of interest because it effects holdings of a number of other tenants, who own homes which were purchased from the Union Pacific by Laber in 1930. Judge Wilson, in writing his opinion, suggested that Labor be given his victory with mercy and compromise insofar as possible tenants. Nasshahn bought the house in the suit about three years ago after he came to Cascade Locks to become principal in the school. He left Cascade Locks last fall to take a school in Oregon. When Laber demanded possession of the property, Nasshahn resisted and the action followed. On terms of the ground lease, tenants paid the Union Pacific a month rent. Nasshahn made the defense that no effort was made to collect the rent after the railroad sold the property. The court ruled that the lease had been broken through no fault of the tenants, and as a result, they were terminated.

CHRISTMAS TREE FROM EDGAR KAISER

The Chronicle last week unwittingly gave credit for the hand-cut Christmas tree in the village of Dodson to Walter Bradford. The tree was erected under the direction of Edgar Kaiser of Columbia Construction Co. and was a gift from him to the village.

BASEBALL FANS TO MEET HERE FRIDAY NIGHT

For organizing a team and Cascade Locks a base ball will be discussed at a meeting for the Bridge of the hotel Friday night. The meeting is open to the public and is interested in seeing a club organized in the community invited to be present. Members of the meeting desire that no attempt would be made at the meeting to elect officers, but that these matters should be laid over for a week. At the next meeting, they say, for the purpose of learning the grounds, determining the location of a grandstand and the way for the development of a strong team. A diamond used last summer for government reservation at Dodson was found to be too small and it is felt that immediate action should be taken to find a larger one which can be enclosed with a fence or some other material. The diamond was purchased last season and will be available for this season by members of the

Federal Loans Available

The mild weather of recent weeks gives promise of early spring. Property owners in Cascade Locks, seeing the pussy willows in bloom and learning that bulbs are beginning to push through the moist earth, have commenced to bestir themselves. Building is more active than at any time since the fire. This is largely due to the feeling, now current, that building will go forward throughout the Bonneville Dam area with the return of clearing skies.

Loans for building purposes have been made in the district by the Federal Housing Administration, out of the Portland office. However, to obtain a loan it is necessary that the person obtaining funds own his property. This has been a drawback in the district during the past, for much of the property bought up within recent months has been purchased on contract. These contracts are being paid off and the purchasers are now in a position to go to the government and ask for loans.

Within the district are many families who own their property. Many of the properties could be remodeled and enlarged. The houses could be made over into apartments for the accommodation of men employed on the dam. The Chronicle could have rented 25 apartments last week, and we know of no vacancies in town at the present time. The demand is growing stronger as spring approaches and should be met.

PLANS APPROVED FOR POSTOFFICE BUILDING

Work will be started this week on the new building which is being erected by owners of the community center Inc. to house the Bonneville postoffice.

The building, 25 x 40 and one story in height, will stand next door to the Roosevelt theatre. Plans for the building have been approved in Washington, D.C., and nothing, it appears, stands in the way of its early completion.

Need for the building became a necessity after the postoffice was advanced from a fourth class to a third class office. Under rules and regulations third class offices must not be in a room with any type of business.

WOMEN OF DISTRICT TO BE HOSTS AT PARTY

Residents of the Bonneville Dam area will be given an opportunity to become acquainted with each other at a card and dancing party, to be held Friday night, January 18, at the Inn of the Bridge of the Gods in Cascade Locks, under auspices of the Cascade Locks Women's club.

The ladies are endeavoring to bring the people of the district together for a social evening, in the course of which everyone can get to know everyone else in the territory. They propose to provide a program of entertainment with music and amateur vaudeville. Card tables will be set up and all who desire may dance. In the course of the evening the ladies will serve free sandwiches and coffee.

Mrs. R. E. Andrews, Mrs. May Sylvia and Mrs. Charles Hageblom are members of the committee in charge of the affair.

If you hear of an accident, telephone the Chronicle.

Building continues to increase all along the highway, and there has been no let down in North Bonneville. This is due, in a great measure, to the fact that many of the men employed on the dam expect to have jobs for the next year or two years and wish to have their families near them. Few of them are in position to build, but desire to rent.

Whether property which is built for rental purposes during construction of the dam will be in demand after the dam is completed is going to rest with the spirit of the people who invest their money in the district. If the public makes up its mind that it is going to obtain industries which will provide payrolls, then the property will enhance, rather than decrease, in value. Investors have been slow to put their money into properties until they can be sure of a reasonable return and the safety of their investments. That those who have built to date are satisfied is evidenced on every hand. And they are the ones who will be seeking government loans to continue building. But the loans are not limited. They are available to property owners, and the public should take advantage of them.

RIVER BELOW NORMAL DUE TO MILD WINTER

Despite the heavy rains of the past few weeks the Columbia river is below normal for this season of the year, and ten feet below the level of a year ago.

The water rose to 20 feet above sea level in December, but fell the early part of January, and now is about stationary at 16 feet. A year ago in January the river rose to 28 feet.

Practically all of the precipitation which has fallen this year to date has come down in the form of rain and run off without causing

Columbia To Rush Work On Cofferdam In Effort To Complete It By March First

Convinced that the worst of the winter rains are over, the Columbia Construction company is preparing to sink all of the cribs necessary for the cofferdam in the river without further delay. The task of driving steel sheeting which will be used as a facing on the cofferdam has been started and is progressing satisfactorily and according to schedule.

It was not the original plan of either the contractors or the United States engineers to finish the cofferdam until after the high water in the spring, but the continued mild weather and the absence of snow has permitted the work to go forward without delay and unless the river should suddenly go crazy there is every indication that the south half of the cofferdam will be finished before the expiration of another 30 days.

The task of pumping the water out of the cofferdam will not be commenced until the crest of the spring flood has passed, or if it is started no effort will be made to drain the area until after the high water.

The first shipment of steel sheeting came in last week. The sheeting, three-eighths of an inch thick

BUSINESS MEN BACK MOVE TO LIGHT STREETS

Business firms in Cascade Locks will be asked to contribute one dollar a month each toward lighting the town, it was decided Thursday at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce.

The number of lights to be installed depends upon a conference with the West Coast Power company. Jack Elmer, chairman of the lighting committee, told the Chamber that he believed the town should have a least 15 lights, and the members agreed with him. The power company, in a proposal laid before the chamber more than 10 days ago, offered to furnish eight lights for \$20 a month.

Elmer read a proposal, addressed to the power company. Under the plan which he submitted the lights would extend the full length of the business district.

Business firms, almost without exception, have expressed a willingness to contribute to a street lighting fund and it is not believed that any difficulty will be encountered in getting the fund underwritten by the committee.

Elmer proposed that the lights be turned off at 1 a. m. but chamber members expressed themselves as desirous of having the lights burn from dusk to dawn. Elmer declared the 15 lights could be obtained at a cost no greater than originally asked for eight 100-watt lamps.

The river to climb materially. An instance of this was reported nearly two weeks ago when Eagle creek rose six feet in a few hours, but returned to normal within two or three days. This creek is not flowing a great deal of water now.

MORRIS, HYDE, QUARREL OVER LIQUOR STORE

A merry war has broken out over the privilege of selling hard liquors for the state in Cascade Locks. Oscar Hyde, proprietor of the Cen's store, confident that he is to be made the liquor control commission's agent in the district, has a crew of carpenters rushing work on a new building, next door to Merrill's Barbeque, which he hopes to occupy by January 14.

Hyde's good friend, O. J. Runte, inspector for the district east of Portland, has recommended him for the job. Since news of the recommendation became known, business men have commenced to talk of filing a petition, protesting the appointment.

"Dick" Morris, proprietor of the Cascade Food store, and Hyde's closest neighbor, has been agent for the commission since last May. Just why the commission wants to take the agency away from him and give it to Hyde has not been made clear.

Mrs. Morris visited the commission's Portland office Monday and protested the change. Meantime, carpenters hammered furiously away at nails on the new building, where Hyde proposes to house the wet emporium.

Refusal of the state to permit hard liquors to be sold at Bonneville makes the liquor store in Cascade Locks the only spot on the Oregon side of the river where bonded bottled goods can be purchased in the Bonneville dam area. This commission's ruling, laid down in deference to the federal government, promises to make the liquor store agency a fat morsel. It has been eyed hungrily in the past, may be eyed even more hungrily in the future by individuals who have observed that the demand for whiskey often outruns the demands for groceries.

FIRE PREVENTION PLANS GO AHEAD UNDER CHAMBER

Used 6-inch mains and hydrants can be purchased at a small cost for use in a water system if the community will go forward at once with plans for organizing a rural fire district. J. B. Laber, chairman of the committee named to contact government officials and obtain permission to tap the large mains leading to the locks, told the Cascade Locks Chamber of Commerce Thursday.

Government engineers are making a map, showing the location of the proposed connection with the main. They have expressed the opinion that no objections will be raised to the town using water from the main in event of fire.

Cost of installing a reducer in the government main will cost \$350. It was pointed out by the chairman of the committee, and a concrete manhole will have to be built before the highway is graded.

Estimated costs of providing the town with adequate fire protection under the rural fire protection law together with estimated revenue and the sources from which money can be obtained, either in form of a loan or from sale of bonds, will be compiled by the chamber.