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Notes From A Reporter's Note Book

Residents of the Bonneville dam
awakened Tuesday morning
to find ice on the water and frost
on the ground. It was the coldest
morning in almost two years.
Some groaned at thoughts of the
water ahead, but a majority
smiled at relief from rains and
found time to observe the play of
the sunshine on the snow during
the day as the sun smiled down in
a warm, friendly fashion. It was
a rare day—a day that will con-
trast strangely with days to come
when the east wind will howl
down the river. It was a contrast
that brought to mind the story of
Eugene Field, famous newspaper
columnist, who wrote "Little Boy
Blue."

Field once attended a dinner,
given on a bleak, cold January day
by a wealthy Chicago friend. Ripe
raspberries with cream were
served as a dessert. Mr. Field eyed
with sad eyes and pushed it away.
"Why, Mr. Field, don't you eat
raspberries?" asked the host in
amusement.
"Never at this season of the
year."
"Why not?" demanded the host.
"Because they spoil me for
roses," said Field.

We observe Clarence Carrothers
one of the low bidders on the
Odd Fellows building. We hope
his fraternal order sees its way
to award him the contract.
It is the men of his type who
made the United States the
world's greatest nation. A few
years ago he was ill and down
on his back in his home back in
Ohio. His physician urged him
to come west. And he did come
in search of health. He came
west with the intention of enter-
ing a veteran's hospital, but after
a few days on the coast he felt
stronger, and in a short time was
entering work. He came to Cascade
Locks, hoping to rest on the dam.
While in his ambition, he began
to pursue his trade as a carpenter.
He built a cottage for his wife and
himself, took what came along,
kept smiling, kept resting. More
and more work has been thrown
his way of late. He is never idle.
The United States government will
never have to look after him, for
he can look after himself. He is
endowed with nature's two great-
est qualities: patience and initia-
tive.

Householders can now buy or-
ange juice from their dairyman—
provided they are taking milk
from the Brandes Creamery. The
juice, contrary to a hasty conclu-
sion, are not giving orange juice.
The creamery is bottling and
delivering it from the truck to
homes and stores. The juice is
shipped from oranges in Cali-
fornia, shipped north by boat un-
der refrigeration and made avail-
able to the public in the Columbia
district. Roy Sinner, who
drives the Brandes truck, tells us
that bottles will retail at the
grocery stores for eight cents; the
wholesale for 15 cents. Why dairy-
men have not recognized the op-
portunity for delivering the or-
ange juice, and why the citrus
growers have not endeavored
to develop the market before is
not clear, except that new ideas
are mulled over a long time
before they are accepted.

ENGINEERS TO LET U. P. TRACK JOB IN SPRING

Relocation of the Union Pacific
tracks between Eagle creek and
Cascade Locks will be started in
April, according to Major Charles
F. Williams, district engineer,
with headquarters in Portland.

The federal government esti-
mates the cost of shifting the rail-
road tracks at \$1,700,000. It in-
volves the making of a deep cut
through the hill at a point where
the state highway turns and
starts to climb, just east of the
tavern.

The contract for the Union Pa-
cific relocation is only one of a
number of contracts, involving
the expenditure of \$11,000,000
which the federal government
will let within the next six
months.

First major contract coming
up will be awarded this month
when the U. S. engineers will
open bids on power house tur-
bines, costing an estimated \$1,500,-
000. The government is preparing
to install two main units and one
house unit.

Other contracts to be awarded
during the winter and spring are:
Generators, two main units and
one house unit, costing an esti-
mated \$1,600,000, will be advertised
probably in March.

Main transformers and portion
switch-gear, costing an estimated
\$200,000, probably will be adver-
tised in April.

About 750,000 barrels of ce-
ment for the main spillway dam,
costing an estimated \$1,700,000,
will be advertised in April.
CHANNEL WORK SCHEDULED
Channel improvements of the
Columbia river through the gorge,
at an estimated cost of \$320,000,
is scheduled to be advertised in
April.

Relocation of the Union Pacific
railroad tracks below Cascade
rapids, estimated cost of \$1,700,-
000, is slated to be advertised in
April.

LOCK PROJECT SET
Excavation for the lower ap-
proach canal to the ship lock, es-
timated to cost \$320,000, is sched-
uled for May.

Lock gates, tainter valves and
floating mooring hooks, estimated
to cost \$390,000, probably will be
advertised in May.

Crest gates and gantry cranes
for the spillway dam, and draft
tubes, gantry cranes and intake
gates for the power house, to cost
an estimated \$1,500,000, probably
will be advertised for bids in May.

EAGLES WILL CLOSE CHARTER THIS WEEK

Eagles of the Cascade Locks-
Bonneville aerle will close their
charter Thursday night at the reg-
ular weekly meeting, to be held at
Merrill's pavilion.

J. A. Morrill, state organizer for
the fraternal order, said yesterday
that more than 400 applications for
membership have been received
since the charter was granted a
few weeks ago. Classes have been
initiated every week, but the class
Thursday night promises to be the
largest yet, for the initiation fees
will be advanced next week.

This is Morrill's last week in
the district, for the state presi-
dent is calling him in to Portland
to assist in organizing an aerle in
another section of the state.

New Year's Edition

The Chronicle is preparing to tell the story of the
Bonneville Dam area with pen and camera in the issue of
January 1. The edition is being prepared with a view to
acquainting the public with progress being made upon the
big project and with opportunities in the district for in-
vestments and homes.

The edition will be of a character which will prompt
you and your friends to mail it to relatives and friends in
other sections of Oregon and in other states. However,
to insure your extra copies it will be necessary to tell us
in advance about the number you can use. Additional
papers will be run off the press on this occasion, but
there will not be enough to go around unless provisions
are made to meet the requirements of our readers.

Telephone by calling Cascade Locks 211 and order
your extra copies early. They will be sold at five cents
each.

OAKES SUBMITS LOWEST BID ON NEW BUILDING

M. E. Oakes, Portland, who did
considerable building around Cas-
cade Locks last spring and sum-
mer, submitted the low bid on the
new home which the Odd Fellows
are preparing to erect on the
site of their old hall. He offered to
put up the building for \$4,472.
Clarence Carrothers, Cascade
Locks contractor and builder, was
second low. He bid \$4,631.

A total of six bids were sub-
mitted. Five of them came from Por-
tland contractors. Oakes was \$1762
lower than the highest bid re-
ceived by the lodge.

Four Portland bids were:
Oscar Nelson, \$5126; Ward &
Milbrandt, \$5431; Harry Davis,
\$6234; Knott, Rogers & Dunbar,
\$5990.

The bids were opened and tabu-
lated by the building committee.
No action was taken and no defi-
nite understanding was reached as
to the next step, but the committee
hopes to be ready to act this week,
if it wishes it can reject all of the
bids and ask for new ones.

Bids were submitted in con-
formity with plans and specifica-
tions prepared by an architect and
all of the contractors bid on an
equal basis. Their figures were
for a frame building, two stories
in height.

LIBRARY IS OPENED TO GENERAL PUBLIC

After much sighing and wishing
and waiting, residents of the Bon-
neville Dam area have a free pub-
lic library. It is housed in the
frame school building which the
district recently abandoned, was
formally opened Monday with
Charles Jones, Portland, in charge.

Created primarily for the pur-
pose of providing the men in the
camp with free reading rooms and
books, the library is open to the
general public. Books may be tak-
en out on cards, just as they are
at the central library in Portland.

The library is open from 1 to 5
p. m. and from 6 to 10 p. m. ex-
cept Sunday.

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MEN IN CAMP 2 ARE ILL AFTER HEAVY DINNER

Mounting complaints over the
quality of the food served at the
National Commissary company's
camp No. 2 culminated in a howl
Thursday night, following a heavy
meal of turkey and trimmings on
Thanksgiving day.

The boys in the camp danced
and groaned.
"Dysentery," said Dr. Stanley E.
Wells, briefly.

Responsibility for the attack
was laid upon the dressing. It was
what the fellows called "num num"
and they took liberal helpings, to
their sorrow. Oysters that went in-
to the dressing are believed to
have caused the trouble.

Workmen housed in camp No. 2
have been running to the U. S.
engineers for some weeks. This is
the old Atkinson camp, long fam-
ous for the groaning tables, where
men ate to their fill and grinned
cheerfully afterwards.

Across the road from the camp
is the new community center. The
restaurant is running \$150 to
\$200 in receipts, aside from the
beer trade. The bulk of the cus-
tomers are coming from the camps.
They are eating their meals out-
side the pale.

ROOM SHORTAGE ACUTE

Development of a business dis-
trict in Bonneville has created a
demand for rooms. To date no one
has been able to meet the demand,
and as a result the majority of
fellows who have come into the
community to enter business are
sleeping on cots just anywhere
they can squeeze in. Completion
of the new hotel is expected to re-
lieve the situation.

MID-WEEK DANCES

"Jim" Merrill is stepping up his
dances at his new pavilion and
hereafter will hold them on Wed-
nesday and Saturday nights. First
mid-week night dance is adver-
tised for tonight, with music by
an orchestra from The Dalles.
Wednesday night dances were popu-
lar in the Locks throughout the
summer and early autumn, but
there has been few of them of
late. "Jim" ropes to revive the
interest by providing good music.

SEATTLE FIRM LOW BIDDER ON 2 JOBS AT DAM

Low bid for construction of the
administration building and the
civic auditorium on the Bonneville
dam reservation was submitted by
A. S. Hansen, it was learned when
proposals were opened last Friday
in Portland, and unless the unex-
pected occurs he will be given the
contract for putting up the two
buildings.

Hansen bid \$57,500. Drake,
Wyman & Voss, Portland, were
only \$250 above him, for they
bid \$57,750, while the Hoffman
Construction company submitted
a bid of \$58,990.

The George Waale company,
Portland, and the George H. Buck-
ler company, two contractors who
have been doing the bulk of the
building on the project, were high
as the bids went, to the surprise of
people in the district, who had
figured that one of the two firms
would obtain the contract. The
Waale people bid \$67,538; the
Buckler company bid \$74,506.
Both of these contractors appar-
ently have learned that all that
glitters is not gold and played
safe.

Other bids submitted were:
Malarkey & Kallander, \$61,750;
Robertson, Hay & Wallace, \$66,
\$79.

The government engineers had
estimated that the two buildings
would cost \$60,328.80. Chief in-
terest about the estimate com-
plied by the engineers is the fact that
in almost every instance contrac-
tors have bargained to do the
work at a smaller figure than the
government has anticipated when
calling for bids on jobs.

The foundation for the admin-
istration building is in and every-
thing is in readiness for the super-
structure, which will be of brick.

Workmen are now pouring the
concrete for the basement of the
civic auditorium. When they have
finished the job will be turned
over to the contractors. This build-
ing will be of frame construction.

Both buildings are located near
the present entrance to the reser-
vation and will be located within
a short distance of the new rail-
road station, close to the highway.

2,000 GALLONS OF GAS LOST: TRUCK GOES IN DITCH ON HIGHWAY

Workmen employed on tunnel
No. 1, now being driven into the
mountain side by U. S. engineers,
were called off the job when a
Boise Valley Cooperative truck
went in the ditch a mile west of
Cascade Locks and spilled 2,000
gallons of gasoline down the hill-
side.

The heavy truck was wrecked
after the driver got too near the
edge of the pavement and struck
a soft shoulder of dirt and gravel,
through a section of the guard
wheels of the rear truck flew out
from under the tanker, rolled
across the road and plunged
fence.

The driver had to telephone to
The Dalles to get a wrecker of
sufficient size to haul the wrecked
tanker out of the ditch.

It is illegal, both in Oregon and
Washington, to cut Christmas
trees without first securing per-
mission of the owner.

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