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NOTES

From a Reporters Notebook

The Columbia River highway remains the most beautiful highway in America and strangers who drive it never forget it. Soft rains and the mild weather have made it more beautiful than usual. The trees have lost their foliage, but the leaves are not missed by the traveler for the excessive moisture has stimulated growth of moss and ferns and freshened the firs until the cliffs and basalt walls of the gorge have taken on mellowed appearance of aged walls which surround medieval castles of central Europe.

More and more parks are springing up along the highway—gifts of wealthy men, who, like the basalt walls of the gorge, are becoming more mellow with the passing years. Alsworth, Benson and Talbot parks are being made into lovely spots where the people may enjoy the advantages of a day in the open and relax and play. Oregon has enabled many men to accumulate wealth, but almost without exception the beneficiaries of opportunities to accumulate large fortunes have forgotten Oregon. Giving money for parks and playgrounds and pieces of statuary is a splendid thing and should be encouraged. The parks created through efforts of Simon Benson, C. Alsworth and Guy Talbot will be remembered and enjoyed by the multitudes in the long years to come. The donors have built monuments that will endure.

Some men never know when they are whipped. And that is the reason they are never whipped. There is Silver Ferras. Last summer he lost his business, and five weeks ago he lost his home. He took everything. But one day he hears him complain. He is busy sawing wood and hammering nails. He grins and fights and does not stop to look back. He will have his business re-established in his new building. Then, we suspect, he will find time and means to build another home. And he will continue to smile while he is about his tasks.

L. M. French is doing an unusual volume of buginess in his tee shop and recreation center these days. Things started out rather slow with him and a lot of people said he would never put it on. Now the fellows are going around saying what a splendid fellow he is, and more and more of them are dropping in for a game of pool or a glass of beer or a bite of food because they like him and his friendly atmosphere of his shop. He has continued to saw and Neon signs have been hung in front of the building and house put in order for a heavy volume of business. The bartenders are busy, the pool tables are occupied, the girls in the coffee shop never idle.

GOVERNMENT TO DRIVE ANOTHER TUNNEL IN HILL

Work will be started right after the first on a fourth drainage tunnel, which U. S. army engineers are driving into the side of the mountain just below the Bridge of the Gods in an effort to drain Ruckel slide.

This tunnel, to be known as No. 4, will be pushed back about 1000 feet to conform with the depth of the three tunnels which were driven into the mountain last fall.

A second tunnel, to be designated as BX, will be started near tunnel No. 1 by the engineers, who are seeking to determine the direction of the bedrock. An exploratory tunnel, it may be pushed back quite some distance, or may go only a short way, according to what is found after the hole is opened up by the tunnel men.

This exploratory tunnel is 20 feet beneath the level of the other tunnels and will have to be filled before the dam is completed. The engineers are driving it into the mountain in search of information, and hope to determine whether the rock dips, rises or runs reasonably level.

Considerable volume of water is coming out of tunnels No. 2 and 3, but very much water is coming out of Tunnel No. 1. Up on the mountainside repeated tests show that the water is no rising in the test holes which were sunk last summer.

Failure of the water to rise in the test holes, coupled with the failure of the tunnels to pick up larger volume of water, has the engineers puzzled and has given many of them reason to believe that the water is escaping through rocks, probably below level of the water line in the river and down near Eagle Creek.

PROGRESS ON DAM PRAISED BY DERN

Engineers directing construction of Bonneville dam are praised by Secretary of War Dern in his annual report to President Roosevelt.

Said he: "The harnessing of this great river (the Columbia) will be completed in a minimum of time." The secretary declared the building of the dam is going to make available an abundance of cheap power for the benefit of the people of this region."

Construction work has gone forward with a minimum of delays, and with all the principal contracts of the year well on their way toward completion the task of building the dam is really further along than the engineers had hoped for when they accepted responsibility of building it.

All interested in the progress and growth of Cascade Locks are invited to a noon-day meeting Friday at the Inn of the Bridge of the Gods. Come prepared to eat lunch and spend an hour away from business. Benefits to be derived will outweigh the importance of personal affairs during this hour. Every man and woman in the district east of the toll bridge to Herman creek should be present at this meeting.

FIVE INCHES OF RAIN RECORDED IN THREE DAYS

After pouring more than five inches of rain onto the Bonneville Dam area in three days, the weather man grinned, took a notch in his belt and turned the tap down to a mild stream over weekend.

With only 10 inches of rain recorded to date since the first of the month, December this year promises to fall short of its record a year ago, when 30 inches of rain fell in 30 days.

Heaviest rain of the season occurred Friday, when 2.85 inches fell in 24 hours. Thursday was wet, too, with 2.56 inches of rain.

Normal, or average precipitation for December is nearly 13 inches. Indications are the month will hold its own.

November, with an average precipitation of 12 inches, was much wetter than usual, with a total rainfall of almost 19 inches.

January usually has a foot of rain and thus far there has been no sign that the weather man will fall down on the job.

Average total precipitation for the district is 87 inches, or, for the information of anyone who may be slow at figures, six and one-half feet. This, it might be added, is enough water to submerge the tallest man employed on the dam.

CONCRETE WALKS

That portion of the engineering force and medical department which offices west of the administration building on the reservation has gone high hat.

The high hatting is attributed to, or at least chalked up against the concrete laboratory where tests are being run almost daily to determine the quality of the cement which is going into the foundation for the power house and locks.

Heretofore slabs of concrete were moulded and put out into the air. The idea was good, but sinful, in a measure, for it benefited no one except the American government. So the other day the laboratory began pouring the concrete into forms for a sidewalk. It is the first piece of concrete sidewalk on the reservation.

RAPID PROGRESS BEING MADE IN SINKING CRIBS

Sinking of cribs for the cofferdam in the river has reached a point where the Columbia Construction company hopes to finish the task by the middle of February. Engineers are supervising the sinking of the cribs next to the shore on the east wing, and if all goes well the task of sinking units of the south wing will be under way shortly after the first of the year.

Crib No. 1 is in position and No. 2 is practically in position, while No. 3 is being made ready to put down. These units are in relative shallow water and can be built up before the high water of next May and June.

It is not the plan of either the army engineers or of the contractors to put down the entire cofferdam before the spring freshet reaches Bonneville. The units paralleling the current of the river will be sunk this winter, but gaps will be left in the two wings and filled next summer.

Delay occasioned by the necessity of permitting the flood waters to pass is going to bring on a period of near idleness along in May, but immediately the flood waters have passed the contractors will be driving day and night, for they want to put in the Oregon end of the dam next year.

Engineers in charge of sinking cribs are encountering less difficulty than they anticipated in finding a level floor on the bed of the river. The job of whittling away rock far under the surface of the water has been so well handled that the cribs are setting level on secure foundations.

IF ANYONE—

- Gets Married
- Dies
- Has Guests
- Has a Party
- Has a Baby
- Has a Fire
- Is Ill
- Has an Operation
- Buys a Home
- Wins a Prize
- Receives an award
- Builds a House
- Makes a Speech
- Holds a Meeting
- Or Takes Part in Any Other Unusual Event
- Goes Away

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FIRE DESTROYS FUGER HOME IN CASCADE LOCKS

Throughout the summer and early autumn William Fuger, a carpenter at the dam, saved his money and planned to build a home for his family. Three months ago he built an attractive home in Edgewood park sub-division in Cascade Locks. He painted the building, cleared ground, built a garage, and settled down for the winter.

Saturday night the Fuger family locked the house and drove uptown to do some shopping. Returning at 8:30 the family found the house in flames.

Origin of the fire remains a mystery. The family thought the fire in the heating stove was practically out and purposely refrained from putting on fresh fuel. There was no fire in the kitchen stove and the Fugers thought they were returning to a chill house.

The home stood in the woods, just east of the Toothrock garage. There is no water supply nearby in the neighborhood for outside water taps, and the fire had made too much progress to permit use of a garden hose on the tap in the kitchen.

The family and neighbors fought the flames, but were powerless to halt them, and in the end lost everything except a radio, which someone carried outdoors.

Walls of the home and the floor near the stove were warm, indicating that the fire had sprung up and burned furiously in the heater while the family was away, but the doors were locked, disproving the theory that a prowler might have entered and thrown fresh fuel on the fire.

DOG POISONER IS ACTIVE IN LOCKS

Work of dog poisoners in Cascade Locks, coupled with small thefts and burglaries which are occurring frequently of late has given birth to a belief that some person is seeking to rid Cascade Locks of canines in order that he may encounter less difficulty in entering homes.

Within the past week dogs owned by families in the east end of town have been killed with poisoned meat. C. A. Broliar, Bert Stewart, Russel Miller and the Sweeney family have all lost pets.

Latest small burglary was reported from the Toothrock garage, near the high school, where a thief broke a pane of glass from a window in an effort to reach the cash box. There was no money in the box.

A majority of the dogs which have been poisoned did not run loose, but were either tied or shut up for the night in pens or barns. Meat was thrown to them by the poisoner.



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GREETINGS



A glad and joyous Christmastide '34



Peace on Earth '34