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## POSTOFFICE AT BONNEVILLE IS NOW 3rd CLASS

Friends and patrons entering the Bonneville postoffice Tuesday morning were greeted with a "Happy New Year" from Postmaster Henry Edlund, who smiled as he spoke.

The postmaster had occasion to speak to the patrons. His postoffice had been promoted from a fourth class to a third class office. The order became effective the first of the year.

Under fourth class rules and regulations Edlund drew only \$90 a month and was compelled to employ a clerk out of his salary. Under third class rules and regulations he will draw \$150 a month. The government will pay the postmaster's salary.

Increasing the rating of the postoffice will make it compulsory for the postmaster to seek new quarters for the office must occupy a building of its own. The building must have at least 1200 square feet of floor space.

Plans for a postoffice building under way. Within a month the building will be completed and located just where the office is located has not been determined, but indications are a building will be erected near the Roosevelt theatre and the Piggly Wiggly.

Some of the business handled through the Bonneville postoffice increased every month during the year, and already there are indications that it will be a third class office by July 1.

Patrons in second class offices are the life of a Riley. Each is provided an assistant and given clerks.

## STATE TO PUT BRIDGE ACROSS TANNER CREEK FOR FOOT PASSENGERS

Construction of a foot bridge across Tanner creek for accommodation of people living in the Bonny Villa district will be started Wednesday by a crew of carpenters, who have been sent into the Bonneville Dam area by the state highway department.

Residents of Bonny Villa and Bonneville have been asking the state to build the bridge, and now that the crew is in the territory will no doubt urge the highway department to build a walk up the hill, paralleling the state road.

The new bridge will be constructed on the outside of the state's Tanner creek bridge.

The crew is stopping in Cascade Locks. It will be employed on two or three bridge jobs.

## UNCLE SAM TO BE ASKED FOR FREE MAIL DELIVERY

The government's action in advancing the postoffice in Bonneville from a fourth class to a third class has opened the way for the inauguration of rural free delivery in the Bonneville Dam area.

Under present conditions it is necessary for patrons to walk through the rain and mud, often for a considerable distance, to receive mail. This condition can be remedied if enough people will sign a petition, addressed to the postmaster general, and asking for an R. F. D. route.

Forms embodying the application, or petition, will be available within a few days. Upon their arrival everyone who is desirous of having mail delivered at their home will be requested to sign up.

Patrons are compelled to provide their own boxes. The boxes are not expensive, but they must be erected on a post beside the highway, where they will be readily accessible to the postman.

Whether the route can be laid out to run from Dodson to Herman creek has not been determined, for half of the district is in Multnomah county, and half is in Hood River county. A ruling on the situation is being obtained.

### MEIER HOME OPEN

Governor Julius L. Meier spent Christmas at his country home at Corbett. This being the first year the place has been kept open through the winter. Decorators worked for the past two weeks getting the house ready for the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Meier's daughters and families from San Francisco, who came up to spend the holidays with their parents.

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## STEIWER LEADS FIGHT AGAINST COULEE SET-UP

Attempts on the part of the Washington delegation in congress to throw Bonneville into a common pot with Coulee Dam and bring both projects under control of the Columbia Valley Authority has brought on an active engagement at the national capital.

Senator Steiwer, Oregon, has announced that he will fight the bill introduced by Congressman Hill, Washington, and Congressman Pierce, Oregon, creating the board, or authority.

In Washington, D. C., engineers have announced that power from Bonneville dam can be sold in Seattle at a lower price than the Puget Sound metropolis can obtain it from Coulee dam. In Portland Colonel T. M. Robins, district engineer for the U. S. army, has declared there is no market for all of the power which will be created by government plants at the two dams.

Oregon interests, realizing that power rates at Bonneville Dam must be increased if the project is to be saddled down with Coulee dam, are preparing to back Senator Steiwer in his fight against the Columbia Valley Authority.

Congressman Hill represents the district in eastern Washington which includes Coulee Dam, while Congressman Pierce represents all of eastern Oregon in congress. The Pierce district runs to the Multnomah county line, but does not include Bonneville. Both are democrats. Hill may become majority floor leader in the next congress; Pierce is national committeeman for the democrats of Oregon.

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The card will carry six boxing events and probably two or three wrestling matches. It is being underwritten through sale of tickets, which will be offered to the public when the next few days. The tickets are to sell for 25 cents each.

Through courtesy of the management of the Roosevelt, the theatre is being made available for the card without charge, and since the other expenses will not be heavy it is believed that a splendid show can be put on for the fellows throughout the district. The theatre seats 600 people and there should be room enough to take care of all who wish to see the fights.

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## POWER COMPANY WOULD FURNISH LIGHTS FOR LOCKS AT \$20 MONTH

Acting through H. A. Martin, division manager, the West Coast Power company has announced that it is prepared to furnish street lights in Cascade Locks at a cost of \$20 a month for eight lights. In laying the proposal before the Chamber of Commerce the power company asked for a deposit of \$60 to cover cost of putting in the necessary brackets, lights and other fixtures and to cover cost of removing them if the chamber does not keep up the contract.

At the chamber meeting last Friday a committee of three, composed of Jack Elmer, Capt. Charles Nelson and W. C. Anderson, was appointed to pass upon the reasonableness of the proposal. The committee will report at the next meeting.

The company estimates that it will be put to an expense of \$330 to install the street lighting system over a distance of 1600 feet.

## CONTRACTOR TO BEGIN WORKING ON AUDITORIUM

A. S. Hansen, Seattle contractor, will begin work Wednesday on the construction of the new civic auditorium and the new administration building, foundations for which have been in for several weeks.

The Seattle contractor obtained the construction job on a bid of \$57,500 when proposals were opened by army engineers in Portland a month ago.

Employees on the dam and residents of the lower end of the district have been waiting patiently for the work on the civic auditorium to get under way. They have no place in which to hold entertainments and put on smokers and are looking forward to the early completion of the building.

The two buildings are being put up at a point about two blocks below the main entrance to the reservation and will stand in only a short distance from the railroad station, which is to be built near the highway after work of relocating the Union Pacific tracks is completed.

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## MILD WEATHER RETURNS AFTER FOUR-INCH SNOW

Engineers and contractors gazed at the skies and smiled Tuesday as a warm south wind drove the snow from the lowlands and ushered in the New Year with promise of a mild January. Snow had fallen Friday night and again on Saturday night, only to pass off before it could do serious damage or delay work on the dam.

At the close of December the weather man had chalked up a total precipitation of 17 inches for the month, but the water, running off as rapidly as it fell, did not interfere with progress of the contracts. Last December there was a total rainfall of 39 inches, and this coupled with steady downpours during the week that followed, caused the river to reach unexpected heights and carry out the first cofferdam at the mouth of Eagle creek.

Friday night's snow, the first of the season, followed a week's rain. Dodson got only a flurry of snow. At Crown Point the snow melted as it fell Saturday morning, but stuck on longer Saturday night. No snow fell in Portland, but Bonneville got two inches, Cascade Locks, four inches; and Hood River, 10 inches.

Engineers and contractors are watching the weather closely for the reason that the precipitation of the next 30 days will have a bearing on the speed with which contractors can put down cribs for the cofferdam. Precipitation for the period since September 1 is only slightly behind that of the same period a year ago, but the rain has come at intervals and run off without bringing on high water. To date there has not been a great deal of snowfall in the mountains.

### EAGLES TO MEET THURSDAY

Eagles of the Cascade Locks-Bonneville aerie will meet Thursday night at French's recreation center in Bonneville. The aerie is now holding regular weekly meetings in the quarters which L. M. French has opened for use of fraternal and civic organizations, as is the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

## QUARTERS OCCUPIED ENGINEERS AT DAM REMODELED, ENLARGED

Carpenters working under the direction of Leo Miller, who has charge of grounds on the reservation, tore the administration building apart and put it back together again during the holidays. They will finish this week.

Remodeling of the interior of the building will give the engineering force considerable more room and has put them in shape to withstand a cold snap.

The space formerly used for storage purpose has been turned into offices, a new floor has been laid, partitions have been put up and the interior has been sealed against the weather.

### FIRE AT HALL HOME

An overheated stove pipe at the home of Postmaster Frank Hall caused considerable excitement in Cascade Locks New Year's Eve. Neighbors and townfolk rushed to the house but the fire was brought under control before it did any serious damage.

If you hear of an accident, telephone the Chronicle.

### SCHOOL RE-WIRED

During the four rooms of the Cascade Locks grade school was rewired during the Christmas holidays. The delight of parents have heard their children complain of eye strain. The installation of the lights and the arrangement of the lights were all part of the work submitted by the state department of education at Salem. The entire building was re-wired.

### RABBIT FOUND BE LIVING AMONG BONNEVILLE FRIENDS

An unknown force is guarding the life of Peter Rabbit, the bunny of Bonny Villa? Since spring Peter has been roaming around among the houses, with friends with adults and children, but never molested by the numerous dogs of the community. He has often crossed the highway, but has always been fortunate to escape the cars.

In April of this year Peter Rabbit was a pal, a lone duck. It Peter was too far at feeding time would call until he came to they might eat together.

Peter, the wanderlust got the home, and became a neighborhood pet. Now should anything happen to Peter Rabbit, many would be sad at the loss of a little friend.

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