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WEATHER SETS BACK WORK ON DAM PROJECTS

With weather impediments now
thing of the past, construction
work on the many projects con-
nected with the Bonneville dam
went ahead at a routine pace last
week.

Columbia, working on contract
work, was busily engaged in com-
pleting its crib above the high
water mark. For the greater part
of the pocket filling. The one
crib is hung up on a reef
about 7 feet south of where it should
be, but plans have been made for
moving the rock out of the way.
Some difficulty has been en-
countered in the steel sheet piling
on the north side of cribs 12
and 13, due to a certain extent
striking boulders that lay on
top of the bed rock.

The giant Monaghan, slated to
be moved across the channel the
first of the month, will be at least
another week excavating for the
channel enlargement along the
Washington shore. More than
a linear feet at the west end
is yet to be worked on.

Excavation for the fish ways,
north of the powerhouse and lock,
progressing rather slowly, be-
cause of the great amount of trim-
ming necessary, and also to a
large in plans, the excavating
side being lowered 18 feet ad-
jacent to the lock wall.

Good progress has been made
in the construction of forms and
in placing of reinforcing steel
for intake piers, and the area
north of the wing wall has been
skilled, though a few thousand
cubic feet of material still is required.
The work of grading west of
Herman creek and placing con-
crete for the bridge and viaduct,
though still bothered slightly by
a storm, was reported to be
progressing satisfactorily. Tooth
and tunnel work is slightly be-
hind schedule.

The \$17,500 project of build-
ing the new auditorium and ad-
ministration building was pro-
ceeding rapidly, completion dates
set for May 1, and March
1, respectively.

The roof on the administration
building has been completed and
the bricks are half up. As the
men are starting the second stage
of the auditorium, and concrete
forms ordered, it is believed that
but the finishing work will
be completed within the next two
weeks.

ROAD FROM U.S. IN FIRE PROTECTION PLAN OF GROUP

Meeting Tuesday afternoon with
representative of C. C. Hockley,
the director of public works ad-
ministration in Oregon, at The
Hills, a group of business men
met for federal aid in the sum
of \$10,000 with which to build a
fire protection system in Cascade
Locks.

The delegation declared funds
needed to take care of the
large disposal problem and to
build docks for a port in Cascade
Locks. Replying to a question,
B. Laber told Hockley's re-
presentative that port facilities
could be needed in the district
this year or two.

McGowan's Fish Cannery Destroyed by Fire After Explosion on Launch

The charred remains of a once
historic landmark to rivermen,
McGowan's fish cannery at Dod-
son, were all that was left to re-
mind residents of Oregon and
Washington that a disastrous fire
had ravaged the 40-year old build-
ing late Wednesday afternoon.

Despite a visit Friday by P. J.
McGowan, head of the company,
from McGowan, Washington, no
announcement as to the actual
loss, who owned the estimated 30
fish boats destroyed by the roar-
ing inferno, how much of the as-
sessed \$259,000 damage was cov-
ered by insurance, and the most
important fact, if and when it
would be rebuilt, was made.

Stored in the building, it is re-
ported, were nearly 20,000 cases
of canned salmon, valued at \$160,
000; 10 fish nets, worth \$32,000;
25 fishing craft, \$25,000; and the
building itself, which included val-
uable machinery and parts, \$30,
000.

The flames, which within two
hours burned even the framework
to the ground, started on the river
side of the 400 by 85 foot can-
nery. Superintendent Arthur Eade
and Assistant Alfred Westerlund,
were taking measurements for a
new cabin on a boat believed to
belong to Captain Karl H. Rosen-
back, of Cascade Locks.

When Eade lit a match to see
his figures the place literally blew
up in his face, evidently from gas
fumes escaping from a leaky tank
in one or many of the score of
craft stored there.

Calling for aid from the other
three men stationed during the
idle months in houses beside the
cannery, the quintet fought des-

perately to stop the blaze with
small fire extinguishers, but they
soon were exhausted.

When the flames reached the
gas tank of the first boat the en-
tire building was gone, and the
men fled for their lives. Fed on
by large cans of oil stored in the
building and partly emptied gas-
oline cans, the flames shot hun-
dreds of feet into the air, shower-
ing the houses nearby with sparks
and forcing the occupants to move
their belongings into the street in
front.

For 48 hours the popping of the
canned salmon exploding and
shooting into the air like fire-
works and the slow burning blue
flame of the valuable nets marked
the disaster, threatening the job-
less families.

As McGowan did not say when
he would return and did not make
any announcement to the press
during his four-hour stay at the
scene of the blaze, it is believed
that it will be at least another
week before the facts are made
known to the public.

Safeway Store

The corner room of the new
building just completed by S. E.
Henderson on the highway in Bon-
neville will be occupied by a Safe-
way store.

Work of putting in the display
windows and shelving and finish-
ing the interior has been started
and will be completed within a
few days.

CASCADE LOCKS PAIR PLAN FOR OPENING OF HORN CLUB THIS WEEK

After standing idle for four
months the Checkerboard Inn in
Cascade Locks is to be re-opened
to the public this week under the
name of the Horn club by H. C.
Rathje and W. H. Clark, who have
taken a three-year lease on the
two-story frame building.

Rathje, a mining engineer and
former officer in the German army
during the war, is a brother-in-
law of Mrs. May Silva, prop-
rietor of the Bridge of the Gods
hotel, Clark, a resident of Cas-
cade Locks for several years, is
engaged in the fuel and cold stor-
age business.

Carpenters left to work Monday
building a bridge from the present
highway grade to the building and
expect to have the fixtures for the
bar installed by mid-week. G. E.
Miller and G. N. Hegard have the
contract for the remodeling.

Rathje and Clark propose to in-
stall a card room, pool tables and
barber shop and to have reading
tables, where newspapers and
magazines will be on file. With
completion of the work on the
state highway, they want to in-
stall a bowling alley in the base-
ment.

He: "What would I have to give
you to get one little kiss?"
She: "Chloroform."

COUNTY COURT AWARDS MERRILL BEER PERMIT IN SURPRISE ACTION

Plans of Cascade Locks busi-
ness men to bring pressure on
the county court at Hood River
to issue a beer dispensing license
to J. A. Merrill, proprietor of Mer-
rill's Barbecue, were abruptly
halted Monday night when the
county body, in a surprise move,
awarded the license without com-
mitment.

Petitions, signed by not only
the merchants, but also by the
public at large, were generously
received and were to be presented
to the county court by a delega-
tion of the business men, who
were to go to Hood River Wednes-
day.

Main objections were offered
by Deputy Sheriff Brown and
State Police Officer Boss because
of the conduct at Saturday night
dances. However, it is pointed
out that Merrill has never been
arrested, nor have arrests ever been
made in the dance hall, which is
one of the largest in the North-
west.

When Merrill was denied an in-
dorsement by the court and faced
with the loss of his suds trade
after February 1, the date his
license expires, public opinion and
action were quick to follow.

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news items to the Chronicle. It
is our wish to print all the news.

HEALTH OFFICER COMES TO AREA BY OFFICIAL BID

Prompted by the careless meth-
ods of garbage and sewage dis-
posal in the Bonneville Dam area,
the state of Oregon has perma-
nently placed E. L. Stewart, sani-
tary inspector, in the district to
correct unhealthy living condi-
tions.

The newcomer's duties will in-
clude checking all drinking water
sources, making regular visits to
all restaurants and hotels and also
house-to-house examinations on
sanitary qualifications.

With the promise of unanimous
backing by the Cascade Locks
Chamber of Commerce, Stewart
will attempt to get a regular gar-
bage collection system under way.
In the past this district has been
checked only at irregular inter-
vals, and then not thoroughly.

The new inspector, who has a
state warrant giving him power
to bring people to court, liable to
severe fines, if he is not obeyed,
will cover all residences between
Penn's tavern and Dodson.

With summer months bringing
their usual swarms of flies and
disease, the necessity for making
the district a cleaner and better
place to live can easily be seen.

Dr. Stanley Wells, government
physician, who accompanied
Stewart the last few days in a
tour of an unannounced commu-
nity, said that they had been very
well received at every house,
proof of the fact that dam area
residents do want a better and
cleaner place in which to live.

FUN RUNS HIGH AS CITY HEADS STAGE MEETING

Fun and business was all the
same when members of the Cas-
cade Locks Chamber of Commerce
gathered last Thursday night for
an evening meeting. The business
session, which lasted half an hour,
was followed by a program of
dancing, music and songs.

With Mrs. Erwin Brolliar at the
piano, Shirley Woodward and her
cousin, Genevieve Woodward, won
a curtain call with their tap dan-
cing, and Neil Ray Brolliar and
her brother, Howard, delighted
the chamber members with their
songs.

Mrs. May Silva and her sister,
Mrs. Joe Burt, both of whom have
excellent voices, sang several se-
lections which called up fond re-
collections of old.

Dr. Fred Folsom, president of
the chamber, presided at the busi-
ness meeting, but turned the gay-
el over to Vice President Iro Owen
when the fun began.

EAGLES CHAPTER TO HOLD BASKET SOCIAL

The new Cascade Locks-Bon-
neville Eagle's post will hold its
initial social event Thursday night
at 8 o'clock in the Inn of the
Bridge of the Gods, Vern Hender-
son, secretary, announced last
week.

All Eagles are expected to be
present, and if they wish, may
bring along a couple as their
guests. The only stipulation is
that each woman is to bring a
basket.

CHAMBER GROUP WILL ASK FOR TWO SIDEWALKS

A caravan, now being organ-
ized by the Chamber of Commerce,
will descend on Portland Thursday
for the purpose of making a mass-
ed showing before the state high-
way commission, which will be
requested to install sidewalks on
both sides of the street in Cas-
cade Locks when the state road
is rebuilt through town.

Contracts for the work will be
let within the next few weeks,
and may come up at the meeting
of the state highway commission
this week. The original contract
for the work, entered into three
years ago with J. B. Laber, is
said to have provided for side-
walks on both sides of the street,
but present plans call only for a
walk on the south side of the road.

Engineers in the highway de-
partment estimate the cost of lay-
ing the walk on the north side at
\$2,000. Business men and prop-
erty owners in Cascade Locks feel
that in view of the small cost
involved, the state should con-
form to its original agreement and
run the sidewalks down both
sides of the street throughout
the stretch of highway to be im-
proved.

The state does not plan to be-
gin rebuilding the road until July
1, when federal aid funds will be-
come available for improvements.

VETERANS TO GET CHARTER

The Bonneville Damsite post of
the Veterans of Foreign Wars will
be formally presented with its
charter by post 907 of Portland
Tuesday night at French's. En-
tertainment and refreshments will
be served after the ceremony.

NOW OFFICIAL PAPER

The Chronicle has been named
official publication of Bonneville
Post No. 88 of the American Leg-
ion. The honor accorded the
paper is no small one and we de-
sire to publicly express our ap-
preciation of the action taken by
the Legionnaires. The post is
enjoying a healthy growth under
the administration of Commander
Dave Marvin and has become a
strong factor in community af-
fairs.

To Seek Walks

Residents of the Bonny Villa
district are preparing to petition
the state highway commission for
a sidewalk down the hill, parallel-
ing the state road. The petition
contains more than 100 names.
It will be presented Thursday to
the commission by Eric Enquist,
owner of Enquist's addition to
Bonneville.

Highway engineers recommend-
ed an appropriation for the walk
early last autumn, but the request
for funds was turned down by
the commission.

"TUCK" ANDERSON BACK

W. C. "Tuck" Anderson, presi-
dent of the Central Lumber com-
pany, who has been ill in a Hood
River hospital for almost a month
with double pneumonia, returned
to Cascade Locks Monday. Though
the jocular business man will be
confined to his home for at least
another week, it is reported that
he is able to be up and around,
despite the loss of more than 50
pounds.