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OUR PROGRAM

1. Incorporate the town.
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3. Create a fire district.
4. Re-organize a chamber of commerce.
5. Install street lights.
6. Lay down side walks.
7. Develop poultry, nut and fruit industry.

JOIN THE CARAVAN

Want sidewalks along the highway in Cascade Locks?

Tired of walking in the mud and dodging cars on the state road?

Believe the state should put down walks on both sides of the highway from the toll bridge to the east end of town?

Then join the caravan which will go from Cascade Locks to Portland Thursday to appear before the state highway commission.

Transportation is being provided for all who do not possess cars. Just turn in your name to Jack Eimer or "Bill" Keeler and say: "Sure, I am going down to help obtain sidewalks."

And then be at the appointed spot on the appointed hour Thursday morning.

The state is preparing to spend \$50,000 to widen and raise the highway through Cascade Locks. The contract is said to provide for walks only on the south side of the street. Cost of putting down a walk on the north side of the street will amount to only \$2,000, according to estimates of the engineers.

If you want sidewalks, be one of those to appear before the commission. The improvement is one that will benefit everybody.

TOO MANY TREES

It has been suggested, and not without reason, that a body of vigilantes be organized to attack the luxurious growth of foliage on the Columbia River highway. Trees are beautiful, and so, too, are shrubs, but they lose their attractiveness when they form a screen that makes it impossible for the motorist to enjoy the scenery of surrounding mountains.

It has long been the policy of the state highway commission to guard the underbrush on the state road. Origin and reason for the policy is not clear. Every spring workmen are sent out to cut the brush that encroaches upon the right-of-way, but they are called away before the job is finished.

Liberal use of the axe would enhance the beauty of the road by opening up vistas which are now hidden, and permit tourists to enjoy a view of the Bonneville dam without having to draw their cars up in the brush and beat a path through the woods to learn what is going on in the district.

Great care should be exercised in trimming out the trees, but we are willing to trust to the judgment of engineers, who, as a class, have splendid sense of proportions. It is to be hoped that the highway commission will permit them to act before the season is too far advanced.

WHY THE HASTE?

In Salem a republican senate is thumbing its nose at Governor Martin because the chief executive wants to reorganize the state government and create a cabinet form of government.

Probably no state in the union has more loosely jointed government, and there is a genuine need for remodeling, but the job is not one that can not be accomplished quickly if it is to be of a lasting benefit.

Reorganization of the state government was not an issue in the last campaign. The people possess only a hazy idea of what the state's chief executive hopes to accomplish with his program. His program may be sound—or it may be extremely unsound. If the proposed legislation now before the senate has merit no harm can come from permitting it to lay over two years.

The changes desired by the governor should be referred to the voters. The initiative and referendum is often termed a nuisance, but they serve as scales in which the public can weigh proposals and accept or reject them. All power rests with the people and far reaching changes should be discussed and digested before being written into the statutes.

SENSIBLE GOVERNMENT

Construction of Bonneville dam has called for the exercise of brilliant engineering skill. The men who are directing the building of the project must, of necessity, possess great talent in their profession, for the gigantic structure which they are erecting must stand for centuries. Visitors to the dam exclaim upon the science of the engineers and marvel at their ability. And the engineers do possess talent—but what is more important, they possess common sense.

The nature of their training and their daily tasks causes engineers to rub elbows with other men and it has the effect of making them democratic. As a class they are studious and industrious. It is unfortunate that public life has not attracted a greater share of them. The reason for failure of engineers to seek office probably lies in the fact that they have little or no patience for the trivial matters that seize and hold attention of the people.

Almost without exception projects carried forward under the direction of engineers are honestly and efficiently managed. Men enjoy justice and decent human relations with fellow men. This is particularly true at Bonneville. Great power is given to the resident engineer, but the power is not abused. Municipalities everywhere might profit by observing the administration of local affairs on the reservation by engineers.

A SMILE OR TWO

The business man dashed into the employment agency.

"Look here," he said to the clerk, "I'm looking for a cashier."

The clerk looked somewhat surprised.

"Why, sir," he said, "I thought I furnished you with one last week."

"I know," came the irritable reply. "That's the one I'm looking for."

"Isn't your little son sweet? He told me I was pretty."

"Did he? I must take him to an oculist."

Graduate (leaving college): "Good-bye. I am indebted to you for all I know."

Dean: "Don't mention such a trifle."

"That young bride worships her husband, doesn't she?"

"Well, she places burnt offerings before him three times a day."

CHINOOK

The east wind, which upon us swooped,

Snow laden, now for days had whooped,

And filled our driveways full of snow.

The temperature was falling low.

With roads and walks an icy glare, And snow drifts piling everywhere.

And those whose busses coldly balked,

To work and from, now daily walked.

It's winter sure, we said, but look! Out of the west came the Chinook.

As other folks, I had worked hard

To get my car out of the yard. I shoveled snow, but all in vain:

The snow-plow shoved it back again.

All I can say: It sure was - well!

On coming home one night I fell,

And bounced three times before I lit

Upon my skull and where I sit. My backbone loose from ribs was shook—

I'm better now, thanks to Chinook.

But worse: On reaching home I found

My wife was California bound. "I am," she said, "No Eskimo!

I've had enough of wind and snow!

I'll gladly wade back in the mud

When you shall write of trees in bud."

She packed her trunk, she wouldn't wait.

I mused upon my bachelor's fate;

Sewing buttons, wash and cook. But I was saved by the Chinook.

We kicked the covers off that night.

Next morning, land once solid white,

Was speckled thick with welcome sod.

Our frozen water-pipes were thawed.

And everybody happy felt

To see the snow beneath us melt.

When Nature held arresting palm,

Toward the east, and murmured "calm!"

The east wind died away and took

The cold. We welcome you, Chinook.

Noble F. Hyde

DRAMA CLUB ASSURED AS INITIAL MEETING BRINGS FINE RESULTS

That the Bonneville dam area will have a drama club was assured last week at a meeting in the high school of interested residents. After the assembly had voted to retain its temporary officers, Miss Margaret Lacy, chairman, and Mrs. Aurette Long, secretary, definite plans for a constitution and the first presentation were laid.

With a skeleton form already on hand, a committee composed of Richard Morris, chairman; Mrs. V. J. Henderson and Mrs. Jessie Foulkes, was appointed to complete the constitution and by-laws.

A long discussion of presentable plays ended with a decision of the body to start with three-act dramas. Miss Marian Hulse was chosen chairman of the committee to look up a number of these, along with Lillian Martinsein and Averill Stewart.

The concluding step of the meeting was to designate tonight at 7:30 in the high school as the scene for the second official meeting.

In addition to those listed above the following persons were also present. Mrs. Richard Morris, V. J. Henderson, Henry Nelson, Miss Catheryne Walker, Mrs. Jack Eimer and Mrs. Mike Weaver.

Mrs. Ruth Reid and Fred Elum, formerly of Woodland, Wash., will be married today at Stevenson. Mrs. Reid is a member of the Dew Drop Inn staff.

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