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OUR PROGRAM

1. Incorporate the town.
2. Create a water district.
3. Create a fire district.
4. Re-organize a chamber of commerce.
5. Install street lights.
6. Lay down side walks.

HOW VERY STRANGE!

It probably is not anyone's business, and yet there is going to be a reasonable amount of curiosity over anxiety of A. W. Meyer and J. B. Labor to incorporate the Cascade Locks chamber of commerce.

Mr. Meyer and Mr. Labor live in Portland. Mr. Meyer owns the Independent Water company, and Mr. Labor owns the bulk of the townsite. Neither favors incorporation for Cascade Locks. In truth they are bitterly opposed to the movement.

Why they should wish to incorporate the chamber and yet wave their arms and get excited over the thought of incorporating the town is going to puzzle a lot of people. Some folks will be even silly enough to insist that there is a nigger in the woodpile.

It is just possible—and remember, we say possible and not a fact—that Mr. Meyer and Mr. Labor understand that an incorporated body like a chamber of commerce can own property.

They may sense, too, that one of these days the government's 10-inch pipe line may be turned over to Cascade Locks. And that the time may come before long when the government will want to give the park at the locks to the city.

If the town is incorporated the government would naturally insist on passing the title to these properties to the municipality. Surely this thought has entered the minds of Mr. Meyer and Mr. Labor.

But supposing the town is not incorporated? Suppose the chamber of commerce is incorporated. Suppose the government should be urged to pass title to the chamber. Well, why not? Title must be passed to some incorporated body.

If the title to the pipe line and the park is passed to the chamber would these properties become the property of all the people in Cascade Locks, or would they rest with a group of people?

These are just a lot of idle thoughts—and can mean nothing—but since they are passing through the minds of quite a number of people around town it is only natural that they should find their way on paper.

If memory serves correctly, it was Mr. Meyer at last week's meeting o the chamber who moved that the chamber be incorporated ,and it was Mr. Labor who obligingly pulled the articles of incorporation from his pocket. What a happy coincidence. And how odd that they should think of incorporating the chamber at the very time the public is talking of incorporating the town. It is almost funny enough to make Ripley's "Believe It Or Not."

TURTLE

In the screen version of the fable of the hare and the tortoise, the latter is made to win by a hastily extended neck. In the original tale the plodding hardshell had a longer lead at the finish, if memory serves.

Be that as it may, whether by a neck or more, the tortoise won because he kept everlastingly at it. Cascade Locks folks can take this lesson to heart and profit by their own experience.

Long before the Bonneville dam had received official approval, Cascade Locks had been promised an improved highway through the town. Again and again it was promised, with no definite action taken. But steady, persistent urging, with a final sprint, in which the townsfolk themselves took active part, finally brought action, and work has been started.

How much better it would have been if the tortoise had not taken out time for a nap. With the highway finished two or three years ago, no one knows how much greater would have been the growth and how much more impressive the appearance of this near neighbor of the great dam.

Now Cascade Locks has a chance to secure adequate protection from fire by falling heir to the pipe line which gives power to operate the locks. When the dam raises the water in the Columbia, the use to the government of the pipe line will have ended. There should be no let-up in the effort to obtain this water supply for the city. Persistent pressure should be brought for this accomplishment. Nor should the tortoise take out time for a nap.

COLUMBIA'S T. V. A.

With army engineers in Washington making ready to hold hearings on the Umatilla dam, the national administration preparing to build a high dam at Grand Coulee and surveys under way for a deep channel from Vancouver to Bonneville, it will be only a matter of a few months before the public awakens to the realization that a repetition of the Tennessee Valley Authority is under way in the great Columbia river valley.

When the public awakens to this fact there is going to be a lively movement of people into the district tributary to Umatilla.

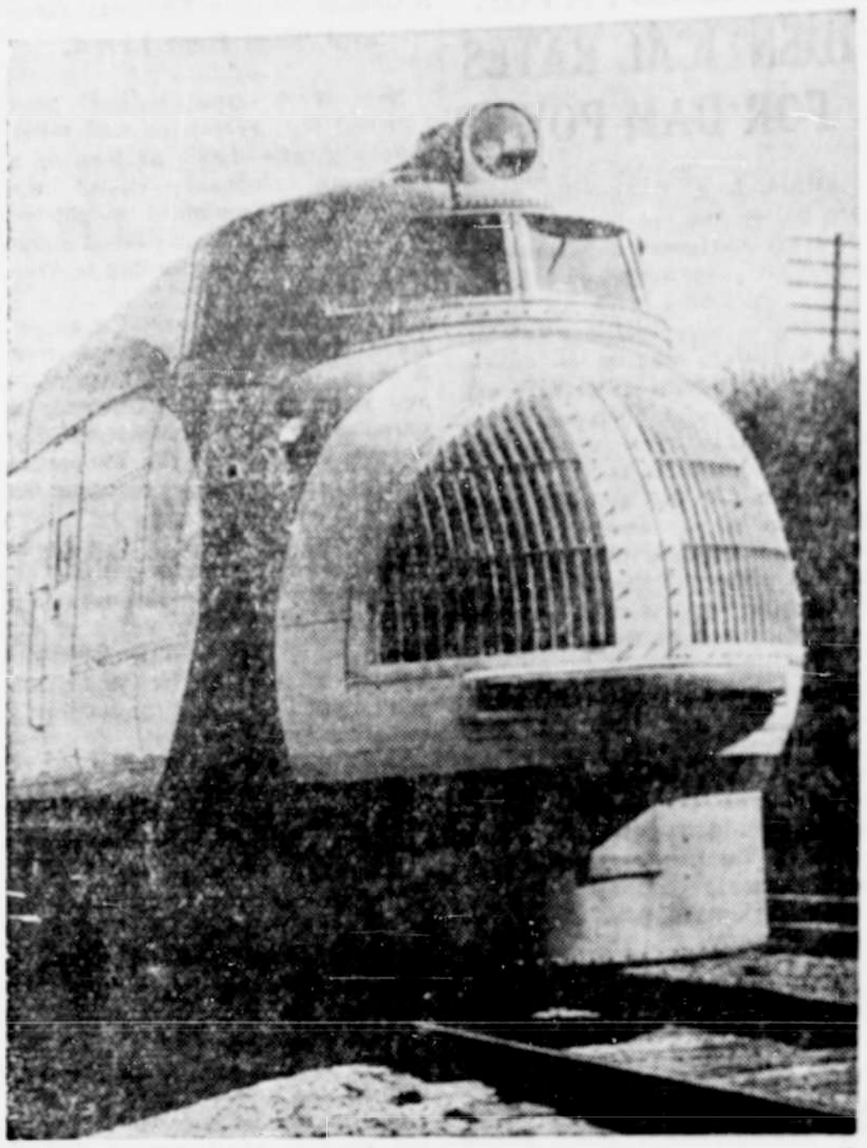
Navigation companies and motor truck transportation companies already sense the forthcoming development and are preparing to share the business which will accrue from it.

The time is only a short distance away when the public will come to understand something of President Roosevelt's plans for putting idle lands in the Inland Empire to work and bringing freight rates down by returning shipping to the river.

As time passes these plans will unfold. The skeptical and the unbelieving will not be party to the widespread development, and many towns will not awaken to their opportunities until after other towns have become established business center.

In Umatilla are many people who keep their tongues in their cheeks when talking of the dam and the seven-foot channel to Celilo falls. They cannot realize that the dream of the pioneers is about to come true, that a combination of circumstances and a strategic location promises to make Umatilla the liveliest spot on the upper Columbia since days of the gold rush, when all freight was handled out of here for the mines south of Lewiston and the Boise basin and the John Day country.

New U. P. Streamliner



The Union Pacific's No. 2 streamliner, "City of Portland," world's fastest long distance "arflowed" train and the first to go into transcontinental service will be seen by residents of the Bonneville dam area beginning June 6, when it is scheduled to leave Portland at 3:45 p.m. on its inaugural trip to Chicago.

The "City of Portland" will be on public exhibition June 4 and 5 in Portland. Its seven cars include a diesel power car, mail-baggage-express car, three pullmans, diner-lounge, coach buffet, all completely air-conditioned. It accommodates 64 pullman fares, 54 coach fares, total of 118 passengers. No extra fare will be charged.

The train's regular schedule of 39 3-4 hours, Portland to Chicago, is the fastest in United States transcontinental service. It will make 6 round trips a month, each five days apart, beginning June 6.

Chronicle Presents Advantages of Incorporated Cascade Locks

With this issue The Chronicle presents some of the benefits which will result from incorporation of Cascade Locks into a municipality.

Benefits to be obtained are generally known to the people. Greatest objection to incorporating the town is the cost.

People ask: What will it cost? What will it do to our taxes? Do the disadvantages outweigh the advantages?

The Chronicle believes everyone, with the exception of a few greedy landowners, who are against incorporation under any circumstances, would like to have a city government, except for the higher taxes.

Next week The Chronicle will endeavor to present actual facts dealing with costs of operating a city government. It will present the tax rate, publish valuations on homes, seek to show where the money must come from with which to pay expenses, how much it will cost home owners.

Taxes will be increased. Let there be no doubt about that. But the people will get value for their money. Just how much taxes will be increased is not known, but the facts will be brought out before election. Meantime, we suggest that committees be organized to study cost of government in other small towns, and that they obtain and present figures showing the cost of government, tell how the money is to be raised, how much it may reasonably be expected to cost the people of Cascade Locks. We will gladly publish any authentic information, but scorn rumors, idle gossip, wild tales told by the men with axes to grind.

Here are advantages of incorporation:

1. It would center authority in a regularly elected city government which could take the lead in making Cascade Locks a model city for cleanliness and cause it to become so attractive that Portland people would wish to purchase property for summer homes.

2. It would enable the federal government to turn the park at the locks over to the people. The government will not pass title to the property until a municipal government has been organized.

3. It would enable the people to accept the water line from the government which will insist on turning the 10-inch main over to municipality.

4. It would take Cascade Locks out of the county unit system and enable the people to regain control of their local school affairss.

5. It would permit the people, through regularly estaqui-hed city, government, to set up and enforce rules and regulations governing sanitation.

6. It would enable the people to select their own police officers from among their own numbers.

7. It would enable the people to stop speeding, which some day is certain to cause the death of a child or an elderly person.

8. It would enable the people to have a voice in the fixing of valuations on real estate. A city council could represent the community in requesting the county assessor to grant a hearing on valuations set up by his office.

9. It would permit installation of a system of street lights, both in business and residential districts.

10. It would create a city council and abolish one-man rule of the town.

A SMILE OR TWO

Wisecracker (boarding a bus) "Well, Noah, is the ark full?"

Greyhound Driver—"Nope only one jackass so far. Come on in."

A traveler was questioning Rastus about his home town.

"How many people live in this town?" he wanted to know.

"'bout 4000 people, suh. It's been that way for 40 years."

"You mean to tell me that there were 4000 people here 40 years ago, and only 4000 now? Haven't any people moved in, any babies been born here?"

"Yes, suh babies been born, but ev'y time a baby is born, somebody leaves town."

Pastor—"So God sent you two more little sisters?"

Dolly (brightly)—"Yes, and He knows where the money's coming from, for I heard daddy say so."

Bill was pugnacious, but he didn't live long. A few days after his funeral his widow was hanging pensively over her front gate. A neighbor came along.

"Well, poor Bill," she began, "he'll be hittin' the harp with the angels."

"Not he," said the widow. "More likely he'll be hittin' the angels with the harp'."

A recent article in a financial journal stated any good pole player could run any business successfully.

But what does a good pole player need with a business?

The vicar had a certain truculent woman parishioner noted for her fondness for a drop of gin. One day she went to church hacking with painful distinctness.

The parson bore it for a few moments; then, looking at the verger, her proclaimed, publicly, 'Smith, kindly remove that person from the building."

Smith rose reluctantly to obey, the congregation held its breath, expecting a scene, but to his relief without a murmur.

After the service the vicar congratulated his man on the tactful way he had removed the culprit.

"How did you manage it?" he asked.

"Well, sir," said the verger, "I just went to her and whispered, 'Come on, ma; come out and have one with me.'"

Professor—"The progeny of a single fly may number many million."

Good-looking Co-ed — "Gee, what must the progeny of a married fly be?"

Found: "Lady's purse left in my car while parked. Owner can have same by paying for this ad. If she will explain to my wife how the purse got there I will pay for the ad myself.

"Phone M-123 League City."

"I hear the surgeons have operated on you again."

"Yes."

"How many times does this make?"

"Five. They're going to put on a swinging door next time."

Father (at 3 a.m. to restless son)—"Now what are you crying about?"

Son—"Wanta drink."

Father—"So do I. Go to sleep."