

THE DAM CHRONICLE

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OUR PROGRAM

1. Develop a fire protection system.
2. Create a water district and develop lands between Craigmont hotel and Herman creek.
3. Install street lights.
4. Lay down sidewalks—even though they are wooden sidewalks.
5. Urge the federal government to purchase the toll bridge and make it a free bridge.
6. Launch a campaign to make the lake back of the dam the most popular resort on the West Coast.

HOME INDUSTRIES

The Oregon Manufacturers association has been reorganized under the name of the Columbia Empire Industries, Inc., and will seek to carry forward promotional work for the entire Pacific northwest.

Oregon and Washington and Idaho have small populations and limited buying power. Industries in the east have large populations and huge buying power, and they reach the public on the West Coast with advertising in national magazines, which all of us read.

Building markets for western-made products requires patience and time and capital, for we are such a homogeneous people that state pride develops slowly, and often disappears altogether. Californians are more loyal to their state. They support their industries, for they have learned through experience that industries support payrolls, and that payrolls create markets for agricultural products. When we learn this simple truth the manufacturers of Oregon and Washington will enjoy greater cooperation among merchants and farmers and industrial workers.

Much of the difficulty encountered by western manufacturers in building markets is directly traceable to the policies of the large metropolitan newspapers in Portland and Seattle. The newspapers reach out greedily for national advertising, hesitate to submerge their own interests to the interests of the state as a whole. Perhaps this will be changed in time, but the change, when it comes, will have its origin in the country weeklies of Oregon and Washington.

CHEAP POWER

People of Oregon will observe with close attention the measure before congress which gives municipalities the privilege of buying and retailing power from Bonneville dam.

State legislation will permit rural communities to organize power districts for the purpose of taking electricity to the farmer's home.

It is said—and no doubt is true—that less than half the farm homes on the Umatilla project have electricity. This is a shock-

ing condition in this modern age, and every individual who sneeds tears over the investment of some far-away eastern capitalist in Oregon-operated power and light companies should remember the woman on the Oregon farms, who have motors or electrical appliances to help with housework.

Boardman and Irrigon are denied electricity because the utility serving the district does not want to give service at what the owners insist would be a loss. The utility should be compelled to give this service—and to give it at a reasonable cost, or retire. And the same utility should be compelled to build rural lines.

If the utilities do not wish to give service they should cease battling public ownership of power lines. Bonneville dam will force them out of the field in time—but the change is going to precipitate a fight. The people of Umatilla county should gird themselves for the battle and be prepared to meet the issue.

If the population of the United States were 100, and the total wealth were \$100, the following would be the proportions of ownership: One man would have \$59, one man would have \$9, 22 men would have \$1.22 and 75 would have less than seven cents each.—Senator Robert M. LaFollette.

"The transmission from generation to generation of vast fortunes by will, inheritance or gift is not consistent with the ideals and sentiments of the American people."

"The man who dies rich is disgraced."—George F. Johnson, President Endicott-Johnson Shoe Co.

"Old age is at once the most certain, and for many people the most tragic, of all hazards."—President Roosevelt.

West Will Appeal Robin's Decision

An appeal from the decision of Col. T. M. Robins, Portland, district chief of army engineers, that further navigation improvement of the Columbia and Snake rivers is not advisable at this time, will be taken by the Inland Empire Waterways association. An extension of time will be asked in which to file a brief.

This course of action was outlined by H. G. West, association secretary, who has been in Washington, D. C., for several weeks working on the organization's program for river improvement.

Divorcement of the Umatilla dam from the Snake river improvement is the first step in the future program of the Waterways association. West has advised his local office in a letter from the national capital.

"I am indeed shocked at the report of Colonel Robins," he stated. "He is apparently only in favor of the ultimate improvement, namely, the slack water program. He has recommended against any immediate temporary program that might serve as a yardstick for future development."

"In my opinion the course of action is to divorce the Umatilla dam from the Snake river improvement and to accept the Umatilla dam and work progressively from that point. I agree that through commercial navigation over the section of the Columbia between Umatilla and Pasco is dependent upon the construction of a lock and dam at Umatilla rapids."

"I do not agree with Colonel Robins that the immediate present program for the navigation development of the Snake should include the ideal: maximum slack water improvement. In my opin-

ion, the program for the Snake should be modified to provide a channel 200 feet in width, with at least a 6-foot depth, between its mouth and Lewiston by open river work between the head of the pool created by the Umatilla dam and the Five-Mile Rapids by a dam and lock at Five-Mile Rapids, by a lateral canal, dams and locks between the head of the pool created by this dam and Riparia, and by open river work between Riparia and Lewiston. This work could be done at a cost of about one-half over the ideal, slack water improvement recommended by Robins. This type of improvement would cost roughly: \$23,240,000 for the Umatilla dam; \$26,185,000 for the Snake river improvement, or a total of about \$49,425,000 instead of the \$70,000,000 for the slack water improvement.

"Based on data for the 1930 crop year present tonnage to or from the tributary area amounts to about 2,500,000 tons annually."

"Estimated on savings that have taken place in the lower Columbia since the advent of water-truck competition, I believe I am conservative in predicting the same savings in the area under discussion."

"When one considers, it is found the upper river territory develops many times the annual tonnage movement in the lower country. The average savings on grain and other commodities, inbound and outbound, has been \$1 a ton. Assuming this is a fair freight rate saving, that would mean an annual saving in excess of \$2,500,000, not taking into account any increase in population, production or consumption."

"Over an amortization period of 50 years, the result would be a total saving of about \$125,000,000 or double the initial cost and interest on the investment. It will be noted this figure does not include any benefits charged to future power development, future irrigation development or to the present unemployment situation."

"In view of this I am convinced that the Interior Pacific Northwest has ample economic justification for the improvement desired. It undoubtedly will take a long hard fight to win our point. I have no desire to stay back here in this oppressive heat but it is essential if we are to be successful."

"Therefore the problem before the people of the interior is:

"Do they wish this association to continue to fight for the economic welfare of the region and are they willing to continue the splendid support they have given to date? If the answer to these questions is yes, then we must buckle down to the task and be determined to stay in this fight until we win."

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon for Elmer Nicholson, 21, of Stevenson, who was killed last Thursday night in an automobile accident while driving down the highway, just west of Stevenson, following the Fourth of July celebration. He had been employed on the dam and was well known among the younger people in Cascade Locks, for he was in the habit of coming across the river for the Saturday night dances at Merrill's pavilion. Frank Bennett, a companion, suffered a broken arm and other injuries, but will recover.

Dave Marvin, Fred Abbott and Charles Bellarts have been named delegates to the American Legion's state convention in The Dalles, August 14 to 17. Charles Shinn, I. E. Birks and Ed Turrish have been named alternates.

The delegates were chosen at Wednesday night's meeting of the Bonneville post. The balloting was spirited and in good fun. Many were called, but few got up.

FUNERAL SERVICES

HELD FOR A. D. GEER

Funeral services were held Monday morning for Adin Dyer Geer, who died Saturday at the Mt. St. Joseph home, Portland, where he had been ill for more than 18 months.

Mr. Geer, husband of Mrs. Kathryn Geer, well known Cascade Locks business woman, was born in Hiko, Nevada, November 24, 1868, and spent practically all of his life in the Phraganant valley, where he was engaged in livestock business.

Mr. Geer married Miss Kathryn Cooper at Los Vegas, Nevada, in July, 1939. Shortly afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Geer came to Cascade Locks.

CHET ROSS CROWNED KING OF FISHERMEN

"Chet" Ross, paymaster of the U. S. engineers, has been crowned king of anglers in the Bonneville dam area. The palm was awarded him at the meeting of the Bonneville post Wednesday night when the American Legion's 99-day fishing contest winners were acclaimed by an enthusiastic audience.

The new king came to the throne after he had knocked over Dr. Stanley E. Wells' claim to the kingdom. Ross brought in 21 handsome trout, shortest of which was 14 1/4 inches and the longest of which was 19 1/4 inches. Doctor Wells exhibited 30 beauties, but they were not beautiful enough, the judges said. Ross made his catch in East lake, down near Bend. Doctor Wells caught his in Paulina lake.

By taking the sweepstakes Ross captured a number of valuable prizes and the pot of \$7.50 in cash.

Names of all winners, by division, will be announced in The Chronicle next week.

THE COUNTRY BANK

The country bank, like horse and buggy, is slowly passing from view. This fact was brought home some days ago when the First National of Portland announced that it had purchased the First National of La Grande.

Time was when people in small towns looked upon the large bank in the cities as something to be feared and avoided—and insisted on doing business only with their own local institution. But the revelations growing out of the depression brought about a reaction and now the tendency is away from the small town institution and toward the bank in metropolitan centers.

Speeding up of the mail service and improved transportation facilities and fast highways are responsible in a measure for the development of strong banks in central, or strategic, locations. The banks have made it so easy to handle accounts by mail that it no longer necessary for the customer to make his deposits in person.

The law which enables small town banks to insure deposits up to \$2500 has stayed the march of large banks in some communities, but it is human nature, and especially in the United States, to want to do business with large institutions, rather than small institutions. People, somehow, feel that it is safer.

RIVER DROPS SLOWLY

The river continues to fall, but despite predictions of a rapid drop there are no indications that it will be down to a point where work on the cofferdam can be resumed before August 1. As the water goes down the daily fall becomes less pronounced and for that reason more delay than is generally anticipated is expected to result.

60 MEN EMPLOYED ON CCC CAMP AT WYER

Work on the quarters for permanent camp which is being built for the CCC boys at Wyer will be completed within another 15 days and ready for occupancy if all goes well.

The government is employing 60 men on the job. It is using the available carpenters in the River and Cascade Locks and had to bring out others from Portland.

The quarters include barracks, mess hall, administration building and cottages for the officers. When the camp is completed will be occupied by 100 young fellows, who are being brought Oregon from the Atlantic seaboard.

VISITS BROTHER

Mrs. W. E. Perrineau and her children, of Blount Falls, Tenn., is the guest of her brother, Dr. Marvin, chief clerk in the office of the U. S. engineers, and Dr. Marvin at their home on the reservation in Bonneville.

A SMILE OR TWO

"I hear that Smith is getting married next week."

"Good. I never did like him."

"She: "You say George came from a poor family? Why, he just got through sending him to college for a whole year."

He: "That's why they're poor."

"Underneath it all I am a fashionable girl."

"Well, that's not hard to be."

He: "The lights are going out. Afraid?"

She: "Not if you'll take the cigarette out of your mouth."

"Ain't that just like hell!" said the tourist, gazing into the crater of Vesuvius.

"Oh, these Americans," commented the guide. "They've been every place."

Friend: "How long will it be before your wife makes her appearance?"

Husband: "She's upstairs making it now."

"Please, mum, the cheese is run out," said the servant.

"Well, why didn't you change it?"

Joe Weber, famous as a member of the comedy team of Weber and Fields, loves his joke.

At luncheon, at the Hotel Astor, the other day, a friend said:

"Joe, what's your uncle doing now?"

"He's in real estate," came the reply.

"Is that so?"

"Yes, we buried him last year."

Vacationing Star: "Why is the pig always trying to get into my room; has he taken a fancy to me?"

Hotel Manager (cautiously): "It is his room during the winter."

She: "I doubt if women are really vain. You know, women were made before mirrors."

He: "Yes, and they've been before them ever since."

Man (rushing into a Chicago police station): "I want to report a murder!"

Sergeant: "Well, fall in line."

Customer: "Have you any wild duck?"

Pete Bibby: "No, but we can take a tame one home an irritate it for you."