

TOPICS Of The TIMES

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ONLY A FEW MORE DAYS

This time next week the public will know whether municipal government in Cascade Locks is to be controlled and directed by J. B. Laber and the power company or by the people as a whole.

LINCOLN

"You can fool all the people some of the time and some of the people all the time, but you can't fool all the people all of the time," said Abraham Lincoln. We are reminded of this as the time approaches when the people will cast their first set of city officers. There is another famous utterance, uttered by the Great Emancipator which it is well to bear in mind when special interests and public utilities are seeking to regain control of the government—and that goes for local affairs as well as for national affairs. Said Lincoln:

"Government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from this earth."

TAXDODGERS LEAGUE

We were visiting with a friend yesterday and in the course of our conversation offered to gamble in a dirty shirt and two pairs of washed socks that he had never seen a taxpayers league which was not organized by a group of tax dodgers. The rascal wouldn't gamble.

"I know it," he confessed sadly. "Take those fellows in Portland who are always organizing taxpayers leagues and you find upon examination that they are long on estate and trying to gamble land."

Now the truth is that no one is paying taxes in any considerable amount in Cascade Locks. Taxes are as mild as to be almost painless. The taxpayers league was organized by "Bill Keeler and Ira Green, who are J. B. Laber's men today—and shall we say, Saturday."

"Bill" Keeler was not even original when he organized his taxpayers league. People recognize it as an old dodge. In Portland they are smarter. Down there the big property owners cry out long and loud for a sales tax, which they want the people to pay.

OH, BOY!

All this reminds us of a conversation that passed between J. B. Laber and Colon Merrill down at the Cascade Locks Lumber Company the other morning. "Bill" Keeler, who is Laber's man today, was present. They were talking The Chronicle in robust English.

"What did The Chronicle ever do for this town?" demanded Keeler.

"Well, it never threw any old people out of their homes," said Colon.

ANSWER THIS ONE

Ours is a funny world. A year ago, or was it 15 months ago, the city club, an organization made up of some long time residents of Cascade Locks, was fighting J. B. Laber tooth and toe nail, as the saying goes. One dark night

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Bohn May Build Factory; Would Employ 2,000 Men

HUNDREDS ARE BEING RETURNED TO WORK AT DAM

Between 200 and 300 men went back to work for Columbia Construction company this week on the main spillway dam, as Ol' Man River finally sank below the top of the main crib cofferdam.

Columbia expects to have 1,000 or more men working within 30 days as pouring of concrete for the spillway gets under way in earnest. The early part of September has been set for the beginning of the pour. In October, Columbia will begin work on the second cofferdam, out from the Washington shore, in which the north half of the spillway will be built.

The battery of pumps, capable of throwing 50,000 gallons of water per minute, is now draining the interior of the cribs. Pumping was started Tuesday when the river, after exasperating short rises and falls, at last dropped below the overflow level of the cribs. Monday, one short section of the upper edge was overflowing. Five trucks are on the job dumping dirt on the shore end of the cribs to fill in undercut parts with eight more to arrive soon.

Preparations for the work on the main spillway dam have been under way for some time. The concrete mixing plant on the Washington end of the dam axis was completed several weeks ago. It has made several mixes for government engineers to test and one pour at the north end of the dam has been made.

The main channel highway, whose span is 2025 feet, was scheduled to be completed Wednesday. Cables were strung from the tall tower at North Bonneville last week to the two head towers on Bradford island. The traveling towers run on 800 feet of track, enabling the cable car to be swung over the dam to the position required to drop materials or pour concrete.

The big carpenter shop is nearly completed at the Bradford island end of the cableway. In it the forms into which concrete will be poured for the dam will be nailed together, taken to their proper place by the cableway.

Columbia's engineers expect no damage to be shown when the cribs are pumped dry. Despite their summer-long soaking, engineers believe them to show little seepage, since pressure on both inside and out were equal when they were submerged.

Approximately a foot of silt, they say, covers the bottom inside the cribs. The clamshell monog-

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Aluminum Man



Courtesy The Oregonian
CHARLES B. BOHN, DETROIT

THE CANDIDATES

A mayor, six councilmen, a marshal, city recorder and city treasurer will be elected in Cascade Locks from among these candidates next Wednesday. In voting mark an X before those you wish to help elect.

FOR MAYOR	Vote for One
Nelson, Charles H.	Independent
Rosenback, Karl H.	Taxpayers L.
FOR ALDERMAN	Vote for Six
Brolhiar, E. J.	Taxpayers L.
Carlson, Julius J.	Independent
Clodfelter, Seth O.	Independent
Elmer, Jack	Taxpayers L.
Epping, Carl	Independent
Hanford, E. B.	Independent
Hosgard, G. N.	Taxpayers L.
Merrill, J. A.	Independent
Miller, G. E.	Taxpayers L.
Millsap, Max	Independent
Perras, S. E.	Taxpayers L.
Reuterskiold, C. D.	Taxpayers L.
Silva, Mae	Independent
FOR RECORDER	Vote for One
Carlson, W. J.	Taxpayers L.
Trimble, M. E.	Independent
FOR MARSHAL	Vote for One
Brink, E. A.	Independent
Lovell, Eugene	Taxpayers L.
Merrill, Colon	Independent
FOR TREASURER	Vote for One
Sprague, Vera A.	Independent
Sundsten, Elin	Taxpayers L.

ALUMINUM MAKER IN MARKET FOR OUTPUT OF BONNEVILLE DAM

Bohn Aluminum & Brass corporation, Detroit, Mich., wants to build a giant plant in the Bonneville dam area and buy the bulk of power produced at Bonneville dam.

Charles B. Bohn, president of the corporation, looked over a site at Dodson Friday. He said he wanted 600 to 900 acres, denied he had any options on either side of the river.

State May Force Meyer, Others to Chlorinate water

Unless tests being run this week indicate an improvement in the Cascade Locks water supply the owners of the properties will be directed to chlorinate, the state health department said this week.

The state cannot force the owners to install equipment and chlorinate, but at the department it was said that if the owners failed to heed the warning they could be held personally liable by individuals who contracted typhoid fever.

A. W. Meyer, owner of the principal water system, said yesterday that he was prepared to cooperate with the state. He caused a water test to be made a week or 10 days ago. It came back marked "C", which means that it is unfit for drinking purposes.

The state has been endeavoring to learn the cause of pollution in the water supply, but admits it cannot trace down the source of contamination. The situation is not believed to be serious, but the state will no longer ask the public to risk an epidemic of sickness. By chlorinating the water the owners can ward off an epidemic.

Cost of installing the equipment necessary to purifying the water is reported to run around \$700 or \$800.

UNFORTUNATE

At the weekly meeting of the newly organized Townsend club in Cascade Locks, Tuesday night, those members in attendance were urged to vote a certain ticket in Wednesday's election; and they were asked to use the club as a weapon to obtain the postmaster ship for a certain individual.

This is unfortunate, for the Townsend club was founded by a group of elderly people who are sincere in their desire to obtain social justice for themselves and for other aged folks throughout the nation.

The proposed plant would provide employment for 2,000 men, would cost \$10,000,000. Eventually it would provide employment for 25,000 men, require 600,000 horsepower electricity, produce 200,000,000 pounds of aluminum, bulk of which would go to the automotive industry.

Accompanied by Walter May, secretary of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, and some personal friends Bohn spent some time at Bonneville Friday before heading at Dodson. Guided by Lieut. Col. by Myers the Detroit manufacturer inspected the dam, asked many questions, expressed surprise at the progress made to date.

Talk of the Bohn people locating at Bonneville has been whispered about for months. They were repeatedly reported to have an option on a tract of ground below North Bonneville, on the Washington side of the river.

"We have no options," Bohn told The Chronicle. "When we build we will buy outright."

He was asked on which side of the river he expected to locate his plant.

"That is a matter that rests with my engineers," he said. "We will be guided by their judgment."

Bohn's personal appearance in the district has aroused much talk. He has been dickering with the federal government for the better part of a year. There are certain conditions which must be met if he is to go forward with his plans. He wants a low rate. He wants the assurance that he can buy all the power if necessary. He wants a 35-foot channel from Portland to Bonneville.

Bohn told The Chronicle he was prepared to go forward at once with plans for a plant which would be completed by the time the power is available if the government will accept an offer which he has tendered it. The plant would be built in units. First unit would give employment to 2,000 men.

"We would start work tomorrow if congress would act upon our offer," he said.

Bohn did not make public the terms of his offer to the government. Some days ago Col. Thomas M. Robins, U. S. army engineers,