

## 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.

## DOWN TO EARTH

Now that the municipal election is past and the public can settle down to the task of building a progressive community it might be sensible to consolidate all the numerous civic bodies in Cascade Locks under one head.

People are weary of the numerous clubs. And they are weary of petitions. And elections. School will be starting in three weeks. Work is opening up with a bang at the dam. The Bohn people are talking of spending millions on an industrial plant. There is winter wood to be put in. And fruit to be canned. So we can all forget politics for a time.

One strong commercial organization, founded for the sole purpose of building up the district, could accomplish wonders. But such an organization cannot be created until after the officers and directors of the Chamber of Commerce, the Commercial club and the Civic club resign in a body and the people are invited to come together and build a real club.

The district needs a civic body, free of politics, which will devote all of its energies to seeking industries and promoting the growth of the several communities lying between Herman creek and Dodson. Here is hoping we may have one.

## BOHN ALUMINUM

Charles H. Bohn's announcement that his Detroit company wants to buy the power from Bonneville dam for purpose of manufacturing aluminum, has had the result of awakening the Oregon public to the fact that it is, in the parlance of the street, sitting on top of the world.

Colonel Robins, U. S. army engineer, has expressed the opinion that the Columbia river valley will contain a million people in 20 years. It should, too.

The tide rolls up the Columbia to Bonneville. From Bonneville to The Dalles is quiet water—or there will be quiet water after the dam is completed. So the river has become nothing more than an arm of the sea. On this inland arm of the sea is being built a plant which will produce the cheapest

electric power in the United States. Probably no where else in the world is low-cost electrical energy found in such abundance on tide water.

Mr. Bohn has brought this fact to the attention of Oregonians. He has made us realize that we occupy a position enjoyed by no other people in America. Portland should become a city of 1,000,000 people. Other towns and small cities should grow up all around it. The Columbia river valley is forging forward to an unprecedented development.

Some alarm has been caused by Mr. Bohn's request for all the power generated at the dam. He should have it by all means. The Columbia contains four power sites: Bonneville, The Dalles, mouth of John Day river and Umatilla. Sooner these dams are built the sooner great ocean liners will be steaming upriver to Pasco. Should the government sell the entire output from Bonneville it can immediately commence work on a dam at The Dalles. Power from The Dalles can be laid down in Portland at a cost only slightly greater than power from Bonneville.

In time the phosphate industry will claim much of the power that can be generated at Umatilla. Other industries will come to claim the power at the mouth of the John Day.

There is no occasion to quarrel over sale of Bonneville power. Greatest problem is to dispose of it. If the government finds a customer for the entire output it will not hesitate to build other dams. Let's sell by all means.

Mr. Bohn is reported to want the power at something like one mill a kilowatt hour. Army engineers cannot act until after congress establishes a commission to handle sale of the power. The McNary bill, now before the senate, meets the situation.

The dam will cost \$32,000,000. By assessing the greater share of the cost of the project to navigation the government can sell the power at one mill. Then the aluminum company can build a plant which will employ thousands of men—and this will have the result of building a city. New properties will be placed on the tax rolls and new tax money will accrue to the state.

## MOB RULE

In Yreka, Calif., a mob broke into the county jail, seized a prisoner suspected of murder and lynched him. Daily newspapers have found cause for considerable alarm over the lawlessness of an enraged people and attorneys have shaken their heads and fallen to wondering what the country is coming to in these times of the New Deal.

Lord Northcliffe, the great English publisher, used to say the American people are the most patient people in the world. And that is literally true. We are slow to anger, and this is particularly true on the West Coast, but when we lose our temper we are quick to go into action. Down in Yreka the people lost their temper and took over the functions of the courts.

Mobs are ugly things, but effective. Unlike the police and the courts, they get their man. Our daily newspapers and attorneys might take the lesson to heart. In Yreka the people publicly declared their contempt for the courts. They knew, or feared, that they would be cheated of their prey. So they took the matter into their own hands and went direct to the heart of the subject. We quite often think it is the best way.

Two students in a chemical lab: "Say, what's that smell?"

"Fresh air. Somebody opened a window."

## HER BEAUTIFUL HANDS

Oh! Your hands—they are strangely fair!  
Fair—for the jewels that sparkle there.  
Fair—for the witchery of the spell  
That many keys alone can tell;  
But when their delicate touches rest  
Here in my own do I love them best.  
As I clasp with eager, acquisitive spans  
My glorious treasure of beautiful hands!

Marvelous—Wonderful—Beautiful hands!  
They can coax roses to bloom in the strands  
Of your own brown tresses; And ribbons will twine  
Under mysterious touches of thine,  
Into such knots as entangle the soul  
And fetter the heart under such a control.  
As only the strength of my love understands—  
My passionate love for your beautiful hands.

As I remember the first fair touch  
Of those beautiful hands that I love so much,  
I seem to thrill as I then was thrilled.  
Kissing the glove that I found unfilled—  
When I met your gaze, and the queenly bow,  
As you said to me, laughingly, "Keep it now!"  
And dazed and alone in a dream I stand  
Kissing the ghost of your beautiful hand.

When I first loved, in the long ago,  
And held your hand as I told you so—  
Pressed and caressed it and gave it a kiss  
And said "I could die for a hand like this!"  
Little I dreamed love's fullness yet  
Had to ripen when eyes were wet,  
And prayers were vain in their wild demands  
For one warm touch of your beautiful hands.

Beautiful hands!—Oh Beautiful Hands!  
Could you reach out of the alien lands  
Where you are lingering, and give me, tonight,  
Only a touch—were it even so light—  
My heart were soothed, and my weary brain  
Would lull itself into rest again;  
For there is no solace the world commands  
Like the caress of your beautiful hands.

—RILEY

## Plenty Of Power For All

By A. C. HOLLOWAY  
in News-Telegram

In that old "hell-and Maria" army style, Col. T. M. Robins put the damper on this talk that there won't be enough power for everybody when Bonneville dam is completed.

"Hell, if there isn't enough power at Bonneville, we'll just go up the river and build another dam," the man who talks with an air of nonchalance about government projects costing millions, told an assembly at the Arlington club Wednesday night.

Charles B. Bohn, president of the Bohn Aluminum & Brass corporation, who has put in a bid for most or all of the power at Bonneville, was the honor guest.

Col. Robins is chief of the army engineering corps in charge of Bonneville construction.

"We've got a lot of good sites for dams between Bonneville and the Snake river," Col. Robins pointed out.

Bohn himself gave the banquet a jolt when he suggested that his company might build its own dam if it can't tie up most of the Bonneville power.

"Before I came to Portland, I thought everything would have to be forgotten if the government rejected my offer," Bohn said. "But after my trip out here, I'm not so sure we can't build our own dam and generate our own power, if we can't reach a satisfactory agreement on Bonneville power."

Col. Robins set at rest any reports that the government might sell all the power to any one per-

son.

"I know the United States government is not going to grant a monopoly to any one person, but the intention is to care for the needs of all."

Col. Robins also answered the clamor for transmission lines.

"We can't go building transmission lines all over the map unless we've got something to go on." In other words there must be a power demand worth the investment before the government can go into the business of transmitting power on a wholesale scale.

The thing that is keeping the whole Bonneville development "all up in the air" right now is lack of authority to sell any power or make any arrangements for its sale.

"Until we get some kind of authority we can't sell any power," the engineer declared.

He added that he hoped no obstacles would be placed in the way of the passage of a bill sponsored by Senators McNary and Steiwer of Oregon.

"Mr. Bohn won't know what to do and we won't know what to do unless we get some legislation through," Col. Robins said.

"Mr. Bohn and the army engineers might have some argument over how cheap the power should be sold, but I think we are both good horse traders."

Col. Robins said there was enough power in the Columbia to supply Bohn and everybody else.

"It is just a hasty conclusion that Bohn is going to grab all the power and there won't be any left."

## A SMILE OR TWO

A professional hired by a department store to give lessons was approached by women. "Do you wish to learn to play golf, madam?" he asked. "Oh, no," she replied. "My friend who wants to learn learned yesterday."

"He's awful—he doesn't hold in dancing, smoking, drinking anything."

"Remember, you took him better or worse."

"Yes, but it would be so much better if he were worse."

He: "You never have any affection for me, you'd never be of calling me 'dear' like men's wives do!"

She: "Do other men's call you Dear?"

"Just got a check from him. Then pay me the five he owes me."

"Wait—I haven't told you rest of the dream yet."

"What do you expect to get your wife on your wedding anniversary?"

"Don't know. I haven't had offers yet."

Prof. (in geology class): "What are the constituents of quartz?" Frosh: "Pints, Sir."

Barber: "Haven't I shaved before, Sir?"

Customer: "No. I got that in France."

MacScotto went into the store and, announcing that was entertaining that night, ordered a pint of whiskey, which the clerk exclaimed: "Heavens, Mac, are you going to have as large a crowd as that?"

Jack Roth tells this one to two Jews playing poker:

Ike: "I'll bet you five dollars."

Abe: "All right, I call you."

Ike: "Kveens."

Abe: "How many?"

Ike: "Vun."

Abe: "That's good! I thought you was only bluffing!"

First Spinster: "Is it true you are going to be married, Antique?"

Second Spinster: "No; but thankful for the rumor."

"Has your vicar been in parish long?"

"Yes, he's been the vicar for nearly 40 years."

"Did your wife's father know you when you eloped?"

"I should say so; he's with us yet."

Movie Actress: "I want to divorce."

Lawyer: "For what reason?"

Actress: "Dear me! Do you to have a reason?"

Rhodes—So that's your overcoat! Isn't it rather long?

Rhoads—Yes, but I intend to wear a muffler with it.

Prof.: "You've heard of Paul Jones, my boy?"

Bright pupil: "Yes, sir."

Prof.: "Well, what do you think Jones would be doing if he were living today?"

Bright pupil: (After due reflection) "Living on the old plantation."

History Lecturer: "Can you tell me what makes the Pyramids lean?"

Stout Lady: "I don't know. I'd take some myself."