

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.

JUST A SUGGESTION

We of the newspaper profession attend a lot of meetings. We have to, because it's our business.

We were present, the other day, at a really important session. Came the set time. Very few people were present. It was fully an hour before the meeting began, to be interrupted further at intervals by the late arrival of officials whose presence was necessary. All had been notified several days in advance, all knew of the importance of being there.

And that's just one example of what happens every time a meeting is called in Bonneville or Cascade Locks. We would suggest that the chamber of commerce or some other suitable civil body pass the hat and purchase a silver loving cup, for suitable engraving as a permanently revolving trophy to be presented, with appropriate ceremonies, to the group which actually starts its meeting at the time announced. From our observation, we hazard the guess it wouldn't change hands more than once or twice a year.

THE FIRE DILEMMA

A most generous offer was made last week by the Cascade Locks chamber of commerce.

The chamber, it seems, is willing to act as godfather to the Cascade Locks volunteer fire department, to see that the boys turn out to meetings and organize themselves into an effective fire fighting unit.

Admittedly, the fire department is in bad shape. It hasn't been able to hold its election, scheduled for December, because of lack of attendance. Through the efforts mainly of two men, Acting Chief M. L. Morgan and President M. E. Trimble, it has obtained a fire truck and other equipment and has successfully fought all fires to date.

The chamber seems to think that under its protecting wing, the department would fare better.

It wouldn't. And the reason is that these same gentlemen of the chamber were for the most part members of the fire department when first organized, but through their lack of attendance, evidently preferring chamber functions to protecting their lives and property from fire, that the department suffered its relapse. So there can be no assurance that under chamber sponsorship the department

would fare any better. Only solution is a reawakening of interest by property owners and taxpayers in their fire department. The chamber could do a great deal towards helping this to come about, since its members are mainly ones who should be firemen. But the chamber and the fire department are entirely separate organizations, the one concerned with business, the other with fire. They must remain separate to be effective.

FORESTER OUTPOSTS SPEND LONELY VIGIL DURING WINTERTIME

Antarctic explorers are not the only persons that keep lonely vigil in snowbound fastnesses, it appears from information recently obtained through the U. S. forest service. Caretakers in a few remote forest stations high in the mountains are in many cases cut off for long periods from communication with the outside world.

Such modern "Crusoes" are stationed at points like Big Camas ranger station in the North Ompqua district of Oregon or at Diamond lake. Others are at Lake of the Woods in the southern Cascade mountains and on Spirit lake at the base of Mt. St. Helens on the Columbia national forest of Washington. Winter caretakers also are left at Toll Gate in the Blue mountains on the Umatilla national forest. These men are charged with the duty of protecting Uncle Sam's property, preventing snow damage where possible and in other ways assisting in the forest service program.

They lay in stocks of provisions in late fall and literally "hoie in" for the winter, according to the forest service. In many instances the snow blanket reaches a depth of from 8 to 12 feet and skis or snow shoes become the only means of travel. Observations made by these outposts regarding deer and other wild life often are helpful in determining policies for better game protection. Reports on depth of snow made to the Weather Bureau are of value in forecasting spring floods and water supply for irrigation.

Radio has been a real boon to the solitary lives of these caretakers. Most of them are equipped with the small semi-portable forest service sets which, at scheduled intervals, can contact the outside world over short wave connections. Phone lines usually are out of commission after the first heavy storms, foresters state.

At points like Lake of the Woods and Spirit lake, occasional skiing parties from outside break into the routine of these lonely outposts, but in most cases the winter-long vigil in the vast white wilderness is undisturbed.

Surprising as it may seem to anyone who has never seen the figures, approximately 69 per cent of the farm land in Oregon is used for pasture purposes, and the most important farm crop in Oregon is grass.

BONNEVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rev. Stanley Trefren
Services each Sunday at the government auditorium.
10 a.m. Sunday school.
11 a.m. Worship service.
7:30 p.m. Christian Endeavor.

7 p.m. Friday. Choir practice at the home of Mrs. Leo Miller on the dam reservation.

CASCADE LOCKS COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rev. L. G. Weaver
10 a.m. Sunday school.
11 a.m. Worship service.
7:30 p.m. Evening service.

THE FORUM

(The Chronicle welcomes letters from its readers, if signed, whether or not they coincide with The Chronicle's editorial policy. The Chronicle can assume no responsibility for the views contained therein, nor are they to be construed as views of The Chronicle.)

Editor, The Chronicle:

I have been asked many times why I didn't let the people of Cascade Locks know my exact stand on the waterworks situation. Because it isn't possible for me to talk directly to all of the people. I am asking you to print this so the people may know.

I believe, first of all, that Cascade Locks needs a water system. I want Cascade Locks to have a water system. But both I and the members of the council were elected on a platform that called for no heavy bond issues and no greater expenditures than absolutely necessary.

Why, then, should I favor a bond issue of \$34,000, which the people of Cascade Locks must repay either through net water revenues or by putting an additional burden on already highly taxed property, when an adequate system could be obtained with a bond issue of half that amount, which I would favor?

The government has already given us the right to use water from Dry creek for fire protection. In a year or so the locks here will be abandoned. It is almost certain then that the government will give Cascade Locks its 10-inch main, which at slight cost could be connected with existing water systems and will carry much more water than is required for use. The city, in the meantime, would use the present companies' springs and pipelines, watch, while perhaps not perfect, readily supply the present demand.

Just because the government is willing to give us some \$25,000 is no reason why we should bind ourselves to a debt of \$34,000, when just as effective a system could be worked out for \$10,000 or \$20,000 at the very most.

Another thing: Are our water system earnings going to be big enough to repay the PWA loan? Perhaps, but if they aren't, taxes will be levied to care for the deficiency. The city will probably lose a lot of water users when the dam is finished, and a return and growth of population can't very well be expected for several years after that. The remaining users and property owners must either pay high water rates or be taxed. Under the bond schedule as resolved by the council last week, the water system must clear, after all expenses of operation, maintenance and replacement, the following yearly amounts to pay back the bonds:

Year	Interest	Principal	Total
1936	\$1360	8,000	\$1360
1937	1360	1000	2360
1938	1320	1000	2320
1939	1280	1000	2280
1940	1240	1000	2240
1941	1200	1000	2200
1942	1160	2000	3160
1943	1080	2000	3080
1944	1000	2000	3000
1945	920	2000	2920
1946	840	2000	2840
1947	760	2000	2760
1948	680	2000	2680
1949	600	2000	2600
1950	520	2000	2520
1951	440	2000	2440
1952	360	3000	3360
1953	240	3000	3240
1954	120	3000	3120

Under the council's water rate ordinance, an ordinary house in Cascade Locks would have to pay \$1.25 base rate, 25c for shower or bathtub, 25c for tank water

"THE FIRST SNOWFALL"

Last night the first snow fell. At early dawn we heard the children
Coasting down the hill.
From every window
Peered some eager face,
And as it gazed up toward the sky
A smile appeared.
Strangers—
Passing on the street
Seemed friendly,
And with perhaps a nod and smile
They passed each other by,
To find that on this day
Their hearts were glad.
And in the faded eyes
Of those whose hair has long been gray,
A new light shown.
A magic wrought
By every fluffy flake
As it came twirling downward
Toward the earth—
Last night the first snow fell.
Aino Ferrington.

SHAVER STEAMER TO KEEP UP RIVER RUNS

Shaver Transportation company's steamer, "The Dalles," will continue its regular runs upriver from Portland to The Dalles as soon as the temporary lock facilities are ready for use about March 1, according to Lew Russell, company president.

Effort is being made to make as many runs as possible at present, but the channel at Bonneville is often blocked by work on the north cofferdam, causing interruption in service. With the lock in use, no further interruptions are foreseen until the permanent locks gate installation is made.

Use of the temporary lock will make running the swift water between Bonneville and Cascade Locks much easier. Mr. Russell said. Steamers now must use every ounce of horsepower to get up "over the hump."

Shaver's sternwheeler, "The Dalles," is the most powerful ship on the river. Recently placed in service, it outclasses for speed, for pushing, towing, and maneuvering, any steamer the Columbia has ever seen. Although it carries no passengers, it is planned that its interior appointments be as fine as those of a liner, for use of company officials and perhaps later, when the dam is finished, for passengers. Nine hours is its running time from Portland to The Dalles.

"Soviet Scientists Say Crops Increased By Sound Waves"—Newspaper headline.

Shucks, our congressmen thought of that idea years ago, to judge by the number of their speeches on the farm problem.

If you have the habit of making pencil notes on your shirt, the laundry will charge you about a dime extra, a report says. It seems the girls take so much extra time trying to read it that the charge is necessary!

closet, and lawn sprinkler per 50-foot lot, 75c, per month less 25c if paid before the 10th of the month. That totals \$2.25 for just those items, and a good many homes will have more than that to pay. Compare that with present rates.

The above is an outline of my main ideas why I do not favor the present water setup. I am trying to do what I think is the best and most honest thing for the people of Cascade Locks. I believe that the people, if they weigh over all the advantages and disadvantages of the present plan, will see that instead of trying to obstruct progress, I am doing my best to further the future of the Locks by not getting it so deeply in debt that industries, when the dam is finished, will have no reason not to locate here. Respectfully,
(signed) Charles Nelson, Mayor.



SEEN and HEARD ON MAIN STREET

One thing that all the boys try, says Dad Gummit, is that many men think they are citizens as long as they're arrested.

But the average man need to go to a doctor to find what's the matter with him him just ask his wife.

But at that, mused Perry fletree, it is better to be than never to have loved at all.

POPULAR GOVERNMENT The first two years of any administration.

The late lamented Alk have done something really while by paying young people sow wild oats.

Doctor: "Give me some of prepared monooxycarbonyl sallyclic acid."

Druggist: "Do you mean pirin?"

Doctor: "That's right, you can never remember that name."

The depression must be known several husbands permitted their wives to cash checks they received for the mas.

Modern Justice

"Are all the news cameras here?"

"Yes, your honor."

"Lights? O. K.?"

"Yes, your honor."

"Good! Then let justice take course."

Italy is reported to be American automobiles, to be into scrap for use in making munition. However, for death poses they might leave them as they are.

What makes the reformer is that the only ones they to listen to them are people already have been reformed.

Little Johnny is getting quite a big lad now. Growing the public debt, his dad says.

"I'm all excited today. He is going to play Beethoven's ille for the first time tonight!"

"That's fine, my dear. hope he defeats him."

And Lena Genster thinks Friday was Robinson's manservant.

Fable

Once upon a time there was an unmarried woman who didn't to advise a young mother with first baby.

The customer was peeved cause the sausages had one end and bread at the other. "But these hard times," said butcher, "it is hard to make ends meat."

"Oatmeal, oatmeal — morning oatmeal," lamented lie. "No wonder they call it serial."

Just found out why a trained infant never cries at public gathering—he isn't!