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lost than never to have loved
at all.—Tennyson."
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CASCADE LOCKS

HOOD RIVER

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WORK HASTENED ON THREE JOBS AT TOOTH ROCK

Although a month will elapse before underground work on the new line of public roads highway tunnel through Tooth rock actually begins, a gang of 30 men working for Drino, Birkemeier & Saremal, contractors, is preparing the east portal to the tunnel. A steam shovel crew is also busy along the present highway route leading into the bank just east of the portal, because operations on the hillside below are expected to remove the old roadbed. A temporary bridge will be erected to carry traffic over the tunnel while the east portal is being constructed. No bridge will be necessary at the west portal. Thirty additional men went to work on the firm's third contract, almost-straight stretch below the present highway from the west portal of the Tooth rock tunnel to the Bonneville camp highway. Most of the new stretch will total about 1,000 feet. All work on the 800-foot tunnel, which will be reinforced concrete throughout, will be carried on from the east side. Through traffic will be interrupted at any stage of construction. This section is a project of the Oregon state highway department.

AIR OF SHAFTS ADDED AT SLIDE

Two new tunnels, labeled A and B, are being sunk into the Buckel slide by army engineers in an effort to tap additional water pockets responsible for serious slide conditions over a period of several years. Tunnel A will be located between tunnels 1 and 4 in the western half of the slide, while tunnel B will be sunk between tunnels 2 and 3 in the eastern half. Tunnel 2, most successful of the ones already completed, has been delivering a flow of four cubic feet per second for some time. The others have produced somewhat less satisfactory results. The new tunnels will be driven about 400 feet to start, but may be pushed farther if conditions warrant. The seven shafts cover a slide face of about one and one-half miles in length. Slides have been caused by water impounded behind shattered rhyolite Creek rock formation which has been pushed out and up toward the Columbia channel by the tremendous pressure of basaltic blocks to the south, according to best geological studies. Test drill holes in the basalt area showed that the water table sank immediately when an outlet was provided for impounded moisture by the tunnels.

On hot days bee colonies have details of "fanners" to stand outside the hive entrance and keep the air moving with their wings.

CITY WANTS LAND FOR LOCK-UP SITE

If the city of Cascade Locks can find and purchase a suitable plot of ground, a new two-cell steel and concrete jail, sanitary and fireproof, could be put up in a week or so. Marshal Colin Merrill said Wednesday. The cost, for materials only, would be about \$250. Merrill and W. M. Clark are willing to donate necessary labor.

The cells would measure about seven by eight feet and would be equipped with cots and toilets, Merrill said. City officials are hesitant about erecting a jail on leased ground, so are looking into several possibilities of purchase.

THREE CRIBS DUE TO BE SALVAGED

Three cribs which were torn from place by high water last week will be towed back to position and put in service with only minor repairs. It was decided Monday following a tour of inspection by army engineers, accompanied by a diver.

Captain J. S. Gorlinski and Captain Colby M. Myers headed the party which gave the cribs a thorough looking-over as they lay, largely submerged, just offshore near Oneonta. The cribs are at present securely moored to shore.

Two top courses on one of the cribs will probably have to be replaced, but a good overhauling should suffice to put the others in shape.

The cribs will be towed back upstream when high water has stacked off enough to permit tugs to battle the current, probably a month hence. Had the cribs been lost or destroyed new ones, would have cost in the neighborhood of \$20,000 apiece.

PILE DRIVER SHUTS OFF JUICE AT DAM

Operations at Bonneville were suspended for about 12 hours Monday night when a pile driver mounted on a power barge collided with the 11,000-volt Northwestern Electric company line which crosses the river from the north bank to supply all government activities at the dam-site.

Power, light and water were off for the entire period. Current came on again about 7 A. M. Tuesday.

The pile driver, which was to have been removed from the barge so the latter could be used for transport purposes, snapped the line and was itself knocked over, tearing up much of the superstructure on the barge. There were no injuries.

MARSHAL PINCHING LICENSE LACKERS

Several arrests of persons who have failed to obtain business licenses or dog licenses have been made and fines imposed, Marshal Colin Merrill told the Chronicle on Wednesday, urging those who have not yet obtained licenses to do so before he is forced to take action. His duties require that he collect all license fees and levy fines for failure to pay.

JEWELL MILLMAN INSPECTS SITES TO EAST SUNDAY

Labor unrest on the Willamette and lower Columbia rivers may bring new payrolls to Cascade Locks.

Thomas Riggles, partner in a logging and mill operation near Jewell, Or., revealed Sunday that he is looking about for a new location because of shut-downs of his firm's camps. Both the mill and the logging outfit are idle now pending settlement of the hiring-hall controversy waging between west Oregon operators and unions.

With W. J. Carlson and a timber cruiser hired at his own expense, Mr. Riggles inspected possible sites and timber stands east of Cascade Locks Sunday. He is not yet ready for decision but indicated he is seriously considering locating here.

NEW PAIR OF FEET ON CHRONICLE DESK

In line with its policy of being strictly modern in every respect, the Bonneville Dam Chronicle has imported a brand new editor from Portland, complete from shiny nose to glistening (except when dusty) black oxfords.

The gentleman's name is Hugh Scott. He is 22 years old, six feet tall, and does not like bird's-nest soup. Otherwise he is more or less normal, and known to be harmless.

The above facts can be accepted as true, because Mr. Scott wrote the story himself.

PROJECTS CONNED IN PLAN REPORTS

Immediate and long-time planning projects, covering a wide variety of subjects, are under way in every section of the state, it was shown by reports made by supervisors at an open meeting of the Oregon state planning board recently at the Portland hotel. More than 20 of the 34 studies and surveys were described to approximately 100 interested citizens. Several of the projects will furnish data of importance to people of Cascade Locks and Hood river county.

Projects reported on included market surveys for forestry, agricultural and other Oregon products; rural zoning, including agriculture, forestry, wild life and recreation areas; preservation of as much of Oregon's 700 miles of forest borders on highways as is possible; geologic and mining needs of the state, public welfare, and many others.

Two studies on use of Bonneville power have already been issued by the board and have proved very valuable to people of the state, it was pointed out by H. S. Bastian, board expert in charge of those surveys. A study of prospective use of electricity in rural areas will soon be completed, he stated.

A stream purification study, which is expected to lead to needed legislation, will soon be ready for distribution, it was announced.

The planning board voted to send

WARRANTS UNSIGNED, BUT CREWS ARE STILL WORKING

UNSIGNED WARRANTS ITEMIZED

Following is a list of warrants left unsigned by Mayor Charles Nelson at the council meeting Monday (all drawn against the construction fund):

A. W. Meyers	\$3750.00
Cascade Water Co.	2000.00
Teunis J. Wyers	620.00
C. M. Hurlburt	300.00
Del Elliff	500.00
Bonneville Dam Chronicle ..	85.00

Money to meet these warrants is on deposit in the First National bank of Hood River. Totaling just over \$31,000, it was received upon sale of city water system bonds to the P. W. A., from which a further grant of about \$25,000 will be obtained to complete construction of the system.

School May Have Additional Space

Possibility of enlarged school facilities at Cascade Locks due to expected increased enrollment in the fall was contained in a statement recently released by the county school unit board at Hood River.

Congestion at Parkdale, Odell and Barrett schools will be serious enough to make additional space the only answer, while facilities here may have to be increased, the board said.

Following the November report of D. W. Emerson of the state department of education, placing Parkdale, Odell and Cascade Locks high schools on the "conditionally standardized list," the unit board expressed hope the enrollment pressure might ease off, but instead it will probably increase in the fall.

Improvement in the school district's financial condition since 1933 may permit issuance of enough bonds to supply funds for the needed additions.

POWER HOUSE GATE PASSES BUCK; DEAD

Drowned in an attempt to swim the Columbia river somewhere above Bonneville dam operations, a young buck deer was taken from the eddy below the power house Wednesday morning. The same fate has befallen two or three others of his kind since the unit went in.

He was not so fortunate as the deer that was swept through the power house several months ago, carried under water for half a block or so, and finally emerged, struck out for the far shore and high-tailed it into the woods.

The venison, apparently in good shape, was turned over to the state game commission for delivery to one of the Portland soup kitchens.

a telegram to Oregon's congressional delegation and others in Washington urging immediate enactment of legislation that will permit setting of basic rates for Bonneville power. The board also took preliminary steps for a comprehensive plan for highways for Oregon.

MAYOR NOT READY TO OPEN COFFERS

Although disposal of \$7,455 in warrants drawn against the water system construction fund was still sky-high following Monday's council meeting, crews working for Kuckenberg-Whitman company, contractors, went ahead with work already begun along the pipe line and at the reservoir site.

Mayor Charles Nelson continued steadfast in refusing to sign warrants, despite pressure from Councilman Max Millisap and City Attorney Teunis Wyers, both interested in clearing the last hurdle blocking construction.

Proceedings were charged with emotion from the moment Councilman Millisap introduced the proposal for payment of the warrants until the meeting broke up at 10 o'clock. The council room was jammed with interested citizens who interrupted frequently with pointed questions or suggestions.

Mayor Nelson explained his refusal on the grounds that a suit for an injunction to prevent the city from constructing the system is still to be heard by the state supreme court. The fight for an injunction was lost in the Hood River district court, but the mayor fears the possibility of a reversal by the Salem tribunal.

Advocates of immediate payment of the warrants pressed the contention that the suit had no chance, that the mayor himself would not become personally liable by signing the drafts, and that contractors who had already obligated themselves by hiring crews and bringing in new machinery might have considerable damage actions against the city. Their efforts produced little change in the mayor's position, although he repeated previous assurances that he would obtain independent legal counsel on the status of the injunction suit, which is docketed for some date next fall.

Some of the more ardent exponents of the water system suggested the possibility of bringing mandamus proceedings against the chief to enforce signature of the warrants, but Wyers discouraged the move by pointing out that the procedure might drag on longer than the original injunction suit, whereas the impasse must be cleared up by June 15, the date for commencing pipe—(continued on page 8)

CEMETERY READIED FOR MEMORIAL DAY

Performing a service for which Cascade Locks citizens should be grateful, Herman Sering, John and Bud Woodard, Lester Sprague and Mayor Nelson put in most of last week clearing brush and cleaning up the plots at the city cemetery in preparation for visitors on Memorial Day Saturday.

"The grounds look better than they have for years," Mayor Nelson declared. "All we need now is a little money to repair the fence, and we hope to raise enough by receiving donations from visitors on Memorial Day."