

This Week's Thought

The infidelity of the women I loved is matched only by the damnable constancy of the women who have loved me.

—Shaw.

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WATER WORK STOPPED

VERPASS HELPS TRAFFIC TANGLE

Two-way traffic on the Columbia highway above the site for Tooth rock highway portal tunnel was resumed last week-end after week's delay during construction of a wooden overpass.

Actual excavation on the 800-foot tunnel will begin in about three weeks, and is expected to continue for months.

The highway fill connecting the new and the present road to the site is nearly complete. Before the work is done, however, the whole south of the Union Pacific tracks to the Eagle creek camp grounds will be filled, leveled over by the contractors and later landscaped by the forest service.

Clearing has been completed on a stretch west from the tunnel to the Bonneville reservation, and a little grading will be necessary before road construction begins.

The Orino, Birkmeier & Sorensen company is in charge of the work.

BONNEVILLE LEGION ELECTS NEW CHIEFS

New officers of Bonneville post, American Legion, were announced at a meeting held at the home of Fred Abbott, outgoing commander, following an election at the meeting June 10.

Off T. Olsen will be the new commander; Tom G. Waring, first vice commander; Edward L. Clark, second vice-commander; Lee Summerfield, adjutant; Sam Paul, sergeant-at-arms; Harry G. Smith, finance officer; James B. Faubion, chaplain; Merrill Richmond, historian, and Roy M. Marvin, James Faubion, Frank Lewis, Merrill Richmond, Roy McClure and Henry Hutting, executive committeemen.

The meeting drew a large percentage of the membership, and old officers join the new in issuing a call for support from the entire route. An open meeting July 8, probably French's tavern, will be the occasion for awarding prizes in the Legion's fishing contest. The committee in charge is making arrangements for suitable refreshments.

ERICKSONS CALLED BACK TO PORTLAND

Called back by the Southern Pacific company, for which he worked a number of years, Carl Erickson and family will move to Portland Monday morning from Warrendale for a three-year stay. Erickson has been in the employ of the General company carpenter shop without a layoff or illness longer than any other man.

The Erickson house, one of the entirely modern dwellings in the district, has been sold to Robert Leman, an assistant paymaster in the Columbia Construction company. The house is equipped with concrete basement and all-modern plumbing.

Your Move, Voters!

Voters, you may find that the longest way 'round is the shortest way home.

Mayor Charles Nelson is an honest and fearless man, but it is borne in with increasing force that the only way you can save yourselves untold embarrassment and expense is by letting him go.

This action is bound to hurt him. According to his views he is right, and there is a certain strange logic in the position he has taken. But it is not the kind of logic that will pay bills or avoid lawsuits. It is only the logic that gives a man stature in the eyes of his friends and keeps his conscience resting peacefully.

The opposing forces put themselves in a well-nigh unassailable position Monday when they adopted a resolution by which the council unanimously gave a vote of confidence to the two councilmen who with Mayor Nelson face recall.

You cannot remove those two councilmen without repudiating the action of the entire council in respect to the water system. You yourselves—four-fifths of you, anyhow—voted for that water system, incidentally. It is to the four-fifths that we speak. You expected your councilmen to keep faith with you.

Leaving personalities aside, are you going to keep faith with them?

And don't forget that the entire project has been under the watchful eye of the PWA, independently checked at every turn. If there has been any skulduggery, it has been so skillful as to escape a dozen expert probing eyes. And none has been hinted by responsible sources.

The statute gives the mayor a clear mandate to sign the much-discussed warrants. He has not done so.

Allowing Mayor Nelson to remain in office means no water system and so many lawsuits that the city will not for many years be able even to think of a public drinking fountain.

In the face of these facts—confirm them elsewhere if you wish—forget your personal likes and dislikes, and vote the fair way.

NELSON, EPPING, MILLSAP MAY FEEL AX AS CLIMAX NEARS IN POLITICAL FRAY

VOTERS TO CONSIDER RECALL OF THREE MEN

Voters of Cascade Locks will go to the polls Friday, June 19, to determine whether they want to remove or leave in office Mayor Charles Nelson and Councilmen Max Millsap and Carl Epping.

Polls will be open at the city hall between 8 A.M. and 8 P.M.

The special election was ordered by the city council a week ago Monday following filing of recall petitions, and failure of any of the affected officers to resign within the allotted period.

Should any of the three be removed, their successor or successors would be chosen by the council, to hold office until the next general election of councilmen.

ACCORD NEARING IN PHONE CASE

Approval of the telephone company's franchise drew a step nearer with the announcement Monday night at council meeting that the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company has agreed to install and maintain a telephone in the city hall without charge to the city, about doubling the value the city would obtain from the contract.

The original agreement called upon the city to permit the company to maintain equipment and carry on business within the city limits in consideration of payment to the city of two per cent of gross revenues from local calls over a period of 20 years. Income from this source would amount to about \$40 per year, councilmen said. Many of them felt this was not quite sufficient consideration.

A desk telephone at a charge of \$3.25 per month would cost \$39.00 per year, roughly the amount that would be realized from a toll percentage levy.

Action on the franchise was postponed until the new agreement might be written into the contract.

Also postponed was action on police and fire signals to be installed at the telephone company's switchboard at the city's expense. Councilman Clark was instructed to bring in a report on the total cost of the projects.

G. N. Heggard, contractor, a member of the audience, revealed that a bill incurred by the city council in April to the Cascade Lumber company, payable in monthly installments of \$25, had not been met by the council. It was discovered that payment had been authorized, and Recorder W. J. Carlson said he would draw warrants immediately.

The city of Cascade Locks Monday commenced the long-awaited harvest of the whirlwind, upon announcement by Kuckenberg-Wittman company, contractors, of their decision to close operations and charge the city \$439 per day for rental on equipment and salaries.

The contractors' decision followed failure on the part of the city to pay \$8848.39 due them June 1, 1936, and payable June 15. Their position was stated in a letter dated Monday and read in council meeting Monday night. Henry Kuckenberg, president of the firm, signed the letter, which is printed in full elsewhere in this issue.

The whole subject of the water system was reopened in council meeting where it had lain dormant since the stormy session three weeks ago, at which time most phases were pretty thoroughly thrashed out.

At this Monday's meeting City Attorney Teunis Wyers went into the legal background of the rights and duties of the city officers in connection with issuance of the warrants. Discussion was lent point by the recall pending action of voters Friday against Mayor Charles Nelson and Councilmen Millsap and Epping.

"The statute does not give the mayor discretion," Attorney Wyers declared, reading a section from the city charter, a verbatim redraft from state law governing organization of

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Bad News

Following is the letter written by Henry Kuckenberg, contractor, to the city of Cascade Locks, explaining his stand in closing down operations on the city's \$60,000 water system:

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council, City of Cascade Locks, Oregon. Gentlemen:

On June 1, 1936, Estimate No. 1 amounting to \$8848.39 was submitted to your council, and passed for payment, covering work performed and materials on hand to and including May 31, 1936, on contract entered into between the City of Cascade Locks and ourselves dated Feb. 8, 1936 and approved by Mr. C. C. Hockley, Oregon state engineer, PWA, on March 30, 1936. According to contract the estimates shall be paid within 15 days following the month in which the work is performed. We are advised that the Mayor refuses to sign these warrants, notwithstanding the fact that the estimate has been O.K'd by the PWA inspector and passed by the city council. We therefore are suspending operations until this estimate is paid according to the contract and

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TRESTLE LATEST CURRENT THREAT

Much of the piling has been driven for a trestle from which riprap can be dumped from railroad cars into the Columbia river in an effort to prevent washing away of the shore fill on the north bank, where work on the spillway will continue when water has receded sufficiently.

A 920-foot spud will be built from the main railroad line to the river's edge, from where the trestle will carry track 725 feet out over the stream. The track will be about 70 feet above bottom at the extreme end.

Riprap dumping from barges, carried on for the past week, proved a bit too slow to stop undercutting. The current at that point, between the shore and crib 22, marking the end of the line of cribs already placed, is deep and swift. Dumping from the trestle is designed to break the force of that current.

The trestle, to be entirely of timber and piling construction, will reach almost to the end of the crib-line. The trestle angles gently into the stream but is long enough to block the most dangerous reach of current.

A 450-foot sidetrack will be built

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CARLSON VICTOR IN SCHOOL VOTE

W. J. Carlson of Cascade Locks swamped Arthur Kerr, Frankton, in the race for director on the county school board from Zone A. The election, held Monday throughout the county, resulted in 317 tallies for Carlson against 97 for Kerr.

Carlson, the incumbent, will serve another three year term on the county board.

E. J. Broliar was reelected to the local Cascade Locks board, receiving 104 votes while 11 ballots were marked for other candidates.

In a statement to this newspaper Carlson said: "I wish to thank my friends in Cascade Locks for the decisive victory at the school election last Monday afternoon and it indicates a desire on part of our citizenry to be represented on the Hood River county school district board. That is as it should be and I shall endeavor to carry on for the progress of the schools at Cascade Locks."

Wonder where Landon will spend his vacations, should he be elected. He may go back to Kansas, heeding the old adage, "Dust thou art, to dust thou returnest."