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Any work of art is 10 per cent inspiration and 90 per cent perspiration.
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Gigantic Cranes In Power House Nearly Complete

Electrical installation and minor adjustments, which may require two weeks to complete, are all that remain before the north crane in the interior of the power house, capable of hoisting 350 tons, is ready for action. The traveling gear and 55-ton crossbeams of its twin, the south crane, have been in action. The traveling gear and electrical equipment are yet to be added, leaving about three weeks work on it.

The small 30-ton gantry crane being installed by the Star Iron & Steel company of Tacoma is about ready for duty. It will run along a track on the downstream side of the power house at the 55-foot level, and will be used for installing draft tube stoplogs.

The government planned to start pumping out the station service unit with a six-inch pump the last part of this week. The station service unit will be the first of three contemplated units to receive machinery installations.

All heavy steel work on the roof of the power house will be completed within two weeks. Only a few trusses, already on the ground, remain to be placed at the south end of the building. The highline operated by General-Shea company will be needed no longer after the steel has all been laid for the roof, as concrete will be poured by the pumpcrete process. A two-course tar composition will cover the concrete, the bottom 8-inch course being separated from the upper 3-inch course by a thin insulating membrane.

Government plumbers and electricians are now busy putting permanent piping and wiring in the power house.

JOHNSON ATTENDS V. F. W. ENCAMPMENT

Ted Johnson of the U.S.E.D. warehouse was the only member of Bonneville post No. 3031, V.F.W., to attend the Veterans' state encampment in Albany last Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Other delegates were unable to get away.

At the convention Bonneville post was placed in district nine instead of four, when the state was redivided. The new district includes Bend, Hood River, The Dalles and Bonneville.

The convention went on record against the limitation of taxation on real estate, and favored a bill restricting employment of aliens, a bill to enforce conscription of capital as well as conscription of manpower in war time, an adequate national defense and a permanent neutrality policy.

DAM REPUBLICAN IS REVEALED BY BEAST

Is there a James Stevens in the audience?

If there is, he would do well to sneak out before a gang of Democrats pounced on him.

A small box addressed to James Stevens was delivered at the Bonneville post office this week. It bore the words, "Live Turtle—Handle With Care."

Charley and Mrs. North were afraid the brute might die, so they opened the box to put the creature in water.

Imagine their surprise when they found its back painted yellow, with a bouquet of roses and the words "Landon and Knox" limned in.

The turtle has not yet been called for.

C.C.C. ELIGIBILITY FOR VETS EASED

Jeff T. Olsen, present adjutant and commander-elect of the Bonneville American Legion post, states that information has just been received to the effect that eligibility requirements in connection with the enrollment of veterans to fill vacancies in the Civilian Conservation Corps during the present enrollment period which commenced July 1, 1936, have been modified to the extent the replacement quota can be selected without regard to public relief.

To establish eligibility for enrollment the veteran must be a citizen of the United States, physically able to carry on in ordinary manual labor and honorably discharged from the U. S. forces. Veterans as referred to herein are those who saw service with the armed forces of the United States during the periods indicated:

World War, April 6, 1917 to July 2, 1921; Spanish-American War, April 21, 1898 to July 5, 1902; Philippine Insurrection, August 13, 1898 to August 5, 1902; Moro Expedition, August 13, 1898 to July 15, 1903; Boxer Rebellion, June 20, 1900 to May 13, 1901.

Veterans residing in Oregon should submit their applications for enrollment in the C.C.C. to the Veterans' Administration, Portland, Ore., at the earliest possible date.

Postoffice officials at Bonneville announce a new and faster airmail scheduled to Texas, Florida, and other southern points, with a whole day or more lopped off deliveries in Central and South America.

From Miami to the canal zone 24 and a half hour service will be maintained, with deliveries to Rio de Janeiro in from four to five days, making the Brazilian capital at most a week away from Bonneville by mail.

First Of Wedge Cribs Is Ready

The south section of the huge wedge crib to bring back to perpendicular the face of crib 28-A was ready to place as the Chronicle went to press, with the north section of the wedge structure for crib 28 next in line for placing. Two sections will be fitted against the face of each crib. Sheet piling will be driven along the face of the cofferdam as soon as the wedge cribs, each about 60 feet deep, have been placed.

Dumping of jetty rock into the gap between the cofferdam and the Washington shore has been completed, with 48,000 tons of rock and 40,000 cubic yards of dirt dumped from the railroad trestle that angles out into the current from the north shore.

Cribs 32 and 31 are in place in the west leg of the cofferdam, but have not yet been filled. Crib 30 remains to be located.

BLAST BREAKS HUGE ROCK; 'DOZERS WORK

Twenty-four hundred pounds of powder, exploding underneath the hill of rock on Locks island Wednesday morning, turned the hill into a rapidly growing mushroom which collapsed as suddenly as it grew.

Two bulldozers on the island will be busy the next three weeks leveling off the remains of the hill. A few large chunks which are still unbroken will be shattered by small shots of high explosive, with about half a pound of explosive used to each cubic yard of rock.

SOFTBALLERS PLAN BACKSTOP AT LOCKS

A new soft-ball backstop will be erected soon on the diamond at Cascade Locks government ground, if fund-raising efforts of U.S.E.D. soft-ball addicts at Bonneville are successful and the start they made Tuesday indicated they will be.

Necessity for the backstop arose when the Pittock block team challenged the U.S.E.D. boys to a return game, after the former had been whipped on their home grounds in Portland. The challenge put it up to the local men to arrange for a diamond somewhere, so they're going ahead and equip the one at the Locks.

Townsenders Meet

The Cascade Locks Townsend club will hold its regular business meeting at 8 P.M. Friday in the I.O.O.F. hall, followed by 45 minutes of fun. A large cake will be given away as a door prize.

ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE OFF \$5200; CITY MAY ASK GOVERNMENT AID

AID OF PORTLAND ASKED FOR BOOK

An effort on the part of the Mid-Columbia chamber of commerce to get cooperation from the Portland chamber in issuing its booklet advertising the Columbia gorge area will be made soon, members attending a meeting in Hood River Monday decided. Walter Hufford of Stevenson was appointed to confer with Walter W. R. May of Portland on the part the Portland chamber is willing to play.

The Cascade Locks chamber, meeting Tuesday, voted to send in its \$50 contribution, raised by a queen contest some time ago, immediately. Funds will be held in escrow in the Columbia State bank, White Salmon, until enough are on hand to publish the booklet.

The Hood River meeting was attended by representatives from Goldendale, The Dalles, Washougal, White Salmon, Stevenson, Camas, Bingen and Cascade Locks. Ira Owen and Bill Keeler were the Locks' representatives.

PACKERS IRED BY FILLING OF GAP

Columbia river salmon packers late last week planned to file protests against the closing of the gap by riprap dumping between the Washington shore and the main spillway cofferdam, upon the advice of Hugh Mitchell, director of hatcheries for the state fish commission, according to a dispatch in the Oregonian.

Mitchell said such closure would prevent big salmon runs due to reach the damsite within the next 90 days from passing on upstream to spawn.

So far as can be learned here there will be no alteration of the construction schedule, although the packers declare proper passageways must be provided before the gap is closed.

The cofferdam break was more fortunate from a fisheries standpoint than it was unfortunate from an engineering standpoint, Mitchell said, maintaining it saved the spring run of fish.

Although smooth sailing had been predicted for Cascade Locks' water system following the signatures of construction warrants by Mayor Manchester, a new snag raised its ugly head in mid-channel Monday when shortages in the engineer's estimate totaling \$5200 were announced in council meeting.

Until these errors were discovered Kuckenberg-Wittman company, contractors, were operating comfortably within the amount allotted by the contract. Additional expenditures necessitated by construction of a pipeline from Dry creek falls to the water system headworks, to insure against loss of water along the intervening creek-bed, had been offset by savings in purchases of material.

But Monday it was learned the engineer's estimate called for only 92 cubic yards of concrete for the reservoir, whereas 243 yards will be required, and 800 instead of 8000 pounds of cast iron pipe fittings. Councilman Millsap pointed out the floor of the reservoir alone will take 93 cubic yards of concrete, which may have been the basis of the engineer's figure, and diagnosed the second error simply as a clerical one.

These combined errors mean
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ALPINISTS READY FOR HOOD SUNDAY

Alpinists who have been parading the streets of Hood River for the past week will get a taste of the real thing Sunday when the American Legion post of that city sponsors its annual Mount Hood climb.

In the past as many as 2000 persons have spent Saturday night before the climb at the Tilly Jane Legion camp, and early Sunday morning between 150 and 200 climbers leave to make the ascent.

Meals will be furnished by the Legion at restaurant prices, and a nominal charge will be made for the climb, with members of the Crag Rats acting as guides.

The climb is open to the public, although guests must bring their own bedding and climbing equipment. Required equipment includes calked or hobnailed shoes, alpenstock and sunglasses, rentable at the campsite, while grease for the face and lips, and warm clothing are recommended.

Kent Shoemaker is chairman of the committee in charge of the climb.