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This Week's Thought

Power ceases in the moment of rest.

—Emerson.

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WATER TANGLE IS UNRAVELED AGAIN

A chameleon would be hard pressed to change colors as rapidly as the Cascade Locks water system. Latest advice from the front line, issued by General Max Millsap at a city general staff meeting Monday night, indicate that additional operations in the ranks of the enemy, leave operations within available funds.

All that is needed now is \$2600 to get the flow line from Dry creek to the intake, to prevent loss of water due to seepage. A change or embodying cost cuts and a request for P.W.A. money to match, on a 50-50 basis, funds derived from a \$5000 in bonds, has already tentatively approved by the Portland P.W.A. office.

A scare was thrown into the city, as well as the citizenry of Hood River, with last week's announcement that errors in the engineer's estimate of concrete for the reservoir, and pipe fittings, would cost an additional \$8625. Reductions totaling \$8760 have been made, leaving the city \$125 to the good so far.

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EDGE CRIBBING IS NEARLY DONE

Smooth sailing has been encountered by Columbia Construction company in erecting and placing concrete cribs at the southern tip of the Cofferdam leg, with the two wedge crib sections already in place, one ready to be laid and the other under construction.

The 31 and 32 are partly filled, and for pockets on the water side, sheet piling is being driven to their downstream face.

The 30 is in position, and work on the 29, last to be built, started Monday night.

Sheet piling for cribs 28 and 27, where the wedges are going to be driven, while some work must be done along crib 27. The work is being done on Sunday, 24 and 25.

Columbia officials hope to start work within a month.

SELF SUBS FOR PAN. BUT IT'S NOT SO HOT

Ad WILL MEET

No Improvement Viewed for High School at Locks

Chances for planned improvements to the Cascade Locks high school this year were dimmed with the announcement from Corbett that the school district there would run the new bus purchased last winter over the same route this season.

Bonneville residents and members of the school board said they would hesitate to make their children shift high schools again, most of the students having had their course of studies interrupted once already when their families moved to Bonneville.

Any attempt to line up students for the Cascade Locks high school would have to be made by authorities there, the Bonneville residents said. W. J. Carlson, member of the Hood River county school board representing Cascade Locks, said the matter would be allowed to drop.

Difficulties hinged principally on the failure of the \$37,000 bond issue, proposed by the Hood River county board, to pass at special election July 2. The bond issue would have provided about \$8000 for two additional rooms, a new roof and other improvements at the Locks high school. Without the attendance of students from the Bonneville area, and payment of tuition on their behalf by the Multnomah county board, it is unlikely the improvements for Cascade Locks' high school can be financed.

14 YOUTHS ASSUME FIRE PATROL DUTY

Special training in public contact and fire prevention has been given 14 young men of the Wyeth C.C.C. company who started special fire patrol duty July 19, and will continue this work Sundays from now on through the fire season.

Two of them are assigned to each of the more important trails in the gorge area, where they keep their eyes open for infractions of the fire regulations and give information and help to hikers and campers. They are identified by red arm bands with the legend in white, "C. C. C. Fire Patrol."

A smoke chaser's outfit is carried by one of the boys in each party.

DINNER-BRIDGE HELD

Twenty-one persons attended a dinner and card party held in the Bonneville auditorium Saturday evening. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Jack Frost, Mr. and Mrs. Fred McGee, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Lanier, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Harlan, Mr. and Mrs. Lou McCormick, Mr. and Mrs. N. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sporsen, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Steele, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McArthur, Mr. and Mrs. Jens Herman and Miss Josephine Nelson.

FISHERY TYCOONS IRKED AT BARRIER

Up in arms about Bonneville dam's threat to the salmon industry are members of Oregon's fish commission, who have called on I. H. Van Winkle, state attorney general, to take action unless the United States engineers provide some means for thousands of blueback and sturgeon which are now mired about aimlessly in the swirling eddies below the spillway dam to negotiate the barrier.

The narrow spans between the piers, only possible passageway for the fish, are filled with current far too swift for the blueback and fall run salmon, which are not so spry as spring Chinook.

Two Oregonians and two representatives of Washington fisheries conferred recently with Colonel Thomas M. Robins, United States engineer in charge of construction, who promised to investigate the matter.

Epworth League Play Is Tonight

An all-star cast of Epworth leaguers is ready to present "The Candlemaker of St. Johns," an inspirational play, at the high school auditorium this Friday night at 8 P. M., with a long list of other attractions also on the program.

In the cast are Howard Harrison, the Rev. and Mrs. L. G. Weaver, Ann Rasmussen, Jean Hardy, Jean Orvis, Beth Manchester, John Hill, Bill and Bob Morgan, and Bobby Orvis.

The program starts with a one-act skit, "Cloudy Day," with Howard Harrison and Beth Manchester taking the two roles. Mrs. James Rasmussen and the Rev. Mr. Weaver will sing a duet, following which Howard Harrison and Calvin Walker will play a piano and banjo duet.

Mrs. Dora Finley will present a reading, and Bob Morgan and John Hill will give "Sambo's Dream." A solo by Beth Manchester and a reading by Mrs. James Rasmussen will precede the play.

Refreshments and an hour of games and visiting will follow the play presentation. Proceeds from the entertainment will be used for remodeling the church and reimbursing the treasury of the Epworth league.

As nonchalantly as though he were lighting a Murad, Sid Phillips, manager of the Roosevelt theater, aided by a group of Bonneville's most eminent naturalists, is flipping back the pages of the ages and going in for barter in its purest form.

Not clamshells, not cows, not pelts and furs, but a pair of crows feet hereafter until September 1 will be accepted in lieu of tickets at the Roosevelt box office.

This offer is part of the crow hunt sponsored by the Izaak Walton League, which is getting merchants to put up cash prizes for banded crows. The reward for ordinary crows will be the ducats in return for severed feet.

U.S.E.D. Boat Sandy Piles Up In Powerhouse

Hopes Fade for New Playground

Prospects for a large-scale WPA playground project in Cascade Locks were no brighter this week, although a letter from the Portland WPA office to J. B. Lober indicated a smaller project might be attempted.

The letter suggested 10 to 20 men might be put to work, but said no guarantee could be given that the project would be completed. Original plans called for 70,000 man-hours of work, or employment of 70 men for approximately a 10-month period.

Lober reported the letter at a meeting of the Cascade Locks chamber of commerce in Merrill's dining room Tuesday.

William Keeler's suggestion that the Cascade Locks chamber plan a noon trip soon to the Bonneville dam project resulted in appointment of a committee to arrange the program for the inspection tour.

Members of the mid-Columbia chamber of commerce will be entertained Friday noon by the Portland chamber, where the projected booklet advertising the Columbia gorge region will be discussed.

Thirty-three persons attended the Tuesday meeting, including many guests.

WALTONITES SEEK BIGGER TROUT CROP

Bonneville's Izaak Walton league, whose stupendous crow hunt is about to get under way, is also fighting for more adequate trout planting in streams of the Bonneville area. A delegation from the league plans to check with the state game commission the exact number of fingerlings planted yearly in each creek, and hopes to have the numbers materially increased, since construction of the dam has brought such an influx of fishermen.

The crow hunt committee this week announced that a pair of tickets to the Roosevelt theater will be given away for every pair of crows' feet brought in, as prizes additional to those offered for banded crows.

OREGON STAMPS HERE

Oregon territorial centennial stamps, long awaited by many collectors, are available now at the Cascade Locks postoffice. Mrs. Margaret Rankin Calendine, postmaster, announced this week. Collectors are asked to limit their purchases only to actual needs, as the supply is limited.

Mrs. Calendine said stamp and postcard sales are running at surprisingly high levels, due principally to heavy tourist traffic over the Columbia River highway.

Two close shaves in one day were chalked up Wednesday for Henry Rosenback, U.S.E.D. pilot, who nearly capsized with the Warco Wednesday morning and did overturn with the Sandy at the identical spot, just east of the navigation locks at Bonneville where the current is split, part going into the locks and part sweeping down through the power house.

Henry, youngest man on the Columbia river to hold a pilot's license, was in the pilot house of the U. S. E. D. boat Sandy, which was attempting to clear a haulback line from the path of Shaver Forwarding company's sternwheeler, the Dalles, when the haulback line tautened and sent the nose of the Sandy under water. Rosenback gave her the gas and she nosed up again, but struck against The Dalles as she did so and capsized.

A deckhand on the Sandy leaped to safety aboard The Dalles, but Rosenback had all he could do to crawl from the pilot house, fight his way up over the belly of the 32-foot power launch and clamber aboard the steamer.

The Sandy was swept downstream into the power house, where she doubtless has been smashed to bits by the pounding torrent. Her pilot house roof and bits of wreckage are all that have come to the surface below the power house.

A diver made several attempts Wednesday night to locate the hull of the launch, but the boiling current tossed him to the surface time and again although he wore two lead belts about his waist.

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BETHLEHEM BUSY WITH NEW WORK

Since taking over the contract of Concrete Engineering company for reinforcing steel on the spillway dam, the Bethlehem steel company has been active the past week, although its top-strength crews will not be called upon until forms go in for the foundation of the north half of the spillway dam.

Pouring was completed on pier 14 Wednesday, leaving one pour on two more piers and two pours on three before they are all brought to the 96-foot level. The construction program calls for completion of about two piers per week.

Other jobs for which Bethlehem is placing reinforcing steel include the Bradford island fish ladder, power house roof, and girder spans between the piers. Each complete girder unit will weigh 45 tons, including the girders themselves, reinforcing steel and concrete casing.