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This Week's Thought
He who only hopes is
hopeless.
—Anonymous.
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Council Aims To Halt Peril From Fire

Possible action looking to protection of property near the sawdust pile on the site of the old mill, where fire raged for 12 hours a week ago Wednesday, was discussed by the city council at its meeting Monday night.

Two ordinances, one forbidding the storing of combustible material unprotected against fire, and the other empowering the council's committee on fire protection to order removal by the owner of any hazard which menaces adjacent property, were thought by the council to be sufficient to force Schnitzer and Wolf of Portland, owners, to provide safeguards against a repetition of last week's blaze.

Scraping of a wide fire lane around the sawdust pile, or maintaining a permanent watch through the dry season, were two possible methods of control mentioned at the meeting.

Payment of \$7.50 per month apiece to the fire chief and his assistant was authorized by the council, so the fire department might make frequent tests of the engine and other equipment.

Fire Chief Hesgard was instructed by the council to prepare the fire truck to receive the new hose purchased last week and to put it in first class running order.

Mrs. Gertrude McKinnon, president of the Cascade Locks Townsend

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Fire Hose Is Purchased by Locks Council

Cascade Locks brought its fire-fighting equipment up to snuff at a special council meeting last week with the purchase of 600 feet of one-and-a-half inch Battleship brand hose from the Pioneer Rubber mills and 400 feet of two-and-a-half inch Superior brand hose from the Eureka fire hose division of the United States Rubber company.

Other equipment purchased includes a hose nozzle, two reducers, three shut-off nozzles, 30 feet of hard suction hose, two sets of couplings for it, and a strainer.

Total cost of equipment purchased was \$956.25.

Fire Chief G. N. Hesgard was instructed by the council at its meeting Monday to make all improvements on the fire truck necessary to receive the new equipment and put the truck in first class running order.

NELSONS HOLD REUNION

Ten members of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nelson reunited here Sunday to celebrate Mrs. Nelson's birthday on Tuesday.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller and son Charles of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Carns, Miss Marie Nelson of Washington, and the Charles Nelsons, Miss Marie, who brought her mother a beautiful bedspread, visited her parents this week.

ENGINEERS READY TO TAKE PITTOCKERS

Bonneville engineers' baseball team, once victorious over their snarling foemen from the Pittock block, will tangle with them again at 3 P. M. this Saturday on the government diamond at Cascade Locks.

The new backstop, built with funds subscribed by Bonneville supporters of the team, will be ready for the game, new bases will be laid and the grass mowed. The team held practice Wednesday night.

The Bonneville boys won the first game, 8-2, in Portland.

Old Timers Hold Annual Reunion

Old timers of the Cascade Locks vicinity rallied 'round 125 strong at the government grounds Sunday for their annual picnic, with nearly 70 present who settled here prior to 1890.

Mrs. J. C. Hamilton, 82-year-old queen mother of the pioneers' association, who came here in 1878, was one of the distinguished guests. Mrs. Hamilton's family formerly lived on the Fields' place east of Cascade Locks.

Henry Johnson, pioneer of 1854, Lew Inons, pioneer of 1869, and A. B. Andrews, '67, had the others beaten for early arrival.

A. B. Andrews, born just below the old Indian blockhouse at the head of the rapids, was elected president for 1937. E. J. Brolliar was named vice president and Frank Hall secretary.

Sylvio Traverso, who came to Cascade Locks in the early 80's, motored here from Los Angeles to be present at the picnic.

United States Senator Charles McNary, who had been invited to speak, was unable to attend.

VARIETY OF GUESTS REGISTERS AT PENN'S

The whole world passes in review every summer at Penn's tavern, a study of the guest register reveals.

Visitors this summer include tourists from Alaska, the East Indies, South Africa, Australia, Shanghai, Peking, Tientsin, and Mexico City, according to Kathryn Geer, a member of the Indian delegation to England, returning to his home in India, stopped at Penn's tavern in his full native costume; four members of the French chamber of deputies have also sought its hospitality.

Most recent guests from afar are Mr. and Mrs. Edgar A. Foy of Honolulu, who registered Tuesday evening.

CLINIC ANNOUNCED

A free clinic for examination of children who will enter school in Cascade Locks for the first time this year will be held at the Cascade Locks grade school at 9 A. M. Tuesday, August 11. Mrs. J. W. Woodward announced this week. Parents of prospective first-graders are urged to bring their children to the clinic, which will be sponsored by the health association.

Swimmer Drowns Near McCord Creek

The Columbia river last Friday claimed the life of Elmer M. Gaunt, Columbia Construction company employee, who was drowned at 3 P. M. while swimming with John Rohr, a companion.

Gaunt went down off the sand spit a few hundred feet east of the mouth of McCord creek, where several other persons have narrowly escaped drowning. It is thought he became exhausted while fighting the current in an attempt to reach shore. Rohr was swimming a short distance off at the time Gaunt drowned.

An ambulance, physician, and members of the United States guards were summoned from Bonneville, while Multnomah county Deputy Sheriff Tillman with dragging hooks and two motorboats was called up from Warrendale. The United States engineers' boat Bonneville, sent for later, brought grappling hooks.

Efforts to locate the body were futile until a diver with diving apparatus and compressor was brought down from Bonneville. The body was raised about 7:30 P. M. and taken to Portland by Deputy Coroner Smith.

Gaunt, late of Aloha, Or., is survived by his widow, Josephine, a son Richard, and two brothers, John Franklin and Arthur. Funeral services were held Tuesday in Miller and Tracey's chapel in Portland.

Rankin, County Court Are Deadlocked

A threatened deadlock between C. L. Rankin, appointed justice of the peace at Cascade Locks by Governor Martin two weeks ago, and county court officials at Hood River materialized Wednesday when the court refused to create a justice of the peace district at the Locks.

Rankin interviewed Governor Martin Tuesday, and said he was told his jurisdiction would be county-wide until the court granted a district.

John Baker, district attorney for Hood River county, stood by the guns of the county court.

"Who will serve Rankin's writs for him?" Baker asked. "I doubt if any state officer will. If Salem officials want to force a new justice district on this county, let them resort to judicial procedure."

Rankin said he had four cases coming up for trial before him within the next week or so.

On his trip to Salem to see Governor Martin Rankin was accompanied by G. A. Cobb, Cascade Locks attorney, Mrs. Juanita Lewallen and Mrs. Rankin.

Hemophilia, a disease dreaded by royal families of Europe, is the failure of blood to clot as it flows from a wound, resulting often in bleeding to death. Intermarriage among royalty is chief cause for the propagation of the disease among them.

ENGINEERS HASTEN STOPLOG BUILDING

Power House Roof Nearly Complete

Two units of the power house roof stood complete Wednesday and it was expected the entire roof slab would be poured by the end of this week, although lightning arrestors, transformer base and some "gingerbread" will remain to be poured.

Dump trucks are back-filling beside section one of the fish ladder across Bradford's island, where the roadway will be passed over so that construction may continue on sections two and three, which will occupy the present roadway site.

Within two weeks the tail-tower and overhead conveyor system for moving sand and gravel will be removed from the island, as the underground system will be sufficient for future needs.

Two sets of steel girders are in place on the spillway dam, and reinforcing steel for concrete casings will be placed by Saturday. The 85-deck slab on the fish-lock forebay was poured last week, and the Bradford island wingwall deck slab was poured Thursday. Workmen are starting to erect reinforcing steel for the south approach to the spillway dam. The fishway at the south end of the dam as been unwatered and operations are going ahead on section 26.

CIRCUS SCHEDULED AT HOOD RIVER H. S.

The circus is coming! Barney Brothers' stupendous snow, complete with wild beasts, clowns, and skilled performers of all kinds will exhibit at the circus grounds west of the Hood River high school Monday, August 17, when two shows will be given, at 2 and 8 P. M.

The "most unusual artists and prodigious array of acts ever assembled" will hold forth for the amusement and amazement of spectators. "A Peek in Fairyland," presenting many famous characters of mythology in pantomime, will be one of the features.

Well-known animal trainers will put the big cats through their stunts, the cowboy and cowgirl champions will do their stuff.

WILL MEET HAMILTON

Riddell Lage, Hood River county Republican chairman, Thomas E. Scott, county secretary, and Dr. H. D. W. Pineo, state committeeman, have been invited to Portland Tuesday to meet John D. M. Hamilton, chairman of the Republican national committee, at the public auditorium where Hamilton will be the principal speaker.

Hamilton's talk will be broadcast over station KGW from 8:50 to 9:30 P. M. On the platform with Hamilton, among others, will be United States Senator Charles McNary and Frederick Steiwer, Representatives William Ekwall and James Mott and Roy Ritner, republican nominee for the second congressional district.

Faced by complaints of upriver lumbermen and boatmen against channel conditions above the Bonneville navigation locks, United States engineers this week pressed for speedy completion of upstream power house stoplogs, under contract to the Collins Concrete & Steel Pipe company of Portland.

One hundred twenty of the reinforced concrete stoplogs are called for in the contract. Pouring on the first batch of 20, long delayed by a workman's strike in Portland, began Monday, and the remaining units should all be delivered by August 31 if nothing unforeseen occurs.

Placing the stoplogs in the four open units of the power house will virtually halt the vicious current that bounces off the south bank of Bradford slough and cuts across the upstream end of the navigation locks toward the power house, rendering entrance to the locks extremely hazardous when not impossible.

Rivermen say the government has not lived up to its promise to keep the river open to navigation at all times save for a month in 1937, when gates will be installed in the locks. Traffic through the locks has been negligible since April of this year.

Lumbermen above the dam face serious losses due to depreciation of the value of their log booms, scores of which have been tied up while their owners wait for conditions at the locks to improve. With logs bringing high prices—\$11 and more per thousand feet at the mill, about double the 1930 price—these operators see prospects for a profitable season waning.

Karl Rosenback of Cascade Locks, who says in a normal year he will tow from 15,000,000 to 20,000,000 feet of lumber down the river, has handled less than 1,000,000 feet to date this year. Farmers and other upriver shippers are also affected by adverse navigating conditions.

KUCKENBERG DRAWS \$17,779 FOR JULY

Kuckenberg-Wittman company's July estimate for work on the water system, approved by the city council at its meeting Wednesday night and warrants ordered drawn, totals \$17,779.63, with \$5000 worth of materials on hand.

The estimate was approved verbally by P.W.A. officials, who were to attach their signatures Thursday. Their approval was delayed due to inclusion of a change order necessitated by discovery last month of a serious error in the engineer's figures.

The water system is 79 per cent complete, according to the contractor, and it is expected the estimate rendered at the end of this month will be the last.

Harry Kuckenberg submitted the requested estimate on a two-cell concrete jail for the city, amounting to \$570. He pointed out the city could heat this price considerably, as it already commands sand, gravel, lumber for forms and much of the necessary labor.