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A man convinced against his will doth hold the same opinion still.
—Selected.

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HOOD RIVER

CASCADE LOCKS

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Treasurer Reports At Locks Meeting

Mrs. Vera Sprague, Cascade Locks' city treasurer, gave a report of the city's financial condition for the 16 months since incorporation in September, 1935, at Monday night's council meeting, the first of the new term.

Following are total receipts for the period:

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| Fines | \$ 396.00 |
| Licenses | 1268.50 |
| Dog tax | 25.60 |
| Miscellaneous | 45.00 |
| Road tax | 287.16 |
| General tax | 3871.29 |

Total\$5866.55

A total of \$1399.50 has been received in payment for city water to date, and \$1142.90 spent, leaving a balance in the water fund of \$256.60.

The following report was given for the month of December:

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|-------------------------|----------|
| Balance on hand | \$ 11.65 |
| Rec'd from licenses | 57.00 |
| Rec'd from fines | 10.00 |
| Rec'd from county taxes | 241.10 |

Total 319.75

Following is a list of total warrants called for the 16-month period:

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|--------------------------|-----------|
| To Dec. 1 incl. interest | \$5137.19 |
| Dec. 5 | 409.61 |
| Dec. 31 | 291.82 |

Total\$5838.62

Warrants outstanding Dec. 1 \$1535.24

Warrants issued Dec. 1 to

| | |
|--------|---------|
| Jan. 1 | 1584.33 |
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Total\$3119.57

Warrants paid, Dec. 1 to

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|--------|--------|
| Jan. 1 | 689.34 |
|--------|--------|

Outstanding Jan. 1\$2430.23

Bal., cash on hand\$ 27.93

The council decided to reach a conclusion regarding the abandonment of Second street, occupied by George Trimble, by February 22. The Central Lumber company, owned by W. C. Anderson, will be asked to turn over to the city a private street south of and parallel to Moody avenue in return for the Second street right-of-way.

It was emphasized in the council meeting that the city marshal is not permitted to use his automobile, on which he is granted mileage, for any thing but city business, as some question had arisen as to its use.

Power Board To Inspect McNary Bill

News dispatches report that members of the federal power commission in Washington, D. C. met with President Roosevelt Monday and discussed pending legislation dealing with the sale of power at Bonneville dam.

Chairman Frank R. McNinch of the commission said the president asked that they go over the McNary bill and "consider any changes that might be advisable."

The McNary bill would authorize the power commission to supervise the sale of power at the dam and determine rights.

CAT TRAPPED

No sweet-tempered angel is the bob-cat Clayt Rand trapped up Tanner creek a week ago Thursday.

The animal, on display in a cage in the Lakeside hotel lobby, is continually growling and spitting at anyone who approaches. Clayt is building a pen for it now, and will transfer it as soon as the pen is completed.

The cat emerged from trap with nothing but slight bruises on its leg. Clayt says the animal is either too smart or too sensitive to fight while in the trap.

Power House Concrete Goes In Rapidly

Forms were ready yesterday for a 40-hour pour around the throat ring in unit 1 of the power house, where work by General-Shea company has gone forward unhampered by the weather.

Small fires have been built in the pits in some instances to keep parts of the job warm and dry, but in the main operations have gone steadily forward inside the huge building, big enough for three basketball floors.

All the steel has gone in for the pit liner in unit 2, and the first lift of pit liner steel has been placed in unit 1. Both throat rings have also been completed.

The survey towers which once loomed high above operations in the turbine pits are now well down inside the pit liners, below the circular platforms.

The huge base pedestal for the motors which activate the turbine pit gates is in the power house and will soon be placed between the first and second units, with the motors operating off each side. The gates will be adjustable to insure uniform pressure of water entering the turbine pits, no matter how great the head.

Several sections of the fishway leading north from Bradford slough have been poured, but some excavation remains to be done.

SPECIAL NOTICE

There are lots of angles to the new social security law, but one of particular importance is called to worker's attention in the current issue of the Spillway.

The social security law requires the employer to fill out a special form when an employee dies. It is possible on a big job such as Bonneville for an employee to die of natural causes while off the job, and the employer know nothing about it.

Men frequently absent themselves from their work for various causes, and after a prolonged absence are automatically dropped from the employment records. In order, therefore, to assist in getting the correct information to the employer, all employees are asked to cooperate by notifying the employer in case of knowledge of the death of an employee.

WORK HALTED

Bad weather brought a halt to work on the Tooth Rock Columbia River highway tunnel project on Wednesday last week, and operations were still closed down when the Chronicle went to press. Although workmen inside the tunnel are sheltered from sleet and snow, extreme cold adds greatly to difficulty of mechanical operations and concrete pouring.

BONNEVILLE INDUSTRIAL OUTLOOK

The following article was prepared by the United States engineers, and will be continued in future issues of the Chronicle.

For some months the Corps of Engineers has been engaged in studies of various power-consuming industries designed to determine their commercial feasibility in the Columbia gorge area. We realize the advantage to electrochemical and electrometallurgical industries to be able to locate at tidewater, obtaining raw materials from distant domestic and foreign sources, and shipping their finished products by cheap water transportation, and have attempted to evaluate this advantage to the various industries to arrive at some logical conclusion as to how successful they would be at this point as compared with similar industries in other sections of the country. The picture such studies present is not always an optimistic one. In the case of some industries definite advantages are apparent, while others are rather doubtful, depending very largely upon what kind of power rate could be given.

The accompanying list shows the industries that have been and are being studied more or less carefully, and in some cases quite exhaustively.

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REED TURNS FACE TOWARD SOUTHLAND

Bobby Reed, entertainer sans egal, has been snowbound in Cascade Locks for the past week, awaiting a break in the weather before taking wing for California, where he will work for the next few months.

Between mumbled mouthfuls of metaphor and florid fragments of philological phantasia, he said he was glad to be home and was sorry to be leaving.

"I'd like to hear from the folks up here while I'm down thar," he said. "My folks (Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hyde) can tell you where I am—or ask Dibo."

Dibo, the coyote-husky-malamute pup, looked up and wagged his tail.

Columbia Boys Need Glasses-- Light-Years Hurt Their Eyes

Real mathematicians, these boys in the Columbia Construction company office—but lazy.

Even with their slide rules and their college educations, they dodged a problem which your Chronicle correspondent considered duck soup.

They had been wrestling around with acre-feet, second-feet and gallons per minute in an effort to figure out how much water is being pumped from the third-step cofferdam. They knew they had 56 acre-feet per day, which they presently discovered was 18,247,000 gallons per day.

Your correspondent wondered what they would do with a little tougher setup. So he asked them how many gallons were contained in a cubic light-year.

Pained expressions and the old slide-rule look crept into the eyes of the great minds of Columbia.

COURT PLANNED

Boy Scouts of Cascade Locks, Bonneville and North Bonneville will meet for their periodic court of honor next Tuesday evening, January 19, in the Locks high school building. Judge W. J. Carlson will be the presiding officer, and district field executive Bill Johnson will also be present from Portland.

The committee of Troop 390 of Cascade Locks will meet at 8 P. M. Wednesday at the residence of Scoutmaster M. L. Morgan.

Klohk Dies As Car Falls Into River

Alex Klohk, 53, Portland man who has been working for the Columbia Construction company off and on since December 3, 1934, was killed when his automobile crashed through a new steel fence and plunged 300 feet down into the Sandy river Wednesday morning.

Klohk's car skidded on the icy pavement of Baseline road about a mile from the Sandy bridge, on the recently completed section of the highway.

Surviving are his wife and 19-year-old son, Herbert, of 6347 S.W. Corbett avenue, Portland. Klohk, a machinist, was employed by the Columbia Construction company at six different times since he first went to work for them.

Klohk's car snapped off a heavy fence post and tore out a section of the spring-steel fence, bounced off a ledge 150 feet below the road, then made a straight dive into the river.

A companion who was seen in the rear of Klohk's submerged vehicle had not been identified late yesterday. Both undoubtedly died very shortly after the car struck the water and went under.

POST OFFICE BUSY

The Bonneville post office did a bigger volume of Christmas business this year than last, according to Postmaster Blanche North. All without extra help, too, according to Mrs. North, whose only aides were her regular assistants, Charles Coulter and Miss Audrey Titus. Mrs. North was not quite so sanguine when asked about the amount of overtime put in, however.

Concrete Work Held Up Again By Weather

Concrete pouring in the north cofferdam pit, scheduled to be resumed Wednesday night after a week's lay-off due to cold, was postponed again yesterday morning because of snow. The wind, which shifted to the southwest and brought rain Wednesday, was in the east again yesterday morning.

About six inches of snow was on the ground at noon today, but weather was unsettled with more snow or possible rain in prospect.

State highway scrapers were keeping the Columbia River highway in fair driving condition, but possibility of sleeting and further freezing made drivers uneasy.

A caravan of 20 new automobiles, en route to Portland from the eastern factory, stopped over in Cascade Locks Wednesday night because of highway conditions.

Work on third step cofferdams on the Oregon side has been carried on in spite of cold weather. The cofferdam between piers 16 and 17 has been pumped out to the top of the ogee block between the piers and the concrete is being chipped preparatory to pouring remaining concrete for the ogee section. Temporary shelters have been put up to shield workmen on the Oregon side.

About 800 workmen are still waiting for work on the Washington side to recommence.

Only four carpenter crews, two stripping crews and a structural steel gang have been working during the past week. The steel men have been lining up gate slots, a slow process.

While the third step cofferdam has been pumped out, the pumps are still throwing about 56 acre feet per day, or about 12,600 gallons per minute, to keep the water down. The cold weather has aided some by freezing up a few of the smaller leaks.

YACHT CLUB DANCE BILLED JANUARY 23

The Cascade Yacht club's mid-winter benefit dance, originally scheduled Thursday, January 21, has been postponed until Saturday, January 23, being combined with Johnny Walker's regular Saturday night dance at the Columbia Gardens in Cascade Locks.

Proceeds from the dance will be used to provide equipment at Columbia beach opposite Sherman's inn on the Columbia river highway, near Warrendale. The beach proved very popular with dam area crowds last summer.

More than 40 merchants of the entire area have agreed to donate prizes for the affair.

CARS LEAVE TRACK

Traffic on the Union Pacific railroad between Cascade Locks and Wyeth was held up several hours early Tuesday morning when part of the understructure of a freight car dropped off upon the track, derailling eight cars. No injuries resulted, and the cars were hoisted back onto the track by service crews as quickly as possible.

REBEKAHS TO MEET

Members of Cascadia Rebekah lodge of Cascade Locks will meet for their regular session next Wednesday night in the I. O. O. F. hall at the Locks.