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This Week's Thought

Men may construe things after
their fashion, far from the pur-
pose of the things themselves.—
Shakespeare.

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HOOD RIVER

CASCADE LOCKS

BONNEVILLE

FRIDAY, MAY 7, 1937.

Stevenson People Talk Secession

Citizens of Stevenson, incensed by the failure of Washington state and big city officials to come out for Bonneville legislation favorable to the northwest, have started a movement to secede from the state of Washington and ally themselves with the state of Oregon.

Constitutional aspects of the move are in doubt, but it is certain an act of congress would be required to change Skamania county's color on the map.

The movement grew out of Governor Clarence D. Martin's hemming and hawing when Stevenson men wired him and asked him to give support to a switchboard rate as was Oregon's Governor Martin at Washington, D. C.

Washington's governor said he would have to confer with his power committee before announcing any action.

The Stevenson men accuse Martin and other state officials of being under the political thumb of Seattle and other big-vote areas, especially Puget Sound basin with its hopes for industrial development growing from power made available by the Skagit project.

As part of the state of Oregon they feel they would get an even break, since Oregon's governor and senators and Portland's mayor are deeply interested in the mid-Columbia area.

Permits for Fires Needed After May 15

Beginning May 15 permits for burning trash or slashings within the Mount Hood national forest boundaries must be obtained from forest service officials according to Roy Weeman, chief ranger at the Columbia Gorge ranger station.

According to a law passed at this year's session of the legislature, the fire season will remain closed until January 1, unless the governor opens the season earlier by proclamation. Ordinarily weather conditions permit opening the season by November 1. Campfire permits will not be necessary until July 1.

C. C. C. boys at Wyeth camp, No. 4765, are being organized into fire squads and shown how to handle forest tools and fire-fighting equipment.

Four trail maintenance crews are operating at present under the direction of the Columbia Gorge station, with about 46 men at work.

The big new warehouse at Herman creek will probably be ready for use in another month or so. It is one of the finest of its kind, with masonry endwalls, shake sidewalls, concrete floor with garage space for five cars, separate rooms for fire-fighting equipment and other tools, concrete loading platforms and full loft.

The old garage and gasoline house will be removed, leaving a full view of the highway east from the warehouse.

New lockers have been installed in the basement of the ranger station office and in the basement of the bunkhouse. Ranger Weeman has a new Dodge pickup truck and Walt Moore, veteran packer, is sporting a new Chevrolet pickup.

AT WALLA WALLA

Joe Morris of Cascade Locks made a business trip to Walla Walla Wednesday.

PUPILS TOLD OF FIRE PREVENTION

All county schools located in the Columbia Gorge area are being contacted by the forest service with an illustrated talk on forest fire prevention.

Forest Ranger Albert Wiesendanger of the Mount Hood National forest addressed the Hood River high school students Tuesday. Today he will speak at the Corbett high school and next Tuesday address the grade schools at Springdale and Corbett.

LEGION TO ELECT

Members of Bonneville post, No. 88, American Legion, will meet at 8 P. M. Tuesday, May 11, in the Bonneville auditorium for nomination and election of officers.

Jeff Olsen is outgoing commander.

Bonneville Pupils Take Festival Parts

The Bonneville school will be dismissed Friday so that students and faculty might attend the Multnomah music festival in Portland, at the Benson high school auditorium at 1:30 o'clock. Parents are urged to go.

There will be 55 pupils from the grade school to take part. They will participate in one or more of the following groups:

Orchestra, primary chorus, intermediate chorus, junior chorus, harmonica, or a capella choir.

We wish to extend thanks to parents and friends who were so kind to offer to take students in their own cars and help with the transportation. We hope you will enjoy the festival, and our own small part in it.

The eighth grade dramatic class put on their play, "The Watch That Should Be Watched" for auditorium last Monday. The play was written by the dramatics class. Each member contributed generously, but special thanks should be extended to David Noah and Ione Goodrich, who spent a great deal of personal time on the play. The audience seemed to enjoy it very much.

Tooth Rock Tunnel Lining Completed

Concrete tunnel lining for the 827-foot Tooth rock Columbia River highway tunnel is expected to be completed tomorrow. Pouring has been under way about four months. A pair of movable wood-and-steel forms have been used for all pours.

D. H. Cadmus has returned as resident engineer for the bureau of public roads.

Plans for the second section of the watergrade Columbia River highway, of which the tunnel and Eagle creek bridge are the initial section, are still indefinite. It is expected the new stretch from Eagle creek to Cascade Locks will be begun this summer.

STARKEL HERE

There was lots of noise and music at the Lakeside hotel in Cascade Locks Saturday night when Billy Starkel, Portland ace accordionist, played from nine until one for patrons.

Starkel has played at the Club de Villa in Detroit, the Club Momarte in New York, the States Hoffbrau in San Francisco, and on the Burt Levy circuit.

For five years he led Starkel's entertainers over station KWJJ in Portland. At present he is staff accordionist for KGW-KEX and is frequently heard out of Portland over NBC.

PIERCE'S STAND HIT

Mountain Goats May Romp Upon Bonneville Crags

Rocky mountain goats, those nimble-footed, white-whiskered animals so rarely seen, even in their native haunts, may clamber over the high rocks of the Columbia gorge region soon.

Acting upon reports that the gorge area is ideal mountain goat country, the board of directors of the Bonneville Izaak Walton league at its last meeting passed a resolution calling upon the United States forest service to assist in stocking the gorge with goats.

This district with its rocky points, crags and canyons is prime country for goats, which would thrive here, the league was told. Numerous sportsmen have expressed the thought that goat feed can be found growing on high spots all over the gorge.

Support of the Cascade Locks chamber of commerce will also be sought.

Mitre Gate Assembly To Start Soon

Assembly of the main mitre gates at the navigation locks will be the big thing at the dam for the next few weeks. A shipment containing one section of the upper gate has been received together with numerous boxes of bolts, rivets and tools.

The 50-ton stiffleg derrick being erected by Bethlehem Steel company at the upper end of the locks has been started, and will be used in erecting the upper gate.

Two pumps each throwing 3000 gallons of water had practically dried the locks out by Wednesday.

In the powerhouse the turbine wheel and shaft for Number Two turbine have been lowered into place in the bottom of the turbine pit. The wicket gates just outside the propeller are all in place and the cone-shaped top plate or cover has also been dropped into position above the wheel.

SUFFER ACCIDENTS

Ed Wolfe, chauffeur for the United States engineers at Bonneville, broke his arm recently when he was driving truck. A wheel struck a rut, the wheel spun and fractured Wolfe's arm.

Elmer Walker, also a dam employee, was standing on an empty oil drum piling other drums in the bullpen near the new warehouse last week, when the drum on which he was standing slipped. He dropped one of the drums on his ankle, fracturing a small bone.

McGARRIGLE IN OPERA

Jack McGarrigle, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McGarrigle of Cascade Locks, has been awarded the lead in the opera at Hollywood high school in Los Angeles, Calif., and will be heard over the radio Tuesday, May 11 at 8:30 P. M., probably over NBC hookup.

Strange facts: Mrs. McGarrigle has never heard her son sing, except in the bathtub.

LICENSES AVAILABLE

Dog licenses for the 1937 fiscal year are now obtainable at the city hall in Cascade Locks. Licenses are \$2 for females and \$1 for males.

LODGE INITIATES

Cascade lodge, No. 104, I. O. O. F., and Hood River lodge went to Portland Wednesday night where the Hood River team conferred the second degree on a class of seven candidates from Cascade Locks, including Helmer Sundsten, Jack Cornett, Lester Sprague, Harry Titus, Ivan Embree, Hank Munkres and Ralph Williams.

Mayor Carson of Portland was to have been initiated but was unable to attend.

June 17 Is Date for Port Election

June 17 was the date set by the county court of Hood River county for the special election to authorize establishment of a port district for Cascade Locks.

Members of the Cascade Locks temporary port committee, headed by G. N. Heggard, took the petitions signed by 172 voters to Hood River Wednesday morning and presented them to the court.

Some of the members of the court favored postponing action on the petitions until a later date, but the Cascade Locks men insisted that immediate action be taken, as the court is compelled by law to set an election date not less than 40 nor more than 60 days following time of presentation if the petitions are found to be regular.

Only about 70 signatures would have been necessary to call a special election. Eight per cent of the registered voters within the proposed district is the needed number.

Election boards will probably be established at Cascade Locks, Dee and Parkdale. The two latter towns themselves lie within the Hood River port district, but there are persons living south and west of them who will reside within the Cascade Locks district, putting virtually the entire county in one port district or the other.

Spring Salmon Run Here; Big Ones Taken

With line and net the big king salmon and steelhead were being snaked out of the Columbia river this week, with the spring run approaching its zenith.

Although the fish are not so large at this time of year as during the fall run, prices of 11 and 12 cents a pound are bringing good returns to fishermen.

One commercial netter is said to have grossed \$500 in a single week on his catch.

A number of steelhead and salmon have been taken from the rocks below the Cascades, about the best rod-fishing spot on the river aside from Celilo.

Fish are experiencing little trouble getting past Bonneville dam, with fast water in the open bays and temporary fishways on each shore and at the center of the stream.

RIVER RISING

The flow of the Columbia was 168,200 cubic feet per second Wednesday morning, with an anticipated flow of nearly 190,000 yesterday morning, due to rapidly melting snow in the interior. With a week of fair weather the river is bound to rise fast, especially if nights remain warm.

Locks Group Says Pledges Not Kept

Citizens of Cascade Locks this week bitterly denounced Representative Walter M. Pierce of the second district for following a different policy in Washington, D. C. than he pledged them he would follow previous to November's election.

Keenest resentment was expressed by members of his own party who expected him to abide by his promise to pull for a switchboard rate, or at least remain silent.

The following paragraphs are reprinted from the Bonneville Dam Chronicle of October 16, 1936 (Friday):

"Points distant from Bonneville should be made to pay transmission costs for Bonneville power," Walter M. Pierce, representative in congress from the second Oregon district told newsmen Tuesday night following his address before 80 persons who attended a meeting of the Roosevelt-Garner club at Merrill's tavern.

"Pierce was emphatic on this question of switchboard versus blanket rates. He said it would be foolish to rob Bonneville of its natural advantages of location, adding it was only fair that places 'such as Salem' should bear the additional cost of transmission."

In Washington during recent committee hearings on Bonneville legislation Pierce confronted Governor Charles H. Martin in a waiting room and accused him of being a tool of private industry because he was speaking for the self-same switchboard rate Pierce advocated the night of October 13.

Again, in a letter reprinted in last week's Chronicle, Pierce made his present stand (which is his traditional one) more plain:

"The chief attack on my bill was made on those sections which make possible the use of power by the farm as well as by industry. The Portland group talked in Washington, as they talked in eastern Oregon last summer, the program of Bonneville for industry at tidewater. Under this program, one company could take all the power and, because of automatic processes, could use it without adding one hundred people to Oregon's population and payrolls. The product would be shipped out to the enrichment solely of the aluminum trust. Have we spent fifty million dollars for such a program? My program is to spread the benefits of the dam as far and as wide as possible."

The Cascade Locks chamber of commerce yesterday planned writing Congressman Pierce and telling him they resent his change of front. Their chief interest is in seeing that Pierce's stand announced here previous to the election is placed before committees of both houses considering Bonneville legislation, hence they will also write to committee chairmen and to other members of the Oregon congressional delegation.

Hearings are scheduled to be resumed Monday by the house rivers and harbors committee, with Secretary of Interior Harold Ickes and Pierce scheduled to appear.

LEAGUE SPONSORS SHOOT

A brand new-style target shoot, with sweepstake prizes, will be sponsored by the Bonneville Izaak Walton league Monday evening in the United States engineers' auditorium in Bonneville. Plenty of guns and shells will be on hand for those who do not bring their own rifles.

Only .22 calibre guns will be used. Participants will shoot for a "poker hand," so rookies will have as much chance to win as the experts.