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PRONOUNCING GRAND COULEE

Most of us have, from time to time, pronounced with some trepidation the words Grand Coulee which have become current in the northwest and elsewhere since the gigantic power and reclamation project was started. And now comes a writer in The Christian Science Monitor who has suffered the same linguistic embarrassment and who rises to explain the usage as best he can. He first decided it was French derivation, meaning the dry bed of a river, and pronounced it koo-lay, with accent on the last syllable. Like many others he enjoyed a sense of transitory smugness which continued until he found that, by common usage, the word has been Americanized to become cooley, or coolly, with the accent on the first syllable.

The name is new to easterners, as it was, indeed, to many in the northwest up to a year or so ago. In most parts of the country a coulee would be called a canyon, and a mighty big one at that, with practically vertical rock walls and, at the bottom, the dried-up bed of a prehistoric stream. Once those vast streams were fed by the receding polar ice cap and carved great canyons or coulees in the solid rock. During those ages it was a scene of violence and the uncontrolled forces of nature. Today the landscape is more peaceful as the waters are being once more turned back by the hand of man into the old water-course to water arid acres and turn the wheels of useful industry. And even its name, which once had a foreign smack, is now, like the vast project itself, typically American.

HOOD RIVER'S HARBOR

We assume, although it may not be, that Hood River experienced a disappointment during the past week when the Board of Engineers for rivers and harbors reported that it was not convinced of the advisability of the United States providing that city with a turning basin and entrance at an estimated cost of \$12,000.

The application made by Hood River was modest enough. It included a turning basin about 600 feet long, 500 feet wide and seven feet deep in low water, with an entrance channel seven feet deep, about 200 feet wide and 1,500 feet long. This would have given Hood River shippers an opportunity to lighter cargoes out to ships anchored in the turning basin and to thus utilize, in a limited way, the opportunity for ocean transportation which pooling of the Columbia above Bonneville will permit.

We expressed some doubt in our opening paragraph as to the extent of Hood River's disappointment. The reason is that our neighboring city, strangely enough, has never worked up much enthusiasm over the Columbia river program. When citizens of The Dalles have waxed eloquent over benefits expected here, and city growth, the down river inference has been that we're probably a bit balmy, playing with a toy balloon that some day would blow up. Hood River, herself, delayed long before asking a small favor in her own right, to-wit, a modest connection with river traffic. And now that has been denied.

It's all in the viewpoint, of course, and it will be interesting during the next few years to see which of us is right—we up-river optimists who see only the doughnut, or our Hood River neighbors who, if they mean what they say, have never been able to "see" much of anything except a hole.—The Dalles Optimis.

HOOD RIVER GROWS

Every available store space in downtown Hood River is occupied at

the present time.

That seems a very simple statement, but we have tried to find out the last time this condition existed in Hood River. We can find not one who will vouch for every business place being filled at the same time within the past ten years.

This past week the Hood River Cleaners, a new concern operated by Mr. and Mrs. Ronald M. Wiesmore, opened in the space formerly occupied by the Hood River Abstract and Investment company on second street. This was the last space available.

In recent years many of the large spaces have been divided into two offices, several new spaces have been cleared for new businesses, and all in all we feel that at the present time there are more and a greater variety of businesses in Hood River than ever in its history.

Hood River grows regardless of those who say and have been saying for the past years that Hood River is as large as it will ever be and that it cannot support additions to our present businesses.

Meetings

Cascade Locks Chamber of Commerce — Merrill's dining room, Tuesdays, noon.

Bonneville Parent-Teachers Association — First Wednesday every month, study club at 1:30, regular meeting at 2:30 in Bonneville grade school auditorium.

Bridal Veil Lodge, No. 117, A.F. and A.M. — School house, Latourelle falls, second Saturday in each month. Visiting Masons welcome.

Cascade Yacht Club—Model room of new administration building, Fridays, 8 P.M.

Cascade Locks City Council—Second Monday of each month, city hall.

Cascade Locks Boy Scouts — High school, Tuesdays, 8 P.M.

Bonneville Boy Scouts—Grade school auditorium, Tuesdays, 7 P.M.

Cascade Locks Townsend Club—Odd Fellows hall, first and third Fridays, 8 P.M.

Rebekahs—Cascadia lodge, Cascade Locks, first and third Wednesdays of each month, Odd Fellows hall, 8 P.M.

Damsite post, Veterans of Foreign Wars — First and Third Mondays, meeting room of administration building, 8 P.M.

Cascade Locks P.T.A.—Second Friday of each month, 8 P.M., high school.

Izaak Walton league—Meets second Monday of every month in Bonneville auditorium. Directors meet fourth Monday.

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