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Port District Officials Meet; Elect

Cascade Locks port officials are certainly making sure that everything they do regarding the port is exactly as specified by law.

The governor in appointing them stated they were to hold their first meeting on the eighth of July. The law stated that they were to hold their first meeting five days after they were appointed. They held meetings on both days to be certain of their legality.

In the recent election for the formation of a port district, all steps in the procedure were watched very carefully. All voting places were checked and rechecked. All notices of election were properly placed. In the first batch of election notices, the county clerk, knowing more about the notices than the Cascade Locks delegation, erred in his wording. The local delegation insisted on a reprint of the notices and secured it.

And now as they are organizing and looking towards the future, they are taking the same care in their plans for the future that they took in the past. In the first two meetings officers were elected and plans for the future were discussed. The big problem before the commission is to secure a right of way for the district from the highway to the river.

The commission plans on meeting the second Thursday of each month in the city hall.

The officers for the new organization are: G. N. Hesgard, president; William Keeler, vice president; C. C. Chapman, treasurer; W. J. Carlson, secretary. Karl Rosenback is the other member.

F. R. Requests Special Rule On Dam Bill

Washington, July 14.—Of interest to residents of the Bonneville area is the report that President Roosevelt's aid toward early action on Bonneville legislation was enlisted today by Representative Nan Wood Honeyman. In an interview at the White House she suggested that his interest in the matter be brought to the attention of house leaders.

The president thereupon telephoned the office of Chairman O'Connor of the house rules committee to express hope that a special rule be speedily reported.

The rules committee is scheduled to take up the question Wednesday. It is said the program will not permit consideration on the floor of the house until next week.

COMMONWEALTH BACKS ROSS

The Oregon Commonwealth Federation sprang to the defense of J. D. Ross, member of the securities and exchange commission, as candidate for Bonneville administrator, and Tuesday scored Representative Nan Wood Honeyman for her criticism of the Seattle man as power administrator.

APARTMENT WORK PROGRESSES

The fashionable Columbia Apartments (formerly the bunkhouse for Columbia Construction company) on the reservation will be ready for occupancy before long.

The new plywood walls and ceilings are in and ready for painting and the installation of plumbing and electrical fixtures is under way.

Highway Work Slows up Awaiting Bids

The Bureau of Public Roads and the railroad have apparently not come to an understanding on the right-of-way for the stretch of highway east of the Eagle Creek cut, so there is no word as to when bids will be called.

Warren Northeast paving did not get started this past week, but it is expected they will this next, for the surfacing of Sam Orino's stretch of highway at Eagle creek. O. B. S. were still working on the draining pits and excavating to sub-grade through the big cut this week.

The state has let no word out as to when they expect to call for bids on the stretch of highway from the Locks west. It is presumed that this is being held up till it can be determined where the Bridge of the Gods is to be located when it is raised.

Gift to Library Appreciated

Word comes to us from reservation librarian "Chick" Johnson that the library is in receipt of a large file of that popular new magazine, "Life." The gift was made by Jack Kark of USED Cost Section. Enjoyment of the new addition is evidenced by the steady use they are put to.

Examiner To Be in Bonneville

An examiner of operators and chauffeurs will be in Bonneville on July 19th, from 2 to 5 P. M.

Applications for both new and renewal drivers' licenses for the 1937-39 period will be received at that time.

New Softball League In Making

The new ball field, the success of the Bonneville team in the Hood River league and the efforts of Roland Miller are bringing forth the prospects of a real Bonneville softball league.

By this time next week it is hoped to have the new league all signed up and going strong. A survey shows the possibility of a six-team league. The powerhouse is the hottest group to date with six balls and six bats already purchased. Two teams, it is hoped will come from "the big barn." The USED garage and the main dam both plan to have teams. It is hoped that the old dance hall will turn out a team and the new administration building also.

Anyone interested in playing or putting up a keg of beer or a case of Coco Cola for the trophy is requested to contact Roland Miller of the Engineers.

The first half of the Hood River softball league is drawing to a close with one game yet to be played. This game between the Chronicle and the Bonneville team will settle the league entirely. If the Bonneville squad wins, they will have the championship. If the Chronicle wins, it will throw Bonneville, Consolidated Freight and the Chronicle in a tie for first place. Each has lost just one. No date has been set for this game.

The second half contest begins very shortly.

BONNEVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Civic Auditorium
E. J. Aschenbrenner, Minister
Sunday School at 10 A. M., in charge of Samuel Lancaster.
Morning worship in charge of the pastor, at 11 o'clock.
Consider the best part of that day lost in which you have not heard the voice of God.
Will we see you in church next Sunday?

Bonneville Power Bill To be Voted on Soon

GOVERNOR, MAYOR TO HELP IN WEDDING ON SPILLWAY

A wedding on the main spillway dam!

This sounds like a very unusual place to have a wedding, but nevertheless on Sunday, July 25, a wedding will be performed on the dam.

According to present arrangements, Governor Charles H. Martin or Oregon will give away the bride, Miss Rose Marie Miser, and Mayor Joe Carson of Portland will be best man. E. Carrol Moran will be the bridegroom.

The ceremony will be conducted by Judge Donald Long of Portland. The wedding march will be played on an electric organ. Both principals are of Portland. The affair is sponsored by the Jackson club.

Dam Discussed In Portland Port Report

Bonneville dam is given three pages, excellently illustrated, in the annual report of the Portland Commission of Public Docks for 1936, just issued and ready for distribution. It is replete also with a great array of facts and figures concerning the port, designed to furnish such information as the shipping world requires.

The commission is a separate unit of Portland, a \$1,500,000 corporation operating a modern system of docks and elevators and serving a great trading radius centering in the city. The report is submitted to Mayor Joseph K. Carson Jr. by John H. BURGARD, chairman.

"When completed, in June, 1938, this great project will undoubtedly have a tremendous effect on Portland's industry and maritime commerce," says the report concerning the dam. "In view of its potential possibilities, more than ordinary space is given to its progress from data furnished by the U. S. engineers, under whose efficient management the project has gone forward."

An exceptionally clear aerial view of the dam under construction, covering an entire page, preceeds the two other pages of text and pictures, showing the substructure and intake for powerhouse, ship locks and fish ladder.

As for the commission of public docks, the report reveals that, despite unsettled labor conditions making the fiscal year in reality but 11 months, its deep-sea tonnage amounted to 733,740 tons, or 112,527 more than for 1935. Deep sea tonnage for the entire port was 4,681,362, or only 155,912 over that of the previous year.

SIGN DENOTES RIVER'S PEAK

The Indian sign that the year's flood peak is past, showed on the river banks during the past week. It is a band of whitish sediment several feet wide, left by the receding flood water, starting about a foot below the highest water level. The old timers rely on this white mark as a certain sign that the flood peak is past, saying it has never been known to fail.

This is apparently correct, but as a prompt notice, it is somewhat similar in value to that of a smoking ash heap that there has been a fire, since it only appears plainly a couple of weeks after the flood peak passes. As the water recedes, the white sometimes attains a width of two yards.

Washington, July 14.—The house rules committee today agreed to bring to an early floor vote the Mansfield bill for administering power from the \$75,000,000 Bonneville hydro-electric project on the Columbia river which will begin generating electric energy January 1.

Chairman Mansfield, Democrat of Texas, of the house rivers and harbors committee, told the committee that action is essential before adjournment. He indicated the bill would reach the house floor next week.

Mansfield told the committee it is imperative that legislation setting up administrative machinery for the project be enacted this session.

He said the project would come into operation in November and that so far no provision has been made for the distribution and sale of power. He said it is also necessary that approximately \$5,000,000 be provided for construction of 80 miles of trunk transmission lines running westward to Portland and eastward into the farm belt.

Mansfield explained committee approval had been given a bill authorizing appropriation of funds for the trunk lines as well as creating an administrator of power and placing control of the physical properties of the project in the hands of the army engineers.

The Westerners had the support of the White House in their demand for a rule on the Bonneville measure. Yesterday, President Roosevelt, through one of his secretaries, advised the committee that Bonneville legislation must be hastened.

Mansfield was accompanied today by Representatives Martin Smith, Hoquiam, Wash.; Walter Pierce, La Grande; Charles Colden, San Pedro, Cal.; and Thomas Ford, Los Angeles.

Martin Fears Ross to be Administrator

Salem, July 14.—Governor Martin said today that Oregon "has lost Bonneville dam to the Seattle interests" through the proposed appointment of J. D. Ross, head of the Seattle city light plant and member of the securities exchange commission, as administrator of the project.

He said Ross was certain of obtaining the job, because Oregon interests have "sold out to Seattle."

"We are bound to have postage stamp rates, and thus Bonneville is through. Oregon will lose all its benefits to Washington."

"Oregon, as usual, is being deprived of its God-given rights. It is an outrage."

The governor long has fought for switchboard rates, which he says would enable the state to develop industry and offset the state's dependence on agriculture.

Representative Walter M. Pierce, La Grande, has opposed the governor's stand and is reported to be supporting Ross. The governor is backing Representative Nan Wood Honeyman, Portland, who denounced the proposed appointment of Ross.

The governor, as he outlined his position to newspaper men this morning, appeared downcast, but was strong in his denunciation of the "Seattle and the Washington state interests which propose to tie in Bonneville with the Seattle city light plant."

Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Christenson moved to Newberg Saturday of last week. Mr. Christenson has a contract trucking logs.

The Bonneville School

Destruction of the old Bonneville school house (more recently the public library) brought many a sigh from local residents who had looked upon the old building as a landmark connected with Bonneville's beginnings. But sentiment must give way to progress. The building went down with a crash, assisted by a 25-ton "cat," followed by a baptism of fire. The books which were housed in the old building were transferred to the government auditorium where the new library is now open evenings as heretofore.

First School in Log Cabin in 1879

There is at least one person now living who remembers when Bonneville's first school was held in a log cabin. That was back in 1879 and the account is contained in the following interesting letter received by Miss Eliza Stevens, present instructor:

"As I remember the first Bonneville school," writes Mr. H. R. Reed now of The Dalles, who spent his childhood in Dodson, "it was taught by a Miss Camilla Coburn in 1879 or 1880, in a log cabin built by an old wood cutter. It was situated about half way between Warren's Cannery and McGowan's Cannery on the bank of the river. The pupils who attended the school were two McCord girls, Hi Dodson, and three from our family—my brother Hi, sister Edna, and myself. There was another family also, but I do not remember their name. Later school was held in another log cabin just east of McGowan's Cannery. This was a smaller house and was built by another wood cutter."

Teacher Had Long Whiskers

"This school was taught by Mr. A. C. Voit, who had long whiskers and smoked a pipe. The pupils of this school were three Russell children and the three members of our family. The next intervening space I do not remember what happened, perhaps no school was held at all. I remember that I was sent to Corbett to school at that time. Then the

school was started again, with a Miss Eaton as teacher. This schoolhouse was built at McGowan's Cannery."

Aged Fisherman Remembers

Mr. Griffen, an old time fisherman now living in Warrendale relates that he came here in 1886, finding at Dodson a neat, well-kept little white, attractive schoolhouse, but he does not know for certain whether 1886 was the first year school in that building had been held.

Records Begin With 1886

The county records begin with 1886 when one Hattie Eaton taught in District 46. Since this date coincides with Mr. Griffen's statement, it may be presumed that Miss Eaton taught in the building at Dodson. There was a store and postoffice at Dodson and the families who may have had children in school were the Dodsons, Reeds and Levens. Mr. Lee Sams, whose little daughter is in Miss Stevens' room at present, attended school in the Dodson schoolhouse before the Warrendale school was built.

School was also held for a year or two in the servants' quarters of the Gorman house at Columbia beach, opposite where Sherman's Inn now is. This was after the population shifted to Warrendale when the pulp mill was built and before the Warrendale building was put up.

Earned First Money Hauling Lumber

Mr. Harold Gill of the J. K. Gill company of Portland says the first money he ever earned was made helping haul the lumber for the Warrendale schoolhouse. This was in 1904 when the building was built by one Nick Matson, millwright at the Warrendale Cannery. The Warren Packing company gave a 20-year lease at one dollar per year. This lease carried up to 1934.

The registration in the early 1900's varied from seven to 15 pupils. Records contain notations such as "closed on account of measles" and "closed on account of snow."

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