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Columbians To Tell World About Gorge

Pledging themselves to continue their best efforts to tell "all the world of the beauty and advantages of the Columbia Gorge," 300 members and guests of the Mid-Columbia Chamber of Commerce came from Portland to Arlington to attend the annual dinner and meeting of the organization on Thursday, Oct. 28, at the Columbia Gorge Hotel.

Roy Anthon, of Underwood, Wash., was elected president of the Chamber for the new year, replacing the retiring president, Minor Corman, of Hood River. Clyde Perkins, Vancouver, Wash., was elected third vice-president, and other officers remained the same as for the past year except for being advanced a notch. H. L. Eddins, The Dalles, is the new first vice-president; John V. Lund, Camas, second vice-president. Walter Hufford, Stevenson, and George Read, White Salmon, were re-elected to their posts of secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Judge Fred W. Wilson, of The Dalles gave the main address of the evening, in which he encouraged a "long range view" of the potentialities of the Columbia River. E. Don Ross, a director of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, surveyed the business and tourist travel of this region for the past season.

Representative Walter M. Pierce spoke briefly on the great advantages of the Pacific Northwest.

Minor Corman delivered the president's annual message, and John Mohr, Hood River, bade the visitors welcome to Hood River in the name of Mayor A. S. Kolstad. John R. McEwen, of Goldendale, was toastmaster, and Rev. E. F. Leake, of Hood River delivered the invocation.

It was announced that 43,000 booklets designed to advertise the scenic and commercial advantages of the Mid-Columbia area are being published by the Chamber, and are slated for early distribution.

Six resolutions drawn by the Resolutions Committee were read by Z. O. Brooks of Goldendale. Among the resolutions was one which urged the Oregon State Highway Commission to immediately call for bids for the building of 4099 feet of new highway from the present stretch under construction by McNutt Brothers to the Bridge of the Gods.

It was resolved that "in view of the nearing completion of the Bon-
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Bill Haggmann Dies Suddenly Tuesday Night

William "Bill" Haggman, popular Standard Oil distributor for the dam area, died Tuesday night in the Emanuel Hospital in Portland. He was taken ill Thursday night with an acute stomach ailment and was rushed to Portland.

With the beginning of development at Bonneville Haggman was transferred to Cascade Locks from Eastern Oregon. Funeral services are to take place this morning at Stanfield, his father's home.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret, of Cascade Locks; sister, Mrs. Ray Penney, and father, William, of Stanfield and sister, Mrs. Lloyd Russell of Portland.

SUNDSTEN IS CONTRACTOR

Helmer Sundsten, long time resident of Cascade Locks, is hanging out his shingle this week for contracting and general repairing. He may be located at his best recommendation, his own house, which he built in Cascade Locks.

PAPER ON SALMON INDUSTRY BY MRS. NORTH PUBLISHED

It all started when Mrs. Blanche North, Bonneville Postmaster, remarked in a letter to the secretary of the National Postmasters' Association that the people away from this section of the United States did not understand the local salmon situation.

Next came a letter from the President of the Indiana State Postmasters' Association, asking her to put in type her impressions of the salmon problem in connection with the Bonneville Dam. This gentleman was putting out a newspaper on the special train as it came west on its way to the big convention in Frisco. The article was published in this paper. Mrs. North has promised to supply us with a copy of this article so that we too may learn something about our salmon.

The paper is a result of considerable thought and research work on the part of Mrs. North.

Pours To Start Before Long On Bridge

With about 150 men employed on the reinforcing of the piers on the Bridge of the Gods, work there is proceeding speedily.

Most of the work is centered around pier Number 3 which is the north one of the two center piers. Here the cribbing is all in place, with only the south crib to be sunk about 10 more feet to its final resting place. Divers working from a small raft in the cofferdam are busy clearing the bottom preparatory to the pouring of the "seal pour." This pour, which will be made as soon as the cribbing is complete, is of 1400 yards and will be from eight to 10 feet in height. When this pour is complete the cofferdam will be unwatered and the next pour will be made.

On the south bank concrete is being poured around pier Number 2.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FALLS DOWN ON PIERCE'S VISIT

My, oh my, how this Cascade Cascade Locks Chamber of Commerce through its present president, Ira Owen, can ball things up!

Two weeks ago he announced to the citizens of Cascade Locks that Representative Walter Pierce would be the guest of the Chamber on the evening following the big Mid-Columbia Chamber meeting in Hood River. Pierce was not aware that he was expected to be here until after the meeting had been announced. He was in a hurry to return to Washington for the special session. Nevertheless he agreed to appear for a dinner and meeting in Cascade Locks on last Friday night.

Thursday night it was discovered in Hood River that the president had made no plans for a meeting. Interested citizens of Cascade Locks were gathered together Friday night at Merrill's Tavern and enjoyed a very informal chat and discussion with Mr. Pierce.

Previous to the meeting Pierce was entertained at dinner at the home of Druggist S. J. Hammel. Miss Margaret Rankin and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Lewallen were present.

BUSINESSES CHANGE HANDS

Changes in business management were noted this week in Cascade Locks, with the transfer of Morgan's Standard Service Station from M. L. Morgan to Al Scriber. Hank Julius, formerly of the Toothrock Garage, has taken over the repair work in connection with the station.

The Morgans have taken over the handling of the service station at Penn's Tavern, and are now living in the house at Penn's, formerly occupied by the Turnipseed family.

MUSIC TEACHER ANNOUNCED

Through the efforts of the Cascade Locks P.-T. A., Mrs. Wilbur Harrison of Cascade Locks has been secured as a special instructor in the high school and grade school. She will teach one day a week.

Administrator



J. D. ROSS—Courtesy Oregonian

Ross To Speak Before Power League

J. D. Ross of Seattle, newly appointed Administrator of Bonneville Dam, has announced that his first public appearance in Oregon will be at a mass meeting sponsored by the People's Power League of Oregon. Dr. J. F. Hosch, liberal legislator from Deschutes County and president of the power league, will preside at the meeting and be in complete charge of arrangements.

The announcement of the selection of the People's Power League to sponsor Ross' first appearance came to Dr. Hosch directly from President Roosevelt's home at Hyde Park, where Ross has been conferring on the question of power rates. A decision was reached fixing the interest rate on the power portion of Bonneville Dam at 3 1/2 per cent, allowing 40 years for amortization of the cost.

Indications are that Ross' first speech under the power league's auspices will be held in a large public auditorium in Portland so that all citizens interested may attend. Dr. Hosch has intimated that a concerted drive will be made in all portions of the state to gather support to Ross' program of giving preference to public agencies for the distribution of power, and that people's utility districts will be formed in every county in Oregon.

It is regarded as significant that Dr. Hosch has announced that the manager of one of Oregon's successful municipally-owned power plants will appear on the platform with Administrator Ross. The man who will probably be chosen is J. W. McArthur, superintendent of the Eugene Water Board public power plant. Dr. Hosch pointed out that Eugene's citizen-owned power system has been able to build up a magnificent plant and almost completely pay for it, and at the same time maintain rates much below those of the large PEPCO system, the latter charging \$3.37 for 100 kilowatt-hours against the Eugene rate of \$2.55.

WEST COAST POWER COMPANY RELOCATES ITS LINES

West Coast Power Company workmen were busy this week relocating their lines in several places along the highway and on the reservation.

The largest move at this time is transferring all lines from the reservation to a point up behind the Roosevelt Hotel and Cook's Tavern. Lines must also be relocated where McNutt Brothers are starting their new contract on the highway.

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If your subscription record, as stated on your bill, does not check with yours, please notify us. These bills were sent as a means of checking up on our records—if they are wrong, let us know (The Bonneville Dam Chronicle, 110 3rd St., Hood River), so that we may correct it.

From now until Saturday, Nov. 13, we are having a special half-price offer. During that time The Bonneville Dam Chronicle is selling for \$1 per year, instead of the customary \$2. Get your subscription straightened up, and paid up, now while you can save fifty per cent.

Pierce Speaks On Power In Locks

"It has been said that the President and I think just the same on this matter of Bonneville power distribution, but that isn't the case," declared Congressman Walter M. Pierce when he addressed a small but enthusiastic meeting at Merrill's Tavern Friday night.

"The President," said Mr. Pierce, "does not believe in public ownership of the distribution system by towns and cities. He thinks of these great federal projects as most useful in providing a 'yardstick' to prove what power ought to cost. I go further than that. I think the people of Cascade Locks, for example, will be very foolish if they don't acquire their own distribution system and buy their own power direct from the government at Bonneville."

The congressman displayed charts which gave a comparison of charges for electricity in cities served by private and those served by publically owned utilities. The charges in cities served by private utilities ran as much as double those in effect in such cities as Eugene, Tacoma and Los Angeles, where the people own the plants and distributing systems. And these charts showed that public power plants in such Canadian cities as Winnipeg are profitably retailing power at even lower rates.

Mr. Pierce stressed the point that the cheaper the electricity the greater the consumption and declared that, as power becomes cheaper and more abundant in the Northwest, as new dams rise on the Columbia, the Deschutes, McKenzie and other fine power streams, its use will double and quadruple and that there will be a receptive market for all such power as it is produced.

Umatilla Next Summer

The congressman ventured the assertion that Umatilla will be the next dam to be built and that work may start next summer, with the power used in construction transmitted up the Columbia through The Dalles from the Bonneville Dam, so that the government can use its own power for building the Umatilla project. In conclusion he said: "I say without reservation, that to make a success of this electric development now taking place in the Northwest, which will provide generation and transmission through Government plants, the people must own their own distribution systems. Oh, I do not say confiscate the private plants, but take them from their Wall Street holding-company owners at fair valuations. These owners have purposely frightened the investors whose interests lie with public ownership rather than with speculators who
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CARNIVAL AT SCHOOL TONIGHT

One of the biggest events of the school year in Cascade Locks High School is the annual Carnival. This year it is to be bigger and better than ever before with fun and entertainment for both young and old. It is scheduled for tonight at the high school gymnasium. Everyone is invited.

Port Group Sets up Budget For Next Year

Laber roared, Ira Owen called for parliamentary order and Keeler nearly cried, but the budget committee for the Port of Cascade Locks went merrily ahead and completely ignored the recommendation of Laber's John H. Lewis for a budget for the forthcoming year and voted a modest sum of \$1000 to take the place of the near \$10,000 one submitted by Lewis.

The meeting, originally scheduled for Wednesday night was held Monday night at the request of Commissioner Karl Rosenback, who was planning on being out of town on Wednesday night.

With the announcement of a Monday meeting, politics came into full bloom. Real old style political entertainment was carried on Monday afternoon. Laber and Lewis were hurriedly called from Portland. Political votes were counted and coached "over a few" Monday afternoon.

Monday night the regular port commissioners were present with their respective choices for the budget committee. Regular members are G. N. Heggard, W. J. Carlson, Karl Rosenback, C. C. Chapman, and William (Friday) Keeler. The added members were Oscar Hyde, Frank Moran, F. W. Prohaska, Vic Wigren and low and behold Ira (Saturday) Owen, who loudly proclaimed himself a freeholder.

Oscar Hyde was elected chairman of the gathering and then the fun began. Personalities naturally entered into the issue even to the extent of one of the promotion boys throwing an accusation at an unnamed member of the committee of selling the promotion boys down the river.

After some talk the budget drawn up by Lewis was presented. In it were included an amount of around \$6500 for purchased of land, \$500 for attorney's fees, and \$1380 for Lewis' fees. The committee decided to forget about the purchase of land for
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Spillway Dam Completion Planned Soon

With the completion of the third step work of the spillway dam last Friday, another milestone in dam building was passed.

To many this expression "third step work" is rather confusing, so we will try to make it a little clearer with the following explanation:

Due to the large volume of water in the Columbia River, it was necessary to construct the main spillway dam in three steps, each at a low water period. The south half was constructed first, with the spillway crest left some 30 feet low and the piers carried up to full height. In other words, they left 30 feet of concrete to be poured between the piers.

Next the north half was completed to full height (the 30 feet between the piers was poured in this half; these sections are known as ogee sections) forcing the entire flow of the river through the seven unfinished bays (open sections between the piers) in the south half of the dam.

The last and final stage, which is just now being completed, was the closing of these 50-foot bays and pouring of the concrete up to the full height. The last pour in the last bay, Number 11, was completed Friday.

There are some small pours to be made on the Washington abutment. Columbia has started to clean up the waste materials and to dismantle their equipment.

The large steel gates in the spillway dam have been completed and accepted by the government, and the erection of the second 350-ton gantry crane is about to start.