

Public Power Projects Needed for Cheap Juice

Public power projects are the only effective means of keeping down the cost of electricity to the people. In an article written for the United States News, J. D. Ross, Administrator of the Bonneville Project, made this declaration and said that state regulation of utility companies had failed.

His statement was part of a symposium on the federal navigation and hydroelectric program which discussed the recent conferences between President Roosevelt and utility executives headed by Wendell L. Wilkie of the Commonwealth & Southern Holding Company.

Public "Yardstick" Approved
"The competition of a public power system reduces rates to a very great degree," he said. "But the highest degree of economy is reached when the public power agency offers the existing private company a fair price to purchase its property before it starts in competition."

Resistance of the private utilities to policing by the Securities and Exchange Commission was condemned by the Bonneville Administrator. He declared that the Commission encouraged issuance of stocks and bonds that had proper value back of them. "These companies ask regulation from the people in one breath and fight it in the next breath."

Private Companies Held at Fault
Mr. Ross refuted the contention that the Federal Government was hindering electrification progress. "If private power is backward in development," he said, "it is their own fault. Honest stocks and bonds always find a market." Their chief trouble is that the public hesitates to believe them sincere after the disasters they brought in the last depression."

Bronze Used by Romans in Their Early Plows

Plows used by the early Romans had a detachable pole, held to the beam by wooden pegs. The share was lashed in place by thongs. The outline of the forked tree remained, but the tree itself has been replaced by separate parts fashioned by craftsmen.

Later Romans applied to the plow their highly developed artistry in bronze and iron, according to a writer in the Rural New-Yorker. These metals had been discovered in the East some 4,000 years earlier—the discovery of bronze and the invention of writing roughly coincide and mark the beginning of the historic period, only 5,000 or 6,000 years ago; iron came about 1,000 years later than bronze. The Romans made shares and moldboards of metal and added a wheel—from the warrior's chariot—to control and regulate the depth of plowing.

The ancient Spanish plow shows an early stage in the development of the modern moldboard. Until the moldboard came the plow merely gashed the soil to permit the placing of seeds. Afterward it became a tillage implement also and took on its complex function of pulverizing, mixing, aerating and inverting the earth, exposing it to the weather and releasing new fertility.

The early English plows had conical points that dug rather than sheared through the soil. Such a plow was patented by Joseph Foljambe of Yorkshire in 1720. By 1763 Scottish plows were made entirely of metal, the moldboard of cast iron, the share, beam, handles and coupler of cast iron. The share was narrow and the turned furrow had an inverted V-shape. The top of the furrow was not crumbled and the plow was not required to pulverize the soil. Seed, broadcast by hand, rolled down into the grooves between the lapping furrows, to be easily covered by the drags or wooden harrows that followed. This custom set the standard for plowing in England and it is still popular there.

Historic Reminders in Lima

In Lima, Peruvian capital dating from the early Spanish days of the Fifteenth century, are notable monuments reminiscent of the viceroys, the University of San Marcos, the oldest seat of learning in the Western hemisphere, and the finest examples of Spanish colonial architecture in existence. Adjacent to modern Lima are the ancient shrines of the pre-conquest peoples and the dead city of Coeval, which vies with Babylon in its antiquity.—Rocky Mountain Herald.

A Suggestion



Bonneville

(By Jean Bradley)

Novel Party Held

A "no-host" party, beginning with a dinner at Bonny Villa Tavern, included as guests, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. LePere, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bauer, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hostetter, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. White, Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Abbott, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Lewis. After the dinner, the party separated into groups for an evening of bridge. Following this the guests gathered together again to welcome in the new year.

Released From Hospital

Mrs. Bertha Markwart, who has been a patient at the Emanuel Hospital in Portland for the past two weeks, returned to her home Monday and is rapidly recovering from a severe illness.

Returns to University

Keith Hill has resumed his studies at Pacific University at Forest Grove, after enjoying his holiday vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rory Hill.

Mrs. Russell Entertains

Hostess at a dance social Wednesday evening, Dec. 29 at the Civic Auditorium, was Mrs. Bertha Russell. An evening of dancing followed by refreshments was enjoyed by the older pupils of her dancing classes and their friends.

Move to Drus Residence

Mr. and Mrs. John Woffenden are now occupying the residence recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Karl Drus and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Colby M. Meyers were dinner guests of Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Wells of Hood River Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert F. Berni of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Miles of Bonneville were New Year's day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Le Pere.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Otto C. Hartman, who moved from the Reservation Monday will soon be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Carlton and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Scheufele are now occupying the residence recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Irwin E. Burks.

Ted Johnson was a holiday guest of Harold Kanzler at the Kanzler residence on Bradford Island.

Lyle Arnold, director of music of Western Baptist Theological Seminary in Portland, and Miss Aplanalp aided in the Christian Endeavor services Sunday night with songs and pieces played on the piano by Mr. Arnold.

4-H Club News

COOKING I

(By Edna May Johnson)

A special meeting was called Monday afternoon, Jan. 3, to elect officers for the coming year of 1938. They were elected as follows: President, Nell Ray Broliar; vice-president, Edna May Johnson; secretary, Janice Mikkelsen. Other members of this group are: Elaine Regnier, Margaret Ann Stark, Shirley Woodward, Olive Potts, Betty Jean Clark, Loraine Nichols, Norma Davidson, and Joanna Turnipseed. These girls with their leader, Mrs. J. A. Jones, expect to do a lot of good 4-H work throughout the coming year.

COOKING II

(By Eleanor Sprague)

A special meeting was called by Club Leader Mrs. P. F. Kelsay Monday afternoon for the purpose of electing new officers for the coming year. Officers elected were as follows: President, Lucille Nichols; vice-president, Eleanor Sprague; secretary, Audrey Kelsay. Other members included Helen Rosenback, Betty Kelsay, and Kathleen Lowe.

The next meeting will be held as soon as record books, etc., are received.

SEWING I

(By Olive Potts)

A special meeting was called Monday afternoon, Jan. 3, to elect officers for the coming year. Those elected are as follows: President, Betty Clark; vice-president, Olive Potts; secretary, Shirley Woodward. The members are Edna May Johnson, Olive Potts, Betty Clark, Shirley Woodward. These girls, with their new leader, Mrs. Dan Albuch, expect to do a lot of 4-H work this year.

SEWING II

(By Lucille Nichols)

A special meeting was called Monday afternoon to elect officers for the coming year of 1938. They were elected as follows: President, Betty Kelsay, president; Lucille Nichols,

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vice-president; Helen Rosenback, secretary. The other members of this group include Janice Mikkelsen, Nell Rae Broliar, Elaine Regnier, Eleanor Sprague, Audrey Kelsay, Margaret Ann Stark, Kathleen Lowe, and Loraine Nichols. These girls, with their leader, Mrs. J. F. Kelsay, expect to do a lot of good 4-H work through the coming year.

BALLOTING CONTINUES

Though no recent tabulations have been made on the vote for the name of the new lake to be formed by Bonneville Dam and the Columbia River, ballots continue to come to the Chronicle, with Lake Bonneville far in the lead as the choice of the people of this locality. Interest has been growing in the lake-naming, and the Chronicle has decided to prolong the ballot-receiving till more citizens have had a chance to indicate their choice. It had been previously announced to conclude the vote January 1, but the balloting, according to recent decisions, will continue for another two weeks.

One ballot was received yesterday from Corvallis, sent in by Cleo Wiesendanger, of Bonneville, at present a student at O. S. C.

Tracing the White Indians

Definite indications that the mysterious "White Indians" of Panama are descendants of white men who came to America before Columbus are reported by an archeologist. Many scientists have held these people were albinos. But albinos usually are childless, and when they do have children they also are always albinos. But there were instances where the "White Indians" gave birth to brown-skinned children.

Appointments Made For Power Survey

J. D. Ross, Administrator of the Bonneville Project, has added two men to his staff to serve as field examiners in the State of Oregon, according to information received from the administrator's office. They are Byron G. Carney of Milwaukie and Morton Tompkins of Dayton.

These appointments are for a period of three months, during which time the field examiners will make a survey of the power requirements of the various Oregon counties. As part of their duties, they will discuss the marketing of Bonneville power with individuals throughout the State.

The examiners will confer with farm, civic, and commercial organizations, as well as with individuals and private company executives interested in procuring electricity from the federal dam. The information obtained by the field examiners will be forwarded to Mr. Ross for use in determining the sales program for the disposition of power from Bonneville Dam.

LOCAL MISS MARRIED

Our attractive young beauty operator in Cascade Locks, Opal Payne, may no longer be referred to in the singular for last Monday at Vancouver she was married to Robert Franklin of Portland. For the present she will remain at her place of business as usual.



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