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—Jack Travis.

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THE GORGE

At our front door is Columbia's Gorge—a marvel of nature's handiwork. As far as our knowledge goes, there is nothing like it in all the world! Stop and think. Is there on earth any other river of the first magnitude that cuts clear through a mountain range of universal snow-capped peaks? There is, of course, the Colorado. But it is no navigable stream and it apparently has only followed the lead of the Columbia in finding a mighty fissure in the same mountain range. There can be no doubt that this great mountain range was split in three sections by the same titanic force that raised it. For though the constant wearing of water will do wonders, it can never split a mountain range. But water always finds its way to the sea and eternally returns in its journey to the mountain to flow over again its preceding course. The mountains are the source of rivers the world over, and the Columbia is unique in that it finds its way through the mountains.

With this great stream in its stupendous canyon, it is no wonder the mighty spectacle has inspired men to undertake surpassing work. So we have the triple display—the mighty river, the mighty gorge, and the mighty dam. They tell us that modern men are at last eclipsing the ancients in the magnitude of their work. For long years the Egyptian pyramids have stood fast as man's monumental work, surpassing all others in magnitude. They are monuments to death. American engineers have in late years and are now constructing works that symbolize life and that cater to the use of the living. There is the great dam of the Cascades virtually complete which last week saw its big ship locks put in operation.

Our great dam not only makes provision to turn the wheels of a larger industry but will contribute immensely to the necessary means of transportation to these same industries. So the pull of the river must in a few years draw to us a much larger population and make the gorge a center of activity in the commercial world.

OWNING A HOME

The desire to have and to own the necessities of life is as old as the human race. It is a natural instinct that is common to animal life high and low. It expresses a truth that is undisputed and yet a recent survey shows that but one out of every five actually owns a home. The large majority is composed of renters. Their chief arguments for remaining in that class is that they can rent a home as cheaply as they can build one. In that they may be correct, but there is something about owning a home that far more than offsets any advantage in being a renter.

Folks who own their homes enjoy a feeling

of independence the renter cannot know. Home ownership makes for good citizenship and patriotism. A man's home is his castle and the ability to say "This roof above my head is mine" makes him a better citizen.

With the approach of spring there is going to be launched a nation-wide home-building campaign, and this community is certain to hear a lot about the subject before 1938 has progressed very far. Since it is considered today the most important campaign that could possibly be launched looking toward a complete restoration of prosperity, and as it comes when the nation has a shortage of millions of houses and must take some definite action at once, it is a subject that everyone ought to become interested in. Home-building will be the biggest movement in America this year, and this year should be the logical time for every man who has been postponing the building of a home to set about it without further delay.

THEN AND NOW

In a paper published in an Illinois city, we note a comparative market report that ought to be of interest to every citizen and especially those who are capable of thinking back to what they now refer to as "the good old days." In one column the paper prints the current market quotations, in an opposite column the prices that prevailed in 1878—sixty years ago. The report shows that in '78 corn was quoted at 18c a bushel; potatoes, 15c a bushel; cornmeal, 75c a hundred. But flour was \$3.25 a sack. Eggs were bringing 15c a dozen and "frying" chickens \$1.50 a dozen. Country school teachers were getting \$25 a month.

Sixty years is a brief span as measured by old Father Time's yardstick, but when we compare these prices of sixty years ago with the prices of the same commodities today, it shows that we have come a long way in the matter of increasing the cost of living in a short space of time. And at the present rate, it would be interesting to see another comparison, one made sixty years from now.

WHY NOT TRY THIS?

Wonder why most people wait until spring to do a lot of odd jobs around the house when they could be done just as well now while there is more time to devote to such things. If there is a little inside painting or varnishing job to do there is no reason why it cannot be attended to, in a lot of instances, during the winter months. Opening the windows at top and bottom an inch or so for a short time in chilly weather won't freeze anybody, and the paint job will dry quickly. And locks and other hardware patching on the inside of the house can be looked after now just as well as in the spring, when there are so many other things demanding attention. The folks who accomplish something along his line now that ordinarily would be put over until spring will find themselves ahead of their neighbors when the regular spring season arrives, and they will also find they have saved up a lot of energy by doing many of these inside jobs during the winter months.

The only reason some men work is they're too dignified to beg and too nervous to steal.

Next to losing your job after making the first payment on the car, nothing hurts like raising your head up under the corner of a cupboard door.

Another reason for lower taxes is the people are finally becoming convinced that they can make better use of their money than the politicians can.

Why is it the man who loves to stay at home is married to a woman who wants to go somewhere seven nights in the week.

River Hearing Held Tuesday In Washington

A united legislative front from Oregon, Washington and Idaho, led by Senators Charles L. McNary and Frederick Steiwer of Oregon, appeared before the board of army engineers Monday at Washington D. C. in a plea for further development of the Columbia and Snake rivers, as it explained that Bonneville is but the initial step in a comprehensive improvement of the Columbia, and the engineers were urged to sanction further steps—not necessarily any special sites but wherever the judgment of the engineers deemed of pressing importance.

While this was the argument of the Inland Empire Waterways association and of the two Oregon senators and representatives from the three states, Representative Walter M. Pierce begged for the building of Umatilla rapids dam.

He asserted that while Bonneville is a splendid start, that project is not as important toward opening transportation as a dam at Umatilla.

Mr. Pierce asked for a favorable report which will call for early construction at Umatilla, explaining that it will result in a reduction of freight rates.

Development of the Columbia has passed the dream stage, said Senator Steiwer, whereas a dozen years ago everything was speculative. With improvements under way upstream to The Dalles, the senator requested consideration for the stretch of river between The Dalles and Lewiston, Idaho.

Representative Compton of Idaho declared the greatest stands of government forests are in Idaho, but the trees are largely ripe and going to waste for want of transportation. The only transportation possible, because of the rugged terrain, is water and this requires improvement of the Snake and Columbia.

Supporting statements were submitted by Representative Nan Honeyman and Representative Knute Hill with letters from a Washington congressman who did not appear in person. Letitia Erb, secretary of the Lewiston Chamber of Commerce, presented the petition of that organization and Herbert West, Walla Walla, directed the hearings in behalf of the Inland Empire Waterways association.

The technical features of the traffic and transportation problems involved in further development of the river were presented by Fred R. Brown of Portland.

Idaho to Get Bonneville Aid, Ross States

Extension of electric power lines from Bonneville into both Southern and Northern Idaho was assured this week by J. D. Ross, administrator of the Bonneville project.

Ross said the only thing standing in the way of immediate construction of transmission lines into Idaho was lack of appropriation for the purpose. He expressed the hope the appropriation would be granted by the budget committee soon.

Service into Northern Idaho, he said, would be accomplished through a feeder line from Bonneville to Grand Coulee, making that plant operative and opening the way for extension.

Southern Idaho's power route would be built in from Yakima, Wash., the director said.

Ross, in Idaho for a general conference with Governor Barzilla Clark and other state government officials who have expressed interest in extension of the power to the Boise section of the state, said the service would be general.

"It will be for general delivery to farms, homes and industries if they want it," he said. "I see no reason for restricting its use."

Ross said the price for Bonneville power would be on a scale equitable to the price now paid for privately generated power in Southern Idaho.

Donough Asks for Change in Court Set-up

Division of the the U. S. Circuit Court District and establishment in the Pacific Northwest of the 11th District Circuit Court of Appeals has been advocated and already urged upon the U. S. Attorney General by Carl C. Donough, U. S. Attorney for Oregon, now a candidate for the

Democratic nomination for the Senate. Donough's campaign for a Northwest federal legal district has received wide endorsement. He bases his arguments on the Northwest's great population increases, its remoteness from the center of the present circuit (San Francisco), and the fact that the Northwest is producing a growing volume of litigation peculiar to itself which should be passed on by its own court. He advocates that Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Alaska be included in the new circuit.

FANCY FISHES

I know a famous fisherman
Who sits day after day,
A-writing of the finny fish
And a-drawing of his pay.

He dips his pen into the ink
And tells how it is done,
But never has the man been known
To catch a single one.

But oh, the stories he can tell
Of how and when to cast;
What bait is best and how to land
When fish are biting fast!

And editors, tied to a desk,
Send checks and ask for more
Because his pen can set them down
Upon some fishy shore.
The pools are all within his mind,
His fish of fancy born,
But what he writes of victories
Puts all mere facts to scorn.

While I, who wade the chilling
streams
And all the limits catch,
Would so rejoice if I could get
One dollar for the batch.

—Will Helm

WAGES AND WEALTH

I see by the papers reports quite
impressive
Of movie folks' salaries—to us quite
excessive.

There's Cooper and Colman and Baxter
and West—
Their checks run six figures, inquirers
attest.

I may view with some envy at my
observation;
Of vast sums of wealth in their remuneration;
But I'll stay in the valley and rest
and relax.

I won't have to compute an involved
income tax.

—Uncle Jeb

Meetings

American Legion, Bonneville Post, No. 88, second Tuesday of each month at the Civic Auditorium, Bonneville.

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—Thursday, cabin 8, Enquist addition. Everyone welcome.

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

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.

Cascade Locks P.-T. A.: Meets in the evening of the second Wednesday of the month.

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

Port Commission—Second Thursday of each month at City Hall, Cascade Locks.

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

I. O. O. F. Cascade Lodge — Every Monday night, Cascade Locks. Troop 390, B. S. A. Grade school gym every Friday, Cascade Locks.