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Cascade Locks Voters Approve Power Issue

By an overwhelming vote of 173 to 17 the city of Cascade Locks Wednesday enacted and adopted a charter amendment placing the city in the power business and authorizing the floating of a \$12,000 bond issue for the carrying out of such business. By a vote of 152 to 35 a warrant refunding amendment to place the city on a cash basis, was passed, which authorizes the council to float a \$3,000 bond issue.

Mayor G. E. Manchester stated that work would proceed with the completion of the system now under construction so that by July 24 when the West Coast Power Company's franchise runs out the city will be in a position to serve all commercial, residential and industrial outlets, of which there are around 278 at the present time. The light system previous to the election had been only for street lighting but now with the authorization for the city going ahead into the light business, the system will be enlarged to include this phase.

Construction may be held up a little until the arrival of a load of wire now on its way from Montana. One hundred and twenty poles are already placed within the city limits with cross arms on most of them ready to have the wire strung. Better than one mile of wire has been strung.

City attorney Wyers is at work preparing the bonds to go on the market. Already the city fathers have had several requests to be allowed to bid on the bonds so it appears that there will be little trouble in moving them.

Wheeler's Cargo Valued At \$150,000

The S. S. Charles L. Wheeler, Jr., when she sets world and national marine navigation precedents on an inland ship channel by docking at The Dalles, July 9, as the highlight event of ceremonies in dedication of the Mid Columbia-Bonneville ship channel, will have her holds filled with 1500 tons of varied cargo. Charles L. Nellor, manager of the Port of The Dalles, says that this allocated amount could have been far greater, had the limit not prevented.

The cargo, which includes 2½ tons of salad oil, ranges from sugar to cement, and it will be distributed from Hood River to Spokane. It is valued at more than \$150,000. Mr. Nellor, who cites that life is just beginning for America's youngest seaport, initiating revivifying influences of lessened transportation costs for all the Inland Empire, pays high tribute to H. E. Lounsbury, general freight agent of the Union Pacific System, and K. C. Conyers, district manager of the McCormick Steamship Company, for securing special permissions from the Interstate Commerce Commission for applying, on the interchange at The Dalles same water-rail rates as published Portland interchange water-rail rates.

The westbound cargo, symbolic of the past as well as prophetic of the future, will embellish the celebration ceremonies at The Dalles with what will perhaps be its most picturesque incident. Delivery of cargo will interweave historic romantic history and feminine pulchritude.

Clint Haight, colorful editor of the Blue Mountain Eagle of Canyon City, and Charlie Brown, picturesque old-timer of the John Day Valley, will deliver to Captain Peter Lund, master of the Wheeler, a pouch of bona fide Grant County gold dust, and a leather saddlebag, the kind used by pony express riders, filled with letters from Inland Empire municipal officials. These will be carried by Captain Lund to San Francisco for delivery to the Commission of the Golden Gate International Exposition.

Miss Barbara Johnson, beautiful "Miss Oregon," and this state's official representative to the great fair of next year, will go pioneer for (Continued on Page Eight)

Umatilla Vetoed By President

In a communication to Senator Charles L. McNary, President Roosevelt yesterday stated that he cannot approve of allocating funds to initiate the proposed dam at Umatilla. The president withheld approval particularly in view of the fact that more than \$23,000,000 of the \$200,000,000 authorized for federal projects in the public works appropriation act has already been allotted to projects in the Pacific northwest.

Prior to adjournment of congress the president intimated that he was deeply interested in the proposed Umatilla dam and gave Representative Walter M. Pierce to understand that he would earmark funds for that project if he could do so legally.

McNary Submits Brief

Senator McNary then prepared and submitted a brief citing the authority under which the president could make an allotment. Senator McNary had been confident that the funds would be available to start work this summer.

Shortly before adjournment the army engineers submitted a report recommending development of the Columbia and Snake rivers between Umatilla and Lewiston, suggesting that the initial step be a navigation dam at Umatilla, costing approximately \$23,000,000.

Report Sent to Ross

This report was sent to J. D. Ross, Bonneville administrator, by the president for Ross' comment, as it is part of the Columbia basin development.

Continuing, the president wrote that under the emergency relief appropriation act and the public works appropriation "no unauthorized project shall be undertaken or prosecuted unless there shall have been allocated and irrevocably set aside federal funds sufficient for its completion. The estimated cost in your letter is \$54,929,000, which exceeds the allotted balance."

NEW ODD FELLOWS

The ranks of the Cascade Locks Lodge 104 of I. O. O. F. were swelled mightily Tuesday night when a class of 23 was given the initiatory degrees at the high school auditorium.

Members of the Odell Lodge put on the degrees with quite a number from the Hood River Lodge as guests.

Those who were in the class were as follows: Joe Bucher, W. J. Carlson, Ova Dougherty, C. H. Franklin, Jack Flaucher, Frank A. Gray, Scott H. Griffith, S. J. Hammel, Frank Langford, J. Vernon (Mike) Long, S. H. McKee, Jim Merrill, Marshall M. Murray, Frank Prohaska, Larry Smith, Jack Whitson, Horace Wilson, Hugh Sherwood, Joe Charles, Jack Travis, Warren Davidson, Gilbert Banks, and Harley Grayson.



CHARLES L. WHEELER
After whom the ship in Saturday's celebration was named.

UNIQUE LIGHTING POLE

Believe it or not but the city of Cascade Locks will have one of the most unique lighting poles of any town in the United States when plans are completed for the setting of one of nature's oddities on some outstanding point.

It is a tree which by actual count of the growth rings shows it to be over 200 years old. It is 92 feet in length and measures only 10 inches at the butt and 6 inches at the top.

Just where it will be located is not known at the present.

Celebration To Be Broadcast Over CBS

With a CBS radio hookup at 9:30 a. m. the world is to know Saturday, that the Mid-Columbia region is open to navigation of ocean-going vessels. Ceremonies at Bonneville Dam will be broadcast, including music from the 7th Infantry Band and the ceremony of unveiling of a plaque of the Mid-Columbia Chamber of Commerce, to be conducted by the governors of Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The broadcast will be shifted to the power house for sound effects of turbines as picked up by the microphone.

Headed by the patrol of the United States Coast Guard Cutter Onondaga, a fleet of vessels, including the ocean-going steamer Charles L. Wheeler, will steam up the river from Vancouver on Friday.

Movement of vessels above the dam will be patrolled by the United States Coast Guard, and will take positions predetermined by Captain Arthur Riggs.

At The Dalles a land parade, dramatization and broadcast have been arranged, together with a reception and banquet.

Carnival, Dances Will Highlight Power Days

The first annual "POWER DAYS" in Cascade Locks will be the center of attraction this week-end in this section of the Columbia Gorge.

The Carnival is in town already and the rides are all going strong but the big attractions will not take place until Saturday and Sunday when crowds will gather from all around to help Cascade Locks celebrate her first power days.

Ross Calls For Bids on Stringing Line

Administrator J. D. Ross of the Bonneville project yesterday called for bids on approximately 1,500,000 pounds of high voltage wire, either copper or aluminum, to be strung for 36 miles between Bonneville dam and Vancouver, Wash.

The Bonneville-Vancouver line, backbone of the great transmission system contemplated for the federal project, will be one of the largest in the nation. It will have a circumference of nearly 3½ inches.

Line to Cross Hills

The 220,000-volt line will traverse mountainous country on the north bank of the Columbia, and for approximately 12 miles will be in a heavy "ice-loading line" in Columbia gorge, where high winds and low temperatures require a conductor that will withstand an eight-pound-per-square-inch wind when loaded with one inch of ice. Unusually rugged steel towers will be erected in this portion.

The invitations forwarded yesterday to leading wire and cable manufacturers throughout the country called for 240 miles of conductor.

Bids will be opened on August 10 at 10:30 a. m. in the Bonneville project office.

BODY DISCOVERED

A body discovered in the Columbia River near Mitchell point last Friday was yesterday not yet identified, according to reports from the Hood River County Sheriff's office.

When found, the body had been in the river for several weeks, and was so badly decomposed that it was impossible to tell what had happened to it. It was discovered at milepost 57 on the railroad, by Jack Surrall, O-W. R. R. & N. employee. The body was taken to the Anderson Funeral Home.

Following is a description released by the Sheriff's office:

A middle aged man.
Height, 6 feet.
Weight, 175 to 185 pounds.
Hair gone.
White man.
Full set of good teeth, lowers badly discolored, may have used snuff.
One upper tooth dropped out.
Persons having any information concerning the body have been asked to notify J. H. Sheldrake, Sheriff, Hood River County.

The highlight of the evening will be on Saturday night when the 28 flood lights, each with a 1000 watt globe, are turned on by J. D. Ross from The Dalles. This will occur around 8 p. m.

It is hoped that around 10 p. m. Bonneville administrator J. D. Ross will make an informal address from the porch of the city hall.

In addition to the Carnival, dances are being held both Saturday and Sunday nights at the Dugout in Cascade Locks.

At 10 o'clock Saturday morning Boy Scouts of troop 390 of Cascade Locks, together with the 40 piece band from White Salmon will meet at the west entrance of the old locks canal to give the Charles L. Wheeler a salute as she passes up the river.

River To Drop For Saturday's Water Traffic

If old King Canute had only had Uncle Sam's army engineers working for him, he might have been able to check the tide after all.

Ask the McCormick Steamship company, for the engineers are going to make the Columbia river sit up and do tricks for the benefit of the good ship Charles L. Wheeler Jr.

The company has been perplexed for some time over the problem of getting the Wheeler under the Hood River bridge when she goes to The Dalles Saturday. But like the cavalry of fiction fame, the engineers have ridden gallantly to the rescue and by the simple process of pushing a couple of buttons will simply lower the river above Bonneville.

Will Drop River

Major Theron D. Weaver, Bonneville engineer, said the river will be dropped about four feet to 64 feet. The operation will probably commence Thursday and it may be necessary to repeat the performance when the Wheeler returns Tuesday.

It will still be necessary to step out the top mast, an extension of about 12 feet on the main mast used only for radio, but Kit C. Conyers, McCormick district manager, said this was a comparatively simple operation.

Conyers said he has received definite assurance from Charles L. Wheeler, executive vice president, after whose son the ship is named, that he will come north from San Francisco for the history-making trip. Whether he will arrive here in time to go up on the Wheeler is not certain. Wheeler was a salesman and apple grower around The Dalles before he became a shipping man.

Due at Dam Friday

According to present plans the Wheeler and the coast guard cutter, Onondaga, will make the trip from here to Bonneville Friday afternoon and will enter the lock Friday afternoon. They will continue on to The Dalles immediately after the Bonneville ceremonies at 9 a. m. Saturday.

MABLE BECKER

Mrs. Mable Becker, beloved wife of Otto Becker of Cascade Locks, died unexpectedly at her home Saturday. Mrs. Becker was born in Dennison, Iowa, in 1889. She had been a resident of Cascade Locks for many years. She is survived by her husband and a brother, George Glazier of Oak Grove, Oregon.

Funeral services were held Tuesday in Cascade Locks followed by cremation in Portland.

TO THE CITIZENS OF CASCADE LOCKS:

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of the charter amendments you voted on Wednesday. I feel that Cascade Locks is on its way to big things in this world. To gain these we must take the "bit in our mouths" at times, and drive ahead. Several instances arose that made it necessary for us to act fast. This we did, and then had to ask the voters about it.

We appreciate this vote of confidence in our somewhat hasty actions. I do not as a general rule believe in doing business this way, but this time we saw our way and we acted. Residents may be assured that Cascade Locks affairs will be conducted in a business-like manner so that every citizen may be justly proud of "our town."

G. E. Manchester.

Mayor of Cascade Locks.