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Tuesday night I am at the Roosevelt Inn in Bonneville, and Wednesday in Cascade Locks. Other times call us collect at Hood River 3761.
Jack Travis.

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WHY THE HURRY?

The Oregonian's Friday edition carried an editorial inferring that sale of Bonneville power wasn't going so well. It mentioned Hood River's plan to close its municipal plant and supplant current from there with electricity from the big dam, and spoke of Cascade Locks buying out an established utility. Mention was also made of a private utility taking a small block of power on a short experimental basis.

"These contracts are very small with respect to the capacity of Bonneville. They might be compared to the use of a two-ton truck to deliver to the housewife the loaf of bread that a boy on a bicycle had been leaving at her door," comments the Portland daily.

Now we would remind the Oregonian that it is only a few short weeks since Bonneville rates were announced, and that transmission lines are only begun. Bonneville is built to serve many decades. We do not like to see the power pioneers' initial efforts belittled.

Pottery Made in Dam Area

A new industry has found its way into the dam area. It arrived last spring and has slowly but surely been making a place for itself. It is the Columbia River Pottery company located at Dobson. Ellis Minor, former sheep man of Eastern Oregon, is the owner and operator.

The plant is located in the old garage building at Dodson to be near a special kind of sand which is plentiful nearby in the Columbia River. Minor keeps six or seven men busy all the time making this unusual pottery which he sells at the factory and ships to points all over the United States and Canada. His stock of pieces runs from cigarette trays to three-foot bird pedestal baths.

The finished goods reminds one of the pictures one sees of the aztec pottery of ancient times. Built of a special high grade cement by a rather unusual proportion, the products are treated with waterproof mineral paint. From 4 original colors, 16 colors are made to give a variety of colors. The manner of putting this paint on the urns is secret.

MAYOR'S LETTER

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company property at a fair price. Mr. Ross has indicated this would allow an immediate rate reduction of 40 per cent. For domestic electricity this means the average user would save \$1.84 a month, or \$22.08 a year.

But we do not intend to be "average" users. By installing refrigerators and electric ranges, we hope to use several hundred kilowatt-hours a month, so that instead of saving \$22 a year per citizen, our savings will run as high as \$40 or \$50 per year per consumer.

In addition to these substantial savings, Mr. Ross has assured us that we can reduce our street light-

ing bill 75 per cent. That means we can have our streets lighted four times as well for the same price. Last year 70 persons were killed in automobile accidents in Portland—most of them at night. How many persons would be alive today if Portland streets were lighted four times as well as they now are?

G. E. MANCHESTER,
Mayor of Cascade Locks.

Editor of Oregonian's note: The reference was to savings to consumers under three contracts—a little in Cascade Locks, none to the others. The savings in Cascade Locks will be affected by the still undetermined price the town will pay for the distributive system, and by the yet to be demonstrated capability and economy of the local management.

Judge Wilson Sails South On Wheeler

The most thrilled person aboard the McCormick steamer Charles L. Wheeler Jr. when she departs today for San Francisco and Los Angeles will be Circuit Judge Fred W. Wilson of The Dalles, who plans to make the round trip to Los Angeles and return as a guest of the company.

Judge Wilson was purser on riverboats between Portland and The Dalles nearly 40 years ago and saw a dream come true one month ago when he rode into The Dalles on the deck of the first ocean-going steamer to navigate the Columbia river above Vancouver, Wash.

The vessel was the same 300-foot coastwise freighter that he will make his southern trip on. It was arranged as a compliment to him by Charles L. Wheeler, Sr., vice-president-general manager of the McCormick Steamship company, with the local assistance of R. C. Conyers, district manager.

POPULATION FIGURES

There always seems to be a report of some sort being issued from out capitol, and the recent one from Washington deals with the subject of the nation's population. The survey and predictions come to us from the committee on population problems, with many facts and figures to prove their point. The sum and substance lies in the fact that instead of this nation going on indefinitely with an ever-growing population, she will reach a total of about 158,000,000 people by 1988, and from that year she will decrease in number. The first census, taken in the U. S. was in 1790, and there were listed 3,920,214 inhabitants. We increase in population the experts estimate that between 1935 and 1975 the number of persons 22-44 years old would increase only six per cent, whereas the number 45-64 years old would increase 69 per cent. This is the more surprising outcome of the report, in our minds, the fact that the number of old people would be so much greater than the young. This nation has offered its biggest opportunities to the young and to learn they would be replaced by the old, seems a bit unreal.

We have grown rapidly since that first census in 1790 and we have felt we would continue to grow as each census year rolled by. It is not alarming to us around here to learn of the decrease for we won't be affected by it. The one thing we Americans would not want would be an over-populated nation, as we are too well aware what the outcome of such a condition has done to many other crowded nations. There is the resulting movement to other lands, the too eager quest for acquisition of new territory, dissatisfaction and upheaval within and censorship and dissension without. The report indicates that the decline in population would be beneficial as the ratio of people and resources would be in proportion to the demands, which would result in a higher level of living.

Any little boy can tell you that the reason his sister doesn't get much petting around home, is because there isn't any fun petting a wildcat.

River Boat To Link Inland Ports

THE DALLES—The sternwheeler, Umatilla, went upriver Wednesday in the start of what was hoped to be regular service on the upper Columbia river. She was bound for Umatilla.

The vessel was built above Celilo falls before the canal was dredged and she carried cargo for Umatilla and Celilo more than 30 years ago.

CHIPMAN PLANT

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of the Gorge, according to announcements. Sodium Chlorate, which is used in the control of obnoxious weeds, is at present manufactured only at Niagara Falls in this country.

From four to six kilowatt-hours will be required for the processing of a pound of the chemical. Administrator Ross pointed out. He went on to state that obnoxious weeds have infested thousands of acres of land in the Pacific Northwest, and that if sodium chlorate can be made available at low rates the fertility of these lands can be preserved. Last December representatives of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League asked Mr. Ross to help locate a sodium chlorate plant at Bonneville. The Oregon State Grange also urged that the lower cost of Bonneville power be used to manufacture sodium chlorate.

The Chipman Chemical Company will pay for primary power at the rate of \$14.50 per kilowatt-year and for secondary power at \$9.50 per kilowatt-year. Officials of the company said that the Bonneville low power rate and the excellent accessibility of navigation were responsible for their decision to build a plant in this region. Factory sites and adequate facilities for housing employees are available at Cascade Locks, they pointed out.

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