

Editorial Views and Discussions

GROWTH OF ELECTRICITY

From 1887 to 1929 inclusive, the annual electric power output in America rose from 157,000,000 KWH to 91,400,000,000 KWH, a five hundred and eighty-two fold increase. Thus, during all these forty-two years the output doubled every four years and eight months.

The output increased ten fold in about every sixteen years.

The depression came, and the output fell off. Now we must make up for the depression, for the past shows that a corresponding rise followed each depression.

Taking the fifty years from 1887 to 1937 inclusive, the demand rose from 157,000,000 KWH to 121,050,000,000 KWH, or seven hundred and seventy-one fold.

Thus, the output in the past fifty years doubled about every five years and three months.

This is a ten-fold increase in less than eighteen years, even after including the years of depression.

So, in only seventeen years from today, America will be using ten times as much electricity, i. e., 1,210,500,000,000 KWH.

We can expect 1,000,000,000 kilowatt loads where we now have 100,000 KW. We can expect a line carrying 100,000 KW today to be replaced by one carrying 1,000,000 KW. We must multiply by ten for this near future.

It may be argued that this great increase will not be realized as it has in the past. If so, it will be only a matter of a somewhat longer time until it is realized. The greater flexibility of transmission, allowing huge amounts of electricity to be sent over long distance by direct current, will itself tend to greater use.

Where will all this power come from? Our coal mines are getting deeper. Some are being worked out and abandoned. Under a ten-fold strain, the difficulty of power supplies will be increased. Transportation of fuel will become a greater problem.

Huge generators with higher efficiency will make their appearance. Longer transmission lines of the order of a thousand miles will circle the nation and crosscut it at intervals of two hundred and fifty to five hundred miles.

Transmission lines are becoming more and more dependable. Duplicate lines increase the dependability. Insulators have become very reliable. Preservative liquids have doubled the life of wood poles.

In the case of hydro power, the great plants of the Federal Government—Bonneville, Coulee, Boulder and T. V. A.—and the "Mil-

lion Horsepower" Skagit of the City of Seattle, are already foundation stones in the new superpower era.

DOWN WOULD GO TAXES

Those who disdain any attempt to promote local publicity with a view toward bringing profitable industry to our midst, and prefer to think only of how this Valley has been developed from a timbered area to its present "prosperous" condition, would do well to consider one more angle of the proposed industrial pioneering. That angle is taxes.

Two factories are now practically certain to locate in Hood River County, each with a plant valued at around a million and a half dollars. That would mean an additional assessed valuation in the county of \$1,800,000. Workers in the new factories would need homes, and the housing situation in the county even now is critical. New homes would have to be built. They would add to the taxable properties.

Those who are reluctant to see the Mid-Columbia industrialized or are skeptical as to its probability might hum a more cheerful tune if they would look far enough into the future to see their taxes lowered.

REPUBLICANS OR DEMOCRATS—WHO CARES?

City officers are elected without party declarations or party nominations. Why should county offices be filled via the party route? The staunchest Republican and most deep-rooted Democrat usually throw party lines to the winds when casting ballots for county offices.

In state and national politics the parties have their place. One party is a check on the other, and many are now pleased that there is a party that will attempt to do a little checking in the national arena.

But who cares whether the sheriff, the clerk, the commissioners, the assessor, the judge, the justice of the peace or the district attorney are Republican or Democrat. We might as well require that parties nominate candidates for members of school boards, library boards, chamber of commerce committees or church trustees.

Particularly in a county the size of this one, the individual candidates are known. Their attitudes and abilities, their personalities and integrities are practically common knowledge. Regardless of party loyalty, those who are elected to county positions will be chosen from such standards and not from party affiliation.

It has long been contended that Oregon's primaries are not altogether satisfactory. A voter in the primaries cannot cast his ballot for his best friend, because his friend was registered in the other party. The State of Washington has tried to remedy such a situation by letting both Democrats and Republicans nominate Democrats and Republicans for office. The system has met with considerable criticism.

Removing county offices from party elections would largely overcome the objections to Oregon's primary laws; it would take county elections out of politics; it would aid materially in taking politics out of county elections.

LET'S CHUCKLE

Someone said, "I always like to hear him chuckle," and it made us think a bit. Could we name a man who chuckles that folks didn't like? There is something about a chuckle that wins you and it usually comes from a person at ease with his neighbor—and his conscience. He is unselfish, is not a hypocrite, is friendly, sociable and without guile. A chap who is a lover of humanity and is in accord with it, who likes us and we like him. It behooves us all to do a bit of chuckling now and then to keep in practice and to hear how we sound to the other fellow.

MY PAIR OF SKIS AND I

I know a man who has a pan
That looks like pickles taste.
And if we can, we ought to ban
His face—it's such a waste;
Because the space where this man's
face
Should be, is such a sight
That should you face him anyplace,
You couldn't sleep at night.

But soon he came into his fame
Where people go to ski.
I heard his name with wild acclaim
Mentioned admiringly
By a gorgeous dame, one not so
tame,
With whom I'd like to be
In a kissing game; I'm sure she'd
shame
The champion easily.

It seems this guy became quite sly,
Became a skier fine.
When he skidded by, I heard her
sigh,
"That handsome man of mine!"
So I got out my new skis and I
Got in the ski jump line,
That I might try the jump so high
And catch her eyes divine.

My turn came soon (I was a loon
To try to make the jump.)
But I hummed a tune, soared toward
the moon;
Then came an awful bump—
A sudden swoon, a smashed pontoon,
And on my head a lump,
While some baboon began to croon,
"This ain't the city dump."

And with that rend there came an
end
To airs I had been doggin'.
'Twas time to send me out to mend,
My blood the snow was soggin'.
I couldn't stand—they wouldn't lend
Me aid to keep from cloggin'
Up the bend where did descend
That toboggan on my noggin.
—Ray Claxman.

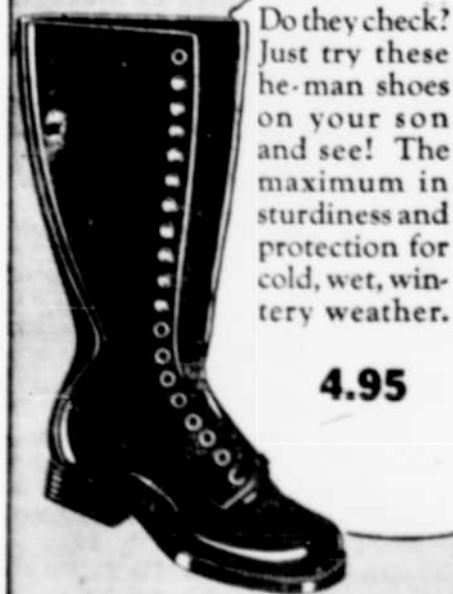
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Hood River

Land Transactions

Three deeds were recorded in Hood River County during the week from September 14 to September 21. As published by the Hood River Abstract & Investment Co., they were:

J. H. and Emma M. Wilkins to World War Veterans' State Aid Commission, deed, conveys W. 70 feet Lot 2, Block 4, Parkhurst Addn.

F. M. and Bertha Jarvis to Violet S. Hyde, warranty deed, conveys Tract No. 2; being in Sec. 12, Tp. 2; Tract 3, being in Sec. 12, Tp. 2; Tract No. 4, being in Sec. 12, Tp. 2; Tract No. 6, being in Sec. 12, Tract No. 7; being 252/1000 of an acre in Sec. 12, Tp. 2; Tract No. 8; Lots 5, 7, 8, 9, and 10, Block 2, Leavens Heights; Tract No. 9; tract in NW¼ NW¼ SE¼ Sec. 12, T. 2, Cascade Locks.

Orville E. Hall to Louise D. Volstorff, warranty deed, conveys Lot 23, Block 3, of Stranahan's First Addn.

Silo Silas Sez . . .

Give the neighbors half a chance and they'll do all the necessary worrying about your affairs.

One of the hardest things to make a woman believe is that her husband will love her more for keeping his stomach contented than he will for keeping his morals straight.

Every town has a few people who think they are so good that sin isn't sinning if they do it.

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