

Editorial Views and Discussions

REDUCTION IN RATES

Tuesday night four signatures were affixed to a contract for the purchase of the West Coast Power Company's holdings along the south bank of the Columbia River from Multnomah Falls on the west to Lindsay Creek on the east by the city of Cascade Locks. The sale price was \$44,000 and the sale is contingent on the sale of the revenue bonds by the city.

Before many weeks the city of Cascade Locks will be in the power business and once again will be the focal point of those interested in the utilization of Bonneville power by public bodies and also by those not interested in the sale of Bonneville power to public bodies. One group will be praising the city of Cascade Locks for its enterprise and will be telling of the wonderful benefits to be derived from such an arrangement. The other faction will start the presses going on a campaign of belittling and criticism. Neither of these factions will be wholly in the open but their influences will be noticed. For on the success or failure of the Cascade Locks City Light company will largely depend the part municipalities will play in the distributing of the Bonneville power in Oregon. Cascade Locks is first. Others will follow if Cascade Locks succeeds.

Responsibility for the success or failure of the new enterprise rests largely with the power committee of the common council and with the council itself.

The committee can approach this situation in two ways. First it can take over the system with a blare of bugles, lots of cheering and a big reduction in rates.

The second manner of approach which should be followed is for the Council not to enter into the enterprise with the idea of slashing rates immediately, but with a view in mind of improving the service, starting the new enterprise on a firm foundation and then as the occasion arises reduce rates.

There is no question that the rates will be reduced greatly within a very short period of time but first the foundation of good, practical business must be laid.

We have waited some time for cheap power. A few more months will not make a great deal of difference. The important item is to have that cheap power year after year on a firm business basis.

FOR INDUSTRIES: ALL TOGETHER

Belated but welcome is J. D. Ross' proposal to unite 32 public utility districts and 50 municipally owned electric utilities of Washington, Oregon and Idaho in a co-ordinated drive for new industries.

Working on the theory that what benefits one benefits all, this group can perform signal service for the region by directing national attention to the manifold industrial advantages of Bonneville's cheap and abundant power.

The move is particularly heartening in that it gives recognition to the fact that if Bonneville is to serve its intended, ultimate purpose it must serve not only domestic consumers on farms and in homes but also new industrial consumers who will add payrolls, balance the Pacific Northwest's unbalanced economy. Simply trading public for private distribution can never accomplish this.—*Oregon Journal*.

Three hundred boys and girls—members of County 4-H clubs gathered in Hood River Saturday for their annual Achievement Day program. The work of these 4-H members and their leaders in the past year makes an impressive record, and the Achievement Day serves as a fitting climax.

It hurts us as much as it does you but the truth must be revealed. There are some Hood River men who talk just as much as women and sometimes say less.

THE PEOPLE SPEAK FOR PROGRESS IN MID-COLUMBIA

Don't discount the Oregon Country.

A brilliant event in civic activities was the banquet that, at the Columbia Gorge hotel, near Hood River, Wednesday evening, closed the eight annual session of the Mid-Columbia Chamber of Commerce.

A rollcall of those in attendance included representation from many communities in both Oregon and Washington. There were present from Portland more than 50, as a sign of a metropolitan city's desire to speed in trade territory the progress of transportation, industry and power.

One of the prominent questions, calling for legal answer, that came before the conference was: Who shall secure and use the Columbia river foreshore, now that power and port development render it important? As an instance, 1000 acres of land between low and high water marks near the city of Cascade Locks is involved.

A question important to towns who made ports by expending an arm of the sea past Bonneville dam to The Dalles and Celilo, is the zoning of port-supporting property.

Still another is the improvement and co-ordination of transportation facilities. The pushing of a modern highway through the gorge of the Columbia, so built that it will add to rather than detract from scenic beauty, is on the "must" list.

Furthermore, it should be possible under the Pittman-Robinson act, to increase the wild life in the gorge—migratory waterfowl, game animals and fish. It is a project that calls for local leadership and federal-state cooperation.

One finds in the mid-Columbia district hope and energy inherited from the vision that long ago staked out future accomplishments. What has been done is a beginning.—*Oregon Journal*

THE SPIRIT OF GIVING

Critics of social progress and human failings must admit, after watching the Christmas shoppers in the dam area, that people here have learned the truth of the maxim, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

The zest of the shoppers, going from one display to the other, deliberating on the fitness of their purchases, and leaving stores with radiant faces and arms full of bundles to proceed down the street with a happy, nervous haste, is a sight one sees at no other time but Christmas. There seems to be a desire to select the most fitting, the most appropriate gifts that the Christmas budgets can stand.

Surely the joy of Christmas giving is more evident in the faces of these shoppers than will be any exhilaration on Christmas eve as they contemplate that which they are about to receive.

AIMING LOW FOR A NEW HIGH

Aiming low for a new high sounds like a paradoxical objective. Yet that is just what the National Tuberculosis Association and its some 1,500 affiliated state and local associations are doing—they are striving to bring about a new low death rate from tuberculosis. The number of deaths from this disease has been constantly decreasing during the last 30 years and it is believed that with continuous effort tuberculosis eventually can be eradicated.

With the funds raised by the sale of Christmas Seals—now being sold for the 32nd consecutive year—tuberculosis associations have been instrumental in creating a nationwide machinery to combat the insidious sickness that for many years was the leading cause of death in the United States.

School News

BONNEVILLE SCHOOL (By Loraine Webber)

Irene Raccanelli was elected Captain of the Girls' basketball team.

The Power City Post Office opened Monday, the 12th. The assistant Postmaster is Dolores Seifer.

Mr. Robertson and Mrs. O'Keefe attended the meeting of upper division teachers in Portland Thursday evening.

On Saturday, Mrs. O'Keefe attended Music Teachers Meeting for Multnomah County in Portland. Plans are being formulated for a music carnival in the spring.

The Music classes are learning Christmas songs. From these selections, we will sing our Christmas Carols for the American Legion program.

The 8th grade Dramatic Class is still awaiting the arrival of the individual play books. However, the play has been cast, and will be ready to start rehearsing as soon as they arrive.

David Caven, Philip Rabideau and Roy Lusch have been absent on account of illness.

The art class is completing its Christmas project today. They are hand-painted snapshot booklets, and are very attractive.

The third and fourth room is busy preparing for their birthday party on Friday. Those whose birthdays are being celebrated are Claud Silvers, Betty Jean Correll, Glenn Brower, Gilbert Glazier, Alden Johnson and Buddy Raccanelli.

A short program will be given in the school auditorium, at which Rev. Cronk will explain to the children the significance of Christmas, illustrating his talk with colored slides. The room has invited their parents and friends, and the primary children. After the program birthday cake and Paraguay tea (yerba mate) will be served in the cafeteria.

The third and fourth room has just completed four little quilts to be sent to the Sunshine Division at Christmas. Also a box of Christmas cards, and a moving picture to be displayed at the party.

CASCADE LOCKS HIGH SCHOOL (By Virginia McMullen)

The high school Campfire Girls Club organized last Thursday night under the direction of Mrs. Davidson. Their plans were sketched out and officers elected. They are:

President, Donna Davidson; Vice-president, De Ette Moore; Secretary, Genevieve Woodward; Treasurer, Verna Weeman.

Marjorie Smith was appointed the program chairman. Other girls attending, were Eileen Prohaska, Eileen Sprague, Sallie McMullen, Francis Potts, Irene Walker, Edna Maye Johnson, Helen Rosenback, Bernice Mills, and Virginia McMullen.

The Christmas play entitled, "The Teeth of the Gift Horse," was selected by Miss Wetzel and Miss Crookham, who will direct it. Characters were selected from those who tried out. They are:

Aunt Marieta, Sallie McMullen; Flo Butler, Donna Davidson; Dick

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Butler, Hank Brink; Delvin Blake, Jim Kyle; Anne Fisher, June Hardy; Katie, Marjory Smith.

The boys are now working hard on basketball and are having alternate afternoon and evening sessions of practice.

The Girls' Glee Club has been practicing on several Christmas selections which they plan to sing at the church at Christmas.

Revised Utility District Code Will Be Studied

Representatives of the Bonneville Federation of Oregon will meet next Saturday morning at Grange hall 1135 S. E. Salmon street, Portland, to consider the revised public utility district law to be submitted to the state legislature in January. M. H. McGuire of McMinnville, president, announced Monday.

The federation will adjourn at noon to Vancouver for a joint afternoon meeting with PUD commissioners of Washington.

The legislative committee which has been drafting the new Oregon PUD law is composed of J. W. McArthur of Eugene, Ray Gill of Portland, A. C. Haymen of Albany, H. F. McInturf of Portland, G. W. Potts of Jefferson and Captain G. M. Clevenger of Portland. The executive committee includes McGuire, Haymen, G. W. Thiessen of Milwaukie, H. R. Robinson of The Dalles and J. L. Steinback of Tillamook.

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