

## Editorial Views and Discussions

### THWARTED

The Chipman deal is off until Congress snows under the proposed bill for a government chlorate plant in this vicinity. Such was information received this week by The Chronicle from the Chipman office at Bound Rock, New Jersey. There is a feeling of confidence in the eastern office that the Pierce bill will meet with overwhelming defeat, but the present uncertainty is such that the company has no thought of proceeding with operations.

The bill which would appropriate funds for building and operating a chlorate plant by the government was announced on the eve of final negotiations between the Chipman company and Bonneville power administration, and it is understood that the chemical company was ready to go ahead.

Then came the announcement that a proposal was to be made by Pierce for a government plant to "save a quarter of a million dollars annually for the farmers of the Northwest."

A quarter of a million dollars annually would bring the farmers in any one community out of the red. A program of industrialization in the northwest would provide future markets for the farmers which would transform agriculture from a liability to an asset. Someone had to break the ice on Northwest industrial expansion, and Chipman was ready to do it. How many other plants of various nature would have followed could easily be estimated. Those who had faith in developments here had visioned a score or more of plants, factories, foundries, and warehouses. All that was necessary was a start.

Then came announcement of the proposed government plant—more government in business, and the beginning of this industrial program was called off. What the Oregon legislature was thinking of when it passed a memorial to this bill, we can't ascertain.

Government in business, and federal aid along some lines is desirable. When Uncle Sam undertakes desirable work that private capital cannot handle, we do not complain. Such was the case in the building of Bonneville Dam and the power network. We do not protest the RFC or farm aid through the FSA. However, when there is a Congressional proposal to establish a plant, already planned by private industry, and when such proposal serves as a barrier to the start of development of a new industrial realm, it is up to people of Oregon to take the advice suggested in the title of a current motion picture and "Stand Up and Fight."

### THERE ARE QUESTIONS ABOUT PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT PLANS TO WHICH PEOPLE OWE THEMSELVES ANSWERS

In the matter of a new public utility district law or Oregon, a few fundamental facts must be faced.

If the people of a given district want a publicly owned power operation they should have it, if the manner of its financing, acquisition and operation be sound and permanent.

The test is not to draft a bill that will immediately attract wholesale buyers of revenue bonds for financing the distribution of Bonneville power.

There are other factors to be considered, and, notably, what will the fiscal status of a given district be in all of its obligations after private ownership has given way to public ownership.

Will the tax load on individual taxpayers for schools and other units of government in a given public utility, for example, be more, or less?

This acquisition of private properties is essential to avoid costly competition.

Will a fair price be paid for the privately owned properties? In justice, it must be, be-

cause these properties represent the invested earnings of stockholders.

Will the revenue bonds that must be issued by the publicly owned property to purchase the privately owned property be so safeguarded by sound financing as to afford the purchasers of them reasonable security for the investment of their savings?

Will the directors be given authority to issue revenue bonds at will, without direct authorization of the people of the district?

Will the state maintain, through its public utility commission, regulatory authority over the rates of a given public utility district?

Will utility revenue bonds, although a direct lien upon revenue only, be considered a part of the debt structure of any given county or other subdivision?

These are some of the pertinent questions that arise.

Publicly owned power had many sincere advocates, and some not so sincere, when it was an achievement of the future. With publicly owned power an accomplished act, it still has.

The legislature is confronted with the task of arriving at an equitable plan for its distribution, and in so doing should not yield to the blandishments of private power lobbyists nor be misled by the propaganda of the public ownership zealots.

The way is not one of expediency, but of common sense.—Oregon Journal.

### WITH A CHILD LEADING

Is their face red? Two years ago it was that San Francisco built a steel and concrete mint, spending \$1,000,000 to make it burglar-proof as well as fire, bomb and earthquake proof. It took two fifteen year old boys, doing the job as a prank, to enter the forbidding mint and startle the watchmen and guards. Despite the buzzers, bells, telephones and lights that were rung, buzzed and lighted, the boys stood their ground, protesting that the act was not intended for robbery but done for fun, "just to see if we could get in." The sentence of punishment for such a deed should be very light, in fact San Francisco really owes them a medal for distinguished services. If it was possible for two fifteen year old youngsters to do this, as a childish trick, what would have been the outcome if older heads with criminal intentions, had been let loose in the same mint? There may be all sorts of excuses and explanations but the main idea is the fact that San Francisco needs more and better protective measures in her mint. The technicians were asked how to keep the windows open for ventilation and still keep out the intruders in the mint. Folks here suggest they ask the boys, who might have a good solution: they found their way in!

### FADS, FANCIES, AND CHECKERS

bridge led its all-too-long term, which we hope some sweet day will wane and drift into oblivion. Knitting, quilting and making hooked rugs have had their seasons with women folk generally. Not so many years ago miniature golf was the rage in every city and crossroads. In the winter of 1932 no one would miss an Amos and Andy program and many theatres tuned in this program nightly for the enjoyment of their patrons.

Now who, a year ago, would have thought that in the early days of 1939 that the intelligentsia and the laggard, the young and old, the rich and the poor, the spirited socialite and the grumpy exponent of boredom—would all be engrossed in a simple pastime of moving marbles from one hole to another.

To be true, there is opportunity for the alert and advantage to those who are quick to perceive—in a game of Chinese checkers, but most persons will agree that it does not take a mental giant to master the game.

## School News

### BONNEVILLE SCHOOL

(By Loraine Webber)

Power City had the election of officers. They were as follows:

Mayor, Steve Memovich; Banker, Patricia Ward; Postmaster, Loraine Webber; Council, Dolores Siefer, Jim Rabideau and Roy Lusch; Sheriff, Keith Bixby; Student body council, Jess Mosso; Recorder, Anita Bellarts; Librarian, Irene Raccanelli.

Mr. Stubbs was married at Stevenson Saturday at 11:00. The bride was Marcia Frank. Those present at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Srom and Everett Frank. Bonneville school wants to extend its heartiest congratulations.

Mr. Robertson has started reading "Moby's Night Hawks" to the 7th and 8th grade, which is very interesting.

A photographer came and took individual pictures of the pupils who wanted them. It was quite an event. The girls rushed to the mirror to primp and the boys to comb their hair.

The 5th and 6th grade had a room meeting last Friday. Officers elected were: Pres., Denny Bixby; Vice-pres., Nelson Ross; Sec., Frank Leeding; Student Council member, McLane Downing; Firemen, Phillip Rabideau, Orlin Scott.

The Bonneville Beavers played a game with Stevenson Friday. The score was Stevenson 15, Bonneville 13.

The upper division art class has practically completed its project on analogous colors. Some very attractive pictures are being made and the color schemes are very interesting.

### CASCADE LOCKS HIGH SCHOOL

(By Virginia McMullen)

Friday evening, Jan. 20, the high school girls played a basketball game with the Cascade Locks Grade School. Although the Pirates had not practiced together they defeated their younger opponents by a score of 24-23. Lineups were:

Edna Maye Johnson, F; Frances Potts, F; Virginia McMullen, F; Genevieve Woodward, G; Shirley Woodward, G; Sallie McMullen, G; Barbara Brathvord, G.

Olive Potts, F; Dorothy Walker, F; Janice Nicholson, F; Betty Kelsay, G; Virginia Randolph, G; Jeanette Walker, G; Nell Rae Broliar, G; Esther McMullen, F; Audrey Kelsay, G; Betty Jean Clark, G.

The boys' first squad defeated the Hood River Seniors on the home floor by a score of 23-22. Lineup was: Chet Woodward, Hank Brink, Cliff Woodward, Noble Hyde, Bo Jenkins and Jim Smith.

Wednesday evening the orchestra practiced at the home of Verna Weeman as they are going to play for an assembly Monday. The members of the orchestra are Verna Weeman, Helen Rosenback, Eileen Prohaska, Mrs. Prohaska, Virginia McMullen, Maralyn Wentz, Bob Morgan, Howard Broliar, Carlisle Reuterskiold and Jeanne Orvis.

Tuesday evening, Jan. 17, the high school Pirates played a basketball game with Mosier on the home floor. The second team defeated their opponents by a score of 17-7. Lineup was: Clarke, Brathvord, Bob Morgan, Dub Merrill, Bobby Hyde, Jimmy Merrill and Norman Lovell. The first string came through with a victory by a score of 27-17 over their Mosier opponents. Lineup of the first string was the same as that played with the Hood River Seniors.

### CASCADE LOCKS GRADE SCHOOL

(By Esther McMullen)

Friday afternoon, Jan. 20, the Cascade Locks Grade School played a basketball game with Mosier. The second team played to a score of 24-7 in favor of the locals. In the first team game the score was 8-7 in which the local boys were not quite so lucky.

Miss Cowgill, the Assistant State

Leader of 4-H Club work, visited the grade school Thursday and showed prize winning 4-H exhibits from the state fair. Two new 4-H projects are being introduced into the school this year. They are canning and room improvement, which will probably interest a majority of the girls.

The grade school girls suffered a defeat by the high school by a score of 24-23.

## Bonneville Line Clearance Eyed

Application of the Bonneville project to the port commission for permit to string a transmission line across the Columbia river, Columbia slough, Willamette river and Oregon slough was approved as far as vertical clearance over the first three stretches of water is concerned, and disapproved in respect to vertical clearance over the latter stretch at a meeting of the commission Thursday.

Final action will not be taken on the permit until after a public hearing is held Friday on the application under auspices of the Portland district office of army engineers.

### 50-Foot Added Height Proposed

The Bonneville project would string its line over Oregon slough, about a mile and a half below the railroad bridge across the Columbia, at a height of 110 feet above mean low water level, which does not meet the approval of the commission. Instead, a clearance of 160 feet is requested in the interest of navigation. Clearance figures approved for the other water stretches are: Columbia river, 220 feet; Willamette 230 feet, and Columbia slough, 90 feet. The commission also voted to request that the transmission towers be properly lighted to conform to laws governing aviation.

### LOCKS TEAMS

#### VICTORIOUS IN BATTLES

The basketball team of Cascade Locks I. O. O. F. lodge walloped the City View team of Portland last Saturday by a score of 44-30. Cramblett and Foster of the Locks tied for scoring honors, with 12 each.

Following was the lineup:

Cascade Locks	City View
Jenkins 6.....F.....5	St. Louis
Cramblett 12.....F.....5	Hooper
W. Brink 12.....C.....2	Hartman
Foster 12.....G.....11	Ross
Johnson 1.....G.....7	Kalibak

Substitutions: For Cascade Locks—Broliar 3, Helvagt, Jones; for City View—Speight, Shelley.

Second teams of the two organizations played another game, which resulted in the Cascade Locks team winning 35-27. Following was the lineup:

Cascade Locks	City View
L. Brink 2.....F.....4	Olson
Helvagt 12.....F.....1	Myers
Hill 3.....C.....2	Baxter
Broliar 11.....G.....9	St. Louis
Douville 1.....G.....2	Rushford

Substitutes: For Cascade Locks—Foster 7; for City View—Speight 9, Lathram 2.

If every pot, kettle or utensil used in cooking, is washed while hot and as soon as emptied it will save labor.

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