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House Passes Bill Aiding Bonneville

WASHINGTON, March 21—The house passed the \$159,543,905 interior department appropriations bill carrying huge sums for reclamation yesterday.

Among the large individual items in the measure was \$13,400,000 for the Bonneville power project.

Staunch defense of the Bonneville appropriation for transmission lines and of Bonneville as a project was made in the house by Representative Charles H. Leavy of Washington in replying to criticism by Representative White of Ohio.

Leavy, as spokesman for the appropriations committee, declared that Bonneville will pay back to the government, when the next two generators are installed, at the rate of \$3,000,000 a year, and when all generators are installed at the rate of \$7,500,000 a year.

"If the lines of Bonneville were in existence now," he said, "every kilowatt of energy there at this moment would be carried out to an anxious, willing and waiting market. The record shows that contract applications have been made for more than 400,000 kilowatts, 86,000 developed, 104,000 additional coming in when two other generators are installed."

THEATRE OPENING SET FOR APRIL 15

April 15 is the day set for the opening of the new Community Theater in Cascade Locks. The heating and air conditioning equipment was installed this week and as soon as the building and concrete dry out a bit with the heating plant going, the composition sound board will be put in place lining the entire inside.

It has been announced that the prices will be as originally announced at 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children.

TO MEET WEDNESDAY

The Bonneville P.-T. A. Executive Board Meeting and pot-luck luncheon will be held Wednesday, March 29, at 1:15 p. m. with Mrs. Fred Downing. Everyone that is supposed to be present is urged to be in attendance. Snapshots for the scrap book will be taken.

Rebekahs Attend District Meeting

On Tuesday, March 21, the thirty-first annual Rebekah convention of District No. 18 was held at the Odell High School Gymnasium with Hazel Lodge No. 156 as hostess lodge.

At 10 o'clock in the morning convention was opened in the Rebekah Degree. After a seating of convention officers, State President Carrie Mae Rickert, two Past State Presidents, Dora Seaton of The Dalles and Grace Christenson of Portland, besides District Deputy Presidents and visitors from other jurisdictions were introduced. The usual business routine followed.

Marian Collins of Hood River and Bertha McCollum of Portland gave interesting information on the Theta Rho Girls Club, and suggested that more Rebekahs support these clubs by increased attendance.

After a luncheon, convention resumed at 1:15 o'clock. In the afternoon, very excellent and enlightening discussions were held in connection with our lodge and Ritual work. Following the business, Pres. Rickert briefly addressed the convention.

The dinner hour was greatly enjoyed because of the songs and evident pep of all, especially so when the "Snappy Service by Men Waiters" was exhibited.

The evening session was opened by Hazel Lodge No. 156 with a

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INDUSTRY, PRIVATE OR PUBLIC, AT BONNEVILLE

Representative Walter M. Pierce cannot explain away opposition to his bill to establish a \$1,000,000 federal sodium-chlorate plant near Bonneville by charging that it all comes from "the Eastern chemical trust." It isn't as simple as that.

City officials of Cascade Locks and chambers of commerce of Columbia basin fear that if the government goes into the manufacturing and selling of chemicals to kill noxious weeds, Chipman Chemical and Pennsylvania Salt companies that plan a \$1,000,000 plant at Cascade Locks will pull out and that establishment of other electro-chemical and electro-metallurgical plants will be effectually stifled. The very introduction of Pierce's bill brought a laconic announcement from Chipman Chemical that it "couldn't compete"

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Power Purchase Case Nears

Two developments were made known this week in regard to the purchase of the West Coast Power Company properties by the City Light of Cascade Locks.

The first was the rendering of an opinion by Bond Counselor John Shuler of Portland that the case to place the issuance of bonds before the Supreme Court would be ready within the next two weeks to be brought before the Circuit Court in Hood River as the first step.

The second was the receiving of a telegram by city officials from Guy C. Myers of New York City that an extension of time had been allowed by the West Coast Power Company for the completion of the negotiations. The original closing date was set for March 31.

DANCE AND CARNIVAL SUCCESSFULLY STAGED

The Bonneville Softball club's dance and carnival last Saturday night at the civic auditorium was perhaps the biggest social affair from a financial return angle of any ever held before at Bonneville.

Dancing was more than popular and games in the basement were full all the time. Officials of the organization announced that this event and one around Hallowe'en would become annual affairs.

The men that were responsible for the success of the evening were: Merle Richmond, Roy Lusch, Frank Bradley, Lawrence Bixby, Jimmy Reimer, Clark Bogart, Van Baldwin, Art DeTemple, Al Aitken, Ted Johnson, Charley Howard, George LaMont, "Whitey" Dickson, Roland Miller, Al Connors, Jim Rick and Jack Nagle.

22,000 TREES PLANTED ON BRADFORD ISLAND

Beautification of Bradford Island, between the ship channel and the spillway on Bonneville Dam, which was deprived of its native vegetation when the dam was under construction, was last week planted to 22,000 trees, District Forest Ranger Roy Weeman reported.

Douglas fir, Ponderosa pine, Port Orford cedar, and spruce trees were set out in three days by CCC men under the supervision of Herbert Pifer, CCC foreman. Thirty CCC workers were engaged in the transplanting operations. Trees one to four years old, were secured from the state and federal nurseries.

While the soil in which the trees were planted is rocky, since much of it was dredgings from the Columbia, gardeners on the project plan to empty grass clippings on the new forest to provide fertility and to retain moisture about the roots of the trees.

RANGER TO RETURN

Ranger and Mrs. Al Wiesendanger are expected to move to their Eagle Creek Station the first of April. For the winter they have been living in Portland from where Al has been making numerous speaking tours over the Northwest.

Raft Runs Wild; Police To the Rescue

Two men on a raft had quite a ride on the broad expanses of the Columbia River Tuesday afternoon. In fact the ride became such a ride that two state police officers had to secure a boat to go to their rescue before they came to grief at the Bonneville Dam.

The two men, Charles Link of Boise, Idaho, and Elmer Morrell of Nebraska, both working for the M-K company and living at Wyeth, have been for some time building themselves a raft that they anticipated having considerable amount of pleasure with this summer. Tuesday, each armed with a long pole, they decided to try it out. The current of the Columbia caught them and the first thing they knew they could not touch bottom and were headed for the Bonneville Dam.

After a thrilling experience, they were rescued by two state police who went to their rescue in a row boat.

Bonneville Aids Studied By State

BEND, March 19—Possibility of utilizing salt deposits of Harney and Lake counties in connection with a chemical industry or by-products plant near Bonneville is being considered by the state department of geology and mineral industries, it has been learned here. For the proposed study, the department has asked for a budgetary item of \$1000 to employ an outside metallurgical engineer for two months.

Field work would be carried out by the department, and laboratory work would be done in part with facilities of the department in cooperation with the Oregon State college department of chemistry under Dr. George W. Gleeson.

The principal products which would be provided by such a plant are chlorine, sodium silicate and sodium sulphate, and also certain others of lesser importance.

At present, considerable chlorine used in the Portland and lower Columbia areas is obtained from salt manufactured from sea water near San Francisco and shipped to a reduction plant near Seattle, and the chlorine again shipped back to Portland.

If the sewage disposal plant proposed for Portland should be of the type requiring substantial amounts of chlorine, this would furnish a substantial outlet for chlorine that might be produced at the Bonneville chemical plant from salts deposits existing in this state, officials of the state department of geology and mineral industries point out.

Coulee Millions Voted By House

WASHINGTON, March 20—The house passed and sent to the senate Monday an appropriation bill providing \$159,543,905 for operation of the interior department during the next fiscal year. The big measure came through five days of debate with but two changes—elimination of \$1,070,000 to restore Alaskan reindeer to Eskimo ownership, and addition of \$35,000 for a bureau of mines explosion station at Bruceton, Pa.

Largest lump sum appropriation was \$50,622,600 for reclamation, of which \$23,000,000 was for the Grand Coulee dam project in central Washington, \$10,000,000 for the Central valley project in California, and \$13,000,000 for the Bonneville power authority for power line construction in Oregon and Washington.

HUNDREDS ATTEND J. D. ROSS SERVICES

SEATTLE, March 20—Fellow townsmen filled the First Presbyterian church and hundreds stood outside Monday while funeral services were conducted for J. D. Ross, Bonneville power administrator and former securities and exchange commission member.

An honor guard of the 6th engineers regiment was provided at request of War Secretary Woodring, because Ross drafted a coordination plan for public and private utilities in case of war.

The body will be cremated and the ashes placed in an urn on Ross mountain, near a Skagit valley hydro-electric project Ross promoted as superintendent of Seattle city light.

Life of Pioneer Negress Ends

Aunt Hattie Miles, colorful pioneer negress of Cascade Locks, is dead. Born in 1857, she served as a child in slavery which she recalled until her memory began to fade a few years ago. Aunt Hattie came to Cascade Locks in 1882. The trip was made around the horn and she served as a nurse for Colonel Eay, one of the engineers engaged in building the locks. Upon the completion of the canal, she stayed in Cascade Locks where she lived until two years ago, when she moved to a county home.

She operated a home laundry in Cascade Locks during the time she lived there. Those who knew Aunt Hattie told how she distinctly remembered the Civil War, and how she sang Civil War songs.

She was born in Fincastle, Virginia, and died in Hood River Monday. Funeral services, conducted by Rev. E. R. Delepine this morning.

MRS. JOHN MILLER DIES

Word reached the Chronicle this week of the death of Mrs. John A. Miller. The Millers lived for some time in Bonny Villa next to Grimm's Store. For some time she looked after news and subscriptions in that area.

RECITAL PLANNED

Pupils of Mrs. Saunders' music class will give a recital on Wednesday evening, March 29, 8:00 p. m. at Cascade Lodge. Everyone is invited.

Sunday Evening Club Serves Bonneville Community

On Sunday evening, March 19, the residents of Bonneville and vicinity were again reminded they were living in a favored spot and among exceptional people.

As is so often the case, we get used to being with a group of people and form the habit of taking them for granted as well as falling into the rut of being satisfied with the personal sense of our own importance.

A Sunday Evening Club, formed by three of our citizens, who seemed to have sensed the beginning of complacency on the part of our people, is designed to combat that very rut of human existence by introducing men who have the desire and opportunity to view different phases of life and its problems from a wider scope than most of us could possibly hope to.

We have had two speakers from Portland who presented subjects in which we all should be vitally interested.

Dean Collins of The Oregon Journal gave us a view of world affairs that was not only entertaining but instructive.

Judge Long of the Court of Domestic Relations told a story that is of immediate importance to every citizen in this state. Everyone who has aided in any way the different organizations for boys and girls who have been thrown helpless on the community, can feel gratified that these organizations, the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and similar groups, are offering to the

16 Million Eggs Taken At Hatchery

With improved grounds and facilities during the past months, the Bonneville Fish Hatchery has this season taken a total of 16 million eggs, it was announced this week by E. J. W. Andersen, manager.

This hatchery, started in 1909, was a pioneer in developing the process of making food for the fish and 45 tons of fish food have been manufactured at the plant this year.

Of the 16 million fish recently raised here, six million have been distributed to other hatcheries and stream stock agencies in the Northwest and 10 million salmon will be released in the streams tributary to the Columbia. Five million of those in the pools at the present time will be planted between June and August of this year, these being Chinook and Sockeye salmon. Steelheads will be distributed later.

With the help of a WPA crew, the pools are being reconditioned, the watering system improved and the grounds beautified. A road up Tanner Creek for a new pipe line is in the making. With improved facilities at the hatchery, it is reported that an increase is possible in the number of eggs taken and less loss will be experienced through death of the fingerlings. The water conditions in the pools are much better with the recent improvements.

COLUMBIA INN CONCERT SCENE

A delightful hour of music was enjoyed Sunday afternoon by music lovers from Portland and Hood River at Maxwell house on the Columbia River highway when Myrtle Leonard, well known contralto, gave a program of songs.

CONDEMNATION BEGUN

Action has been started for the condemnation of 6.25 acres of land owned by J. B. Laber at the south end of the Bridge of the Gods. This land the Wauna Toll Bridge Company wishes to use for their south approach to the bridge when it is raised.

youngsters of all ranks of life an opportunity to avoid questionable freedom and learn to respect not only their own rights but those of others.

Major Weaver, our own citizen loaned to us perhaps by the Army, told a very interesting history of the Army Engineering Corps and their work.

The word "Army" to an ordinary citizen suggests guns, fortifications and, ultimately, destruction. But the Army Major Weaver talked about was primarily constructive, doing the hard jobs that, being done, mean better living conditions and more comforts for American citizens. Their technique and efficiency is developed in battling with Mother Nature and the elements and when they are forced to fight it is just too bad for the fellow on the opposite side for methods effective in peace can also serve against aggressors.

To some of us Bonneville is the area immediately connected with the dam but to Major Weaver Bonneville represents the district. An area reaching from Portland to the head waters of the Snake river near the Yellowstone Park and all the land drained by the tributaries of the Columbia and Snake rivers.

Bonneville takes precedent as being the first development in this vast area, but under the wise direction of our Army Engineers we are sure the right thing will be done.

Major Weaver touched modestly

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