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Cascade Locks Case Headed for Supreme Court

Factory Site Purchased at Cascade Locks

Pierce Measure Remains a Threat

New Work at Dam Started

Old Locks Key Put on Display

Tarnished and dull, encased in a leather sheath, the key to the old Cascade locks came to light this week from its resting place in the lock office in Cascade Locks. Major Weaver instructed that it be polished and a case made for it, so now it rests in all its historic glory on the wall of the new civic auditorium at Bonneville.

The key is silver plated and is about 30 inches long with a flat blade about two inches wide and 1/2 in. thick. It apparently fitted in a slot which, when operated, moved the locks for the first time, on their completion in 1896.

On the blade is engraved the following inscription:

"Presented by W. P. Lord,
Governor of Oregon,

to

W. L. Fisk,
Captain of Engineers, USA,
At the opening of Cascade Locks
November 5, 1896"

GRANTS PRIVILEGES TO VISITING CARS

No longer will motorists from out of town receive warnings or be hailed before the police judge for parking overtime on Camas streets. Instead, police will place courtesy tags, designed to make a good impression with the visitor, behind the windshield swipes of visiting cars.

On the front of the card it reads: "Welcome Visitors! Camas, 'the Friendly City,' home of the world's largest specialty paper mill, extends to you a cordial welcome and hopes you will return often." Visitors in search of information of any kind are referred to police headquarters.

On the back of the card this message is printed:

"This card entitles you to park your car as long as you please in Camas, Wash. NEVER MIND THE TIME LIMIT. (But please be reasonable.) Please do not park in safety zones or near fire hydrants."

At the bottom this is printed: "For out-of-town motorists only."

No action has been announced as to issuing tags for speeders in the Camas city limits. Motorists have often learned by the experience route that the discrete thing to do is drive slowly through the Washington city.

BIDS CALLED FOR BRIDGE

Bids for a new lift span for the Oregon-Washington bridge between White Salmon and Hood River are to be opened on April 25. The new big job, to be paid for by the federal government and is to cost about \$200,000, involves converting the present span into a lift span, to permit passage of seagoing vessels up and down river.

Plans have already been approved by the army engineers, and the federal government will reimburse the bridge company for the cost of the work, under a special authorization of congress. The new lift span will be electrically operated.

It will be recalled that when the ocean-going freighter Charles L. Wheeler visited The Dalles last summer, the water level in the Columbia river above Bonneville had to be lowered to permit the ship's masts to clear the bridge structure.

CARNIVAL POSTPONED

The Cascade Locks High School Carnival has been postponed for one week. It will be held Friday night, April 14, at the High School.

Hoffman Construction Company is finally getting under way on the addition to the powerhouse and will apparently be going full blast when high water troubles hit them in May and June, according to statements of observers.

The forms are all set for the pouring of the west wall which is being thrown up rather hurriedly to keep the tail water from coming in on this side. Work has had to be halted, though, due to reinforcing steel not being on the job and is not expected to arrive before the 12th of the month.

A whirley has been set up on the east wall of the powerhouse and is busy lifting out loads of mud and debris from the four turbine holes. Crews working in two shifts are busy cleaning out these holes preparatory to pouring concrete.

SUNDAY CLUB HEARS OF FREEDOM OF PRESS

E. P. Hoyt, publisher of the Oregonian, was the speaker of the evening last Sunday night at the meeting of the Sunday Evening Club at its regular gathering last Sunday evening at the Bonneville Auditorium.

Mr. Hoyt treated his subject of "Freedom" of the press from the angle of the subscribers' "Right to Know." Following his prepared remarks he held open forum at which time several members of the audience questioned the publisher on various subjects.

The Bonneville quartet, made up of Van Baldwin, Murray Marquis, Ed Sieffer and Jim Jolliett, directed by Roland Miller, and accompanied by Mrs. Margaret Marquis, rendered several selections which were well received.

Community singing was led by Mr. Fraser and Reverend Winfred Cronk gave the invocation.

ROAD MEN HERE

The forces of Martin Conley, contractor on the surfacing of the Cascade Locks-Eagle Creek section of the Columbia River Highway, arrived in Cascade Locks last week under the direction of his son, Jim Conley, who will handle this job.

The preliminary crew of 10 men staying at the Lakeside Hotel, where the Company has its headquarters, will be augmented as soon as the work gets underway with about 40 local men.

It is expected that the work will take about 90 days to complete.

SCRIBE HERE FOR VISIT

Bob Stevenson, former writer of the Bonneville Dam Chronicle, was a dam area visitor last week. Bob left the Chronicle to be with the Bremerton Sun. From there he went to the Seattle Star. Nearly 18 months ago he entered a T.B. hospital and was confined there for 14 months. Two months ago he was released and expects to be able to return to work late this year.

ELECTED TO OFFICES

M. L. Morgan of Cascade Locks was last Thursday night elected District Deputy Grand Master of the Odd Fellows Lodge for the coming year and was also elected to the Grand Lodge convention at Klamath Falls in May.

CLARA WEDS

Of interest to the readers of the Chronicle is the marriage of Clara Nix and Archie Stephens of Eugene, who were married at Stevenson last Thursday afternoon. We were tempted to write it up last week but were afraid if the groom's car had broke down on the way here we would have been doing a Walter Winchell. The couple left Saturday for Utah where Mr. Stephens has employment.

That the Pierce bill, proposing a government chlorate plant at Bonneville, and introduced on the eve of the signing of a contract for power by the Chipman Chemical Company and the Pennsylvania Salt Company for operation of a privately-owned plant, still remains a threat, was inferred last week. A telegram was received in Hood River from Senator Charles L. McNary telling of the status of the bill. It seems that the bill is indefinitely in committee where it is feared it will remain to represent a constant hazard to the plans of a private company for a Bonneville chlorate development.

The McNary communication follows:

"Pierce Bill H. R. 196 has been referred to Congressman Flannigan as subcommittee of house committee on agriculture. A day ago the chairman of the committee received an unfavorable report from Department of Agriculture. This probably will result in an indefinite postponement of the bill provided the subcommittee's report is unfavorable, which is likely, in view of the attitude of the Department of Agriculture."

Contractors Busy On Eugene Line

Long cedar poles, which will carry Columbia river electric power through the Willamette valley, will begin to point skyward this week on the Bonneville transmission line near Eugene.

As tower excavations were begun today near the Eugene substation site, officials of Parker-Schramm company, contractors, declared they expect soon to be erecting 50 poles a day along the southern section of the line.

Copper transmission cable will be strung after several miles of poles have been set—probably beginning next month.

Meanwhile, with the delivery of Bonneville power scheduled for mid-autumn, a number of Willamette valley communities speeded preparations to receive it.

Resolutions approved last night by Salem's city council call for a survey of private utility holding values, and plans for reserving a block of Bonneville power if a Salem municipal system is set up.

The city of Eugene—with the lowest commercial power rate in the nation—already has asked for Bonneville power, as has the Canby municipal plant.

The Woodburn chamber of commerce has been busy investigating the possibilities of a municipal system and a public ownership program is being organized in Washington county by a group of Hillsboro residents.

Although the Parker-Schramm company's plans call for steady progression of construction work north from the Eugene area, delays in removal of existing telephone lines along the Oregon Electric railway right-of-way to make way for the Bonneville line may result in attacking the job from the Vancouver end also.

PREPARING FOR SOFTBALL

The Mid-Columbia softball league is getting under way this week with the calling of a general meeting for Wednesday night at the Bonneville Auditorium of representatives of all interested ball clubs.

Invitations were sent out to Hood River, Parkdale, The Dalles, Wyeth CCC, White Salmon, Willard and Stevenson. The meeting has been called for 7:30 p. m.

Miss Helen Young, who has been employed at the Cascade Lodge, left for Hood River where she will work at the Columbia Gorge Hotel.

Actual sale has been made to the Pennsylvania Salt Company of 119 acres of land at Cascade Locks, for the purpose of a factory site. This information was received here on Monday, from Fred Shaneman, manager of the Pennsylvania Salt Company for the state of Washington.

Shaneman stated that the company has acquired the property for the purpose of erecting a \$750,000 plant for the manufacture of chemicals in which cheap power is an important element.

"Plans have been under way for buildings and negotiations regarding power are pending with the Bonneville authorities," Shaneman said. "However, both have been suspended until it is known what action Congress will take on H. R. 196, a bill introduced by Congressman Pierce of Oregon, proposing the manufacture of one of the chief chemicals, which the Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing Company contemplated producing."

It is understood that the entire Haskins holdings in Cascade Locks is included in the purchase, with the exception of the land within the big board fence now used as a fox farm.

DAM BID DECLINED BY HEAD OF REA

WASHINGTON, April 3—Informed persons said Monday John M. Carmody had declined appointment as Bonneville power administrator, but that President Roosevelt had been asked to prevail upon the rural electrification chief to change his mind.

Secretary Ickes, nominal head of the big public power project on the Columbia river, offered Carmody the post shortly after the death last month of Administrator J. D. Ross.

Should Carmody finally refuse the post it was said Ickes might turn to some official within the present Bonneville setup. The present acting administrator, C. E. Carey, has been recommended by Oregon members of congress and Portland civic organizations.

TELEPHONE COMPANY PAYS \$3,142.40 TAXES

Real and personal property taxes for Hood River County totaling \$3,142.40 with the discount for prompt payment, were paid last week by The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, according to I. D. Winslow, district manager.

Total operating property taxes now being paid by the Company in Oregon are \$806,725.78, which, with federal, franchise, social security and other miscellaneous taxes, makes the Company's tax bill on its 1938 operations total \$1,332,889, or more than 78 cents per telephone per month.

EXHIBITS INDIAN RELICS

The dam area is more than well represented at the annual Hobby Week display at Meier and Frank in Portland this week with C. R. Grim's famous collection of Indian relics on exhibition.

Although Mr. Grim says that he does not expect to have the entire collection out this time, he will have about 500 to 600 pieces of it. The Grim collection is considered one of the largest private collections in the world. The arrowhead section of the collection numbers 1700 different specimens.

BY-PASS PROGRESS

Barnham Brothers, contractors on the Tanner Creek By-Pass and the bridge over the fish ladder on the island, are coming along in great style. The finishing touches are being put on the bridge and the small cat is started to fill in the south approach. Forms have been removed from the east entrance to the small ladder.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Christenson and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCollum and son were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Morgan of Cascade Locks. McCollum is secretary of Hassalo Lodge of the Odd Fellows.

The agreed case on the status of the Cascade Locks bond issue for the purchase of the West Coast Power Company holdings in the Bonneville Dam area is on its way to the Supreme Court of the State of Oregon.

On Monday Judge Fred Wilson in Circuit Court issued his decree and the case is now being prepared for the Supreme Court.

The city of Cascade Locks, in financing the purchase of the West Coast Power Company's properties by the issuance of revenue bonds sold at a private sale, is setting a precedent that other cities throughout the state may follow in the future.

The city of Ashland at one time financed irrigation works through the issuance of revenue bonds, but this case is not altogether similar to the local situation. In order to satisfy the bond buyers that: (1) the Charter Amendment and resolution 40 is valid and binding; (2) the issuance of revenue bonds is legal in the state of Oregon for this purpose; and (3) the bonds may be sold at a private sale, these points must be approved as constitutional by the Supreme Court of the State of Oregon.

In order to hasten this case to the Supreme Court as soon as possible the attorneys for the city and the attorneys for bond buyers decided on what is known in legal terminology as an "agreed case, without action." In this manner the friendly suit is instituted in the circuit court with all parties agreed on the points to be decided.

Last week the "agreed suit" was started with City Recorder W. J. Carlson refusing to sign a paper authorizing the issuance of the bonds. The city immediately filed suit against Carlson to force him to sign. The matter was brought before Judge Fred W. Wilson Monday in Circuit Court in Hood River. Teunis Wyers represented the city and Celia L. Gavin of The Dalles represented the recorder.

The decree which Judge Wilson rendered follows:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF HOOD RIVER

CITY OF CASCADE LOCKS, a municipal corporation,
Plaintiff,

vs.

W. J. CARLSON, Recorder of the City of Cascade Locks,
Defendant.

This matter coming on to be heard as a controversy submitted without action as set forth in the agreed case filed herein, the plaintiff appearing by Teunis J. Wyers and the defendant appearing by Celia L. Gavin, and the Court having heard the arguments of counsel and being fully advised in the premises,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED, as follows:

"1. That Chapter 10 of the charter of the city of Cascade Locks is constitutional and valid and that Resolution No. 40 as amended of said city as set forth in the above cause is constitutional and valid and binding.

"2. That the bonds provided for in said Chapter 10 of the charter and said Resolution No. 40 as amended are not within the limitations provided in Section 56-2301, Oregon Code 1935 Supplement because said bonds are proposed to be issued for power and lighting purposes as provided in said statute.

"3. That the defendant should not be required to execute said bonds and a preemptory writ of mandamus shall not issue in the above cause for the reason that said bonds have not been advertised for sale pursuant to the provisions of Section 56-2307 1935 Supplement to the Oregon Code.

"4. That if properly advertised and regularly issued pursuant to said Chapter 10 of said charter and said charter and said Resolution No. 40 as amended and advertised and sold pursuant to said Section 56-2307, the said defendant should execute and assist the other officers of the city in the preparation, execution and delivery of said

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