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Cascade Locks Hires Power Manager

At a special meeting of the Cascade Locks City Council Thursday night, Mr. Chess Brazil was appointed temporary manager of the new City Light and Power Company, which takes over the West Coast Power Company's system and plant on July 1. Mr. Sandburg of the Bonneville Administration's office has been lent, at the request of the council, to the city to set up and put into operation the new set of books.

Brazil is at present with the Bonneville Administration's office in Portland and will be given a temporary leave of absence from this position to get the new company under way. After a period of time if the council wishes to hire him permanently they may or they may hire someone else and Brazil will return to the Bonneville office. The only provision in the hiring is that the man selected by the council for the position permanently must be approved by the Bonneville Administration. This step must be

taken as the result of a resolution passed by the council Thursday night to this effect. It is hoped in this way to have a double check on the capabilities of the man selected in the future.

A representative of the bond buyers, that purchased the revenue bonds at private sale some time back, was present and assured the council that his firm would bid on the bonds June 24 as directed by the supreme court. (The court ruled that private sale of these bonds was illegal and they must be sold at a public sale to the highest bidder.) He also spoke rather disparagingly of certain factions that were doing their best to discredit revenue bonds in the financing of propositions similar to the Cascade Locks municipal setup and P. U. D.'s similar to the one now being considered in Hood River valley. This bond man further commented that these bonds will sell very easily and will be mighty good

investment, the city never having to revert to general obligation bonds to meet their payments.

The city of Cascade Locks at the present time is advertising, as directed by the supreme court, for bids on an issue of \$79,000. These bids will be opened at the city hall in Cascade Locks Saturday night, June 24. The bonds will be sold, paid for, and approximately \$44,000 will be paid over to the West Coast Power Company for their holdings by June 29, the closing date for the purchase. The other \$35,000, not paid to the company, will go for a general overhaul and extension program of the present system, working capital and reserves for the new company.

Brazil will start work according to present plans on June 19. A tremendous amount of work is necessary to insure the transfer of the system by the first of the month and to get the new one under way.

Brolliar to Celebrate 60th Anniversary

On Sunday, June 25, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Brolliar of Cascade Locks are to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. The celebration is to be held in the High School.

The marriage ceremony will be at noon, after which a pot-luck dinner will be served. Mr. and Mrs. Brolliar are pioneers of this district and will be delighted to meet friends old and new. So bring your dish of food, hot or cold, and help them make this the most enjoyable day they have ever known.

Locks Land Recorded

This week two deeds were recorded in the County Court House transferring the title to 119 acres of ground in the city limits of Cascade Locks from Dale M. Haskins to the Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing Company.

The actual purchase of the property was announced some time ago through the Sun by the Pennsylvania Salt Mfg. Company. No consideration was mentioned but it is thought around \$15,000 was given for the property.

Locks Property May Become Port

Senator Rufus Holman Friday wired the Chronicle and a considerable number of Cascade Locks business men that he was that day in his capacity as a sub-committee of one to the military affairs committee, recommending that Senate bill 255, proposing for the transfer for the old locks and locks island property from the war department to the Port of Cascade Locks, be favorably reported to the Senate.

If this bill passes, the Port of Cascade Locks will have one of the finest water front properties on the river, port officials declare. Together with the property goes several residences and the water rights, which the City of Cascade Locks is anxious to acquire as a supplement to its present system.

The townspeople for some time have been seeking possession of this property. For a time it was expected that it would be transferred to the department of interior so that J. D. Ross could personally supervise the beautifying. With his death these plans were given up and the Port has been active in securing it.

ALL AID TO BANKS PLEDGED BY BEAN

Co-operation with the Bonneville administration in every way that the state may be able to help was offered to F. A. Banks, Bonneville administrator, Tuesday by Ormond R. Bean, state utilities commissioner, at a conference attended by Governor Charles A. Sprague, Mr. Bean and Mr. Banks in the administrative office. Mr. Bean formerly was city commissioner in Portland.

MYERS TO MARKET GRAYS HARBOR BONDS

ABERDEEN, June 13—Guy C. Myers, Wall Street financier, Monday was employed by the Grays Harbor public utility district to market the revenue bonds through which the district will purchase the Grays Harbor Railway & Light company. Myers will receive 2 1/2 per cent of the purchase price for marketing the bonds.

The commissioners considered a contract form for the purchase, but have not settled on a price for delivery date.

MASONIC CLUB TO MEET

The Columbia Gorge Masonic Club will hold a special meeting at the Bonneville Auditorium on Wednesday, June 21, at 8 p. m. Entertainment and refreshments will be included in the evening.

P.U.D. Election Holds Public Interest

Somewhat obscured by the tremendous amount of attention that is being directed on the P. U. D. election, are the county and city school elections, which are to be held on the same date.

In the county although up until last night no nominations had been filed with the secretary of the county unit board, W. N. Weber, it was understood that Harold Melsaac of Parkdale had filed to fill the position vacated by George Alexander also of Parkdale. Voting will take place in the ten school buildings throughout the county between the hours of 2 and 7 p. m.

The election on the proposed formation of a Public Utility District in Hood River draws near as three factions have entered the picture to inform the public of their views on the subject.

The most aggressive one is the Hood River Taxpayers League which appears to be carrying on quite a campaign with plenty of financing and expert professional advice on the fighting of Public Utility Districts. Quarters have been maintained by this organization at the Columbia Gorge Hotel for this week.

The Hood River Power Committee which started its campaign under the guidance of the Bonneville office, only to have a change in the policy of the new administrators cancel this aid, has covered the district rather effectively with little financing.

The Pacific Power and Light Company have not been very active directly in the proposition other than making a formal statement of their position.

Three meetings are scheduled this week to further enlighten the public on the issue. On Wednesday night (tonight) the Taxpayers League will sponsor a meeting at the Barrett School at 8:00 p. m. On Thursday night Dr. Carl Thompson, a leading advocate of Public ownership, will address a meeting at Parkdale, the Hood River Power Committee announces and this same body also announces that Ivan Bloch, of the Bonneville Administration's office, Mayor G. E. Manchester of Cascade Locks and business men of The Dalles will speak at a meeting at the Methodist Church in Hood River on Friday night.

Engineer Will Discuss Farm Industries

Farmers and businessmen of Hood River County will hear Friday how Columbia River hydroelectric power can promote establishment of agricultural industries in Oregon and Washington.

Engineer Ivan Bloch, who is in charge of Bonneville's market development section, will speak Friday at 8 p. m. at the First Methodist Church at Hood River. He will outline the needs of the Bonneville area for factories to process farm products, and he will discuss the latest industrial developments in the fields of plastics, commercial alcohol and other commodities which use agricultural products as a base.

Bloch will speak just prior to the first people's utility district election to be held in Oregon this year. On Monday residents of Hood River County will vote on the formation of a public district that will include Hood River, Dee, Parkdale, Odell and practically the entire populated rural area of the county. It will be the first election under the 1939 Oregon law which requires districts to be taxed on the same basis as private utilities and permits financing of distribution systems with bonds payable solely from electric revenues.

P. U. D. Heads Urge Evans for Dam

Holding its annual meeting and election at Vancouver high school Monday, the Washington Public Utility Commissioners' association, made up of commissioners of Washington's 25 county-wide P.U.D.'s:

Federal Aid Funds For Financing Demanded

1. Plumped unanimously for Llewellyn Evans, consulting engineer at TVA and formerly connected with Tacoma City Light, for permanent Bonneville administrator.

2. Following the lead of the Southwest Washington public utility district commissioners by adopting a resolution demanding that federal funds be made available for PUD financing, despite the opposition of Clinton Prescott, Washington representative of Guy C. Myers, fiscal agent for numerous P.U.D.'s.

3. Expressed approval of the condemnation procedure in acquiring electric utilities, by electing

A. J. Friese of Bellingham, ardent condemnation advocate, president of the association, succeeding President Phillip D. Terry of Orondo.

4. Laid the groundwork for an initiative measure to liberalize the already liberal Washington P.U.D. law, after Jack Cluck, attorney for numerous districts, had said the P.U.D.'s ran into a "stacked deck" at the last legislative session at Olympia.

5. Received frank warning from Frank A. Banks, acting Bonneville administrator, that while Bonneville sympathizes with their movement, "Bonneville is not going to take the position of fighting your battles for you."

Directors Named

In addition to Friese, who defeated Vice President Martin Jacobsen of Alpha, 19 to 15, for president, the commissioners elected the following directors: Phillip D. Terry of Orondo, A. L. King of Breuster, E. R. Eby of Kranklin, Chauncey Price of Washougal, Oliver Hart-

line of Olympia, and G. A. Peters of Chehalis. The directors then reelected M. M. Moore of Ilwaco as secretary-treasurer.

"The more condemnation suits that are filed, the sooner we'll get action," President Friese said, following his election and after it had been announced in Terry's annual report that five such suits had been filed against Puget Sound Power & Light and two or three more were pending. "That seems to be the only way we'll get any place," he added, "but it will not prevent negotiations."

Up to People

Banks, who explained that as acting Bonneville administrator and chief engineer of Grand Coulee he wants to get power to the people as rapidly as possible, said in answer to a question regarding condemnation procedure that the people of the various power districts must determine if they want

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Endeavor to Bring Pierce Bill to Vote

Another campaign is underway to bring the Pierce bill, calling for the construction of a government sodium chlorate plant at Bonneville, to a vote. The proponents of the new movement headed by Mayor G. E. Manchester have secured the support of all the mayors and county courts of the Gorge. These men and bodies have written to their representatives in Congress asking that the Pierce bill be brought to an early vote so that public or private industry may get underway in the Gorge.

The movement has met with unanimous approval and support.

In other columns is a release from The Dalles. On the editorial section is a reprint of an editorial on the campaign which appeared in the Oregon Journal this past week.

THE DALLES, Ore.—The Wasco county court, in a letter to Representative Homer Angell, has asked the congressman to see if he cannot secure prompt action—either favorable or unfavorable, on the bill for a government chemical plant at Bonneville.

The court is co-operating with private property owners in Wasco county in a campaign to eradicate

noxious weeds, and desires lower-priced chemicals for this purpose. Plans for a private company to build a chemical plant at Bonneville are being held in abeyance pending a decision on a bill by Representative Pierce, calling for government construction of such a plant.

The court, in its letter to Representative Angell, took a neutral stand on the question of which plant shall be built, only asking that congress make an early decision in order that manufacture of low-cost weed exterminating chemicals may be started soon.

Bonneville Fish Count for Last Half of 1938

The following chart shows the movement of the fish through the Bonneville ladders from the time

the checking stations were established to the first of this year. It is interesting to note the months

of the year that the various fish move. The lamprey noted are commonly called eels.

Species	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Chinook	22371	8221	6556	34765	197294	2302	263	27	271799
Steelhead	6622	2382	19455	29231	46618	2264	339	92	107003
Blueback	1025	17811	53864	2097	235	6	2		75040
Silver			3070	10995		972	141	7	15185
Chum						1245	799	73	2117
Shad		39	3185	1502	527	21			5274
Sturgeon					1	19	24		44
Trout	11	27	38	674	1001	325	127	13	2216
Bass		5	10	13		18			46
Bullhead	1			12	30	5			48
Carp	276	344	10253	3015	1143	157	1		15189
Chub	2197	4116	7711	3122	1776	442	101		19465
Crappie			11	18	9	5			43
Channel Cat		4	1						5
Dace		59	485	699	417	184			1844
Shiner	2	60	236	161	92	8			599
Squawfish	2948	9698	26955	8818	6668	2379	76		57542
Sucker	34273	83684	122910	22952	12201	5399	454		281873
Whitefish	16	46	56	315	563	1281	690	155	3122
*Lamprey	7502	23831	130818	60821	4462	172	19	2	227627
TOTALS	69742	126496	251726	110465	279588	17037	2993	367	858414

*Lamprey count not included in totals.