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THE CHEMICAL PLANT AT BONNEVILLE

Mayors of the mid-Columbia area, from Portland to The Dalles, want to see something done about the Pierce bill to establish a \$1,000,000 federal sodium-chloride plant at Cascade Locks. Not that they favor the project, as opposed to a private industry development, but because they want to dispose of the iPerce bill, one way or the other, so it can no longer block construction of the Chipman Chemical and Pennsylvania Salt plant at

the same location. These two companies have acquired a 120-acre site. They are ready to proceed this summer with construction of a \$750,000 first unit. They can have it built by late fall, ready to give employment to some 60 men and to use a considerable block of Benneville power. But they will do nothing whatever until the threat of federal compe-tition is removed. "We can't and won't compete against the treasury of the United States," is the way they put it. Naturally.

If Congressman Pierce is still

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determined to press his plan to ent Saturday night, July 15. Cascade Locks Chronicle put Uncle Sam into the weed- Governor Charles Sprague is exkilling business, in spite of the pected to be present to enjoy the unfavorable reaction of the department of agriculture and residents | To help finance the Climb coloralong the Columbia, he should offer ful Kerchiefs will soon be placed Official publication for American no objection to the congressional on sale in various Hood River Legion post No. 88, Bonneville, Ore, action sought by mid-Columbia stores by the Climb Committee, mayors. He should, on the contrary, welcome it. Oregon Journal.

Bonneville power and how they Editor want to distribute it,

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negotiation and arbitration should be used in acquiring distribution systems," he added, "but when that shots in the album. Then back of tion. After all, it's your money know where to find the negative that is being spent. It's up to you in case you want more prints deto determine the course you wish to veloped.

tion we have, but we won't go out need fixing a bit, give the canvas and campaign for power districts or seats and backs two coats of paint. take sides between districts and the privately owned utilities. We're in sympathy with you, but as a federal agency, we must take a more or less neutral attitude."

Has Applications Banks also announced that he has applications for Bonneville power from several private companies and industries, as well as from cities and P.U.D.'s, and that between now and June 24 he will take typical contracts to Washington, D. C., to submit to Secretary of the interior ickes and the federal power commission for approval.

Edwin King, master of the Washington State Grange, which is in session at Vancouver, told the P.U.D. commissioners the people of Washington are ready for public power, that it's just a question of

when and how. Attacking the private companies for stalling and refusing to nego-tiate with the P.U.D.'s, he said, "If the companies won't sell at a reasonable price, the only thing we can do is condemn." He also warned against losing control of Pacific Northwest power to the big financial interests of the Northeast.

"The power is here, the control should be here," he said. Three representatives of bond firms spoke briefly, all but Prescott avoiding commitments to purchase utility revenue bonds which Washington districts plan to issue in acquiring distribution systems.

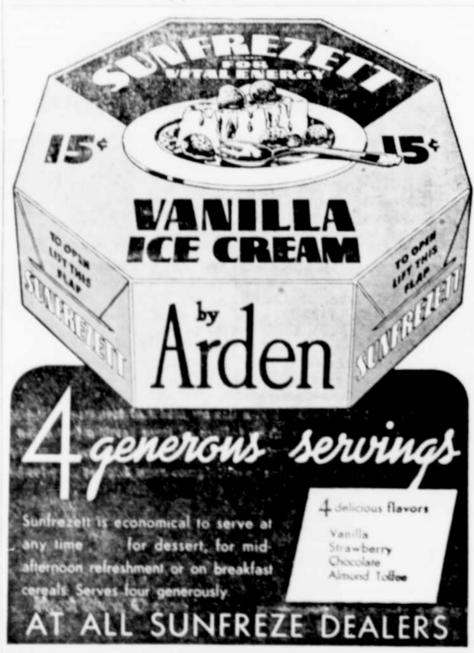
Legion Climb Plans Develope

At the first general organization meeting of the Legion Climb Committee held at the Chamber of Commerce Monday night plans were outlined to hasten the opening of the road to Tilly Jane by July I and also for securing more parking space than was available last

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