

CONSOLIDATION OF POWER COMPANIES IS CONTEMPLATED

Foreclosure of Mortgage Is Preliminary to Reorganization of Idaho-Oregon Light & Power Co.

Eugene E. Prussing, representing the State Bank of Chicago, filed a bill of foreclosure in the federal court in Boise Monday against the Idaho-Oregon Light & Power Co. The action is to foreclose the mortgage of \$3,319,000 held by the Chicago bank on the property of the company to secure a bond issue. The original bond issue was \$7,000,000 but only \$3,319,000 of this amount was disposed of.

The reason for the foreclosure was the default of the interest payment of \$95,345, due April 1 at the rate of 5 per cent. The mortgage covers all the hydro-electric power plants, stations, sub stations, transmission and distributing lines in Ada, Canyon and Washington counties in Idaho, and Malheur and Baker counties in Oregon, including the great Ox Bow plant still under construction.

Action was instituted in the federal court in the name of LeRoy A. Goddard, president of the Chicago bank. The law firm of Cavanah, Blake & McLane represents the company in the matter.

It was explained by officers and attorneys of the company that the filing of this bill of foreclosure was but the initial step in a reorganization of the company and a consolidation of the Idaho-Oregon Light & Power Co. and the Idaho Traction Co.; that it did not mean at all that the company is embarrassed, but simply that reorganization is considered advantageous to all interested parties. Assurance was given that the work of development and extension would go right on as before.

When asked for a statement after the filing of the bill on Monday, Judge John F. McLane, speaking for the company, said: "The bill filed this afternoon by the State Bank of Chicago to foreclose the first and refunding mortgage on the properties of the Idaho-Oregon Light & Power Co. is a formal step in the reorganization of the Idaho-Oregon company and is preliminary to the completion of the Ox-Bow power development, near Copperfield, Oregon, and other proposed extensions of the company's system.

"When this mortgage was executed the company's management did not realize the rapidity with which demands would be made upon the company, both for power capacity and for extension of transmission and distributing lines, and the provisions of the mortgage were not made sufficiently elastic to permit the sale of bonds to meet the company's requirements. It is therefore necessary to liquidate the present mortgage against the company's properties in order to be put in position to raise the funds to meet these demands.

Syrian Peasant Superstition.
A law suit for libel brought by an apothecary in Pollau, in Syria, against a young peasant reveals an extraordinary superstition prevalent among the country people. The belief that apothecaries and doctors have the right to kill at least one man and one woman every year in order to make medicines out of their bodies.

An accidental movement of the apothecary at Pollau, Herr Kobersmayer, when giving medicine to a boy named Puts led the latter to believe he was going to be killed. He ran away but got such a fright that he fell ill. The inhabitants believed his story and boycotted the apothecary, who was at length compelled to prosecute. Puts was sentenced to fourteen days imprisonment, but his parents, who had spread the story, were acquitted on the ground that they had acted in good faith.

IT WAS THE PROPERTY LIME

Bartender Admits It Was Filled With Lemon Juice For Each Gin Rickey.

The consumer of the gin rickey, who knew all there was to know about gin rickies, detected something wrong about the taste of the one he was drinking. Study of the matter told him that, instead of lime juice, it was flavored with the juice of the lemon.

But no! There, in the glass, uncommonly green and genuine, was half a lime.

Still, there was something wrong. After taking two or three additional sips he decided to speak about it to the bartender.

"Isn't there lemon juice in this rickey?" he inquired.

The bartender realized that before him was one who could not be bluff. "There is," he confessed, shamefacedly. "You see, we ran out of lemons long ago, so each time a rickey is ordered we take that half lime in your glass, squeeze it full of lemon juice to freshen it up, and serve the drink."

BEARS AFTER FOREST FIRES

Grizzlies Become Menace to Live Stock in Mountain Regions of Oregon.

One effect of the forest fires which swept great areas last year has been to drive a lot of grizzly bears from their former feeding grounds and make them a menace to stock. Many reports have been received here recently of the depredations of these big animals on the east slope of the Cascade mountains and preparations are being made to hunt them down, says a Portland correspondent of a Chicago paper.

The Cascade mountains have never been known as the haunt of the grizzlies. In the Blue mountains, about 200 miles to the east, however, the animals have been known to be fairly plentiful. Great areas of the Blue mountains and nearby ridges were burned over in the great forest fires of last year, and so this spring the grizzlies did not find the supplies of food to which they had been accustomed. It is believed that they then wandered across the valleys to the range nearer the coast. Here they also found insufficient supplies, and so they have turned on the stock which ranges the east slope of the Cascades.

Berry Hickson, an old time woodsman of the upper McKenzie river, had a great surprise recently when he set out on an expedition into the Cascades. In the middle of one night several bears brought down one of his pack mules and ate it. He had to guard the others on succeeding nights and with difficulty got out of the country with any of them. He has also suffered losses in stock and will join with other hunters in going after this big game.

How Franklin Learned Manners.

Franklin collected thirteen principles to cover the small amenities of daily life. Each week he picked out one and practiced it diligently, thus creating a habit. It took three months to cover them all. Each year he practiced each one four full weeks. He kept this up for many years. The youthful Franklin of early manhood, who found fault with his wife for giving him a silver spoon and a china bowl for his bread and milk instead of a pewter spoon and earthenware crock, developed into the statesman and man of the world who won the respect of Englishmen, the admiration of Frenchmen and the gratitude of Americans.—Engineering Magazine.

Not Needed.

A man recently acquired a motor-car. For its proper accommodation he built a shed near his house, and, when the structure was completed, a party of friends, who were invited to inspect it, noticed that, though quite small, the shed was a two-story building.

They wanted to know what he intended to keep in the second story. The owner's reason was not satisfactory, but his wife, revealed the reason for the second story.

"You see," she said, "the second story was intended for a hay-loft, and it wasn't until the thing was built that Henry and I realized that a motor-car doesn't eat hay."

LAST MINSTREL OF IRELAND

Thomas Smith, Aged Wandering Singer and Story Teller, Died Recently in County Meath.

An aged wandering singer, rhymester and story teller, who was said to be a descendant of one famed in the days of minstrelsy, died recently in the hospital in County Meath, Ireland. He was the last of the old school of so-called poets who lived by story telling and verse making at farm house firesides. His name was Thomas Smith, and according to report one of his ancestors was a jester and a bell's served as a jester to a prince. In his boyhood Smith wore a faded doublet of alternating stripes of yellow and blue, which had been handed down to him as a relic of his great-grandfather's fame as a country dancer and maker.

His stories for the most part had to do with the fairies, and always presented the good fairy in the part of straightened tangles and easing the path of happy marriage. His visits throughout the country were made with scheduled regularity, and in the evening with the poet was the occasion for a gathering of young folks. Like most poets, he was not thrifty, and died poor.

ARDENT BOOSTER FOR SNAKE VALLEY

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Using Time.
It is always easier to wish that we had more time than to use the time that we have. So, by wasting time in wishing, we still further reduce the precious asset of the actual and only time that is really ours. The person who is not capitalizing all the time he has at the rate of sixty seconds to the minute would not be much better off with forty-eight hours in his day. Those who turn out what is, to the rest of us, a discouragingly large amount of work, have simply learned the art of using all their time—particularly the nooks and corners, the odds and ends, or their time. They utilize a five or ten-minute scrap of time as eagerly as they do a half-day. And so things get done, and their year's output seems stupendous. With the average man, unless he can see several hours clear for a piece of work, he will attempt little out of the ordinary; and that is why he remains an average man.—Sunday School Times.

Benefit in Blowing Bubbles.

"When I was up in the Saranac Lake region recently I was surprised to see a lot of persons in one of the villages blowing soap bubbles," said a New York vacationist just returned from his fortnight's rest. "A good many of these people were middle aged and some were elderly, but all of them had their clay pipes and glasses of soapy water and were vying with each other as to who could make the biggest bubble."

"I inquired of one resident if the place had become a retreat for the mildly insane," and he told me that they were all people who had—or thought they had—"sick lungs." A doctor from New York was up there last winter and introduced soap bubble blowing as one of the aids in the cure of consumption. It makes the patients breathe deeply."

Have Grave Garments Ready.

In an account of the death, at the age of one hundred and four, of Lucy Hickey at Gloucester there appeared the interesting item that she was buried in a shroud which she had made for herself many years ago. "This may look strange to most people," said a resident of the East side, "but not so the old-fashioned Jews. I am sure that if you go through any of the tenement houses in this part of the city you will find in the majority of homes the shrouds of all men and women who are married. It is an old custom to have the grave garments ready, and with some of the people it is considered a shame not to be properly provided in case of death. The garments are usually of fine texture and invariably hand-sewed."

There Is Real Superstition.

A little book published in Cologne in 1665 under the title of "Geistliche und leibliche Arzney wider die Pest," gives a crude explanation of the plague and its ravages. We learn that it is due to the eccentric movement of the planets, eclipses of the moon or sun, foundations, earthquakes, famines and wars. Often, also, it follows the bad effluvia set up by pigs, ducks and geese. It is frequently attributable to the anger of God for man's sins, such as injustice in the law courts, the oppression of subjects by their rulers, the dearness of goods, the dance and gaming.

Greatness.

"Some men are born great, some achieve greatness and some have greatness thrust upon them," said Dibbs.

"Yes, and some appear to become great by merely parading on the street in pretension," said Dibbs.

SERMONS IN SENTENCES

Don't be bitter.

Again, don't.

It doesn't pay.

It has no effect.

That is, not the desired one.

It does not wound the attacked.

It simply and effectively brands the speaker.

And the worst of it is, it becomes a nasty habit.

Besides, even if legitimate, it is a task impossible to complete.

One had much better take the time to remove the beam from one's own eye rather than pass a whole life trying to pluck motes from the eyes of other people.

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