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MORE MISREPRESENTATION BY U'REN.

Oregon City, Ore., Sept. 30, 1914.—
(To the Editor.)—Will you or your readers, or some of the mortgage and diamond owners who are opposing the \$1500 Homes Tax Exemption, kindly and fully answer the following questions?

\$1500 invested in a mortgage is not taxed in Oregon. Why should not \$1500 also be exempt if it is invested in farm buildings, cows, teams, land clearings and orchards with which to make a living?

\$1500 spent for diamonds and jewelry "in actual use" is by law exempt from tax in Oregon. Why should not \$1500 spent for a dwelling house and furniture "in actual use" be exempt from tax?

The proposed \$1500 Homes Tax Exemption does not apply to corporations. The great department stores which get nothing from this, neither will the sky scrapers nor the railroads, but the little merchant may save something on his taxes.

The mortgage tax law of Oregon was repealed in 1893, and mortgages have not been taxed since then, in most of the counties, including Clackamas and Multnomah.

No one can justly oppose allowing the farmer and the little home owner so small an exemption while so many wealthy people and corporations are exempt on their mortgages and diamonds, not to mention the money on which they never do pay tax. Sincerely yours,
W. S. U'REN.

THE ONLY HOPE of getting a favorable vote upon the \$1500 exemption (single tax limited) measure, lies in deceiving the voters. In the above letter to the press of Oregon Mr. U'Ren carries misrepresentation and deceit almost to the limit.

In one paragraph Mr. U'Ren says: \$1500 invested in a mortgage is not taxed in Oregon. Why should not \$1500 also be exempt if it is invested in farm buildings, cows, teams, land clearings and orchards with which to make a living?

In another paragraph he says: The mortgage tax law of Oregon was repealed in 1893, and mortgages have not been taxed since then, in most of the counties, including Clackamas and Multnomah.

Can any dependence be put in any part of an argument where one paragraph contradicts another? In one paragraph Mr. U'Ren infers that "all mortgages are exempt." In the other paragraph he says "they are exempt in most counties."

As a matter of fact, neither paragraph is true.

Mortgages are not exempt, as Mr. U'Ren could have learned had he the least desire to tell the truth. In fact, he has been repeatedly shown during this campaign that such a statement is a deliberate falsehood. Mortgages are taxed so high in Oregon that Oregon money seeks outside states in which to invest in that kind of security. Mortgages are taxed in every county of Oregon with the exception of two small counties. The statement that Multnomah is one of those is absolutely false. Look up the tax rolls or inquire of the tax commission.

The only way an owner of money can get out of paying taxes on money is to perjure himself—to make the same kind of a statement to the assessor that Mr. U'Ren does to the voter.

Mr. U'Ren says: \$1500 spent for diamonds and jewelry "in actual use" is by law exempt from tax in Oregon. Why should not \$1500 spent for a dwelling house and furniture "in actual use" be exempt from tax?

Earlier in the campaign Mr. U'Ren, who seems able to make no distinction between fact and fiction, said: "\$5,000 'invested' in diamonds is exempt." The above paragraph from his letter is an admission that his earlier statement was false.

Fifteen hundred dollars invested in diamonds in actual use is exempt in Oregon, but that is no reason why another unfair exemption should be foisted upon us. Two wrongs, by any method of figuring, can not make a right. If Mr. U'Ren will initiate a bill to put diamonds back on the tax roll, The Sentinel will support it.

The other arguments submitted by Mr. U'Ren have been previously refuted by The Sentinel.

The Sentinel submits this proposition: Can any voter honestly cast a vote for a measure whose author resorts to palpable falsehood and studied deceit in support of it? Can any mea-

sure be honest when its author stoops to such slippery methods to gain a favorable vote?

PRETTY SMALL.

THE EUGENE REGISTER had an experience the other day that reveals some of the petty troubles of a newspaper and reveals the ungratefulness of those who have received many favors at the hands of the newspaper.

A prohibition subscriber stopped his paper because The Register accepted advertising from the Hop Growers' and Dealers' Association, such advertising naturally explaining the anti-prohibition side of the question.

The Register is a strong prohibition paper, has made a strong fight for prohibition and has allowed prohibitionists to explain their side without cost, but this subscriber forgot all these things when The Register showed itself broad enough to allow its opponents to present their side, in this case at regular advertising rates.

The Register has done enough work for prohibition to earn the life-long support of every prohibitionist in the county. Like The Sentinel it has time and time again refused whisky, beer and booze advertising without attempting to make capital out of the fact, but The Register's subscriber forgot all that in his effort to vent his spleen upon The Register for the terrible crime of giving the hopgrowers an opportunity to be heard.

But such exhibitions of ingratitude and lack of appreciation are common to the newspaper business.

Let us hope that The Register's subscriber who was so small that he could not allow a fair presentation of a proposition, is consistent and does not contaminate his lily white hands by touching any of the Portland dailies that brazenly print whisky and beer advertising.

Let us hope that, if a Republican, he does not take a paper that prints what the Democrats are doing. Let us hope that if a Presbyterian he does not take a paper that prints the church news of any other church.

Not long ago in Cottage Grove a couple of ministers of the gospel and a large number of prohibitionists attended a lecture on "The Ten Fundamental Fallacies of Prohibition." We presume The Register's subscriber could not feel himself a true follower of prohibition did he give further support to one of these preachers or patronize the business of one of these prohibitionists who would defile himself by listening to the arguments of the other side.

Let us hope that this narrow-minded subscriber of The Register is not refused work by an employer of opposite political beliefs, let us hope he has never committed any crime so heinous as that for which he withdraws his support from The Register. Let us hope he is in a position to cast the first stone. Let us hope that if he has committed some deed that might appear charged against him on judgment day that good old St. Peter will not be so narrow-minded and bigoted as not to give the sinner an opportunity to present his side.

OREGON'S CONGRESSMAN.

THE DEMOCRATIC newspapers, in their vain attempt to beat Congressman Hawley, make much of Mr. Hawley's frequent failure to vote upon measures before congress and his failure to have a wastebasketful of bills to the credit of his ability as a legislator.

The Democrats overlook the fact that the more active a congressman is in committee work, the more active he is in furthering the interests of his constituents before the departments, the more frequently will he be absent when votes are taken. Committee work goes on even while congress is in session and a congressman can't spend a half day getting some little matter before a department far removed from the capitol and be in his seat at the same time. If he plans things so that he is never absent on important roll calls or upon roll calls where his vote is needed, it can be taken for granted that he is attending to his knitting.

The Sentinel has had frequent occasion to take up matters with Oregon's members of Congress, and be it said to

the credit of Congressman Hawley that his reply was always the first received and always the most satisfactory. The promptness of the replies showed that he was on the job and the information in those replies showed that he had taken the matters up promptly with the proper departments. The Sentinel challenges anyone in the district, be he Democrat, Republican or what not, to prove that he has ever written Congressman Hawley without getting an immediate reply. The Sentinel challenges anyone to say that he has asked any reasonable service of Congressman Hawley that the latter has not performed to the best of his ability and in a satisfactory manner.

No old soldier has ever written Congressman Hawley about a pension without getting the most courteous attention, no homesteader has ever written Congressman Hawley in vain for anything within the power of the congressman to procure.

Congressman Hawley may not be a leader in Washington, The Sentinel does not claim that he is, but it can not be truthfully said that he does not represent the district to the best of his ability, which is considerable. He has secured considerable creditable legislation, but a whole wastebasketful of laws is of no particular credit to a congressman. We have too many laws now and The Sentinel does not favor sending a man to Washington who has a consuming ambition to clutter the statute books.

If The Sentinel believed Mr. Hawley's democratic opponent could secure more needed legislation it might support him, but in a strongly Republican district a Democrat has no chance of staying more than two years, and the Democratic candidate is not of such a forceful personality that he could do more than merely get his feet warm in that time. Mr. Hawley, were he of only mediocre ability, which he is not, could, because of the very length of his service, secure more for Oregon than could a new man.

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A change would be a serious blunder unless a man could be sent greatly superior in ability to Mr. Hawley and one who would have some chance of staying a number of terms.

There is absolutely no excuse for Republicans voting to endorse present Democratic conditions. Mr. Hawley should have the entire Republican vote, which means election. He should also have the non-partisan vote that wants something for the district during the next two years.

Under a Republican administration we had a surplus. Under a Democratic administration we have to raise a hundred millions in "war tax" to cover a deficit. The deficit is caused by spending a hundred millions more than any Republican Congress ever did. For non-partisan reasons of economy Oregon should return a solid Republican delegation.

Your hens might not lay any better under a Republican administration than they do now, but they wouldn't have to compete with Chinese biddies, the way they do now. A vote for Booth and Hawley is a vote for the protection of Oregon industries at a time when they are in need of every protection.

Feeling it the duty of a newspaper to give the voters all the information possible on paramount political issues, The Sentinel today publishes a letter that explains the prohibition amendment in detail and should be read by all voters, whether for or against. The letter clears up several disputed points.

Governor West opposes Withycombe for Governor because the latter has never been a striking business success. Neither was our Oswald much of a business success, but he would hardly admit that he hasn't made a pretty good Governor from his standpoint.

THE "GEORGE" BILL.

(Times-Herald, Burns.)
SEVERE BLOW to the development of Oregon will be inflicted by the passage of the "George" Bill. It menaces the very foundation of irrigation and water power development and should be defeated.

Concealed under the guise of economy, this bill which appears to have been prepared without public hearings, is apparently designed to further some personal, partisan or other motive, without regard to its effect on a comprehensive development policy which has been giving satisfaction. Fair consideration demands that the people know something of the benefits of this policy and the extent to which the cost of administration is offset by fees collected.

This bill deals with the exceedingly complicated and important subject of water rights. Its presence on the ballot appears to be an abuse of the initiative, as we are not aware that the plan has ever been presented for the consideration of the Legislature.

Its purpose is to make the engineer of the Tumalo Project State Engineer for one year at an increased salary

and thereafter the State Land Board to appoint at \$2400 per annum. The present state engineer, who has been appointed twice, elected once and was recently nominated by the Republican, Democratic and Prohibition parties, will be legislated out of office. Salary \$3,000.

The bill apparently abolishes the power of the state engineer to employ the necessary assistance.

It provides that one-half of the state engineer's salary shall be paid from the Tumalo project reclamation fund. No such fund has ever been created by law. Balance of his salary to be paid by the state, but the bill abolishes the necessary appropriations for such purposes.

Owing to the failure of the State Land Board to properly conduct the state's reclamation work under the Cary Act, the Legislature in 1909, changed the law and added the State Engineer and Attorney General to this board, calling it the Desert Land Board. This bill, without reason or popular demand, abolishes the latter board and transfers the work back again to the State Land Board, composed of the Governor, Secretary of State and State Treasurer, and makes the state engineer an appointee of this board after 1916.

It is conceivable that some of the promoters of wild-ent irrigation enterprises may desire the engineer and legal members removed from this board, and the Engineer's independence of action curtailed by making him a creature of a non-technical board. Since neither officer removed gets additional compensation for serving on such board, no economy can result, and past experience shows efficiency will be reduced.

Oregon has two division superintendents. They take testimony and record early rights to water. They also have charge of the distribution of water. These two officers, acting with the state engineer, constitute the water board, having supervision of the waters of the state. The George Bill proposes to concentrate the vast power of this board in one water commissioner.

To make a reliable record of the early ditch rights of Wyoming, it took four superintendents 20 years. At this rate, it will take the one commissioner proposed in the George Bill more than 80 years to record existing rights in Oregon, during which time these valuable property rights will remain in their present uncertain condition, and future value jeopardized through the death of pioneer witnesses, necessary to establish these early rights.

The passage of this bill will cut off \$25,000 per annum of government funds now being expended in Oregon upon the dollar for dollar basis for water and land surveys which must precede development. The expenses of the state engineer's department are more than offset by fees collected and the other two departments affected by this bill pay large sums into the state treasury, the aggregate of the three departments affected for 1913 amounting to \$30,690.

This bill seems not to have been prompted by the highest motives for the development of Oregon. It will clearly impair the efficiency of our model water laws and will not promote economy.

Things We Think

Things others think, and what we think of the things others think.

There are a lot of people who half believe things that they know are not so and still wonder why they don't make much headway in this old world.

Work is healthy—that's the reason a lot of people are sickly.

Sermons seem longest to people who have most need of 'em. Have you been kicking?

Some states have laws forbidding the portrayal of the acts of criminals on the stage. Some acting is more criminal than the stuff prohibited.

The news that a Nevada woman had bested two prize fighters who attempted to burglarize her home didn't draw forth any questions of doubt from the married men of the community.

The railroad showed considerable discernment of judgment that hired ladies to take the place of male strikers, but the girls will soon be taken to court and a justice-of-the-peace will tie them up so that they will not bother the men's jobs very long—if the unmarried strikers are onto their job.

The fellow who says the new comet has fifteen degrees of tail may be a thirty-third degree liar.

If you can't say a baby is handsome, say it looks like its mother. It will be all the same to her.

Nothing is absolutely certain but death and taxes and that the cost of living is higher.

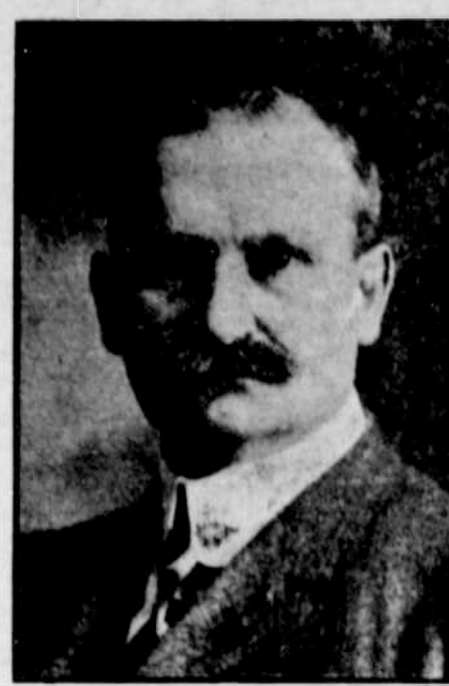
A New York dealer in food stuffs says prices will be lowered soon. There are a lot of people who are willing to try to tolerate such a condition.

The health of the nation is said to be worth \$150,000,000. Those are pretty healthy looking figures, anyway.

A woman never provides for old age.

With the cost of living still advancing, it is up to us to see that we get out of life all there is in it.

"NO INTERESTS TO SERVE BUT THE PUBLIC INTERESTS."



Representative W. C. Hawley
Republican Direct Primary Nominee
for Re-election to Congress.

The people of Oregon sent Representative Hawley to Congress because he was clean and specially equipped to serve his native state.

He has made good and has acquired experience and standing in Congress, serving ALL the people and securing more than \$5,000,000 for waterways, public buildings and other purposes in the First District.

He has not been away from his duties at Washington ten days in the last 600 days.

A vote for him is one for a Faithful, Industrious, Honest, Able and most Successful Public Servant.

(Please read his record and platform in voters' pamphlet.)

Republican Congressional Com.
W. J. CULVER, Chairman.

(Paid Adv.) o14,21,28

Some men get bald-headed worrying because they can't get married.

The tobacco trust tells us that the stuff cigars are made of is advancing in price. We infer from this that sauer kraut will be higher.

The world receives sufficient heat from the sun in a year to melt a coat

of ice forty-six feet thick all over the globe, and still there are some people who never thaw out.

Sometimes a woman gives a man peace of mind—and some times a piece of mind.

Don't spend much time visiting with a man who hates himself—you've nothing to gain by it.

When a man runs away with another's wife because he thinks he will be hap-

pier, he is simply letting his imagination run away with him.

Some men never make much progress until they get tied down to a woman.

A really great man seldom acts big.

The man with the most push soon has a pull.

Women juries are proving successful in Washington. Men in that state can at last feel satisfied that they are being judged by a jury of their peers.

A pastor says: "If our young people were to kiss more they would be better for it; better men and better women." We're willing to be improved.

About 50 per cent of the unhappy women of this world lay it to being married—the other 50 per cent to not being.

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