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An Expert Speaks of the Rogue.

In controversy such as that which springs perennially from the question of commercial fishing in the Rogue river, there is no lack of regional opinion for and against, some of which is selfish, some of which is well considered and some hasty and intemperate.

Henry O'Malley is United States commissioner of fisheries. He is an authority of international reputation, and it may with truth be said of him that no other man is so familiar with our fisheries and their problems, with the picture as a whole rather than as in fragments.

"I strongly feel that the Rogue river, as well as the other salmon rivers in Oregon, should be closed to commercial fishing if it is hoped to maintain the rivers in anywhere near their original productivity.

This is an opinion untingered by

any possible local influence. It is expert. It proceeds from close study of actual conditions. It is the product of scientific knowledge and practical experience.

Why Incur Indebtedness?

At a time when government retrenchment is the essential need, it seems strange that voters would be suspected of passing a measure that could increase the indebtedness of the state \$65,000,000, yet that is what is in the offing by reason of the "State Water Power and Hydro-electric Constitutional Amendment," proposed for adoption November 8.

The proposed amendment among other things, provides that: "The state of Oregon is authorized and empowered . . . to loan the credit of the state, and to incur indebtedness to an amount not exceeding 6 per cent of the assessed valuation of all the property of the state, for the purpose of providing funds with which to carry out the provisions of this article, notwithstanding any limitations elsewhere contained in the constitution . . ."

The legislative assembly shall, and the people may provide any legislation that may be necessary . . . to carry out the provisions of this article, provided that any board or commission created, or empowered to administer the laws enacted . . . shall consist of three members and be elected without party qualification . . ."

A tax summary statement sent out by R. O. Hawks, Umatilla county assessor, places the assessed value of all property in Umatilla county at \$39,141,080. This bill would authorize an indebtedness, through issuance of State of Oregon general obligation bonds, amounting to \$2,348,464.80 as Umatilla county's share of the state load of \$65,000,000.

The article also says, "the legislative assembly shall . . . carry out the provisions of this act . . ." This

is not merely an authorization article, but, to the contrary, it is mandatory in its terms, according to leading attorneys of the state, one of whom is W. S. U'Ren. This bill is vicious. Put a black X after No. 325 on your ballot, if you would defeat this gigantic debt-incurring proposal that would wreck our credit for two decades or so, let alone the new burden it would impose on the property taxpayer.

COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

Irnee du Pont, one of the millionaire contributors to the Association Against Prohibition, said in a letter brought out in the United States Senate investigation that to bring back beer would save him \$10,000,000 in income tax, "and," said this wet millionaire, "the working man would never miss it."

Was prohibition "put over" while our boys were "over there?" Representatives at the National Congress which voted for the Eighteenth Amendment were elected in November, 1916, five months before the United States entered the World War and before ever an American regiment sailed for France.

A Halloween party was given at the O. A. Wells home Monday night. Games were played after which everyone helped pull taffy. Those present were: Lottie Knaut, Mary Ward, Barbara Reid, Rachel Buell, Helen Couture, Florence Udey, Juanita Wells, Wesley Knaut, Davis Arnett, James Couture, Art Norquist, Jack Dotson, Charles Hunt, Dale Wells, Charles Wells, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Buell and family, and Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Wells and family.

Mrs. Joe Udey was a visitor at the Barham home Friday. Mrs. Merel Rhodes and two children of Portland were visitors at the home of Mrs. Rhode's mother, Mrs. A. R. Roberts.

A Halloween party was given at the Columbia school Monday. Mrs. Morris and daughter Pauline were visitors in Pendleton Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Yentzer of La Grande were visitors at the Val Knaut home Wednesday. They are planning to locate here. Mr. and Mrs. Val Knaut and Lotie and Wesley, visited with friends in La Grande Sunday. New pupils in the Columbia school this week are: Genevieve and Maxine Blinston. They came here from The Dalles and at present are living with their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. U. Edwards.

All Items Appearing in this Column are Contributed by the Hermiston W. C. T. U. The wets act as if the taxes from liquor were to be a free gift from the generous brewers and distillers. How they love their country! But listen to Prof. Thomas Reed of Ann Arbor. "Before Prohibition," he says, "a gallon of whiskey cost about 10 cents to make, gave the government \$1.00 tax . . . and cost the public \$8.00." Do the liquor makers love their government? Or are they out to get back a lucrative business for themselves?

When the United States entered the war, 26 states had voted dry, and over 80 per cent of our area, all but 305 of our 2,848 counties, was dry territory. Would the return of beer bring prosperity? Money spent for booze can't buy shoes; Money spent for wet goods, can't buy dry goods.

The buying capacity of the American people is approximately 71 billion dollars. If they spent this money for food, clothing, automobiles, building houses, etc., they have body building or tangible assets. If, however, they should spend one and one-third billion dollars for beer that

estimate I could do better than I can this way. I could handle beer without having to pay such big money to do it. There wouldn't have to be any pay-off. There wouldn't be any lost trucks, and the stuff would cost less." —Detroit Times, May 4, 1932.

Advertisement for First National Bank of Hermiston. Text: "This Bank Represents the Future--to Many!" "Let us predict a bright future for you." "When people pass our doors and say, 'That's my bank,' they mean they're proud of the way they're building their own financial future." "Our future is simply the joint future of all we serve. Can we make yours brighter?" "FIRST NATIONAL BANK of Hermiston. Capital, Surplus and Undivided Profits Over \$50,000. F. B. SWAYZE, President. R. ALEXANDER, Vice-President. A. H. NORTON, Cashier. D. M. DEETER, Asst. Cashier."

WILL SHE DISTRIBUTE THE JOBS?

Mrs. Edith M. Fraker, Independent candidate for the office of superintendent of schools, is clerk of School District No. 26, a small district in the northwest section of this county, her husband, L. P. Fraker, Jesse Goff and Rush Higginbottom, are the directors,—the latter being chairman of the board.

Mrs. Fraker, now campaigning on an economy program and criticising the present superintendent, J. A. Yeager, for his expenditures, should have first seen that her house was in order.

The school law provides that the school clerk may receive as salary \$50.00 per year for that service. With the exception of a very few clerks in the county, all are confining their salary to a minimum of \$25.00 a year. Mrs. Fraker, however, is accepting the maximum salary.

At the beginning of the school year, Ross Shaw, a World War veteran and member of the American Legion, with a family of five children, was employed as the driver of the school bus at a salary of \$100.00 per month. He was given five weeks of employment then his job ended. In his stead, Lloyd Fraker, son of Mrs. Edith Fraker, was given the position. The driving of this bus constitutes a six-mile journey five days each week.

In Mrs. Fraker's newspaper advertising, where she appeals for votes, those of you who may perchance have read it, you will find the following statement: "Distribute these jobs among deserving people."

The thought occurs to us, if Mrs. Fraker should be elected superintendent of schools, to whom would she distribute the jobs? To whom has a job now been given in the district she and her husband serve as clerk and director? —Freewater Times. (Paid Adv.)

Large advertisement for a vote on a Bill Prohibiting Commercial Fishing on Rogue River. Text: "VOTE 308 Yes on a Bill Prohibiting Commercial Fishing on Rogue River. 43,500 Residents of the Rogue River valley are directly affected by the passage of this measure. At two previous elections the people of Southern Oregon have expressed their desire for a closed river by a vote of more than three to one. We ask the voters of Eastern Oregon to be guided by the expressed wishes of the majority of the residents of the counties directly interested. VOTE 308 YES on a Bill Prohibiting Commercial Fishing on Rogue River. GRANTS PASS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, By H. L. Wilson, Vice Pres., J. R. Harvey, Sec. ASHLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, By B. G. Barkwill, President, R. E. Detrick, Sec. MEDFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, By W. S. Bolger, President, C. T. Baker, Secretary. VOTE 308 X Yes"

JUDGE SCHANNEP

"By their deeds, Ye shall know them," fittingly applies to I. M. Schannep, at this time candidate for circuit judge of the Sixth Judicial District. His record of achievement in the administration of the affairs of Umatilla county during the past twelve years is an enviable one. How the quotation at the beginning of this article is applied to the subject we will attempt to enumerate.

When Judge Schannep assumed office as County Judge in January, 1921, Umatilla county had a bonded indebtedness of \$1,050,000.00 for the building roads, also, outstanding and unpaid warrants upon the general fund and road and bridge fund of \$95,707.43. All of this indebtedness has been paid and at the present time, the county is entirely free from debt, and despite the depressed condition of the country, is still paying cash for its obligations, and will continue to do so during the remainder of his term.

In 1920, the millage rate of levy for state and county purposes was 15.5 mills. The valuation aggregated \$58,006,629.39. Last year the valuation, due to the condition of the times, had slumped to \$53,179,689.16 and the millage levy was but 7 mills, a reduction in the valuation for tax levying purposes of \$4,826,940.23, and the millage rate under that of 1929 of 8.5 mills. This millage rate, according to information from the state treasurer, is the lowest in Oregon, with the exception of probably two of the very small counties of the state. The reduction in taxes made last year shows about one-third under that of 1932.

Umatilla county is conceded to have the most comprehensive road system in the Northwest, according to a statement made recently by R. H. Baldock, Oregon state highway engineer. This road system has practically all been constructed during Judge Schannep's administration.

During his tenure of office there has been constructed 250 miles of hard surfaced roads, serving every city and village in the county; also about 250 miles of state highways in which the county co-operated. There has also been constructed innumerable bridges, many of them of concrete and steel, among these being Stanfield, Echo, Nolin, Thorn Hollow, Demaris bridge on the Walla Walla river, as well as bridges on state highways in which the county co-operated, namely, McKay creek, Pilot Rock bridge across Birch creek, Butter creek bridge on the Heppner highway, and two large steel and concrete bridges on the Pendleton John Day highway across Camas creek and the North Fork of the John Day river, besides hundreds of other smaller bridges serving every section of the county. During the past two years disastrous floods have devastated roads and bridges, which have been reconstructed at large expense, and all of which were paid from the regular budget.

As County Judge, he has had the administration of all matters of probate as well as all juvenile offenders to deal with, and in this respect he has proved himself an honest and efficient judge. Dealing leniently with the erring boy or girl, rendering sound and wholesome advice to the 260 juveniles brought before him, always remembering, as a father of six children himself, the tendency of the youth to wander from the ways of right; giving first offenders good counsel and the benefits of the parole law, which has resulted, in many cases, in their becoming useful and respected citizens.

He has heard more than 1,000 civil and probate cases, 260 juvenile cases, 50 criminal cases, as well as supervised the care of the poor, and as chairman of Governor Meier's unemployment relief committee of Umatilla county, during these years has had no small administrative and judicial job.

He has had 30 years experience as a lawyer, practiced in the courts of Missouri, California, and for the past 17 years in Oregon.

That he will make good in the office he is seeking there is no doubt, if the foregoing enviable record means anything.

Those who know Judge Schannep, fully realize that he is well qualified, by mature years and experience, to fill the office he now seeks.

His record of achievement in his present capacity is a guarantee of economical administration, rigid law enforcement, with fair and impartial justice to every citizen of the Sixth Judicial District.

A separate Judicial ballot will be furnished each voter at the election, November 8; vote 15 (X) thereon. —The Freewater Times, October 28, 1932. (Paid Adv.)

Advertisement for Hitt's Confectionery. Text: "SERVICE HOT LUNCHES REFRESHING DRINKS SPORTING GOODS Hitt's Confectionery HERMISTON, OREGON. PHONE 100"

Large advertisement for Armistice Celebration. Text: "ARMISTICE CELEBRATION NOVEMBER 11th HERMISTON PARADE 12:30 P.M. ADDRESS Don McLeod HOOD RIVER Heppner vs. Hermiston 2:30 P.M. FREE BARBECUE ELABORATE MENU BRING THE FAMILY DANCE 50c Couple HERMISTON AUDITORIUM Come! Come! ARMISTICE DAY"