

Donaugh Boosts Project At Umatilla

HERMISTON, Or., April 21—Picturing the Umatilla rapids as a "choker" to navigation and the movement of 90 per cent of the tonnage produced in the Columbia valley, Federal District Attorney Carl C. Donaugh, Democratic senatorial aspirant, told a large crowd of Umatilla county Democrats at a meeting here Wednesday night he would devote himself to a fight for removal of the "stopper" if elected to the senate.

"Wheat tonnage aggregating 50 million bushels a year, 30 million boxes of apples, a billion and a half board feet of lumber, towering tonnage of wool and livestock, are denied the benefits of cheap water freight rates to the sea because of this barrier," Donaugh said. "Wheatmen say that if the rates could be cut no more than five cents a bushel an annual saving of \$3,500,000 would be effected. If apple growers could bet a 5c-per-box lower rate the saving to them would aggregate a million a year."

"With the barrier removed, ocean going ships could steam up river and load from river wharfs as far as Pasco, Kennewick and Priest Rapids, 200 miles above Celilo, bring this flow of goods into the world trade traffic via the Lower Columbia, bring also to Oregon farmers and stockmen a freight saving they need sorely."

WATER HIGH

Plenty of water has been coming down the river this past week with more in sight. Monday, 218,000 second feet. Wednesday, 275,000 second feet.

The run of fish dropped off this past week but the observer states that the eels are getting so numerous they are difficult to count.

POWER BY THE YEAR

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Preliminary and wholly unofficial guesses on the bus bar rate, based on such known factors as the \$11,600,000 allocation to power, the 4.688

per cent, for fixed charges, and the 86,400 kilowatt capacity of the first two units, are indicative of a rate of approximately \$14 or \$15 per kilowatt-year. And considering the \$3,500,000 for the first set of transmission lines and main transformers or substations, line losses and other factors, they indicate a flat rate any place on the transmission lines of around \$17 or \$18 per kilowatt year.

If such a rate is finally adopted, it will mean, on a 100 per cent load factor, a kilowatt hour rate of from 1.5 to 2 mills, which would equal or better anything TVA, Ontario or Boulder have to offer. It must be borne in mind, however, that customers who buy on a kilowatt year basis have to gamble on use of this power which would be available 24 hours of the day, 365 days of the year. And if they could not build up more than a 50 per cent load factor (about the average under private operation in Oregon,) the rate on a kilowatt hour basis would just double. The nearest one finds to an ideal load factor in this area is at the paper mills at Camas and Oregon City and as a result they get the best rate now obtainable, around 4 mills per kilowatt hour.

In a leaflet issued for public distribution, the new wholesale plan is described as the most equitable method of encouraging cities and companies to give lower rates to retail customers. The "kilowatt-year" sales unit is based directly on the cost of producing power, Ross declared. "No higher mathematics or juggled schedules enter into the determination of costs. The small consumer does not subsidize the large industrialist. We simply say, 'A kilowatt-year costs us so much. Pay us our cost and use that kilowatt continuously, day and night, throughout the year!'"

Most For The Money

The Bonneville Administrator said such a method would give the consumer "the most for his money—the power he now pays for whether he uses it or not." Referring to the Ontario Hydroelectric Commission, which uses a similar wholesale system, Ross noted that Canadian homes used more than twice as much electricity as American families.

"Our aim is not to get as much money as we can out of the people, but rather to give them as much as

we can for their money. One of the purposes of the Bonneville Project is to establish the fair cost of electricity, and to end the practice of charging all that the market will bear," Ross said.

Use Instead of Waste

"At Bonneville Dam the Columbia River flows steadily westward to the sea. Day and night it produces electricity as the water passes through the penstocks. We must use that power as it is produced or it is lost forever. So I have suggested selling electricity to cities and districts and companies on the basis of the kilowatt-year. Pay so much per kilowatt-year. Take all or any of the 8760 kilowatt-hours during the twelve-month period. The price will be the same."

Ross said that cities buying power by the "kilowatt-year" naturally would set their rates so as to encourage families to use power all day long. "Instead of just having a few lights burning in the evening, it would be economical to use the power all through the day: for refrigeration, cooking, water-heating, as well as for off-peak house heating, irrigation, commercial, and industrial use. Every extra kilowatt-hour used means increased leisure or additional income to men and women of the Northwest."

LICENSES REVOKED

Enforcement machinery in Oregon has taken driving privileges from more traffic violators in the last three months than during any other first quarter in the state's history. Secretary of State Earl Snell said this week.

Intoxicated drivers have been the chief offenders in this period, Snell said. Licenses of one hundred ninety six operators have been revoked since January 1 for this offense.

Although license suspensions and revocations during the first three months of this year were nearly half again as numerous as during the first quarter of 1937. Snell believes this indicates stricter enforcement and better cooperation between state departments, rather than more disobedience to law. This belief is borne out by the fact that actual convictions for traffic offenses during March were considerably lower than during March last year.

Automobile owners should be extremely careful about allowing other persons to borrow their cars, Snell stated. He pointed out that three-fifths of the drivers who have lost their licenses subject to the safety responsibility act this year were not the owners of the automobiles they were driving at the time of their arrest.

"This means," said Snell, "that in many cases borrowed cars were being driven by intoxicated or irresponsible drivers, probably without the owner's knowledge of the manner in which his car was being used. It is not only the right but the duty of automobile owners to check up on the use of their cars, and to lend them only to drivers they know to be responsible."

WHISKEY PROBLEM SOLVED

If you are a married man and absolutely must drink, start a saloon in your own home. Be the only customer and you won't have to buy a

license. Give your wife two dollars to buy a gallon of whiskey. Remember there are sixty-nine glasses in a gallon. Buy your drink from your wife. When the first gallon is gone she will have eight dollars to deposit in the bank and two dollars to start business again. If you should live ten years, continue to buy booze from her and then die, with snakes in your shoes, she will have enough to bury you respectably, bring up your children, buy a house and lot and marry a decent man and forget about you.

—Brown's Ink Spot.

Legal Notices

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF HEARING

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Hood River County.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF: George Stranahan, Eino Jakku and F. Fenwick constituting the board of directors of Hood River Irrigation District, for a judicial examination and judgment of the above-named court as to the regularity and legality of the proceedings of the board of directors of said district in adopting a resolution authorizing and directing the issuance and sale of bonds of said district in the sum of \$8000.00 and the terms and maturities thereof for the purpose of defraying part of the expense of rehabilitation and supplemental works incurred by the construction of a reservoir at Green Point, Hood River County, Oregon, for the benefit of said district, and for the further purpose of a judicial examination and judgment of said court as to the regularity and legality of the proceedings of said board in authorizing the execution for and on behalf of said district of a contract with Reconstruction Finance Corporation for the sale to said corporation and the purchase by it of the aforesaid bonds and a judicial examination and judgment of said court as to the regularity and legality of such bonds and said contract aforesaid, and further, for a judicial examination and judgment of said court as to the right and duty of said irrigation district to levy each year until said bonds have been paid in full the necessary assessments provided for by said bond resolution and contract for the purpose of paying the principal and interest of said bonds.

To Hood River Irrigation District and to all freeholders, legal voters and assessment payers within said District, and to all other persons interested in this proceeding.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Directors of Hood River Irrigation District, Hood River County, Oregon, has filed its petition with the Clerk of the above entitled Court and has thereby commenced special proceedings for the purpose of having a judicial examination and judgment of the Court as to the regularity and legality of the proceedings of said Board and of said District providing

for and authorizing the issuance of bonds of said District in the sum of eight thousand dollars (\$8000.00), which bonds have not yet been sold or disposed of, and of the proceedings of said Board in entering into a contract with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, a governmental agency of the United States of America, for the purchase of said bonds which are issued for the purpose of defraying part of the expense of rehabilitation and supplemental works incurred by the construction of a reservoir at Green Point, Hood River County, Oregon, for the benefit of said district, and all of the proceedings of said Board with relation to said contract and the authorization of said bonds with the maturities and in the form set forth in said petition, and further, for a judicial examination and judgment of said court as to the right and duty of said irrigation district to levy each year until said bonds have been paid in full the necessary assessments provided for by said bond resolution and contract for the purpose of paying the principal and interest of said bonds.

You are further notified that the hearing of said petition has been set for the 23rd day of May, 1938, at 10:00 o'clock A. M. at the courtroom of the above entitled court in the city of Hood River, Hood River County, Oregon.

You are further notified that you and any person interested may at or before the said date as fixed for the hearing of said petition appear and contest the validity of such proceedings or any of the things therein enumerated.

Given under my hand and the seal of the said Circuit Court this 19th day of April, 1938.

W. L. VANNET,
Clerk of the Circuit Court
of the State of Oregon for
(SEAL) Hood River County.
W. F. CUSHOW,
Attorney for Petitioners,
Hood River, Oregon.



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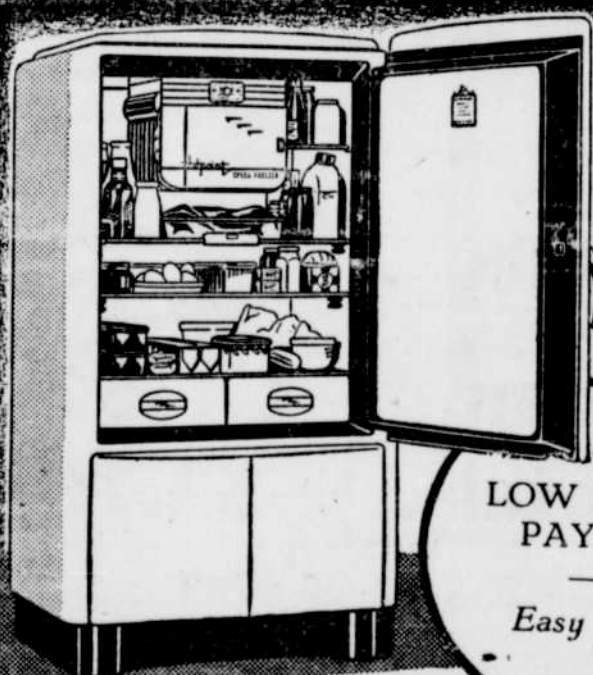
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