

# BUSINESS MEN WILL CONVENE

### Industrial Development to Be Discussed at Annual Meeting of State Commercial Club.

PORTLAND, Ore. (Special)—Industrial development for Oregon will be the keynote of the Annual Meeting of the Oregon State Commercial Club, to be held in Portland, January 13th.

Business leaders of the state will present various phases of an industrial program designed to exploit the resources of Oregon hand in hand with the present agricultural development.

C. D. Rorer, of Eugene, president of the Oregon State Bankers' association, will address the convention on the topic, "How to Finance a State Project." In this address the speaker, assisted by the ideas of other prominent bankers of the state, will give the practical details whereby a community organization of individual can finance and develop the natural resources of the various communities.

**Key to Speak.**

"A Financial Audit of Oregon," will be the theme of an address to be given by Thomas B. Kay, state treasurer, in which Oregon's present financial status will be analyzed minutely, including state taxation and expenditure in all branches, together with comparisons with other states.

Other topics and speakers of the annual convention will be: "The Oregon Development Program," by W. D. B. Dodson, manager, Portland Chamber of Commerce; "Industry Budget for Oregon," by C. M. Grainger, U. S. district forester; "Industrial and Hydro-Electric Development of Oregon," by Franklin T. Griffith, president, Portland Electric Power company; and "Traffic Regulations and Automobile Licenses," by Sam A. Kozar, secretary of state.

From one to five delegates from each of the 76 member organizations of the state chamber are expected to be in attendance.

# BRITISH LAND LAW COMPLEX

LONDON (AP)—The land law of England enters upon a new and, what many claim to be, an even more confusing chapter on January 1, 1925, when the British land act of 1925 becomes operative.

Lord Birkenhead's act is one of the latest statutes that has ever been passed through parliament, and the lawyers say that its full meaning will not be clear for at least 100 years. The chief aims of the act are three: To destroy the unnecessary legal differences between land and movable goods; to make dealing with land simpler and safer, and to make all land available for sale or disposal at any time. Whether it will succeed in these aims is still doubtful, for no English statute dealing with the exact results contemplated by its sponsors. It is still the view of the older lawyers that the complex system of lawmaking, under which new rules are created and doubtful points decided in court by judges and lawyers at the expense of complaining clients should not be upset by statute.

In theory, England is a thoroughly socialist state, the crown alone being the "owner" of land. In fact, individuals are owners, although the holders of fee-simple or freehold estate, the equivalent of American full ownership, often pay a yearly rental, from a peppercorn to gilt spurs or a white rooster at Christmas. Below freeholders rank a vast body of copyholders whose more limited ownership does not allow them to dig large holes or make long leases without the customary tribute to the lord of the manor. Next comes tenants in tail, whose ingenious ancestors have so arranged that they can benefit from their land during their lifetime but cannot dispose of it away from their children. Land held in all these fashions passes in a variety of ways to the relatives of the holder. Primogeniture, or the preference of the eldest son, is the general rule, but many villages retain the custom of Dowerage, which prefers the youngest son, and a whole county has a custom called Gavelkind, which gives the land to all the sons in equal shares. Altogether 102 different customs of descent are known in England.

The feudal system of landholding from which the modern land law developed, was a very simple one.

The reforming statute worked out by a committee of notables and adopted by Lord Birkenhead, will have the following effects: Abolish copyhold and customary tenures; abolish estates tail in law, while retaining them, along with settlements, in equity; abolish primogeniture and village customs of descent; keep "equities of the title;" abolish tenancy in common; make real personal property devolve according to the same rules. One of the greatest evils of English land law, the perpetuity or fee simple, never to be paid out of a given piece of land, is abolished by the new law. Its provisions do not deal with the evil of long leases or with the difficulty of tracing titles, and it offers no solution to the problem of restrictive covenants and "servitudes."

There were no multiplication tables in ancient Egypt, so we don't know how they doubled the price of turkeys.

## Gould's Kin a Shopkeeper



Gertrude Dowager Baroness Deedes is connected by marriage with one of the oldest families in the British nobility and with the millionaires Goulds of America. But all that means nothing, she is forced to earn her living—and it's a scant one—selling tea and light lunches to motorists and cyclists in the village of Lane Hill, England. Upon her husband's death the title and estates passed to his brother, the fifth Baron Deedes, husband of Helen Vivien Gould, daughter of George Jay Gould of New York.

## Bluebacks Shipped To Enterprise Hatchery

ENTERPRISE, Ore. (Special to the Observer)—Another large shipment of fish eggs arrived recently at the Enterprise hatchery, under a local newspaper. These were the advance order of ten million landlocked bluebacks from a Washington state fish establishment at Golden, in that state. Irvine French, superintendent of the local hatchery, received them and has placed them in trays in the long troughs.

Receipt of these fish has a certain fitness, for they are very similar to the reddish or blueback which in early days abounded in Wallows lake and in streams of the valley. Apparently the fish commission has sought out a variety richly calculated to thrive particularly well here, because the same variety was so abundant under wholly natural conditions.

When H. C. Mitchell, director of hatcheries of the state fish commission, was here in November, he said that from eight to thirteen million more eggs would be shipped to the hatchery in the coming months. He thought in November that nearly a million would be shipped, but being a variety favored since the hatchery was established, but it appears a change of plan.

Mr. Mitchell was much pleased with conditions at the hatchery and discussed with Spud French plans for various improvements which will be made gradually. The bluebacks will need more feeding ponds than ever here, located outside in the rear and the facilities will be ready when needed.

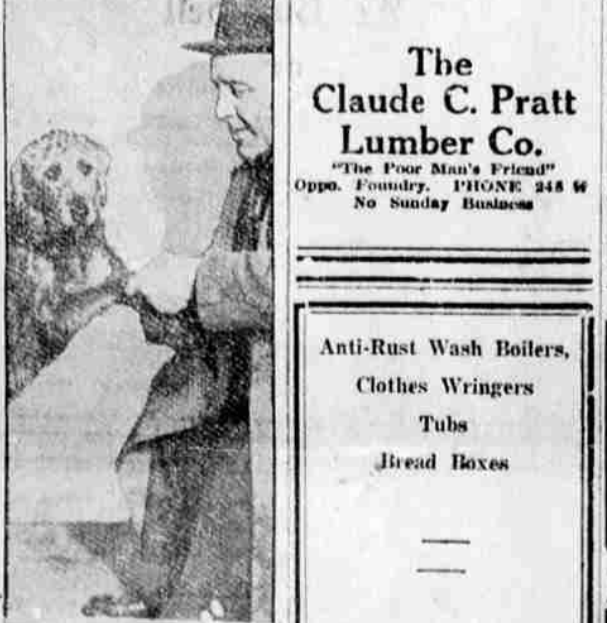
While the arrival of mixed bluebacks, the hatchery will have a million eggs and still a half million more than five million spring chinook eggs were received, and there are five million young sockeye on hand in the various ponds. These will go down the river in the early spring.

**Taxation Limits Production Of Motor Cars in Germany**

BERLIN (AP)—Berlin now counts 27,000 automobiles. This is an increase in the city of 20 per cent in six months and means one more to every 100 inhabitants.

The country now produces between 20,000 and 40,000 cars a year, and an increase of 100 or even 200 per cent is expected by the end of the year. Existing production facilities.

## Dog Deputy



"Pup" two-year-old Archie, owned by Sheriff Daniel B. Mahoy of Kansas City, Kas., has been deputized for his good work in preventing a jail break. The dog, hearing two prisoners digging through the walls, ran to the sheriff and led him back to the cells in time to frustrate the men's dash for liberty. Now "Pup" wears on his collar a silver tag bearing the word "Deputy."

## DOUGLAS HELD UP BY I. H. S.

### Historical Society Revives Memories of Man of Abe Lincoln's Time.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP)—Tearing a staunch friendship that continued in spite of their political differences, as long as they both lived, the Illinois Historical Society has published a life of Stephen A. Douglas, which forces a new link to bind together the memories and time of Lincoln and Douglas. It was prepared by Frank E. Stevens of Springfield, Ill.

Mr. Stevens related that when Lincoln was to be inaugurated in Washington, the first time, "it was intimated that Mrs. Lincoln was to be snubbed by Washington society absenting itself. Douglas, a social favorite, let it be known at once that the Douglases would undertake to spoil the little plot and to the utmost of his ability he did, by escorting Mrs. Lincoln to the ballroom upon his arm.

"But the crowning manifestation of that sincere friendship was exhibited quietly, almost innocently at the delivery of Lincoln's inauguration speech when Lincoln, ascending the rostrum of steps, awkwardly enough, was looking for a place to lay his left arm, Douglas noticed the embarrassment, and as though unbidden of him, he reached for it and held it during the delivery of the speech to which he listened intently.

"It was the speech of his friend and neighbor, his great and successful rival, and in it he felt an interest which he manifested by frequent nods of approval and such exclamations as 'Good!' 'That's fair!' 'No backing out

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