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If we lived in Canada and were used to this kind of winter—but we don't and aren't. Which accounts for widespread rage over an inch of new snow.

Senator Strayer, of Baker county, in his plea before the ways and means committee, said that the Eastern Oregon Stock Show was not a county fair but a district fair, therefore more deserving of state consideration. Correct. It is more than that. It is the stock show of the greatest stock raising area in the state, a vital influence for good on a vital industry. Its benefits are state-wide because the livestock business is state-wide.

On the front page of Sunday's Oregon Journal was a La Grande item misinterpreted by the head-writer with the resulting headline doing an injustice to this city's excellent water system and supply. It was to the effect that La Grande was "forced" to use well water for domestic and business purposes. True, but it failed to convey the information that our well water is from municipal wells, artesian water coming from hundreds of feet under the ground and testing 100 per cent pure. It failed to say that those wells have a daily flow of three million gallons, sufficient to supply the city even in summer with more than it can consume; that the wells and the old Beaver creek pipe line constitute a dual supply system unequalled in any city in Oregon for its size. Thanks to our municipal artesian wells, the dangers of a severe winter cannot effect La Grande's excellent water system.

### STATE UNIVERSITY VS. STATE COLLEGE

The apparent controversy that has made its appearance in the legislative session this year between respective supporters of the university at Eugene and the college at Corvallis is a matter for regret. The two institutions are not in controversy and not in competition, except in the permissible matter of attracting students. They are, on the other hand, doing an excellent dual job of providing a high type of higher education for the youth of the state—and doing it under some real difficulties.

Legislators need not be influenced by partisan arguments. They can well afford to avoid the unauthoritative opinions of prejudiced persons and devote the time thus saved to a study and analysis of the facts regarding the finances of both schools. It's a problem of primary consideration to the state as a whole and therefore should absorb some of the attention of every senator and representative.

Forgetting the traditional rivalry of the two institutions and remembering that they exist for two separate and distinct purposes that contribute to Oregon's welfare, financial legislation for them should be determined directly by an assemblage of bare facts. Appropriations, now and in the future, as well as legislative policy in education, should be determined by questions of enrollment, of demand for the different types of courses offered, of existing facilities for meeting existing enrollments and existing demands.

During the last twenty years Oregon has been marked more for her agricultural and technical development than for anything else. It has been only natural that the demands of a majority of its young people seeking higher education should be for the courses available at an agricultural and technical school. But the last few years has seen a change in that demand which has brought the cultural and professional courses available in the university to the fore. The rather evenly balanced enrollments of today indicate this more normal trend.

Student bodies in both schools and in the state normal schools have increased. Support for each institution should be scheduled accordingly. Facilities need enlarging in every case and the rapid increase at the university the last few years marks it as especially deserving while the readjustment is taking place. There is no cause for favoritism, no reason for controversy. Certain facts exist and point plainly to the policy the legislature should follow. A broad view and a fine spirit of co-operation is essential. Only in that way can the state benefit most from its entire educational activities.

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## AIRMAIL POUCH SERVICE ENJOYED

### Letters From La Grande Transferred Directly to Waiting Planes

Hoping to stimulate the use of airmail so that this part of the state will not lose the pouch service it now enjoys, K. K. Knickerbocker, who is in charge of mail traffic for the Pacific Air Transport, a subsidiary of the Boeing system, spent some time in La Grande yesterday. The pouch service provides that airmail picked up in this territory is placed in a mail pouch and delivered directly to the airplane, thus doing away with any delay that might result were it handled through a second postoffice.

Mr. Knickerbocker, speaking of times for airmail departure from La Grande, said that mail for California points leaves on No. 5 at 9:20 p. m., arriving at Portland to make direct connections with a southbound plane the next morning, scheduled to arrive in San Francisco at 12:45 p. m. and Los Angeles at 5:30 p. m. the same day. Eastbound airmail leaves La Grande on No. 18 at 9:15 p. m., arrives in Boise at 9:20 a. m. the next morning, is picked up by a Varney airplane to make direct connections with the transcontinental plane of the Boeing system for all points east and south. The scheduled arrival in Chicago after train arrival in Boise is 20 1/2 hours; New York 32 1/2 hours or total time from La Grande to Chicago, 32 1/2 hours, and La Grande to New York, 44 1/2 hours.

Mr. Knickerbocker said that new mail planes have been added to the Boeing and Varney lines recently to speed up the service. These planes have a high speed of from 140 to 150 miles per hour and carry from 1000 to 1600 pounds of mail.

"Airmail has increased from 200 to 500 per cent over different lines since the five-cent postage rates became effective last August," he said.

## Here and There In Legislature

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 19 (AP)—Sixteen house bills, including the kindergarten bill and the "Oregon plan" bill, received the house ticket to admission to the senate during a long and tedious session Monday afternoon. The "Oregon plan" bill, as passed by the house, provides that the board of control may be asked to serve as a "board of review" to an appeal in any tax levy or bond issue by any municipal corporation in excess of the six per cent limitation. This board of review may act in an advisory capacity only and its advantage is to furnish publicity to a proposed tax levy or bond issue.

Henderson's bill regulating dry cleaning establishments, H. B. 353, met its doom at the hands of house members. This bill would require that all dry cleaning establishments meet the same building requirements now demanded within fire districts of cities.

The Russell dog bill is being held up until amendments can be made to make the bill less drastic. Angell of Multnomah said from the floor of the house Monday afternoon that under the present bill "no dog has a right to live after dark."

After palaver the house agreed to concur in the senate amendments to M. B. 209, the Robison reforestation bill.

The house sustained the governor's veto on house bill 210. The governor said in his message to the house, that 210 sought to amend the same statutes also amended in H. B. 213 and that enactment of both bills would create confusion.

Other bills passed by the house Monday afternoon were:

H. B. 469—Providing for investment of surplus funds of school districts and municipalities.  
H. B. 344—Creating a game refuge in the Three Sisters district

### ABE MARTIN



"Dad'll get ten years, or, or, or I mean \$10,000 dollars. I can't see like I used to," said Uncle Ed Pash, today, as he looked over his newspaper. Sometimes marriage is such a flop that a fellow'd find himself tryin' to pay attorney an' engagement ring installments out o' the same week's wages.



# Our First Spring Showing Men's Spring Clothes

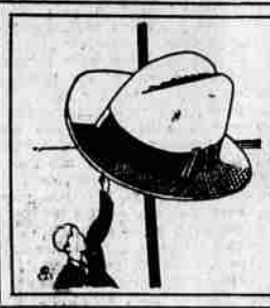
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Of course spring isn't quite here but the new clothing is and you'll agree the styles, fabrics and patterns are better-looking than ever before. The men who shop early certainly are in for a surprise.

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in Lane and Deschutes counties.  
H. B. 259—Relating to transportation for students of union high school districts.  
H. B. 492—Amending sections relating to administration of estates.  
H. B. 412—Clarifying statutes relating to liens for labor on fish wheels, gear boats.  
H. B. 495—Relating to cases of adoption where consent of parents has not been obtained.  
H. B. 453—Providing for the appointment of special deputy constables.  
H. B. 37—Unifying statutes regarding travelling expenses for county officers.  
H. B. 336—Amending section 4583 Oregon laws making qualifications for voting in road district meetings the same as school district elections.  
H. B. 225—Restricting issuance of tab certificates of delinquency to private persons.  
H. B. 254—Extending authority of state engineer over structures built for irrigation purposes, amending water code.  
H. B. 454—Amending sections relating to election of school officers.  
H. B. 495—Allowing interest on certain University of Oregon funds to revert to the university instead of being turned into general fund of the state.  
H. B. 348—Increasing salary of Curry county treasurer from \$75 to \$100 per month.

Measures passed by the senate Monday afternoon were:  
H. B. 291, by Childs—providing for an annual audit of accounts of

all state departments.  
H. B. 465, by Marion county delegation—obviating necessity of recommitment of Oregon citizens sent to Oregon insane hospital from other states.  
H. B. 256, by Collier—authorizing county courts to levy assessments for maintenance of county fair buildings and grounds.  
H. B. 196, by committee on repeal of laws—repealing law which makes road bonds exempt from taxation.  
H. B. 234, by joint committee on insurance—permitting life insurance companies incorporated in Oregon and having surplus of at least \$300,000 to mutualize.  
H. B. 53, by committee on repeal of laws—repealing matter covered otherwise in statute.  
H. B. 295, by Johnson of Wallowa—adding term of court in Wallowa county.  
H. B. 476, by Multnomah delegation—providing civil service for employees of Multnomah county.  
H. B. 290, by Robison—providing for reforestation.  
H. B. 269, by Wells—giving priority to veterans of wars of the United States in civil service examinations.

Considered a hint of what his attitude will be on salary increase bills in general was Governor Patterson's veto Monday of senate bill 38, by the Multnomah joint delegation, increasing the salary of the Multnomah county constable from \$2400 to \$3300 a year.

"After investigating this matter," said the veto message, "I have concluded that there is no such public demand as to justify this

increase."  
The vetoed bill was referred to the delegation.  
The governor also vetoed house bill 210 for the reason that it conflicted with house bill 213, already approved by the governor.

To meet objections of the banking fraternity who feared confusion to state banking should the national banking act be changed, Malarkey introduced a substitute bill Monday afternoon for his branch banking bill.  
The substitute bill, H. B. 528, provides that branch banking be permitted to state banks to the extent that branch banking is permitted to national banks at present. The first bill, H. B. 430, permitted state branch banking in accordance with the national banking act. Under the first bill the state banking act would have changed automatically with any change in the national banking act.

**CHICAGO CORONER THREATENED DUE TO INVESTIGATION**  
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purpose of the arrests was kept secret.  
Grand Jury May Meet  
There was a report, which the state's attorney would not discuss, that a special meeting of the grand jury had been called for today. This was taken as an indication that the investigators had sufficient evidence to warrant its immediate presentation.  
Deputy Commissioner John W.

Stige, one of the department's aces in gang crime investigation, has been ordered home from Havana, where he had gone on a month's furlough. Stige is expected to take charge for the police tomorrow.  
Investigators were still searching for Dan McGurn who is known to the police as an expert with a machine gun. McGurn during the past years has twice been marked for assassination, being desperately wounded on one occasion. Police are certain that the execution of the seven Moran gangsters was the work of a marksman, pointing out that between 20 and 25 slugs were fired into each body, and that only a few hit the birds, wall in front of which the victims were lined.

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**LEAGUE'S RADIO PLANS**  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 19—(AP)—The radio commission has received a communication from the secretariat of the League of Nations through the state department announcing plans of the league to conduct short wave broadcast trials in March to the United States, South America, Japan and Australia.

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