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STATE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

The state purchasing department has been much in the limelight of late and much has been said about how much money the state has saved through centralized purchasing and how much it will save in the future.

This writer has been informed that Governor Meier learned, when he became a member of the board of control, that many items were being purchased by the state at lower prices than those paid by the great Portland department store in which the governor is interested. This may be a reflection on the ability of purchasers for the Portland department store, and it may be that he fired Purchasing Agent Abrams in order that such an astute purchaser might be given a job in the governor's private business.

Be that as it may, there is little doubt that centralized purchasing is correct in principle and there is little doubt that savings have been made to the state through the efforts of this department. It must be borne in mind, however, that every department added to state government adds that much expense. It requires a large force at good wages to conduct the purchasing department. However, the savings probably have been considerably in excess of the added expense, and Governor Meier assures us that with the change in the head of this department will come still greater savings.

With all the good things that can be said for centralized purchasing and its savings, it is not perfect.

In the first place, centralized purchasing means purchases in large quantities and this means that little communities out over the state do not benefit by state institutions located there to the extent that they did under the old system. For example, Eugene business houses do not sell the supplies they formerly sold to the university. Roseburg business houses may sell none of the things used by the soldiers' home, Ashland may sell none of the supplies used by the normal, and so on. Formerly county agents purchased their printing and stationery supplies from printers in the county in which they operated. Now all these are handled through the state printing plant.

An employee of the agricultural experiment station in eastern Oregon finds that he needs a new battery for his car. Without the battery he can not perform his duties. He has to wait until a battery can be shipped from Portland or elsewhere by those holding a year's contract to furnish batteries for state cars. When the battery needs servicing it has to be serviced by someone who had no chance to sell the battery.

When a state department wants a \$5 job of printing on some paper that the state plant doesn't have in stock, the job has to wait until the order can go through the state purchasing department, probably until

it can be considered by the board of control. The same applies to the printing plants at the university and agricultural college. The loss caused by the delay may be greater than the saving made in purchase of the paper by the centralized method.

These instances could be added to indefinitely. The point is that no system adopted by any government ever works perfectly. New methods always bring new problems. Sometimes savings are not sufficient to overcome inconveniences. In some ways it would be better to have state purchases distributed over the state, even if the expense were somewhat greater.

And what's the use of an official giving efficient service, giving his best? A new administration and he is gone, and in six months his services are forgotten.

THE SOLDIERS' HOME.

Few of us know the real inside story of how Eugene got into the picture as a possible location for the northwestern soldiers' home, but if Eugene wants to know what conclusions those on the outside have drawn from what the news dispatches tell us, this paper doesn't mind saying that it seems to be unanimous that Eugene has butted in where it had no business butting in and is endeavoring to get something that rightfully belongs to Roseburg by right of discovery and by right of having done the promotion work that resulted in the decision to locate the home in the northwest.

This writer has heard that opinion expressed by everyone outside of Eugene who has had anything to say on the subject, and it is the opinion of a large proportion of those living in Eugene.

If Roseburg can not get the home, this paper would like to see the home located in Eugene, but appearances are that, if Eugene hadn't butted in, Roseburg already would have been designated as the location.

If Eugene had been one of the first contenders for the location, it probably would not be subject to much criticism. It is the way that it has gotten in at the eleventh hour, with all the promotion work done, that has caused the unkindly feeling that is being expressed. There is a strong suspicion that someone went to Washington and undermined Roseburg for the purpose of suggesting Eugene as a better location.

A national soldiers' home is not a big enough thing for a community to be worth incurring the undying enmity of a nearby community and the suspicions of every community in the state. Eugene has never said anything about the Portland hog that is not now being said of it.

ONE ON CLAUDIUS.

Talking about irony! If there is anyone who would like to de-bunk college fraternities and sororities and vocational education it is Claudius Eclair Ingalls, brilliant golf editor of Corvallis Gazette-Times; world's champion connoisseur of masculine limbs and fast-reading postal card clerk in the Corvallis postoffice.

Now comes his daughter, Miss Alice Ingalls, who has been knighted or something for her outstanding scholarship average of 93 per cent in vocational education, and a news story telling of the honor that has come to Claudius Eclair through his comely daughter who greatly resembles her mother) features the fact that she is a member of half a dozen sororities.

All of which doesn't prove anything except that it is possible for a college student with the mentality of her mother to overcome the obstacles of male parentage and of manifold social activities. Claudius hasn't had much more success than this writer in putting over his ideas with the kids of his own family.

There is little excuse for being behind your account in paying compliments.

Up in Portland the labor commissioner has closed a "walkathon" that had been in progress for months. We'll wager a life subscription to this great family journal that every one of the men who stayed on the floor through those weary weeks, with only a few minutes now and then for rest, would raise a heck of a howl if he had to prance the floor with a squawking kid for 15 minutes.

Oregon Exchanges, University of Oregon journalism department publication, suggests that news would be clarified if one "it" were removed from "still" when it refers to the paraphernalia with which intoxicating liquors are manufactured. Knock "it" out of the stills if you want to, we don't care.

Bayonets in the British army have been reduced from 20 inches to 9 inches. That's probably about as far as reduction in armament will go.

No woman is a good wife who flatters her husband when he doesn't deserve it. By this measure most women are good wives.

If some of our vested rights are not careful they will find themselves stripped down to just about that amount of clothing.

TAXES HERE AND ELSEWHERE

(Albany Democrat-Herald.)

We pointed out the other day that 6.51 cents of our property tax dollar go to support the state and that 93.09 cents of it go to support the county and local government.

Today we are calling attention to another fact, viz: That Oregon's per capita state tax has decreased 55 per cent in the past decade. In 1921 the total state tax was \$6,370,580, or \$8.13 per capita. In 1931 it is \$3,467,467, or \$3.64 for every man, woman and child in the state.

Here is another important fact: That in spite of the tremendous decrease in the state tax during the decade, local taxes have increased so greatly that they have not only counteracted all relief from the state decrease but have made our total tax levy the highest in the history of the state. In 1921 the total tax levy in Oregon was \$40,473,906, of which the state took \$6,371,968 and local governments took \$34,101,938. In 1931 our total tax levy is \$50,233,619, of which the state takes only \$3,467,467 and the local governments take \$46,766,150.

Despite this trend, taxpayers and voters are now wreaking vengeance on state-supported activities while they make no effort to correct the real cause of high taxes, which is the constant increase in the county and local tax levies, for which they themselves are responsible.

Let's remember this fact the next time we become incensed over taxes. We growl about the salaries of our state officers and yet if everyone of them should work for the state free, the persons who now pay \$100 in taxes would lower the amount by less than \$1.21, for this \$1.21 of a \$100 tax bill pays for cost of maintaining all of the state offices with supplies as well as of officers. Of the 6.51 cents of the tax property tax dollar that goes to the state, this insignificant sum of \$1.21 takes care of all the expenses of general state administration.

The fact is that we vote huge local taxes on ourselves and then let ambitious state politicians rush us off our feet by their cries of economy in state affairs.

Piano Recital Planned.

Miss Cora Moore will present her class of beginning and advanced pupils in a piano recital at 8 o'clock Thursday evening, June 11, in the high school auditorium. Special lighting effects are being arranged and intermission numbers have been scheduled.

Those who will take part are: Harriet Moore, Katherine Wright, Eleanor Warren, Virginia Metcalf, Robert Grann, Geraldine Kem, Katherine Nelson, Marjorie Gillespie, Tom Kem and Kathleen Daugherty.

The public has been invited.

Church News

The Highway Baptist Church, Henry W. Davis, pastor—Sunday school will meet at 9:45 with W. L. Leonard as superintendent. At the 11 o'clock church service the pastor, who arrived this week, will preach on "Some Ideals for My Ministry in Cottage Grove." B. Y. P. U. will meet at 7 o'clock. The church will join in the union church meeting at the 8 o'clock hour. Mid-week prayer service will be held Thursday evening.

Presbyterian Church, D. P. Cameron, pastor—At the 11 o'clock hour the pastor will preach on "Is There a Hell? If So, What Is Its Nature?" At the 8 o'clock evening service his subject will be "What and Where Is Heaven?" A number of questions will be answered at the evening service. Sunday school will meet at 10 o'clock and Christian Endeavor at 7 o'clock.

Church of the Nazarene, Eleventh street and Adams avenue, T. J. Orr, pastor—Sunday school, 10 o'clock; preaching service, 11 o'clock; young people's meeting, 8:30; evening preaching service, 8:00; mid-week prayer service, 8:00 Wednesday night.

Church of Christ—(Landon, 13 miles south of Cottage Grove.)—Sunday services: Bible study 10 a. m., worship 11 a. m., scripture study 3:30 p. m.

Lutheran Mission—Adventist church west Main street; Martin P. Simon, pastor. Divine service at 11:30 each Sunday. All Lutherans, irrespective of nationality, are cordially invited as well as those who are without church homes.

Pentecostal Church, 1025 east Main street, F. W. Spradley, pastor—Sunday school, 9:45; worship, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Bible study, Tuesday night; prayer and worship, Fridays.

At the intersection of west Main and N streets is a small white church, Seventh Day Adventist. Each Saturday at 9:30 an hour is spent in the study of the Sabbath school lesson. At 11 o'clock the pastor, Elder Paul Iverson, delivers a sermon, the proof of his statements being named by chapter and verse from the Bible. A warm welcome is extended to all either on Sabbath or at the Wednesday evening hour of 7:30.

Free Methodist Church, corner of Monroe avenue and Fifth street, Rev. Fenton, pastor—Sunday school, 10; preaching service, 11; Y. P. S. T.; evangelistic service, 8; mid-week prayer meeting, 8 Thursday.

MOUNT VIEW.

(Special to the Sentinel.)

June 3.—Mrs. Cecil Catton of Multnomah visited Tuesday with Mrs. Claude Arne.

Miss Pauline Sherman of Reedsport is visiting a sister, Mrs. Roy Hands.

Mrs. Anna Hoffman of Eugene and Mrs. Mason of Stuslaw were Saturday guests at the home of Mrs. Hoffman's sister, Mrs. Amanda Sears. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Groshon of Molalla, Mrs. Mamie Spauld of Salem, Mr. and Mrs. James Baker of Santa Clara and Mr. and Mrs. George Brumfield of Cottage Grove also were guests Saturday of Mrs. Amanda Sears.

Mr. and Mrs. George Duerst and family of Gresham arrived Friday to attend the graduation of Mrs. Duerst's sister, Miss Agnes Layne, member of the 1931 class of Cottage Grove high school, whose commencement was held Friday evening.

Mrs. Lutheria Downes spent the week end at Newberg.

Mrs. Claude Arne accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Glen Linebaugh and family to Eugene Friday.

Mrs. Roy Hands and Miss Pauline Sherman went to Eugene Monday.

Miss Blanche Toner, who stays with Mrs. Amanda Sears, spent the week end at her home at Yoncalla. Mr. and Mrs. George Layne and family held a family reunion Sunday at the home of one of the daughters, Mrs. Henry Snauer, at Walden. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. George Layne, Miss Agnes Layne, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Layne, Ben Layne, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Snauer, all of this vicinity, Mr. and Mrs. George Duerst and family of Gresham and Raymond Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Layne and family of this neighborhood. Din-

ner was served on the lawn under the trees.

Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Brumfield and Mrs. Percy Phillips and daughter of Marshfield arrived Friday and remained until Sunday with Mrs. Brumfield's mother, Mrs. Amanda Sears.

Leon and Ed Arne of Broadbent visited over Decoration day with a brother, Claude Arne.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Myers were pleasantly surprised Saturday evening when a number of relatives gathered there and spent the evening socially.

Mr. and Mrs. George Duerst and family returned to their home at Gresham Monday, accompanied by Mrs. Duerst's sister, Miss Agnes Layne, who may remain there during the summer.

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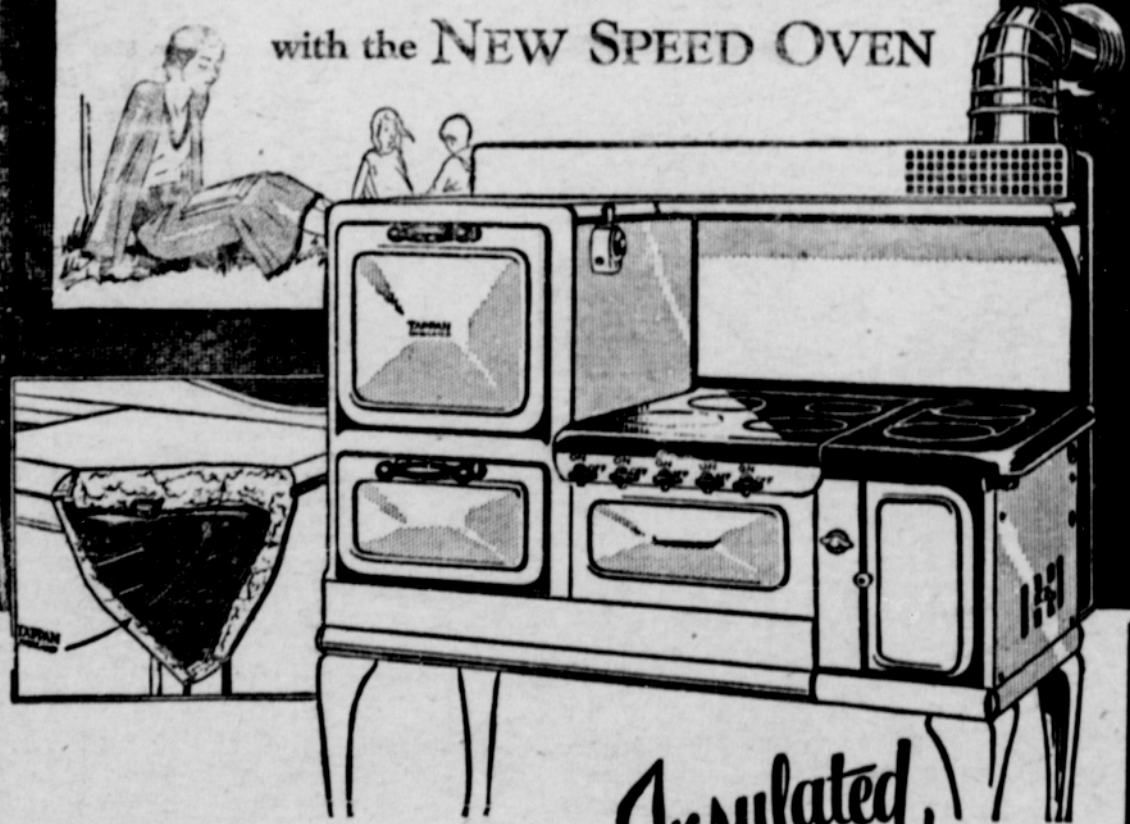
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Father: "Betty, I want you to come home from the party at a reasonable hour—and not with the milkman." Betty: "But, father, how absurd. He won't be there."

We don't always get home at a reasonable hour, when we have to service radios till 11 at night; so don't expect to see us at the store before 9 in the morning.

Obadiah: "I think Peggy will make an ideal wife for me. Every time I go to her house I find her darned socks." Joshua: "That caught me, too, until I noticed that it was always the same sock."

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