

STATE CAPITOL NEWS LETTER

Salem, Ore., Oct. 7.—Oregon's 36 counties reduced their bond and warrant debt burden by nearly \$3,000,000 during the past two years, according to a survey just completed by State Treasurer Holman.

Every county in the state shows a reduction in its outstanding indebtedness during the two year period with Clatsop wiping out its debt entirely to Linn and Marion for a total of three counties which now boast a clean slate with neither outstanding bonds or warrants. Six other counties, in addition to these three, have no outstanding bonds. These are Columbia, Douglas, Josephine, Park, Umatilla and Washington.

The aggregate bonded debt of the counties is shown to have been reduced from \$24,051,452 on July 1, 1934, to \$21,365,054 on the same date this year.

Road warrants of the counties, however, show an increase from \$750,086.63 to \$1,060,953.71 in the two year period but the combined road bond and road warrant debt was whittled from \$24,801,538.63 to \$22,436,007.71. Sinking funds for the retirement of road bonds were built up from a total of \$1,367,965.66 on July 1, 1934, to \$1,409,105.31 on July 1, 1936.

Most of the counties are shown to have reduced their general fund warrant indebtedness during the past two years, the aggregate of this debt being whittled from \$2,098,202.47 to \$2,183,798.82.

The net indebtedness of the 36 counties, including all bonds and warrants but deducting sinking funds, totalled \$23,200,701.22 on July 1, this year, compared with \$26,131,777.44 two years ago.

Only three counties—Coos, Crook and Grant, are shown to have a debt load in excess of five percent of their assessed valuations and only three others—Morrow, Multnomah and Wheeler—are indebted for more than four percent of their valuations.

Columbia county with a debt ratio of only 0.12 percent is shown to be carrying the lightest proportionate debt load of any of the counties which still have outstanding bonds or warrants while Coos county with a debt ratio of 5.59 percent is carrying the heaviest proportionate load.

Orville Gamble, superintendent of the employment institution for adult blind is again under fire. Four members of his advisory board have signed a formal complaint addressed to Governor Martin and the board of control charging Gamble with failure to cooperate with his advisors. Friction between Gamble and his advisor board last spring resulted in the removal of three of the board members by Governor Martin and the appointment of three new members. The present situation is expected to culminate either in the removal of the superintendent or another shake-up in his advisory board.

The forest fire situation in Coos and Curry counties has kept Governor Martin pretty close to his office the past ten days. On the Sunday following the destruction of Bandon the governor spent the entire day in his office directing mobilization of fire fighters and contacting state and federal relief agencies to rush emergency supplies into the stricken area. The governor did not even take time out to celebrate his seventy-third birthday on Thursday of last week.

The newly organized flax cooperatives at Mount Angel, Canby and Springfield will receive the whole hearted cooperation of the state board of control in any problem arising in connection with these projects. The board, after a conference with representatives of the three associations, announced that the state would not contract for any flax in the territory covered by the cooperatives. The prison flax plant, however, will take over any surplus flax which either of the cooperatives find themselves burdened with. Plans are under way for increasing the acreage of flax in the Willamette valley to 4000 next year.

PWA red tape has necessitated postponement of the date for opening bids on the state capitol job until the latter part of November. The capitol commission at a meeting this week set the date for awarding the contract tentatively at November 20 with a possibility that the time might have to be extended still another week until November 27.

Purchase of 6595 acres of timbered land in the Mary's Peak section of Benton county was recommended to the federal forest reservation commission several months ago by the state board of forestry. The area will be added to the national forest. Cutting of timber on this tract, it is understood, will be placed strictly on a sustained yield basis.

State police presented arrest

tickets to 665 motorists during August, while 6220 other motorists drew warning slips during the month. Failure to possess an operator's license caused the arrest of 102 motorists while 55 others were cited to appear in court to answer speeding charges.

The state liquor commission was not bluffing when it threatened to install its own delivery system if truck lines fail to reduce their freight rates. Chairman A. K. McMahan of Albany declared while on a visit to Salem this week for a conference with Governor Martin. McMahan estimates that the commission could save at least \$20,000 a year by owning and operating its own trucks.

Protests of Salem citizens against the high board fence being erected around the site of the new capitol building were not in vain after all. The capitol commission has heard and heeded. Orders have been issued to substitute a wire panel instead of the boards so that taxpayers and others interested might follow the progress of the building operations from the side lines.

A total of \$98,900 in revenues from pari-mutual betting on dog and horse racing was distributed among fairs in Oregon this year, according to a report by Secretary of State Snell. The bulk of the racing revenues went to the state fair and the Pacific International, each of which received \$31,400.74. A total of \$25,008.52 was distributed among the several county fairs. The Northwest turkey show received \$1200 and the Pendleton Round-Up and eastern Oregon livestock show each \$4,045. The state's cut from race betting this year was the largest since pari-mutual wagering was legalized in Oregon. Last year's distribution amounted to only \$71,200.

Most of the fires in the Coos-Curry area were either set by hunters or incendiaries in the opinion of J. W. Ferguson, state forester. The large number of small fires reported burning in the district is accounted for by Ferguson as due to back-fires started by persons living in the timbered area in an effort to save their property. Reports of incendiary activities in the burned section are believed by Chas. Pray, superintendent of state

police, to have been greatly exaggerated. Countless rumors of evidence of incendiary investigation by state police were found to be without any substantial foundation whatever, Pray said.

Further repercussions from the internal strife that has been disturbing the Champoux park commission were heard this week when Mary Drain Albro was removed as park superintendent by a vote of four of the commissioners. Mrs. Albro was removed from the commission by Governor Martin two weeks ago in an effort to restore harmony to the organization.

Mount View
Mrs. J. W. Fisher.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bales and Miss Dorothy spent Sunday at the Richard Buckner home at Westfir. Miss Dorothy remained for a visit of several days.

Miss Forest Schneider, teacher at Klamath Falls, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Schneider.

Rhule Purcell visited Friday afternoon at the Ralph Sears home at Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Guggisberg of Myrtle Point were visitors Friday at the Fred Guggisberg home. Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Smallwood of Oakland, Cal., are visiting at the Lee Duffey home.

Mrs. Claude Arne entertained with a family dinner Sunday at her home in honor of the birthday anniversaries of her daughter Shirley and of her brother's little son. Invited guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Snauer, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Snauer and little son, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Linebaugh and family and Mrs. Nancy Linebaugh.

The Martin Jensen family have moved to the George Duerst place on Mosby creek and the Asa Lane family, who had been occupying the Ralph Lancaster house, have moved into the house vacated by the Jensens.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Guggisberg and son of Lorane visited Sunday at the home of Mr. Guggisberg's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Guggisberg.

Mr. and Mrs. George Annand and son left Sunday for an extended visit with relatives in Glendale, Cal.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Schneider visited Sunday with the John Runk family at Lorane.

U. of O. Rifle Team High.

Although the University of Hawaii R.O.T.C. rifle team placed first with a score of 214.73 to win the trophy, "Warrior of the Pacific," the University of Oregon 34-man squad ranked highest of all institutions in the Continental United States, it was announced by Colonel E. V. D. Murphy, commandant of the unit here. The University team was but five points behind the Hawaii squad, which entered a team of 22 men. The score is figured as the average per man, and Oregon with a much larger group made a mark of 269.09. The average set by the Oregon marksmen was well ahead of the nearest competitor, the University of Maine, which scored an average of 197.72.

The Word "Busses"

The word is a shortened form of "omnibus," the plural of which is "omnibuses." When the final syllable is used alone the tendency is to double the "s" to preserve the short sound of "u." Webster's International Dictionary allows both plurals, preferring the double "s."



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