

live up to the motto of the Extension Division, "The State is the Campus."

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"Water, water everywhere,
but not a drop to drink!"

Editor's note: The following editorial is reprinted from Charles A. Sprague's column, "It Seems To Me," which appeared in the February 21, 1948, issue of the Oregon Statesman.

The "white collar worker" is the subject of economic commiseration in days of inflation. His wage is more or less stationary. As a rule he belongs to no union organized to obtain higher wages and improved working conditions. He becomes the "forgotten man" in the heap, the one at the bottom of the pile.

Locally the largest group of such

workers is at the statehouse and their plight was presented to the state board of control Wednesday. Figures were submitted showing that 63 per cent of state employes received less than \$199 a month. While many of these may be unskilled, clerical workers, the average compares poorly with wages in private industry.

The unfortunate thing for the state employes is that their chance for relief is slim. The budget for the current biennium was made up in the summer and fall of 1945. Provision was made for wage increases and they have been

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