

STATE'S SCHOOL BILL \$14,783,698 IN 1921

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SALEM, Or., March 18.—(Special.)—It cost the taxpayers of Oregon a total of \$14,783,698 to operate the public schools during the year 1921, according to a report prepared here today by J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction.

Mr. Churchill's report was based on financial statements received recently from every county school superintendent in Oregon.

The school census for the period covered in the report aggregated 221,318, with a total of 6915 teachers. The men teachers, the report indicated, received an average monthly salary of \$166, while the women teachers received an average monthly salary of \$122.

Multnomah, with the largest population of any county in the state, had a total of 63,571 children of school age in 1921. To meet the demands of this school population there was expended \$5,154,453. An aggregate of 1496 teachers were employed there during the year. The salaries paid to the men teachers in Multnomah county averaged \$216 a month, while the average wage of the women instructors was \$153 a month.

61 Consolidations Effected. Regarding consolidation of school districts, Mr. Churchill had the following to say in his report:

"In nearly every county in Oregon there is now being carried on a campaign for the consolidation of rural schools, either for high school or grade purposes or both. Sixty-one consolidations have been effected, 32 of which are in the open country, 23 in rural villages and six with larger towns. The number of teachers in the consolidated elementary schools totals 36 with a total enrollment of 2319. The number of teachers in the consolidated high schools is 86 and the total enrollment 1466.

"Transportation of pupils is growing in popularity since it operates very satisfactorily, both from the parents' and teachers' viewpoints. Forty-one conveyances are now transporting 2029 pupils, at an average daily cost of 25 cents per pupil.

Advantages Are Provided. "There can be little argument for the consolidated school on the ground that the plan means an immediate saving in school expenditures. The cost of transporting pupils from the district consolidated usually equals the amount formerly paid to the teacher. However, the cost of the saving made through the more rapid promotions of the children, the consolidation of schools is economical.

"The best argument for the consolidated school is that it provides a far better school, since its advantages are many. The result is a keener rivalry among the children and cause the subject matter of recitation to be more fully developed, because of different viewpoints. There is better grading and classification, a larger number of recitations for each pupil and more of the instruction from the teacher. There is a longer time for each recitation and enrollment and attendance are increased.

"The consolidated school also returns many advantages to the parents and community. The more closely graded school often prevents the breaking up of the home circle by having the mother and children move to town, while the father remains on the farm to make a living for the family. Consolidation has led to better roads, better schools, increased land values and pride in community and civic improvement."

Summary Is Prepared. The following summary shows the several county school expenditures for the year 1921 and school expenditures:

Table with 3 columns: County, Census, Cost. Lists counties like Baker, Benton, Clatsop, Clatskanie, Coos, Curry, Deschutes, Douglas, Gilliam, Harney, Hood, Josephine, Klamath, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Malheur, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook, Tillamook, Union, Wasco, Washington, Wheeler, Yamhill.

CONDON CLUB IS ACTIVE

Free Feed Yard, Auto Park, Race Meet, Farmers' Week Planned.

CONDON, Or., March 18.—(Special.)—At the bi-monthly meeting of the Condon Commercial club constitution and by-laws drawn up by a special committee were approved. Discussion centered on a proposed feed yard for the accommodation of farmers, an auto park ground, the advisability of holding a race meet in the latter part of May, the holding of a farmers' week, and other matters of interest to the city and county.

An invitation was extended by the club to the county courts of Wheeler and Grant counties for the next meeting of the club, to be held here on March 28, at which time various matters of importance to the three counties, dealing with transportation, highways and business conditions, are to be discussed. President Burns was authorized to appoint a committee to handle the matters of railroad rates and transportation, business expansion, water supply for the city of Condon, street improvements, auto camp ground, farmers' feedyard, roads and highways, agriculture and membership.

ANIMALS OFFERED TO 200

Ten-Year-Old Boy Proffers Cub Bear to Aberdeen Park Board.

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Davis had feared. Meanwhile, he was getting better acquainted with Dr. Suzzallo, and when that diplomatic educator undertakes to make a man his friend he usually succeeds. With Mr. Davis his success ultimately was complete. In the estimation of Mr. Davis today, Dr. Suzzallo is almost, if not quite, the greatest college president in the world.

John Rea Predecessor. The regency given to Mr. Davis has long attached to Pierce county. He succeeded John A. Rea of Tacoma whose term is at an end. Whether or not Mr. Rea wished to be reappointed has not been made public. It is not unprecedented to pass regencies around, and Governor Hart, as well as Dr. Suzzallo, doubtless thought it possible that Governor Rea would reappoint Mr. Rea. So far Mr. Rea has raised no clamor of disappointment.

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WASHINGTON LEADS STATES IN CARLOAD SHIPMENTS.

Value of Last Year's Crop \$39,259,319, Nearly All of Which Was Sent East or Abroad.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 18.—(Special.)—More carloads of boxed apples were shipped out of this state than all the boxed-apple states in the union combined, and also more carloads of boxed apples than all the barrel-apple states combined, according to federal statistics received by the state department of agriculture.

The entire output of commercial fruit was 40,742 cars valued at \$48,192,028, showing that apples represent about 90 per cent of the fruit industry in Washington.

The various fruits outside of apples raised and their respective values, as estimated in Supervisor Robinson's report are: Peaches, \$2,525,000; pears, \$1,583,980; grapes, \$1,123,000; apricots, \$97,000; cherries, \$67,000.

The commercial crop of last season due to failures in Clarke county, the crop of fresh prunes being worth about \$680,000 and the dried prunes \$268,000.

The total berry crop is valued at \$2,973,000 divided as follows: Strawberries, \$1,243,000; loganberries, \$1,000; raspberries, \$723,000; blackberries, \$231,000; cranberries, \$68,000, and mixed berries, \$60,000.

The berry acreage last season, including only that land actually producing, was: Strawberries, 6013 acres; raspberries, 3158 acres; loganberries, 425 acres; blackberries, 3728 acres; currants, 453 acres; gooseberries, 478 acres; and cranberries, 800 acres.

The estimates made here are conservative, as probably higher values could be placed on the fruits, Supervisor Robinson said.

IRRIGATION CONTRACT UP

Voters to Decide on Agreement for Watering of 6200 Acres.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., March 18.—Voters of the Langell valley and Horsety irrigation districts will vote March 22, on the advisability of entering into a contract with the United States government to provide water for the lands of the district. Approximately 6200 acres will come under the project at once. Eventually about 40,000 acres will be irrigated.

The government has \$387,000 to expend under the terms of the contract which the voters are asked to ratify. The source of supply for the Langell valley district is Clear lake, where a restraining dam already has been constructed. The Horsety district would get its water from the Horsety reservoir where the dam is not completed. Most of the money, however, would be spent on canals and laterals.

DAIRY OPPORTUNITY SEEN

Klamath Has Great Possibilities, Says Farmer Smith.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., March 18.—(Special.)—Klamath possesses great possibilities as a dairying region, declared C. L. (Farmer) Smith, O.W.R. & N. agriculturalist, after sining up conditions during a visit here this week.

Butter and cheese, because they are concentrated products, can be shipped economically, the freight rate being a relatively small percentage of the selling price per pound, whereas the freight and handling charges on hay and grain represent half the selling price.

Cheese of exceptionally fine keeping quality can be made only at the higher elevations, said Mr. Smith. Klamath county is climatically favored, he said, over the California dairying centers.

Laborer Slashes Wrist. (ABERDEEN, Wash., March 18.—(Special.)—Eugene Kelly, itinerant laborer, slashed the arteries of his left wrist with a razor yesterday in an attempt, according to his own story, to commit suicide. He then walked to the Aberdeen general hospital for surgical aid. The notion to take his own life overtook Kelly as he was on his way to Aberdeen from Hoquiam on foot late yesterday afternoon. It came as he approached the hospital. The wound was not serious. Kelly later was arrested and held pending investigation.

Part of School Is Closed. (ILWACO, Wash., March 18.—(Special.)—The first and second-grade rooms of the Ilwaco school have been closed temporarily owing to the large number of flu cases among the younger pupils. Three members of the Ilwaco high basketball team are confined to their homes with influenza.

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ATTACK CONSIDERED JOKE. Raid on Cascade Locks Home Not to Be Investigated. HOOD RIVER, Or., March 18.—(Special.)—Sheriff Johnson, who was away from the city when Albert Stewart, whose home at Cascade Locks was attacked the first of the week by a party of masked men, has made no investigation and the authorities say that none is planned. No complaint can be lodged, it is said, as Mr. Stewart could not identify any of his captors.

Winlock Gets Baby Chicks. (CENTRALIA, Wash., March 18.—(Special.)—About 25,000 baby chicks have been shipped into the Winlock district from California, and the total is expected to reach 100,000 by the end of next month. Last year 200,000 chicks were received, but since then a number of Winlock poultrymen have installed commercial incubators, the output of which will be about 100,000 this spring.

A Bit of Persia-- in Portland. TO ONE entering for the first time the great exhibition rooms of Atiyeh Bros. (here comes a feeling of delight in the beauty of the hundreds of carpets and rugs akin to that felt on entering a picture gallery. But when we explain the process of hand-weaving, the soft wool used, the meaning of the designs, and the care exercised by our buyers in selection, the lasting quality of such floor coverings impresses you. Each rug purchased from our immense stock carries the guarantee of excellence given by the name. A 'yeh' that means a picture known throughout the Northwest and the rug marts of the Far East. Atiyeh Bros. Oriental Rugs Alder at Tenth.

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