WIDE PROVISIONS ARE INCLUDED IN REPORT UPON RURAL CREDITS

Definite Form of State Backing for Actual Farmers Is Fully Considered.

LOW INTEREST IS AIM

Governor, Secretary of State and State Treasurer Shall Constitute the State Land Board.

Features of Rural Credits Bill Proposed by Committee of State Credits Conference.

"Oregon Farm Credit Bonds" up to 2 per cent of assessed valuation. To be loaned Oregon farmers not to exceed 50 per cent of the value of their land, nor more than $5000 to any individual. Loans to be made only to owners who operate and occupy lands mortgaged to the state and for the purpose of payment for lands purchased, the purchase of livestock and other equipment and for the satisfaction of certain incumbrances.

Law to be administrated by the state land board.

Loans to be liquidated in not less than 10 nor more than 36 years.

Interest rate to be 5 per cent.

The rural credits committee of the state credits conference, held at Salem, March 9 and 10, has completed work.

The final draft of its rural credits measure for Oregon, approved as to form by the state attorney general, was made public yesterday.

The measure contains sweeping provisions which, first, recognize farm lands as a suitable, long time, low interest credit, and, second, provide a definite form of state backing for actual farmers desirous of developing their farms.

The members of the rural credits committee were named from the floor of the state credits conference, which was held at the state house and were elected by the body. They are: C. E. Spence, master of the State grange; J. D. Brown, president of the Farmers' union, and T. H. Burchard, then president of the State Federation of Labor.

The committee had the assistance of Dr. Hector MacPherson, of Oregon Agricultural college, and by the committee the measure is recommended as embodying the best rural credit legislation elsewhere in operation with close adaptation to the needs of Oregon.

Text of Report Given.

The text of the measure follows:

Notwithstanding the limitations contained in section 7 of article XI of this constitution, the credit of the state may be loaned and indebtedness incurred to an amount not exceeding 2 per cent of the assessed valuation of all the property in the state for the purpose of providing funds to be loaned upon the security of farm lands within the state, subject to the limitations herein contained.

The governor, secretary of state and state treasurer shall constitute the state land board, which board is hereby authorized and directed to issue and sell or pledge bonds in the name of the state to be known as Oregon farm credit bonds in an amount not to exceed said 2 per cent of the assessed valuation of all the property in the state and to place the proceeds in the state treasury in a fund to be known as the "rural credit loan fund."

Denominations Are Provided.

Said bonds shall be issued in denominations of $325, $100, $500 and $1000, and shall be issued in series of $50,000 or multiples thereof, drawn to mature in not more than 36 years. They shall bear interest at the rate of 4 per cent per annum and shall be exempt from all taxes levied by the State of Oregon, or any of its subdivisions.

Said state land board is authorized and directed to loan the moneys in said rural credit loan fund to owners of farm lands in Oregon upon notes secured by mortgages or deeds of trust constituting first liens on such farm lands in amounts which shall not exceed 50 per cent of the value of such lands nor $50 per acre on such lands, nor less than $200 nor more than $5000 to any individual. If pending applications shall at any time exceed the funds available, preference shall be given to loans not exceeding $2000 in amount.

Loans Are Conditional.

Such loans shall not be made except to owners who operate and occupy the lands mortgaged, and shall be made only for the following purposes: (a), the payment for lands purchased; (b), the purchase of livestock and other equipment, and the making of improvements which, in the judgment of said board will increase the productivity of such lands or add to their value as a farm home in a degree to justify such expenditure; and (c) for the satisfaction of incumbrances upon such lands which, in the judgment of said board, were incurred or assumed by said applicant for the aforesaid purposes.

Every applicant for a farm loan shall state clearly in his application the purposes for which such loan is desired, and upon the approval by the board, this statement shall be deemed a part of the note or contract under which the loan is granted.

Must Keep Agreement.

But no failure to apply such funds to the purposes stated in such application or as enumerated herein shall invalidate a loan when once made, nor shall anything herein contained be deemed to prevent any farm owner from selling or leasing lands subject to such incumbrance; but if he shall violate his said contract by applying the moneys borrowed to purposes other than those stated in his application or enumerated herein, or if he shall lease such lands or sell them to any person not fulfilling the conditions and purposes provided for herein, said board is authorized and directed to require the repayment of said loan upon six months' notice, and said note or contract shall contain a clause providing therefor.

Such loans shall be repaid with interest accruing in semi-annual or annual installments on the amortization plan, such installments being fixed at such sums as will cover the interest rate and will liquidate the debt in a period to be agreed on between said board and the applicant, such period to be not less than 10 nor more than 36 years, but any debtor may liquidate any part or all of his indebtedness in amounts of $50 or multiples thereof upon any amortization payment date.

Rate Five Per cent.

The rate of interest on loans shall be 5 per cent per annum, provided that in case any series of said farm credit bonds is sold at an average of less than par, the board may charge upon such farm loans as are made from the proceeds of the series so sold below par a rate of interest in excess of 5 per cent, but which shall not exceed by more than 1 per cent the rate which the state must pay for the funds actually obtained from the disposal of its said bonds. The board, however, shall require each applicant to pay an initial charge of 1 per cent of the loan granted, the minimum charge to $10 to cover the cost of appraisal and examination of title.

All surplus funds accruing from the operation of the system of rural credit herein provided for after paying interest accruing on the aforesaid bonds, and all operating and other expenses arising from the administration of said system of rural credit shall be placed in the state treasury and become a part of a fund to be known as the "Rural Credit Reserve Fund." Said rural credit reserve fund shall be loaned on farm lands in the manner herein provided for the rural credit loan fund, and the interest accruing from loans made from said rural credit reserve fund shall be added to it and become part of it.

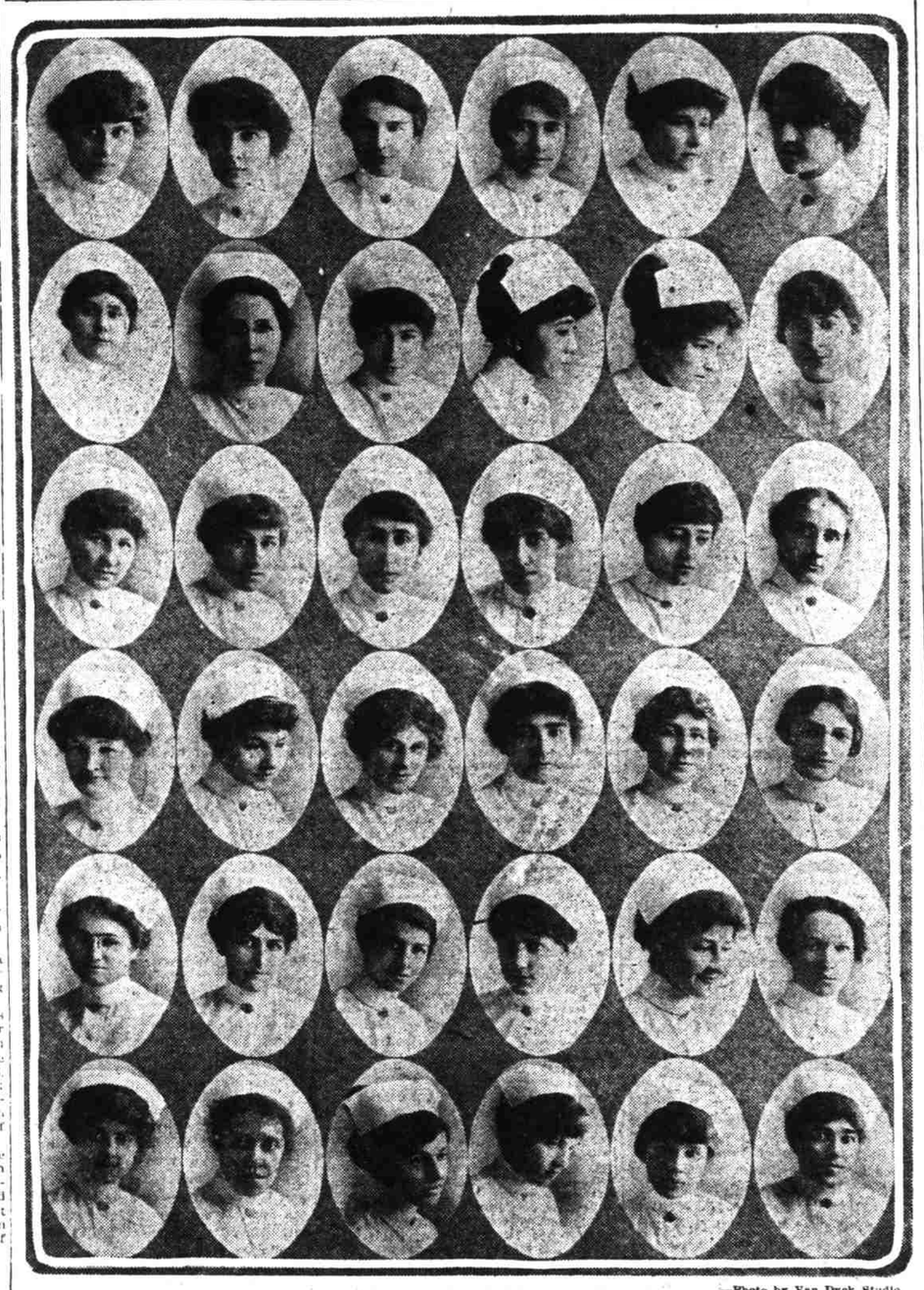
Fund Is Irreducible.

The said rural credit reserve fund shall be irreducible except that it may be drawn upon to reimburse the state for loss incurred in the administration of said system of rural credit.

The legislative assembly shall provide in such detail as it shall deem advisable for the carrying out and administering of the provisions of this amendment and shall provide adequate safeguards against the use of such loans as an aid to the purchasing and holding of lands for purposes of speculation. Such safeguards shall include clear definitions of the terms "operate" and "occupy" used herein. In the absence of such legislation, and subject to the same after its enactment, the state land board shall proceed to administer said system of rural credits under rules and regulations provided by itself, but subject to the provisions herein contained.

The provisions of the constitution and laws of Oregon in conflict with this amendment are hereby repealed in so far only as they conflict herewith. The provisions of this amendment shall be self-executing, and shall take effect and be in operation 60 days after their approval and adoption by the people of Oregon.

THIRTY-SIX NURSES ARE GRADUATED



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First row (top), left to right—Miss Hazel Isakson (class president), Miss Sadie Atkins, Miss Mildred Holverson, Miss Ferne McClintock, Miss Irene Benton, Miss Claudie Anderson.
Second row—Miss Mandy Melcum, Miss Pearl Fleming, Miss Marjorie Belt, Miss Jean Nettie Toy, Miss Lora Roth, Miss Frances Schmidt.
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Fourth row—Miss Lola Williams, Miss Ada Small, Miss Nelle Goodman, Miss Essie Eaton, Miss Eleanore Pederson, Miss Anna Wagner.
Fifth row—Miss Ninal Gilbert, Miss Edna Fuller, Miss Hazel Goldsmith, Miss Mildred Wright, Miss Anna Moor, Miss Melisa Scovell.
Sixth row—Miss Katheryn Fox, Miss Harriet Compton, Miss Annie Slagel, Miss Salena Osborne, Miss Christol Bussing, Miss Marjorie McEwan.

Thirty-six nurses, graduates from the Good Samaritan hospital, received diplomas at the baccalaureate ceremonies, which were held at St. Stephen's pro-cathedral, Thirteenth and Clay streets, on Monday night at 8 o'clock. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers.

Dr. Holt C. Wilson delivered the class address. Bishop Walter T. Sumner presented the diplomas. A musical program, consisting of vocal and instrumental, was rendered.

Practically all of the nurses are from different points throughout Washington and Oregon.

Immediately following the exercises the nurses were tendered a reception at the nurses' home, with their relatives and many friends at attendance.

CORONER CALLS FOR INQUEST INTO DEATH OR COLLISION VICTIM

Albert Arndt Dies at Hospital Following Smash of Motorcycle Into Truck.

SHOCK STOPPED HEART

Investigation to Learn Whether Driver of Truck Signalled Before Making Turn Which Caused Crash.

Coroner Dammasch, following an investigation yesterday announced that he will conduct an inquest probably tomorrow to investigate the death of Albert Arndt, 18 years old, following the automobile and motorcycle collision at Grand avenue and Glisan streets about noon yesterday.

Arndt died from the shock at St. Vincent's hospital late yesterday afternoon. The autopsy revealed that the young man had been suffering from a heart weakness. His pelvis and several ribs were fractured.

Emil Gross 19 years old, 1249 Salmon street, who was riding with Arndt on the motorcycle, is also at the hospital with a fractured shoulder and other injuries.

The principal turn on which the investigation will hinge will be whether or not J. B. Hubbard, driver of the American Express company truck, gave a warning signal when he made the turn into Glisan street from Grand avenue. Both motorcycle and truck were going slowly, witnesses say, but the motorcycle was being driven close to the left of the truck and when the latter vehicle turned into the cross street, the cycle could not be turned quick enough to avoid a collision.

Arndt's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Michael Arndt. The father and young Arndt conducted a garage at 1258 Belmont street. After the autopsy the boy was removed to the Breeze & Snook undertaking establishment at 1026 Belmont street. The burial probably will be Monday in Mount Scott cemetery.

Over One Million To Be Vaccinated

Government Sanitation Department to Take Action As Result of Appearance of Smallpox in Porto Rico.

San Juan, Porto Rico, May 27.—Eighty-five cases of smallpox, 47 of them in San Juan, have been reported in the island, the first cases of the disease known here since 1911. The department of sanitation is to vaccinate every one of the 1,250,000 inhabitants.

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Fortune Is Won by Act of Kindness

Widow Nurses Retired Silk Manufacturer During Last Illness and Is Made His Principal Legatee.

Allentown, Pa., May 27.—Kindness of heart won a fortune for Mrs. Sarah C. Hunsberger, a widow, who is chief beneficiary under the will of Reuben Ryle, retired silk manufacturer, who died last week.

For some years Mr. Ryle took his meals with Mrs. Hunsberger. Last September, when he was stricken with paralysis, he became a patient in her home, and his constant companion was Robert Mertz, brother of Mrs. Hunsberger.

Under his will Mrs. Hunsberger receives his home, with all its contents, and in addition an array of stocks and his bank deposits. The estate is estimated to be about $200,000, of which Mrs. Hunsberger will receive more than one-half.

Business Pace Is Blamed for Nephritis

Rapid Manner of Living Said to Be Responsible for Many Cases of Bright's Disease.

Chicago, May 27.—The rapid manner of living of Chicago business men is responsible for many cases of nephritis, or Bright's disease, according to Dr. Clifford Mitchell, who read a paper on that theme at the convention of the Homeopathic society. He pointed out the dangers of the disease, which he said could emanate from many causes. He said that once it had got a foothold a cure was considered almost impossible. The session will continue until Saturday.

Light Fingered Ones Didn't See Other Men

New York Artists Relieve One Man of $1000, but Were Unaware Detectives Saw Their Clever Work.

Chicago, May 27.—Two light-fingered persons, recently of New York, rubbed shoulders yesterday with G. W. Kellinger, more recently of Iowa, on the back platform of a Madison street car. They rubbed against two other men, not from Iowa, but failed to notice them.

They had quietly removed Kellinger's purse, containing $1000 in bills, from his pocket, when the other two men seized them. They were Detectives Crowley and Lavin.

"It's strange, but I can't place you," said Lavin.

"Oh, we're just from New York," said one of the pickpockets. They gave the names of George Williams and Charles Hoffman.

Audubon Society Hot After Author

John Fox Jr. Tells in Article of Shooting Birds in Florida and Gets Himself Out of Favor.

Washington, May 27.—John Fox Jr., the author, is out of favor with the Audubon society of the United States and may be reported to the attorney-general of the United States. In a recent magazine article Mr. Fox wrote that he was one of a party which shot birds in Florida.

T. Gilbert Pearson of New York City, of the National Association of Audubon Societies, speaking before the National Conservation Congress here, charged that Fox's party violated not only the federal migratory bird law, but the state laws of Florida, and that the case would probably be brought to the attention of the department of justice by the Audubon societies.

The president of the Florida Audubon society, Mr. Pearson says, has threatened to prosecute Fox should he at any time return to Florida. The federal law provides a fine of not more than $100 or imprisonment for not more than 90 days.

Opportunity Came in Anyhow.

Toledo, Ohio, May 27.—"Gwan, git away from that door," yelled Frank Anderson, a bellhop, when two Indianapolis attorneys knocked. Then they informed him an Indianapolis aunt Mrs. Dress Spencer, had left him $25,000.