

## FINANCIAL AID ASKED BY CROOK

Eastern Oregon County Seeks  
to Issue Bonds to Pay Off  
Interest Warrants

Among affirmative arguments  
filed with the secretary of state for  
the voters' pamphlet on March 1,

the final date for filing arguments, was a brief statement by Senator George T. Baldwin in behalf of the Crook and Curry county bonding amendment. Senator Baldwin's argument covers only Crook county. He says:

"Crook county, Oregon, is asking relief in regard to her indebtedness in the way of issuing bonds to cover warrants outstanding. Within the past two years two counties, Jefferson and Deschutes, have been created out of Crook county, thus greatly reducing her taxable property

and leaving Crook county with considerable indebtedness.

"It would be an act of justice to permit Crook county to issue bonds and take up the outstanding warrants, thus putting the county on a cash basis instead of issuing warrants for her needs and having them discounted."

## SUPPORT TAX ISSUE PLEA OF COLLEGES

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says the argument. "The war piled on burdens that made universities and colleges everywhere stagger. It not only raised prices to the breaking point for them, just as it did for every man's household, but it compelled them to add branches of study, to intensify their work, to whip up their speed; for new agencies rose to meet the call of the war as did the universities and colleges of the country.

"The war also showed hundreds of thousands of men the wonderful value of a college education. Nearly 1500 ex-service men have hurried to the state university and the Agricultural college alone. Welcome as they were, they have nevertheless helped to create a problem that cannot be met without more aid from the state.

### Living Costs Jump.

"The cost of living has risen probably about 50 per cent in Oregon since 1915. Faculty salaries at University, college and normal have advanced about 20 per cent since that

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time. The result has been a steady loss to the state from its best faculty material. Teachers cannot be expected to stay on indefinitely out of loyalty when they have to borrow from banks, or dip into previous savings to keep their families supported. At the Agricultural college alone there have been 45 faculty resignations since July, 1919. Some go to the branches of industry in which they are specialists, for one of the great lessons of the World war was the unrealized value of the technical training of the university and college professor. Others go to states that have already met the crisis in their higher educational institutions by providing more adequate funds.

"Yet it is vitally important that many of these faculty members be kept in the state, and in particular the technical specialists. Professors of agricultural, horticulture, dairying, animal husbandry, education and child study, journalism, commerce, engineering, forestry and such practical branches, come to their highest worth in a state only after years of service. New men cannot learn Oregon in a season or two."

## LEGION PUTS CLUB HOUSE BEFORE COURT

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ed States and already there are two in Oregon.

Plans are under way and in the hands of a committee to place a bill

authorizing the expenditure of money for this purpose before the taxpayers at the next special election. It is pointed out that the burden on the individual citizen would be very light and the good done would be immeasurable.

### Court Urged To Act

A resolution prepared by Comrade Lyle Pages asks the Marion county court to either approve or disapprove the measure. The resolution will be sent to other legion posts in Marion county for similar action.

Another important matter discussed was that of the bonus that is being discussed in congress for the ex-service men to recompense them for financial loss while in the service. A resolution was presented by Comrade Pilkington which embodied the four features as passed by the American legion in Portland Monday night. These questions are now pending in congress and are as follows:

1. Land settlement covering farms in all states and not confined to a few states.

2. Aid to encourage the purchase of homes in either city or country.

3. Vocational training for all ex-service persons desiring it.

4. Adjustment of compensation or final adjustment of extra back pay based on length of service for those not desiring to avail themselves of any one of the three previous features.

This resolution met with hearty approval and was passed. On the motion of James Millar McGilchrist, it was decided to wire the desires of the Salem post to the Oregon members of congress.

The legion also decided to send a request to the Oregon members of congress asking them to support the bill to give pensions to the disabled Spanish-American war veterans.

Reports of various membership committees were heard and the meeting adjourned until the next regular session, which is the first Tuesday in April.

Capital post No. 9 is desirous that every service man in Marion county join the American legion and help pull together for their mutual benefit.

## OREGON SCHOOLS HIT BY ADVANCING COSTS

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Were there no emergency in the schools today, continues the argument, the measure is timely for the reason that Oregon is one of only seven states which do not provide state revenue, in addition to interest received from the irrevocable school fund, in support of schools.

Commenting on inequalities in the present taxation, the argument says:

The proposed tax is not necessarily an addition to the present school revenue. It may be used, if desired, in place of some of the district tax or in place of the extra county tax above the minimum requirement. With its apportionment on the teacher basis it will remove a good deal of the inequality existing in every county. In adjoining districts one may have a high valuation due to railroad, timber, etc., and the other a low valuation. The former may levy a 1 mill special tax and the latter 10 or more mills in order to get the same return. This is undemocratic and unfair. A 2 mill state tax will place all the property of the county back of the education of every child. The education of every child, regardless of residence, is a proper charge against every citizen, regardless of residence.

Under the caption "Meaning of the Proposed Law" the following explanation is made:

The tax is to be levied in 1920, thus becoming available in 1921. Every county will receive the full amount of the taxes raised on the property of the county. The apportionment of the money will be on the teacher basis instead of the pupil basis, the method of distribution used in all of the states but two in the apportionment of school funds. Distribution on the pupil basis discriminates against the smaller schools. An affirmative vote waives the constitutional limitation to a 6 per cent increase over the previous year's tax, so far as this one measure is concerned. The waiver is necessary in order to make the tax legal.

## Silverton Boys Pass Week End at Homes

SILVERTON, Or., Mar. 1.—(Special to The Statesman.)—Quincy Davis, who is attending the Medical col-

lege at Portland, spent the week end at Silverton.

A number of Oregon students were at their homes in Silverton during the week end. Among them were Edwin Durno and Don O'Kane. Miss Emma Coolidge of Oregon spent the week end with Miss Eva Digerness who formerly was a student at the university. Miss Digerness will not resume her studies this quarter on account of the recent death of her mother.

Miss Thea Jensen, Hans Jensen and Harry Thoreson motored down from Portland Saturday and spent the week end at the home of Mrs. Anna Jensen. Miss Anna Sebo accompanied them and visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Sebo. The trip was made in Mr. Thoreson's Studebaker.

Rev. George Henriksen left for Seattle Monday morning to be present at missionary meetings held

there Tuesday and Wednesday. On Thursday he will go to Astoria to attend a Lutheran circuit meeting.

Mrs. Henriksen will go to Astoria Thursday to join her husband.

Nicolai Nelson has returned from Portland and will now be employed at the Silver Falls Timber mill.

Miss Josephine Olsen returned on Saturday from a week's visit at her brother's home at Portland.

Miss Emma Moe returned Sunday after a few days at Portland.

Mrs. George Henriksen was hostess at a very enjoyable afternoon Saturday at her home on Second street. About 25 guests were present.

Mark Paulson, who is English instructor at the Hubbard high school, spent Sunday with relatives at Silverton.

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