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## No Favor Sway Us; No Fear Shall A From First statesman, March 28, 1851 <br> Charles A. Spragub <br> Editor ard Publisher THE STATESMAN PUBLISHING CO



Fortified Wine and Liguor Control Chairman McMahan of the state liquor commission says
the commission will ask the legistature to limit the private
sales of wine to that which is naturally fermented. Much of sales of wine to that which is naturaly fermeted to fortified
the trouble from intoxication, he says, is trace
wine, now sold in wine stores, which has an alcoholic content f over 20 per cent.
It was a mistake to have changed the law, as the 1935 ses-
sion did, to permit private stores to handle liquors of over 14 per cent alcohol. The Knox commission recommended three classinications: beer oo
mented wine, and liquor of over 14 per cent alcohol. The first
two were to be eligible for sale at private stores, the last exclusively at state stores and agencies. This distinction was sell fortified wine at the next regular session. ble for more of the intoxication and drunken driving than the hard liquors sold in the state stores, yet these heavy wines
should not be exposed for sale and sold over the counter in
private stores, without restraint. They belong with the more potent alcoholic liquor
the profit to the state.
 tempering the appetite for hard liguor. The public taste
doesn't confine itself to beer and light wine. It demands the er effort must be spent in educating the public against conhard liquors or by total abstinence. Apparently the only edtion of liquor. We noticed one paper with a whiskey ad on quor profits to finance its relief and pension needs, is callous
to the moral implications of its partnership. It does not see in its control system the obligation to encourage sobriety. So
observers see lifuor consumption increasing and the grip of

## The Willamette Highway

People of Lane, Klamath and Lake counties are ponder-
ing the question of how soon to open the Willamette high
way which leads up the Willamette through Oak Ridge to way which leads up the Willamette through Oak Ridge to sion says it can get the road in passable shape by the fall of
1939. By waiting until 1940 money will be available to surface and oil the important sections so the road can handle
the traffic properly. The commission wants to know what pubic sening delayed to insure a better highway, or rushed. If the road is like other roads being constructed over
the mountains the motorists will decide themselves by tackling it no matter what the condition. On the Santiam
highways cars have been right on the heels of the bulldozers ette highway barricaded travelers from North Dakota to Ar izona will be pointing their cars over it, trusting they can get
The Willamette highway is going to be an important road, giving south central Oregon easy connection with the
Willamette valley. It will provide a cross link from highway 99 to 97 , and open a fast road to and from California. Sa
em is friendly to the road, because its customers will trave through this city on the main stem road; but we let the oth
er counties say whether it should be opened in 1939 or 1940 . When the writer last traversed it, in 1928, it was in about the road. A ye
difference.

Learning and Formal Education Recently there died in New York a man who was de-
scribed as one of the four or five best-educated men in the
world. He was Dr. Wilberforce Eames, chief bibliographer of world. He was Dr. Wiberforce Eames, chief bibliographer of recognized by honorary degrees from colleges and awards Yet Dr. Eames never attended college, did not even go
high school. He never traveled, living modesty in Brooklyn.
The extent of his learning may be indicated by the statement that he "was an authority on North American Indian languages; could read Chinese a,
the Bantu dialects of Africa."

His mind must have been peculiarly avid, one that re his attainments raise the question whether college training the learning process too greatly, so the student merely becomes skilled in getting swiftly to the summary predigested orb learning from its vast store of accumulated knowledge His record at least disproves the notion that the trained and informed mind must depend on college education. For Eames the learning process neve
they get their diplomas.

Colorado's \$45 Pensions
Colorado is a state about the same in population and
wealth as Oregon, neither of which is very great. In 1936
the voters of Colorado adopted a constitutional amendment the voters of Colorado adopted a constitutional amendment
requiring the payment of $\$ 45$ a month as pension to all aged
persons. Since the federal government pays only $\$ 15$ the persons. Since the rederal remaining $\$ 30 \mathrm{a}$ month. It is cost ing the state $\$ 1,500,000$ a month.
But the state treasury is now running dry. There is $\$ 1$,
00,000 in the pension fund, but this is a "jackpot" to be dis rributed to the pensioners as a bonus in January, in accord ance with the terms of the constitutional amendment. Th
treasurer is getting ready to use the maintenance funds of the ten state educational institutions to keep the 40 state deWhile the last legislature imposed a two per c
the treasury will run about $\$ 4,000,000$ short. all right to curtail other expenditures in order to keep up the pension payment. The beneficiaries of other services wil
object to such a division of funds which shuts up colleges to esson, however, that it is wise to cut the pension garmen to fit the

 chamber of commerce has been the leader, and Wilson's sage counse
and diligence and abilit to handle pbople have been fmportant the
tors in hiat procrebs. Fred Thielsen, his suceessor, will come to hit





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