

## COLLEGE ASKS MINIMUM APPROPRIATIONS

### O. A. C. Regents Ask Less Money in Proportion to Growth Than Two Years Ago.

O. A. C., CORVALLIS, ORE., Dec. 7. — Far less money is asked of the legislature by the Oregon Agricultural College this year, in proportion to the growth of the institution, than was appropriated in 1911. The regents have cut all estimates down to the extreme minimum, and will call for \$64,500 less for increased maintenance, buildings repairs, etc., than the legislature of two years ago granted.

When the college budget is presented, the state will be asked for \$249,000 for buildings, equipment, repairs, improvements, books and periodicals, and for an increase of \$50,000 a year for maintenance during the next two years. Of these amounts \$107,000 is for additional buildings; \$60,000 for equipment; \$33,000 for repairs and improvements; \$11,000 for remodeling Science Hall; \$21,000 for extension of the heating plant and \$15,000 for books and periodicals.

But one large building is requested, that for the home economics work now divided between the crowded girls' dormitory and the agronomy building. For this \$100,000 appropriation is asked. When this is built and proper heat is given the stock judging pavilion and farm mechanics building, it will be necessary to put \$21,000 into extension of the heating plant, installing an additional boiler and enlarging and lengthening the conduits. The rebuilding of the live stock building will take \$5,000, and \$2,000 is needed for a small storage structure for inflammable materials and shop supplies.

Science Hall was built for agricultural instruction, but is now used for the chemistry and pharmacy work. The imperative need of more laboratory space and the present unfitness of the rooms available make remodeling which will cost \$11,000, absolutely necessary at once. The college is in great need of a library building, and the best care of the health of the students would demand a gymnasium, but in view of appropriations of more urgent necessity, the regents have decided not to ask for them this year. They wish to relieve the pressure on the state treasury, and are doing all they can, though the rapid growth of all departments warrants a much increased appropriation for the work of the next two years.

"Amounts estimated necessary for the support of the work of the various departments are greatly in excess of the total appropriation requested of the legislature, but careful investigation shows that the needs of the different departments are so great that the estimates are very conservative," said Pres. Kerr this morning. "However, the needs of the college are increasing so rapidly that it is impossible to meet them. Notwithstanding this fact, the regents, in making up the budget, reduced the amounts asked by each department to the extreme minimum with which the institution could do work at all reasonably efficient."

The report of the registrar shows enormous increase in both the regular and special courses, but the instructional force has not kept pace with this growth in attendance. Registration in agronomy, for instance, is 60 per cent greater than two years ago, but the instructional force but 38

per cent more; and in the division of horticulture the work has nearly doubled, with only 18 per cent increase in instructional force. These cases are typical of practically all departments, and indicate the necessity for increase in maintenance appropriations.

The rapid growth of the home economics classes and the pressure of other departments needing the classrooms in the agronomy building and the space in the girls' dormitory (there were 150 girls who could not be accommodated there this fall), force the regents to ask for a home economics building.

No library building is asked at this time, although the 22,000 volumes and 35,000 pamphlets are now huddled in five classrooms in the oldest building on the campus, and are causing the floors to settle under the weight of the books. Since 1908 the number of books in the library has increased three times, and the student body has doubled, but the shelf room is but one third larger, and the reading room, which seats but 105 students, has not increased at all.

The matter of provision for demonstration and extension work throughout the state was referred to a committee to be worked out in conference with various state organizations interested.

The regents present at the meeting were as follows. Pres. J. K. Weatherford, Albany; Sec'y. E. E. Wilson, Corvallis; B. F. Irvine, Portland; Ben W. Olcott, Salem; L. R. Alderman, Salem; C. E. Spence, Canby; Mrs. Clara H. Waldo, Portland; J. T. Apperson, Park Place; C. L. Hawley, McCoy; Walter M. Pierce, LaGrande; and H. von der Hellen, Wellen.

### Large Shipment of Autos.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7. — a special train of seventy-five double-deck cars loaded with Buick automobiles, the largest single shipment ever made to any three states, and larger by twenty-five cars than a similar shipment made last January, left Flint, Michigan, this afternoon for the Pacific Coast. This special train contains 375 automobiles, valued at \$482,400.

It is the largest shipment of automobiles ever made under one bill of lading and they are due to arrive about Christmas day. The shipment is routed via Rock Island, Union Pacific and Southern Pacific.

The train will run through thickly populated sections of the country by daylight. This shipment will greatly advertise the prosperity of the Pacific Coast states and without doubt those people in the East who view this train will be impressed with the fact that there is wealth in the West. This shipment is in addition to the 150 automobiles that the Buick factory ships to this coast every week.

Upon the arrival of the train, the Howard automobile company will take out a policy of insurance on these machines approximating 70 per cent of their value and immediately 375 new license numbers will have to be issued for them, for practically all of these machines have already been sold. The freight on this shipment will approximate \$32,000.

### School Officers' Convention.

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tending to attend the convention.

These conventions are of much interest to those interested in the educational work of the county and are always well attended, also much good for the schools of the county has been accomplished by them in the past.

State Supt. L. R. Alderman will be present and will give an address on the educational conditions of the state.

The convention will be on the informal plan and all are welcome to take part in the discussions of the convention.

Any one having a subject pertaining to the schools of the county or state which they would like to have brought before the convention, will be given the chance to do so.

Following are some of the subjects that will be discussed:

How are board meetings legally called?; The issuing of bonds and warrants; Selecting teachers, who, when and how; Compulsory law; The supervisory law; School holidays; Transferring of school money from one district to another; Who is chairman of school board?; What effect will the right of woman have on the school elections?; Standardization of schools; Eighth grade examinations; School boards visiting the schools; State lecture course; Annual school meeting; Longer term of school, 7 or 8 months; More money for school purposes.

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No. 64.	Independence to Dallas and Portland,	6:35 A. M.
No. 61.	Independence to Airlie,	6:40 A. M.
No. 62.	Airlie to Independence and Salem,	8:00 A. M.
No. 65.	Dallas to Independence and Corvallis,	8:55 A. M.
No. 68.	Independence to Dallas,	11:05 A. M.
No. 69.	Dallas to Independence and Portland,	1:25 P. M.
No. 66.	Independence to Dallas,	2:40 P. M.
No. 125.	Independence to Monmouth and return to Independence and Salem,	3:55 P. M.
No. 73.	Dallas to Airlie,	3:55 P. M.
No. 72.	Airlie to Independence,	5:35 P. M.
No. 70.	Independence to Dallas,	6:40 P. M.
No. 126.	Independence to Monmouth and return to Independence,	7:25 P. M.
No. 71.	Dallas to Independence,	7:45 P. M.