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Torrid heat in the east and middle west the past two or three weeks make us who live in this summer-resort climate on the Pacific coast more thankful than ever for the Oregon country. And while rain is not expected here during July and August, it is even drier in the east. Reports from St. Louis are that the Mississippi river is 13 1/2 feet lower than ever before known.

Coos county will receive a total of \$13,595.90 from the irreducible school fund this year, according to the annual apportionment announced by George G. Brown, clerk of the state land board. This amount is based upon a per capita apportionment of \$1.58 for each of the 8605 children on the school census of the county last year.

A total of \$411,607.38 was included in this year's apportionment from the school fund, the amount being distributed among the 36 counties of the state in proportion to the school census of each county. The fund is distributed among the various districts of the county by the county superintendents.

DENNIS AND BOWERMAN SEEK WEALTHY CANDIDATE

In the course of an article in last Sunday's Oregonian, John W. Kelley tells a lot of truth about the men who have constituted themselves as the head of the Meier-for-governor campaign. In the course of the article he said:

It may be of interest to note who composed the privy council of Meier. First and foremost were Bruce Dennis, of Klamath Falls, and Bowerman. Both were active supporters of Harry L. Corbett, the most ultra-conservative candidate in the recent primaries. They have swung to the other extreme and are championing the Joseph program, which was the antithesis of everything Corbett stood for.

Mr. Joseph's platform demanded public ownership of hydro-electric power, and the Dennis support of Meier is peculiar in view of the impression that the Dennis newspapers in Klamath Falls are very friendly to the California-Oregon Power company, which is part of the so-called "power trust." It was Dennis, as a state senator, who promoted a constitutional amendment which would have prevented the people of Oregon from voting on a state income tax for years.

Mr. Dennis is recognized as one of the practical politicians of the state and for weeks prior to the committee meeting he toured the state pulling wires to get votes from committeemen for Meier. He attended the first caucus of the eastern Oregon bloc with that purpose in view.

For 20 years the "assembly" has been an anathema in certain political circles. It was designated as a manipulated convention, with frame-up and steam roller methods. The man selected for chief beneficiary of the assembly of 1910 was Jay Bowerman, who was recommended for governor, but was defeated in the general election because of public reaction against the assembly. For weeks Bowerman has been chief advisor of Meier, and when Bowerman goes into a political encounter he always has associated with him Bruce Dennis, William L. (Bill) Thompson, representing the fish packing interests on the Columbia river and associated in banking with Meier, and Thomas J. Mahoney, ex-banker and lobbyist. Messrs. Thompson and Mahoney were supporting the conservative Corbett in the primaries.

A detour may be taken at this point to jot down that F. E. Coulter, one of the original advocates of public ownership of hydro-electric power, and who circularized the press and the state committee urging the nomination of Holman, wrote a letter to Meier Wednesday in which in plain English he informed the merchant that the boys were "pulling his leg."

Mr. Coulter is firmly convinced that Meier is being made a dupe by Bowerman and Dennis, whom he believes are under-cover agents for the power trust. The theory of Coulter is that the Bowerman-Dennis combination has two purposes: first, to profit per-

sonally from Meier's candidacy, and second, to promote Meier as a candidate figuring that he cannot be elected to carry out the Joseph program and thereby perform a smooth trick for the power trust.

Mr. Coulter does not believe that Meier can be elected, but that some other strong advocate of the Joseph policies can. Mr. Coulter says that the small merchants throughout the state will oppose Meier because the Meier & Frank company competes with every up-state merchant through its mail-order department. Personal friend and ardent advocate of the Joseph platform though he is, Coulter was not consulted regarding the call for the assembly, nor does his name appear among the 300 who signed the call.

R. A. Easton's Weekly Letter

One day we went to "the city" with my brother-in-law. To all people in the Bay region San Francisco is "the city." We crossed over by way of the Key System ferry, the first time that I ever crossed San Francisco Bay except on the Southern Pacific ferry.

The Key system includes a street car system in Oakland, as well as the ferry. We took a Gerry street car to go to Cypress Lawn cemetery. From there we went to the Cliff House. Seal Rock with the seals lying on the rock, climbing up or sliding down, to take their plunge and their barking, mingling with the roar of the surf, were for years one of the great attractions of that beach. Several years ago those seals left their rock, where they went or what became of them, no one knows. Now Seal Rock is a barren rock that is pounded by the waves and streaked with the dung of gulls.

From the beach we went to Golden Gate Park. The landscape architect who surveyed the site in its original desolation of sand dunes and conceived in his mind the thing of beauty to be when the sand waste would become a thing of beauty, the shifting sand dunes stabilized by the roots of trees, grass and flowers all combining to make a landscape of refreshing color and beauty, had faith in the power of his intelligence to lead other men to see visions of beauty which were hidden to unseeing eyes in these miles of sand. That park is evidence of a growing vision increasingly fulfilled. And when the sand dunes are subdued to their ocean boundary, then will that beautiful park dream of that man of vision be completely fulfilled and Golden Gate Park the enduring evidence of the reality of faith becoming substance through the enlargement of the boundaries of hope and the evidence of the unseen workings of a man's mind.

We went to the DeYoung art museum in the park, also to the aquarium, where we saw seals in tanks and heard their voices. Inside the building are many small tanks of various kinds of fish.

A person could spend a week in the art museum, not that he would be able to see or comprehend all that is therein but to study the pictures and pieces of statuary, which made the most beautiful appeal to him. We took the 5 o'clock ferry back to Oakland, knowing we had had a good, glad day.

As seen from the car windows going and coming, orchards and vineyards were thrifty and tomatoes covered many acres. Some places grain and hay crops seem to have been good, other places scant.

Orland, the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Keer, former residents of Coquille, seemed to have an attractive appearance in the vicinity of the railroad depot and the country surrounding the appearance of thrift.

We met a man on the train from that town who said he was slightly acquainted with Mr. Kerr. Also on the same train we met Mrs. Cook who lives near Coquille on the Pettingill place.

We had a good time, enjoyed every minute of the trip. The Southern Pacific folks went out of their way to add comfort and enjoyment and all those with whom we came in contact were courteous and obliging. Even a taxi-man went out of his way to be obliging when he knew the streetcar would get our fare.

R. A. Easton.

U. O. Classes in Hawaii

Swimming in the surf at Waikiki, journeys about the island to glimpse real native life and a continuous panorama of tropic beauty, the never-ending round of entertainment which the hospitable people of this territory plan for visitors have been stiff competition for studies at the University of Oregon summer session here, but the students, 75 in number, are holding wall in classroom and out, it is declared by Karl W. Onthang, dean of personnel at the university, who accompanied the party to Honolulu from Eugene recently.

Miss Vera Booth, formerly a Coquille teacher, is one of the 75 taking the Pacific U. of O. summer session.

The students have been more than enthusiastic over the adventure in education. Many of the courses taken, such as geology, geography, journalism, sociology, psychology and art, can be successfully combined with

pleasure trips, and no students have as yet complained of being over-worked.

While all the usual pleasures of Honolulu are being enjoyed daily, the high spots of the school so far have been an all-day journey around the island of Oahu and a visit to the Dole Hawaiian pineapple cannery.

News From State Capital

Inheritance tax collections for the year 1930 are expected to set a new high record, exceeding the previous high figure of \$1,000,311.69, according to State Treasurer Kay who bases his estimate upon receipts for the first six months of the year.

The office of district attorney will be abolished under the proposed cabinet form of state government, in the opinion of Attorney General Van Winkle who points out that the office is an executive or administrative position and therefore faced with abolishment under the proposed reorganization.

Equipment used by the state traffic department is to be painted a distinctive color. Secretary of State Hoss has proposed to T. A. Rafferty, chief of the traffic division, that all automobiles and motorcycles in use by the department be painted white with the insignia of the department displayed in a conspicuous place on each vehicle. Two automobiles used for secret investigations would be maintained in their original colors. Final action on the proposal is up to the state board of control.

Governor Norblad has presented to the state fair board the American flag which was flown over the national capitol during the entire discussion of the farm relief measure. The flag was sent to the governor by United States Senator McNary.

Lewellyn A. Banks, Medford publisher, has filed with Secretary of State Hoss, his formal acceptance of the nomination for United States senator tendered to him by an assembly of electors meeting in Medford, July 8. Banks asks that the words, "Restore Constitutional Rights" accompany his name on the November ballot.

A socialist ticket for state officers has been filed with Secretary of State Hoss for inclusion on the November ballot. The candidates were nominated at an assembly held in Portland on July 19. The ticket includes the following candidates: For United States Senator, O. D. Teel, Echo; for governor, Albert Streiff, Portland; for justice of the supreme court, position No. 6, J. E. Hosmer, Silverton; for superintendent of public instruction, Minnie McFarland, Umatilla; for commissioner of labor, James M. Alley, Veneta; for congressman from the third district, Peter Streiff, Jr., Portland. The ticket also includes several candidates for state senator and representative from Multnomah county.

According to an opinion prepared by Attorney General Van Winkle, it is not only the right but the duty of a school board in districts of the third class to call a second meeting for consideration of the school budget when the original meeting, called for that purpose on the date specified by statute fails to adopt such a budget.

Thirty-two persons were burned to death and \$6,808,686 in property was destroyed in fires in Oregon during 1929, according to the annual report of Clare A. Lee, state fire marshal, just out. The 1929 fatalities exceeded by 18 the fatalities for 1929 while the 94 injuries resulting from fires last year represent an increase of 35 over the injuries for the previous year. Of the 32 deaths, seven were children under the age of 10 years, three were persons between the ages of 11 and 18 years; 14 were persons between 19 and 50 years; four were aged persons over 60. Two children, aged 2 and 5, respectively, were burned to death in a gasoline explosion when the container was set near a hot stove, and two adults were fatally burned when gasoline exploded in their homes.

The state board of control has approved a plan whereby \$200,000 will be borrowed on the credit of the state flax industry for use in paying farmers for their flax crop in order to eliminate any delay in payment for the crop. The flax has been rolling into the prison plant at Salem the past week at the rate of 200 tons a day.

Oregon's prison problem, resulting from overcrowding, are no different from the problems of a number of the states of the east and middle west, according to Henry L. Meyers, superintendent of the Oregon prison, who has just returned from a trip to Illinois and Minnesota where he made a study of prison conditions.

Claims for refund aggregating approximately \$200,000 have been filed with the public service commission in connection with an order issued by the commission in 1924 reducing the freight rates on grain and grain pro-

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ducts in this state. Practically all of the claims were filed by eastern Oregon wheat shippers.

His Nomination Inevitable

C. C. Chapman, editor of the Oregon Voter, who is an enthusiastic supporter of Phil Metschan for governor, although he says that Metschan was not his first choice for nomination at the hands of the republican state central committee, emphatically denies, and correctly, that Metschan did any manipulating to secure the nomination. In the last Voter he tells why Metschan was nominated, in the following short paragraph:

In one sense, the nomination of Phil Metschan by the republican state committee a week ago was inevitable. The membership of the committee included so many who had worked with Phil for years and who knew him well. They were frank to admit that his candidacy did not have in it the elements of appeal to the general public. Among some of these members, attachment to Phil was so strong that they voted for him from the start. Others set aside their own personal regard for Phil and voted for candidates who they felt would be better vote-getters. But, as their efforts in behalf of their respective candidates failed, they drifted to Phil as to one whom they knew as a friend and esteemed for his character and ability. That is the real reason why he was nominated.

State Fair, Sept. 22-28

From Canada to Texas and from the Mississippi river to the Pacific coast, entries for all departments are flooding into the registration bureau of the 69th Oregon state fair to be held in Salem September 22 to 28, advance lists revealed this week.

Illinois, Wisconsin, Texas, California, Montana, Washington, Oregon, and several Canadian provinces are to be unusually well represented, present records show, with late applicants from other states certain to swell still further the long list of competitors for the \$30,000 in premiums and purses, and the \$17,500 up for horse races.

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No Taxes for Fish and Game

The impression still persists in the minds of some people that the taxpayers support the state game commission. Recently a man owning several hundred acres of land upon which he had paid taxes for years wrote into the commission requesting that he be given fish in return for the taxes he had paid. Naturally the reply went back to him that the work of the game commission is carried on by funds derived by the sale of licenses to hunters, anglers and trappers and that not a dime of tax money is ever expended for the department.

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