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### IGNORANT OR PLAIN-LIAR?

It's rather hard to believe that anyone in Portland would utter such a deliberate falsehood or could be ignorant as not to know that the four new bridges on the Coast highway which are now open, are absolutely free from tolls.

The Sentinel's information comes from a citizen who would not stoop to peddling gossip, and he was told by one of the young men on the tour, a student doctor from the Atlantic coast.

The local man stopped at the Drain intersection of the Pacific Highway last Friday where a bus was halted for repairs. He got to talking with the young doctor who told him there were ten buses, carrying 270 students from the Atlantic seaboard, who were on their way to Stanford university.

Asked why they did not turn toward the ocean at Drain and go down the Coast highway, he replied, "The motor club at Portland told us that the coast bridges were toll bridges and we can save money by travelling one hundred miles out of our way to avoid paying toll."

The Coquille man did not ask what motor club was meant, nor was that information given.

This is not published with the idea of reflecting on Portland for the Oregon State Motor Association, and all other motor clubs in Portland, are as consistent boosters for the Coast Highway as they are for any other Oregon highway, but some individual, somewhere, deliberately lied to the detriment of the coast route.

### AUTOMATIC ECONOMY

The experience of the dairy industry, as revealed recently in a bulletin of the committee on agricultural co-operation of the National Association of Manufacturers, illustrates once again that when it comes to "planned economy," man-made rules and regulations are indeed feeble substitutes for the nature made law of supply and demand.

In the last 37 years, this committee's study of the subject showed, nearly 5,000,000 farmers, without specific government direction, have adjusted their farm practice so that production of milk and dairy products has satisfactorily met market demands.

When prices fell to unprofitable levels, more dairy cows were allowed to feed their calves, less intensive feeding was adopted, herds were culled, that is, the old and unprofitable cows were disposed of, or animals suspected of disease were killed. When prices rose, fewer cows fed their calves, more intensive feeding was practiced, new farmers entered the field and advancing prices were steadied. In other words, adjustment to the law of supply and demand was automatic.

As a result, the dairy industry has expanded almost in exact proportion to the increase in population. While population rose from 75,000,000 in 1900 to 125,000,000 in 1932, the number of dairy cows on farms increased from 15,000,000 to 25,000,000, maintaining the apparently sound ratio of one cow for each five persons. As the per capita consumption of milk increased during that period, so also did the average production per cow.

It is a fair question to ask whether any government could do the job for 5,000,000 farmers and 30,000,000 consuming families better than the people have been able to do it themselves.

### AUTO DEATH RATE IMPROVES

While the number of motor vehicle accidents in June stepped up considerably over the record of the previous June, fatalities showed a substantial decrease, dropping from 26 in June, 1935, to only 16 in June, this year. In addition, records of the secretary of state's office show that the injury list was not in proportion to the unfavorable accident rate, as the increase was only 40 in the number of persons injured, with 542 recorded in June of last year and 582 this June.

In contrast to the fatality and injury record, the number of accidents jumped up 68 per cent to a total of 2,993 in June, 1936.

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### LARGEST AUTO REGISTRATION

The greatest six months business in the history of the motor vehicle department was reported this week by Earl Snell, secretary of state. Motor vehicle titles issued during the first half of 1936 showed a gain of more than 37 per cent over the 1935 period. For the first time in the history of the department, more than 300,000 cars were licensed during the first six months of a registration year. Last year the 300,000 mark was not reached until November 27, while this year on June 24 registrations totaled that number. At the close of the half-year period, 302,681 motor vehicles were licensed, an increase of 29,077 over the 273,604 tallied during the six months of 1935.



The riot at the penitentiary here Friday afternoon which resulted in the killing of one convict and the wounding of two others, one critically, was the first serious outbreak at the Oregon prison since 1926. During that year convicts staged a riot in the dining room during the evening meal. Guards shooting through the doors and windows of the room wounded 14 of the rioters. The year before that, on August 12, 1925, two guards and one convict were killed in a daring prison break when four prisoners—Ellsworth Kelly, James Willos, Tom Murray and Bert "Oregon" Jones—shot their way out of the institution. Jones was killed as he dropped from the prison wall.

The riot, staged in protest against the recent reversal of the time honored practice of releasing prisoners at the expiration of their maximum sentence less deduction for "good time" credits has centered attention in the need for a reform in Oregon's parole system. Two circuit judges within the past two months have held that "good time" credits do not operate to automatically release prisoners from the institution but only to speed their eligibility for parole at the hands of the governor. A study of the Oregon parole system has been in progress for several months and Governor Martin has indicated that he will recommend several changes to the next legislature including an increase in the parole staff to permit of better supervision of prisoners who have been released on parole.

That the demonstration was not entirely unexpected by prison officials is indicated by a notice tacked to the prison bulletin board and dated July 2. The bulletin reads: "Guards are to report for duty in uniform. It is hoped drastic action will not be necessary. In case of emergency notify Warden Lewis." The riot marked the culmination of a long series of minor disturbances dating back to the decision in the case of Earl H. Fehl, former Medford publisher, who also lost his fight for a full discharge from the prison on the strength of his good conduct while in the institution.

Filing of the completed petitions for the new "Union" party may be the signal for a friendly suit to find out just what the statute covering this subject means. Secretary of State Snell has let it be known that he will regard petitions bearing the verified signatures of 14,671 bona fide voters as sufficient to satisfy the law's demands. Others, however, insist that it required five per cent of the registered voters to bring a new political party into existence in this state, or something more than 24,000 signatures. These base their claim upon the fact that the statute prescribes "five per cent of the electors," which they interpret as synonymous with "registered voter." Secretary of State Snell interprets the act as requiring only five per cent of the vote cast for congressional candidates at the last election. His position is supported by both precedent and legal opinion. At the time the law was passed in 1891, Snell points out, there was no registration list and nothing on which to base a computation of the number of voters. Therefore it was necessary to start from some known quantity such as the number of votes cast for candidates for congress. Furthermore the attorney general's office has, on a number of occasions advised the secretary of state that this latter was the correct interpretation of the statute, the last time in 1922.

Demand for books on education, language, science, the useful arts, fine arts, literature, history and travel show the greatest increase, according to a compilation by Miss Harriett C. Long, state librarian, covering the circulation of books from the mail order department for the biennium of 1934-36 as compared to 1932-34. Circulation of books on the useful arts shows the greatest increase jumping from 17,088 in 1932-34 to 26,034 in 1934-36 an increase of more than 50 per cent. Circulation of books on fiction, always in greatest

demand, jumped from 65,212 to 70,745 an increase of only eight per cent. For some unaccountable reason there has been a loss of interest in books of biography with the circulation from the state library slumping from 7,516 to 6,551 as between the two biennial periods. Circulation of all books through the mail order department gained from 191,469 during 1932-34 to 228,637 in 1934-36, an increase of nearly 20 per cent.

As a precaution against the malicious incendiaries and the careless camper and smoker Governor Martin this week placed practically all of the timbered areas of the state under "regulated use." This means that campers who go into the woods must obtain permits if they expect to build fires in any place other than designated camping spots and must also carry regulation fire fighting equipment including a shovel, axe and water bucket. Smoking will also be forbidden by travellers in forested areas except along hard surfaced roads.

The governor's action was taken on the recommendation of J. W. Ferguson, state forester, who points out that 70 per cent of all man-caused forest fires are due either to maliciousness or carelessness. Worst of the careless group are the smoker and vacationist who are responsible for 41 per cent of all man-caused fires. Thoughtlessness is their big fault, Ferguson declares.

Contrasted to the havoc wrought to the forests by the incendiary, smoker and recreationist, is the record of the industrial activities in the forests of the state, which, although employing thousands of men are responsible for less than four per cent of the forest fires. Incendiaries, Ferguson declares, are the worst menace to the timber industry and the biggest problem of the forestry department.

The "regulated use" restrictions will continue in effect until October 15 unless previously revoked, Ferguson said. An increase in the forest fire hazard may result in more drastic precautionary measures including absolute closure of forested areas to entry.

More than 43,000 requests for information on the scenic and recreational attractions of Oregon have been received by the Travel department of the state highway commission. Scores of inquiries have been received during the past few weeks for information regarding fishing in Oregon streams. Most of these requests have come by airmail with stamps enclosed for airmail reply, explaining that they were coming at once and wanting to know where the fish could be found.

Thirty-three drunken automobile drivers who fell afoul the state police during July contributed \$3062.15 in fines to the public purse and in addition were the recipients of jail sentences aggregating 1945 days, more than one-third of which was suspended, however. Arrests by state police for violations of traffic laws during June totalled 675 while 7918 warning slips were issued to motorists detected in minor violations of the rules of the road.

### Coos to Show at State Fair

Agricultural and various other products manufactured in Coos county will be displayed again this year at the Oregon State Fair in a general Coos county exhibit, according to plans which are being formulated by Mr. and Mrs. George E. Hampton, of Arago, who has had charge of the Coos county exhibit at the state fair and at the Pacific International Livestock show during the past two or three years. In arranging the display for this year's show, Mr. Hampton indicated today that they will attempt to use some new ideas observed when he and Mrs. Hampton visited the Texas Centennial exposition held at Dallas, Texas, this past summer. Detailed plans have not been completed for the exhibit but it will probably include our most important products such as cheese and other dairy products, myrtle wood and other lumber products, cranberries, seed crops, potatoes and root crops, and fruit, he stated.

A small contribution budgeted by the county this year will make it possible to arrange a better display, Mr. Hampton stated, and he will have the booklets containing the report of the Agricultural Conference held in Coquille last March to hand out to persons showing special interest in agriculture in this section. It is also hoped to have a supply of other material which will advertise this section of the state, he pointed out.

"More people appear to be interested in our display at the state fair and we plan to use every effort to arrange a display of our products which will be a valuable form of advertising for our county," Mr. Hampton stated.

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### Another Drowning at Bandon

Howard Hansen, of Empire, was lost and Jessie Weinel, of Marshfield, was rescued by the Bandon U. S. Coast Guard crew under command of Captain Raymond Wilson shortly after 5:00 a. m. Wednesday, when the crab-fishing gas boat Glenora capsized and went to pieces while outward bound over the Coquille river bar.

Three fishing vessels were crossing at the time. The Sea Lion, operated by Stankovich Bros. of Bandon, and the Eleene, owned by Harry Olson, of Tokeland, Wash., were in the lead. The third boat, also owned by Olson, was apparently making good headway when suddenly the tiller chain snapped in two and the little craft was left helpless without a rudder. This happened, according to Weinel, when the first minor breaker hit the boat. Immediately a heavier sea struck and capsized the boat, throwing both men into the water.

Within three minutes from the time the man in the lookout station telephoned what he saw on the bar to station headquarters, the crew had the power boat in the river, and it was less than 15 minutes from the time of the wreck until the coast guard had Weinel in their boat.

For several hours the coast guard boat, assisted by the Sea Lion and the Eleene, searched the waters in the surrounding area for Hansen, but he wasn't sighted at any time. There was a strong ebb tide and it is believed that the body was carried out

to sea. Hansen was about 30 years old. He had a wife and three little children at Empire. He came to Coos county from North Cove, where he had followed deep sea crab fishing.—Western World.

This is the second tragedy at Bandon in a week. Up till yesterday the body of Leonard Lindbeck, drowned in the ocean there, had not been recovered.

**NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT**  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Final Account in estate of Mary Ann Stutsman, deceased, is filed in County Court of State of Oregon, for Coos County, that said Court set September 9, 1936, at the Court House, Co-

quille City, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing of objections thereto and the settlement thereof.

Irwin Watson,  
As Administrator of Said Estate.  
Liljeqvist, Swanton, Slack & McKeown, Attorneys for the Estate. 2815

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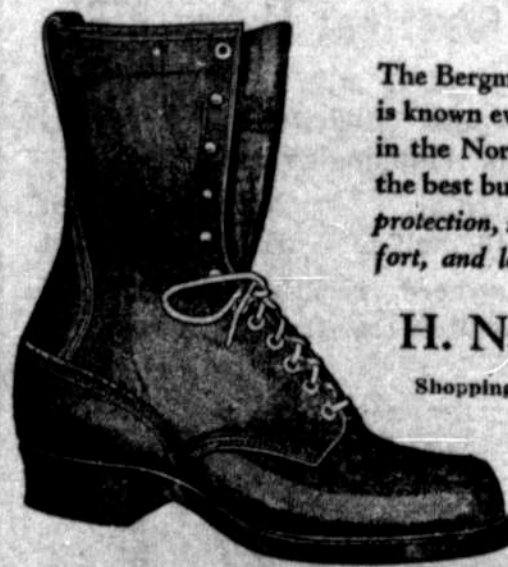
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