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## POPULATION STEADILY RISES IN STATE INSTITUTIONS

According to figures compiled by the Oregon Voter the average daily population of the state penitentiary of Salem has increased from 371 in 1912 to 859 in 1936. In the state hospital at Salem the increase during the same period was from 1521 to 2330, and at Pendleton from 344 to 1321. The TB hospital at Salem had 50 patients, daily average in 1912 and now has 267. The TB hospital at The Dalles, opened in 1928, with an average of 90, has jumped to 144 this year.

The blind school has increased from 26 to 67 in the 24 year period, the boys' training school from 90 to 117, the girls' industrial school from 18 to 65, and the total average of the twelve state institutions listed, which was 2895 in 1912, is now 6269.

## WE LEARN FROM DICTATORS

The world is learning from the dictators. It is discovering that by their very nature dictatorships must be a disturbing force. Quite apart from the good or evil they work in their own countries, the international system is too sensitive, too closely intergraded, to stand the shattering shocks of dictatorial methods. Dictators are too powerful, their tread is too heavy, their voices are too thunderous, their manners are too masterful, for this tremulous and aging planet we inhabit. The earth has no room for giants any more.

We are learning that even the virtues of dictators are too much for us. The internal order they enforce, for instance, only magnifies their capacity to provoke external disorder. Their decisiveness turns their every act into an ultimatum. Whatever they do, they do with an effect of violence. Whenever they move, they move suddenly and swiftly, in the manner of a supreme command springing surprises in war. The diplomacy they practice is not high-hat, not shirt sleeve, not even the iron hand in the velvet glove. It is the diplomacy of the mailed fist, of naked force.

The dictators, in short, teach us to chalk up one more advantage for democratic government. In the horse-and-buggy age they might have functioned without upsetting the universe. In the radio era they crowd up one another. They fill the air with noise and threat and turmoil. The world has become too small for rulers with limitless and unquestioned powers. If only to curb and slow down the drive of nations to the speed limit where international traffic is possible, we need the creaking brakes of democracy.—The New York Times.



Labor disputes which continue to hold the entire west coast in a state of industrial stagnation will unquestionably come in for considerable attention at the hands of the Oregon legislature when it convenes this month. Producer groups whose pocketbooks have been hard hit by their inability to ship their products as well as by the decline in purchasing power on the part of the strikers, are loudly demanding action to bring about speedy restoration of peace in the industrial world. With the Growers Club of Hood River taking the lead, the wool growers, wheat growers, apple growers and other agricultural groups are demanding compulsory arbitration of all strikes in which the public welfare becomes involved.

Senator Best, of Umatilla county, has publicly announced his intention of sponsoring a compulsory arbitration measure in the forthcoming session. Senator Stringer, of Lane county, an active Granger himself, has announced his sympathy with the proposal. Other legislators from the agricultural districts can be depended on to support the idea, especially under the urge of their interested constituents. These include Duncan, of Harney; Wheeler, of Lane; Stadelman, of Wasco; Spaulding, of Marion; Dunn, of Jackson, and many others. The senate, overwhelmingly conservative in its attitude toward business

and industrial problems, would appear, from this distance, to be fertile ground for the sowing of seed looking to governmental interference, in arguments between employers and employees. The attitude of the house is more difficult to predict. Fifty per cent of its membership is entirely new to the legislative field. Among the house members, however, there are known to be at least two aggressive labor leaders—Bull of Union and Brady of Multnomah—and a number of other labor sympathizers who can be depended on to follow their lead in a fight to the finish against any legislation that might in any way clip the wings of organized labor.

Most interesting angle in the pending battle over labor legislation, however, is to be found in its possible effect upon the Damon-Pythias relations which have existed between leaders of the farmer-labor group at legislative sessions for many years with Ray Gill of the Grange and Ben Osborne of the labor unions, and their satellites fighting shoulder to shoulder for or against—as the case might be—any proposal affecting the interests of either group. Already Gill, as master of the State Grange, has warned against any attempt to interfere with the rights of labor unions to strike. This can be interpreted as a warning against the proposed compulsory arbitration program. The warning has started rumblings of discontent among Grangers in many parts of the state, especially those who belong to the wheat league or the wool or apple growers who do not propose to let Gill or any other leader stand in the way of a program that promises any relief from the present situation with its threat to the financial stability of thousands of innocent bystanders.

Of course any legislation the Oregon lawmakers may enact to require compulsory arbitration of labor disputes would only apply to local strikes, such as that in the woolen mills at Portland or strikes by teamsters, truck drivers or other purely local groups. It would have little, if any effect on the maritime strike which is, after all, the one which is pinching the producers right now. That involves a national issue and will require federal legislation if it is to be reached. All the Oregon legislators can do in that connection will be to memorialize congress and even such action can be expected to meet with serious opposition on the part of organized labor.

Hereafter state officials and employees who tour the country at public expense attending conventions and conferences must limit their expense claims to \$7 a day. This amount is expected to cover Pullman charges, meals, hotel rooms, taxis, tips and incidentals. If they can not live within this allowance, the board of control ruled this week, they can make up the balance out of their personal pocketbooks. If they can get by on less the saving is theirs. The state will allow them a flat \$7 a day while out of the state on public business. Action to this effect was taken by the board as a protection against "chiselers," a few of whom persist in padding their expense claims far in excess of this approved allowance. "Deadbeats" also come in for a share of attention at the hands of the board when it was voted to summarily dismiss any state employee who attempted to crawl out from under a soldiers' bonus loan or to unload on the bonus commission or land board a piece of property which he had purchased with a state loan and on which he had accumulated the interest and taxes to accumulate without making any effort to discharge his rightful obligations.

Dellmore Lessard, state senator from Multnomah county, has filed suit in the circuit court to test out his right to a seat in the forthcoming session. Lessard is an attorney for the World War Veterans State Aid commission. Attorney General Van Winkle in a recent opinion to Thomas Graham, Jr., senator-elect, also an attorney for this same commission, ruled that this position constituted a bar to membership in the legislature. Lessard in his petition for a declaratory judgment upholding his right to the senate seat contends that he is only an employee and not an "officer" as contemplated by the constitutional provision under which the attorney general would rule him out as a legislator. Furthermore Lessard contends he was not appointed to his post but was "employed." With only three weeks remaining until the legislature convenes the court is expected to advance the case for early determination.

With five per cent of the motorists responsible for 90 per cent of the traffic accidents, R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, advocates permanent revocation of the operators' licenses of accident-repeaters as the only solution to the traffic accident problem. Oregon already has plenty of safety laws to protect the motoring public if they were more rigidly enforced, in Baldock's opinion.

Reports from Portland indicate that the state will be asked to contribute

\$3,000,000 toward the financing of the proposed 1939 World's fair to be held in that city in celebration of the completion of the Bonneville dam. Just how the money is to be raised has not been indicated. When Governor Olcott convened the legislature in special session in 1921 to finance a proposed "Industrial Exposition" to be held in Portland in 1925 the lawmakers promptly turned thumbs down on any attempt to unload this burden onto the property owners through a tax levy. A proposal to finance the state's contribution to the fair through an increase in gasoline tax met with approval of a large majority of the house members but failed in the senate where it was impossible to muster a constitutional majority back of the program and the proposed fair died a premature death.

Congressman Wm. A. Ekwall has offered to donate the services he performed for the state as circuit judge pro tem for Multnomah county, but not until Secretary of State Snell had turned down his claim for \$10 a day—the statutory allowance—for the same services. Snell ruled that inasmuch as Ekwall is still a member of congress and drawing pay from the federal government he is not entitled to pay from the state.

A majority of state employees and officials enjoyed a three-day vacation last week. Several offices, including those of the governor, purchasing department and budget division, did not open at all Saturday following the Christmas holiday, while others maintained only skeleton crews sufficient to keep the office open and answer the telephone. The only departments working a full crew Saturday were the automobile registration department which was swamped with a deluge of applicants for the new 1937 license plates, and the state library which found it necessary to take care of heavy demands for books from all sections of the state. Employees who composed the skeleton crews on duty last Saturday will be given the day off next Saturday as also will many of those who rested up from the Christmas festivities last Saturday.

A report on state building needs just released by the State Planning Board emphasizes the immediate need of a state library building and another office building. Replacement of the present supreme court building and office building by new structures at some time in the future is also visioned by the planners who call attention to the need for purchasing necessary ground for building sites at this time, recommending the acquisition of the four blocks immediately north of the present capital site. With federal grants available through PWA the report points out the library and office buildings could be financed at this time with state appropriations of only \$750,000 for each.

## Farmers Need Inventory

Farmers in Coos county are being urged to co-operate again in observing the annual national farm inventory week which is scheduled for January 4 to 9, according to George Jenkins, county agent. This is the third year that Oregon has joined in the campaign to encourage the use of farm inventories, either for its value as an inventory or as a first step in a system of farm accounts.

An annual farm inventory is easy to make and is a valuable farm record. January is generally considered the best month of the year for taking inventories, although it can be done at any set time during the year.

A farm inventory is simply a statement of all the farmer owns on a certain date. It lists all property, livestock, equipment and supplies at their full value. By also listing all debts and liabilities the net worth can easily be obtained to be compared from year to year to show the progress of the farm business just as it done with stores and other business establishments.

A supply of inventory blanks and farm record books may be secured at the county agent's office at a nominal cost.

## Ford Co. Sets Stakes High

The Ford Motor company has set the greatest truck and commercial car goal in its history for 1937, according to R. W. Gilmore, commercial supervisor for the company's Portland factory branch, who has just returned from a meeting at the home office in Dearborn, Mich., at which the sales program for 1937 was discussed.

"Introduction of the 60-horsepower V-8 engine, along with the improved 85-horsepower motor has greatly extended the field for Ford V-8 trucks and commercial cars," stated Gilmore.

"At the Dearborn meeting it was reported that the performance and economy of the new 60-horsepower are up to the company's expectations. Numerous users of commercial cars equipped with the smaller engine report 25 miles to gallon in routine delivery service."

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 In the Matter of the Estate of Fred Mast, Deceased.

**Notice to Creditors**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the undersigned has been duly appointed by the above entitled Court, as Administratrix of the Estate of said deceased, and has duly qualified as such.

NOW THEREFORE, all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby notified and required to present the same, together with proper vouchers therefor, to the undersigned, at the offices of J. Arthur Berg, in Coquille, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated this 30th day of January, 1936.  
 Phoebe E. Mast,  
 Administratrix of the Estate of Fred Mast, Deceased.  
 J. Arthur Berg,  
 Attorney for Administratrix, Residence and P. O. Address, Coquille, Oregon. 5115

**NOTICE**  
 Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the shareholders of the First National Bank of Coquille, Oregon, for the election of Directors for the ensuing year and for

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the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting will be held at the office of said Bank in Coquille, Oregon, on Tuesday, January 12th, 1937, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 8 P. M.  
 Dated at Coquille, Oregon, this 8th day of December, 1936.  
 L. H. Hazard, President  
 E. D. Webb, Cashier. 4815

**WARRANT REDEMPTION NOTICE**  
 Warrants Nos. 1207 to 1300 inclusive, drawn against Union High School District No. 3, Riverton, Oregon, will be paid upon presentation to the clerk.  
 Interest on said warrants ceases December 31, 1936.  
 Mrs. Lillian Hanly,  
 Clerk U. H. No. 3  
 5113 Bullards Route, Coquille, Oregon 4913

**WARRANT REDEMPTION NOTICE**  
 Warrants No. 368 to No. 374 inclusive, drawn against School Dist. No. 72, Coaledo, will be paid upon presentation to the First National Bank of Coquille. Interest will cease on Dec. 14, 1936.  
 Mrs. Lorene Chard,  
 Clerk, S. D. No. 72,  
 Coos County, Ore. 4913

**WARRANT REDEMPTION NOTICE**  
 Notice is hereby given that all warrants drawn against the General Fund of the City of Coquille, Oregon, and endorsed prior to May 1, 1936, are hereby called for payment upon presentation at my office. Interest on such warrants will cease as of December 18, 1936.  
 W. S. SICKELS, Treasurer.  
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