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In 1860, before the development of office machines, there were 4,369 clerks, bookkeepers, etc. employed per million of population. In 1930, after the development of the typewriter, the adding machine and other office equipment, the number of office workers had increased to 49,805 per million of population.

Uncle Sam already is the biggest home owner in the land, through HOLC foreclosures. But now he has a whole town on his hands.

The town of Progreso, Texas, down money from the RFC and when it couldn't pay it back, the RFC bought up the town and 3,000 acres of land at a forced public auction.

Senator Harry F. Byrd, of Virginia, has added a new twist to the old method of computation that goes: "If all this or that were laid end to end it would," etc., etc.

The Virginia senator has figured out that if all the federal employees and pensioners—one out of every 80 persons, he says—were placed in a line, with six feet distance between them, the line would extend from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

The federal government falls only about 150,000 short of having a million persons as employees, with 117,000 employed in Washington alone. This is even more than the highest total reached during the World War—when employment by the government reached its former peak.



Reiterating his determination to protect Oregon workmen in their right to work regardless of labor affiliations, Governor Martin sent state police to Coquille Friday. C. I. O. leaders in Portland charged the governor with "showing bias" in favor of A. F. of L. affiliates. Replying to this charge the governor denied that he was showing any favoritism and was not concerned with the jurisdictional fights between the rival labor organizations.

In spite of the fact that President Roosevelt has declared PWA hand-outs to be at an end the state board of control this week filed formal application for \$90,000 in federal funds to help finance a new tuberculosis hospital to be constructed in Multnomah county under authority of an act of the last legislature. Hopes for success of the application hinges largely on the fact that a similar application was filed by the state back in 1933 under the old federal emergency administration. Plans have been drafted for a 100 bed hospital to cost \$200,000. The legislature appropriated \$110,000 in state funds toward the project.

Three profitable years for the state fair has made it possible to wipe out the bonded debt of \$27,000 inherited by the present administration and put \$50,000 into new buildings, Solon T. White, director of agriculture, told Governor Martin this week. The last of the bonds issued to finance the grand stand at the race track, a block of \$22,500, was called in this week, according to White. The only remaining indebtedness of the fair is represented by a loan of \$78,000 from the state's general fund which is to be paid back out of profits of the fair without interest. Bonds for the grand stand were issued in 1929.

Income tax collections in Oregon this year will exceed the five million dollar mark, according to members of the tax commission. Last half payments which are due before October 1 have been coming in better than the commission had expected.

Permits for the burning of brush and slash in Oregon's forested areas will be required until December 31 unless the requirement is waived prior to that date through proclamation

tion of the governor J. W. Ferguson, state forester, warned this week. Although there have been a few light rains over the state, the fire menace is by no means ended, Ferguson said.

A strike of union carpenters which threatened to tie up work on the new nurses' home at the eastern Oregon state hospital at Pendleton has been amicably settled, it was reported to the board of control. The carpenters objected to the employment of non-union plumbers on the job.

Discontinuance of PWA grants may prove fatal to 18 highway projects included in this year's program, according to R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer. The projects represent a total estimated cost of more than \$1,000,000 of which the Public Works administration was to contribute 45 per cent.

The feud which has been brewing between Governor Martin and R. N. Stanfield over blocking of the state's scattered school lands may lead to the courts. This week the State Land Board received a letter from K. W. Kivette, Stanfield's secretary, indicating that Stanfield may refuse to pay the second half of his lease money on 118,820 acres of this grazing land which he bid in several months ago. The claim amounts to \$1235. Kivette in his letter to the Land Board said that Governor Martin's threat to cancel the Stanfield lease and his declaration that the Land Board would not permit the leasing of the land had resulted in monetary loss to Stanfield on the leases. The governor denied that he had ever made any such threats or statements and the clerk of the board was instructed to take steps looking to the collection of the lease money.

The Oregon Unemployment Compensation commission has leased the entire second floor of the old Salem high school building and will move into the new quarters as soon as remodeling now under way is completed. Although one of the state's newest departments this commission promises to become one of the state's largest bureaus within a short time. Payment of insurance to temporarily jobless men and women will not begin until the first of the year.

Ballot titles for the four measures referred to the voters by the last legislature were completed this week by Attorney General Van Winkle. One of the ballot titles is for a referred measure. The other three cover proposed constitutional amendments. The referred measure would require both the prospective bride and bridegroom to submit to physical examinations as a preliminary to the issuance of a marriage license. Of the three proposed constitutional amendments one would fix the pay of legislators at \$8 a day for a maximum of 50 days, reducing travelling expenses from 15 cents to 10 cents a mile; another would give the governor 20 days after the adjournment of a legislative session in which to pass on bills left on his desk; the third would repeal the requirement for double liability on the part of stockholders in state banks.

Milton Miller, of Portland, suggested to the Board of Control this week that the statue of the pioneer which is to top the new capitol building be placed to face toward Champeog so as to give added significance to that historic shrine. The suggestion was referred to the Capitol Reconstruction Commission by the board which denies any responsibility for the new building.

A proposed initiative measure designed to purify Oregon's streams is rapidly nearing completion, according to State Treasurer Rufus C. Holman, president of the Oregon Stream Purification League, which will sponsor the measure. State Senator Byron G. Carney, of Clackamas county, is assisting in drafting the measure.

A new candidate for congress from the First Oregon district appeared this week in the person of A. C. Burk, Marion county sheriff, whose friends are grooming him for the democratic nomination. Burk admits that he is giving the suggestion "serious consideration" but declares that he has not yet made up his mind.



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by Out-of-State Tourists

The story of Oregon's attractions for the vacationist and tourist has been carried into every state in the Union, to every province of Canada and to many foreign countries through the advertising and publicity program of the Oregon State Highway department this year, says Harold B. Say, of the commission's information bureau. Approximately 270,000 booklets and maps published by the highway department and nearly another 100,000 published by various regional associations, chambers of commerce, hotels and resorts, have been distributed.

If each piece were seen by an average of but three persons, well over a million persons read of the state's allurement and saw the photographic illustrations carried in the publications distributed by the Highway department's Travel division.

Direct mail inquiries since January 1 to the department for information on Oregon's scenic and recreational attractions have totaled approximately 47,000. Notwithstanding the lateness of the season, they are still flowing in at the rate of 35 to 50 a day. More than 1500 tour bureaus, service stations, motor clubs, chambers of commerce and other agencies outside of Oregon directing travel have been supplied with literature and maps.

The department is now assembling data on a questionnaire survey to ascertain the percentage of out-of-state tourists in Oregon in 1937. In view of the fact that last year's all time record of motor tourist traffic meant an expenditure of around \$18,000,000 an increased volume of travel for 1937 should mean an expenditure this year of at least \$20,000,000 by these visitors coming to Oregon via motor from other states and countries.

With the registration of 116,129 cars for the eight months ending August 1, Oregon showed a gain of 10.8 per cent in motor travel over the corresponding period of the previous year.

Oregon's Traffic Deaths

A Series of Weekly Articles on the Problem of Highway Safety By Earl Snell, Secretary of State

As the result of convictions in Oregon courts for violations of the motor vehicle laws, 153 drivers' licenses were revoked or suspended during the month of July. More than a thousand convictions for various minor offenses were reported to this office during the same period.

Records in my office indicate that approximately 97 per cent of those who suffer revocation of their driving privileges are unable to secure reinstatement in less than three years. The majority of these cases come from drunken driving charges.

It is well also to remember that in any case where a judgment in excess of \$100 resulting from a motor vehicle accident goes unsatisfied for 30 days, revocation of the defendant's operator's license is mandatory. In such cases, proof of financial responsibility must be filed and maintained for a period of three years, even though the judgment is satisfied before the expiration of that time.

A number of Oregon residents have had their driver's licenses revoked as the result of convictions or forfeiting bail in the courts of other states. In either of these cases, if the charge is one that would require mandatory revocation should the offense be committed in this state, the same procedure must be followed if the conviction or bail forfeiture would be in another state.

Careful driving with due consideration for the rights of others and strict adherence to the laws is not only common sense in each individual case, but will avoid serious penalties and do much to help eliminate Oregon's traffic deaths.

Fire Prevention Week

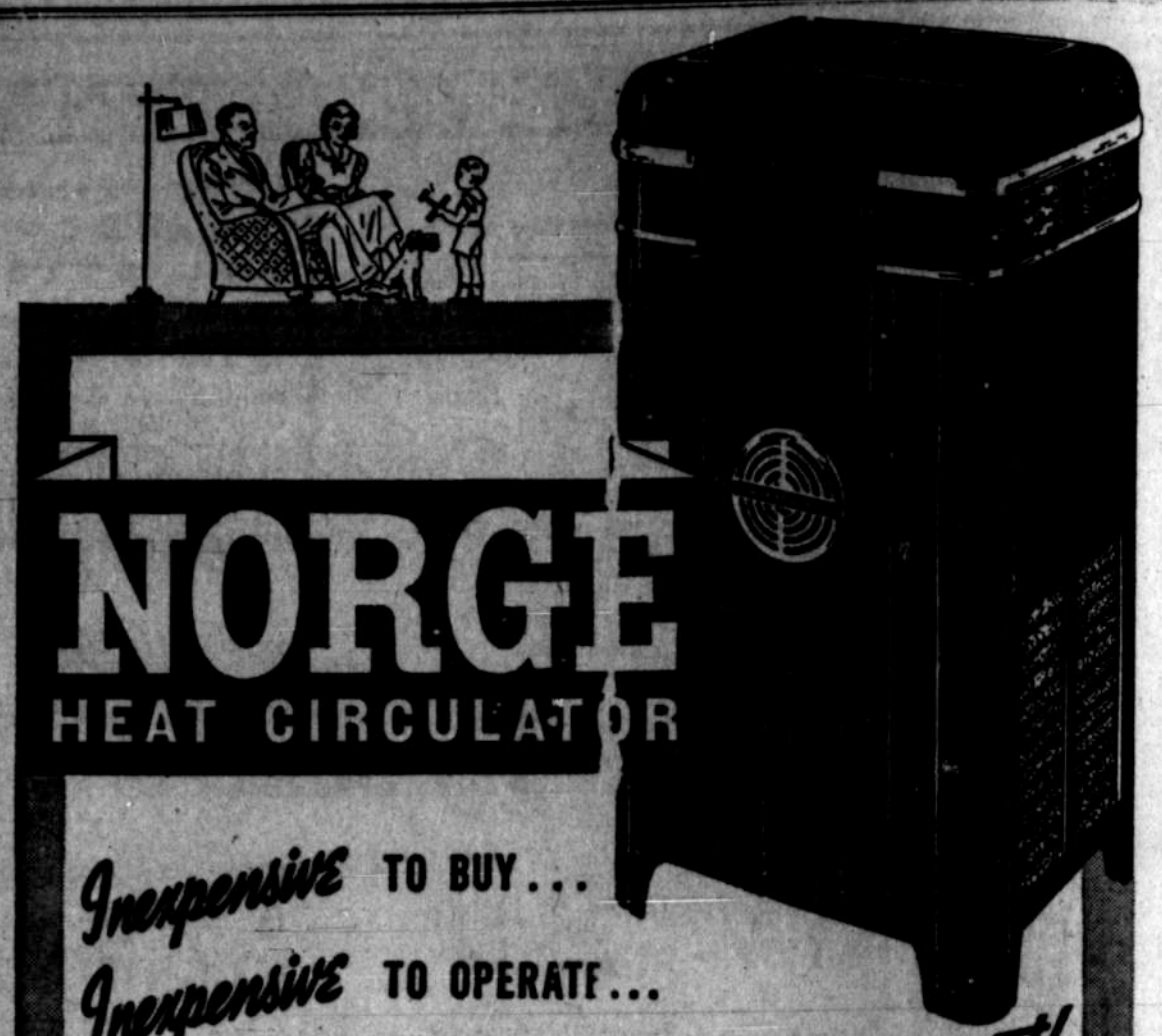
The following appeal was issued by Gov. Chas. H. Martin the first of this week:

The President of the United States has by proclamation designated the week of October 3 to 9, inclusive, as Fire Prevention Week.

When life or property is destroyed by fire every citizen of our state suffers loss. While in some cases the individuals who are most immediately affected may be partially reimbursed through insurance, the fact remains that the state has lost a part of its resources, which affects all of us.

I, as Governor of the State of Oregon, appeal to the citizens of Oregon to observe this Week, not only to prevent fires and to remove all fire hazards from home and business during this week, but to plan and start fire prevention programs of a permanent nature, making this week the beginning of fire prevention activities.

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