

of the federal government outside of grazing areas was recom-mended by a committee of educators and stockmen meeting here Saturday to consider ways and means for en-riching the irreducible school fund. The recommendation also carries with it the stipulation that the lands to be taken in exchange must be good lands that can be converted into cash imdiately. The committee also



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exchange of these lands for federal awaiting their turn to lands that might lend themselves to blue and white plates.

Saturday's meeting was the outgrowth of an agitation of several years on the part of educators over the state for an increase in the revenue received from the state's 700,000 two contending factions—the stocknen and the educators-have been able to agree on any program for the administration of the school lands.

Secretary of State Earl Snell does ot choose to run for Congress in the forthcoming campaign he let it be known during the past week. Snell was being mentioned as a possible republican candidate against Congressman Walter M. Pierce of La Grande. Having just been returned to a second term in his state job Snell feels that he should complete his term fact as yet.
before turning his attention to other It has be political honors, he said.

Interest payments on Oregon's bonded debt have been reduced by more than \$1,000,000 a year since 1928, according to Walter E. Pearson, state state was paying \$2,928,323 in annual interest charges. This year with the debt load reduced to \$38,706,085 the nual interest charge has been cut to \$1,771,288. Pearson points out that if the state had issued callable bonds that could now be refunded at the prevailing low interest rates this annual interest charge could be still further reduced to about one-half its present proportions.

The state's irreducible school fund is suffering through competition of-fered by federal and private lending agencies, according to Lewis Grif-fith, clerk of the State Land Board. In spite of the low interest rates and favorable terms on which school fund loans are offered to Oregon farmers the board now has approximately \$250,000 lying idle in its coffers and ringing in no returns to the school fund, Griffith pointed out.

The annual rush for automobil nse plates is now under way. The mporary tables have been installed

ands within the public domain to the department and each day finds an in-ederal grazing service pending an

Interest about the capitol these days centers about the fate of Dan ecretary of the Board of Control.

Rumors has it that Fry is scheduled eres of grazing lands in central and to walk the political plank for a re-estern Oregon. The session, incilentally, was the first at which the turn of the year. There are, however, several considerations which may contribute to a delay in the prospective ouster if not postpone it indefinitely.

votes of Governor Sprague and Secretary of State Snell. The third member of the Board, State Treasurer Walter Pearson, a democrat, is committed to Fry's retention. Both Sprague and Snell deny that there has been any conference on the matter and insist that Fry's replacement by a republican is by no means a settled

It has been known for some time few still remaining in democratic Control Commission's enforcement mplexion of the state administration inasmuch as he is a board appointee and not subject to the whims of any individual.

friend of both the republican mem-bers of the board who admit that he awaiting their turn to trade a five has done an outstanding job as purdollar bill for a pair of the shiny new chasing agent was believed to weigh fight to tax back salaries earned by strongly in his continued employment employees of federally sponsored at the head of this important state corporations when the state supreme activity.

that Fry must go it is understood federal employees, whose salaries Moulton St., phone 86-J. that both Sprague and Snell have candidates for the job, a situation which might result in a deadlock between the two majority members of the board.

Complaints from the Canyon City hamber of commerce charging that state police were discourteous in their treatment of deer hunters in that section of the state have been received by Chas. P. Pray, superintendent of the state police bureau. The complaint refers to the deer hunters as "guests of Canyon City." Pray de-clares that unless the complaints are made more specific he will be seriously handicapped in any investigation of the alleged offenses.

Captain Clyde Warren of the state that the republicans have been de-manding Fry's scalp, the lucrative resignation effective December 31 to board of control job being one of the accept a position as head of the Liquor hands. It had been hoped by Fry's division. Warren was formerly depu-friends, however, that he might esreasurer. In 1928 with state bonds cape the political purge that has been state police when that organization hitting their peak at \$66,062,810 the under way since the change in the took over the arson investigation work of the fire marshal's office. In his new post Warren will succeed Walter Winters who was also with the police bureau before going to the

The fact that Fry is a personal Liquor Control commission on May 1, only became subject to state taxes

ourt ruled this week that these em-Should it ultimately be decided ployees enjoyed the same status as

hrough a recent ruling of the United States supreme court. The tax commission had taken the position that these corporations were doing a private business and were not in fact governmental agencies.

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