

welfare through their own collective tional strain.
efforts," Mickle declared. "They have all the rights and privileges accorded by law to other organizations,

with a labor union Mickle predicted that "many difficulties will arise from such connections." While he refused to point out these difficulties the agricultural director gave it as his opinion that farm organizations which have been in the habit of running their own affairs would not take kindly to dictation or overlording "by other organizations which have no common interest or farm-minded connections."

Advocates and opponents of initiative measures are required to file itemized statements of contributions as well as expenditures, according to on opinion of the state supreme court this week. The opinion directed the Oregon Business Council, Associated Farmers of Oregon and Eastern Oregon Wheat League to file a list of the contributors to their campaign in support of the "anti picketing" bill which was approved by the voters of Oregon in November, 1938, but which was later held by the high court to be inconstitutional.

"One of the chief purposes of the Corrupt Practices Act is to prevent fraud and insure purity of elecions by limiting the amount of campaign expenses," Justice Belt wrote in presenting the court's view of this question. "People have the right to known-and it is so contemplated by the court—who is spending money and the amount thereof to secure the approval or rejection of an initiative neasure."

Consumption of elecricity in Oreon during 1941 increased by 7.2 er cent over that for 1940, according to a compilation of electric utility reports just completed by O. R. Bean, public utilities commissioner.

Nearly 64,000 of the official voters' pamphlets mailed out prior to the recent primary election failed to reach the persons to whom they were addressed. This number represents approximately 12 per cent of the total mailing and is in striking contrast to the five to eight per cent of "returns" in previous years. The large increase in undelivered pamphlets this year is accounted for by the large shift of voters to industrial centers.

The state of Oregon is doing its bit toward financing the war effort. State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott announced that approximately \$1,000,-000 in state funds have been invested in war bonds.

Governor Sprague who attended the annual conference of governors at Asheville, N. C., returned to Salem Tuesday. President of the Senate Dean Walker officiated as governor pro tem during the absence of Sprague.

Oregon's public buildings and bridges are to be protected against enemy damages by the new federally subsidized war damage insurance.

The state board of control this week authorized the state insurance agents' association to write a policy covering the buildings in the capitol group and at the several institutions in western Oregon. Premiums on this insurance will cost the state \$7000 a year but the policy will provide 100 per cent protection against any damage done by enemy planes or ships or by American forces in repelling an invasion.

At the same time the state highway commission ordered insurance placed on all of its buildings and contents valued at \$10,000 or more and on all state highway bridges of a value of \$100,000 or more. Bridges on the coast highway and on highways leading to the coast valued to \$10,000 or more will also be covered.

It is expected that the state board steps to protect its buildings at Eugene, Corvallis and Monmouth under this insurance plan.

Coos countys school fund was enriched by \$9,967.40 this week through the annual allocation of earnings of the common school fund. The \$325,-659.48 available for distribution was apportioned on the basis of \$1.22 for each child on the school census list. slight increase over the \$1.14 of last

The state highway commission has crops were frozen out in 1924 and this latter commodity in Oregon adopted a new policy coverning maxposed by J. D. Mickle, state director pounds recently agreed upon as an propriated \$4518.69 to reimburse the of agriculture, as inimical to their emergency measure these trucks will

> Only 13 of the 558 wheat seed loans made to eastern Oregon farmers by

The per capita apportionment was a 836.32 out of the total of \$396,711.39 and could not be located. advanced by the state to finan ing operation for farmers of the east-

funds of the World War Veterans' with the request of the Office of De- State Aid commission and were re-By A. L. Lindbeck fense Transportation. While this new payable January 1, 1926, with interUnionization of Oregon's farmers policy will permit the operation of est at the rate of six per cent a year.

State Aid commission and were repayable January 1, 1926, with interest at the rate of six per cent a year. of the United Mine Workers, is op- mum weight in excess of the 68,000 time but the legislature of 1927 apcommission's trust fund for the loss Alice Church Taking Defense be confined to certain specified roads up to that time, since which time "Under the co-operative laws of which are straight enough to permit loans repaid as well as interest col-Oregon they (the farmers) are given their operation without menace to lected, have gone into the state's such rights as assure them of the other traffic and with bridges strong general fund. The board of conprivilege of contributing to their own enough to stand up under the addi- trol has asked the treasury department to make one more effort to collect on the 13 delinquent notes, although an investigation made by that department two years ago recorporate or individual. Therefore I the state in 1925-26 remain unpaid, according to State Treasurer Leslie notes had lost their farms and had labor organization will strengthen their organization in any way."

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In spite of the tire shortage and gasoline rationing consumption of cent for the first five months of the current year as compared to 1941 records, it was reported by Secretary of State Snell. May consumption was down nine per cent under the May, 1941, figures.

Work At N. Y. A. At Eugene

Friends of Miss Alice Church of this city will be interested in knowing that she has been taking Girls' Resident Defense work for the past few months at the N. Y. A. Resident Center in Eugene. She has been recently elected treasurer for the Girls' Center with the responsibility of caring for the dues which are paid by all the girls.

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