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St. Patrick's Day

"Here's to the dear old land,
With love and tears and a smile!
Here's to Irish beauty and wit and
hearts;
Here's love to the Emerald Isle."
—Contributed.

STATE EXPENDITURES

In its summary of the financial statistics of the State of Oregon, the Department of Commerce finds the payments for maintenance and operation of the general departments of Oregon for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1926, amounted to \$10,692,423, or \$12.23 per capita. This includes \$444,105, apportionments for education to the minor civil divisions of the State. In 1925 the comparative per capita for maintenance and operation of general departments was \$11.98, and in 1927, \$5.90. The expenses of public service enterprises amounted to \$20,587; interest on debt \$2,774,337; and outlays for permanent improvements, \$8,369,468. The total payments, therefore, for expenses of general departments and public service enterprises, interest and outlays were \$21,856,815. Of this amount \$11,659 represents payments by a State department or enterprise to another on account of services. The totals include all payments for the year, whether made from current revenues or from the proceeds of bond issues. Of the governmental costs reported above, \$9,343,838 was for highways, \$2,480,483 being for maintenance and \$6,863,355 for construction.

The total revenue receipts of Oregon for 1926 were \$22,936,659, or \$26.24 per capita. This was \$9,449,312 more than the total payments of the year, exclusive of the payments for permanent improvements, and \$1,079,844 more than the total payments including those for permanent improvements. This excess of revenues receipts is reflected in purchase of investments, not shown in the summary. Of the total revenue receipts \$11,659 represent receipts from a State department or enterprise on account of services. Property and special taxes represented 27.6 per cent of the total revenue for 1926, 38.0 per cent for 1925, and 64.7 per cent for 1917. The increase in the amount of property and special taxes collected was 171.9 per cent from 1917 to 1925, but there was a decrease of 18.2 per cent from 1925 to 1926. The per capita property and special taxes were \$7.26 in 1926, \$9.20 in 1925, and \$3.79 in 1917. The net indebtedness (funded or fixed debt less sinking fund assets) of Oregon on September 30, 1926, was \$38,110,862, or \$43.61 per capita. In 1925 the per capita debt was \$47.08, and in 1917, \$0.66.

The Extension Department of the O. A. C. says reports from county agents are optimistic for 1927. Sixteen believed the outlook is better than a year ago; five anticipated the same condition; one reported a mixed situation and one as less favorable. An increase in crop acreage was anticipated in 15 counties; six counties were expected to remain the same, and a decrease was anticipated in two. Eleven counties reported increase in the number of farms, seven to remain the same and three to lose. Farmers are urged to carefully study the market demands and prices and base their production on these. There will be ample capital for justifiable loans and the credit situation of the state is generally favorable.

The State Market Agent reports that co-operative egg handling in the Pacific coast states has made giant strides in the past few years and the allied organizations are outstanding demonstrations of what may be accomplished when producers unite solidly. The Pacific Egg Producers Co-operative, which is the selling agency for the egg co-operatives of this coast, has handled nearly a million cases of eggs in the past year, worth more than \$10,500,000 for its members. Chicago headquarters have now been opened for the distribution of eggs in that section of the country and a publication, "The Cackler," has been started.

With his little veto hatchet Governor Patterson chipped \$1,335,319 from the \$4,825,687 buck the legislature passed up to him; the difference between appropriation demands and the bottom of the state's pocket-book. And there remains the proposed income tax nest egg, which of course cannot be counted until he gets it.

When the financial condition of the state became known to Oregon Agricultural College it gracefully with-

drew from the legislature its demand for an appropriation badly needed for new buildings. Now the regents will start their building program without immediate aid from state funds. They propose, beginning next fall, that tuition will be charged to students attending the college. Each student will be charged \$12 a term. The money thus derived from student tuition will form a building fund, which will make possible the construction of structures urgently needed.

Gotham, "with its cellar doors leading down to hell," has been kind to Aimee, so she tells reporters. It is her opinion that the big city has "the heart of a child, and nowhere have I seen so much kindness and sympathy," she says. Just wait until the old girl blows into Chi!

King George has let it be known that he dislikes the vogue of English women riding astride. Well, if the old guy had ridden sideways all his life, maybe he too, would grasp the prevailing posture, donchano.

The Los Angeles Times suggests that a good recipe for reform is to first soak your taxpayer.

The State of Washington moved Monday—into its new \$7,000,000 capital buildings.

Ambassador Tellez Quits U. S. Capital, reads a headline. Tellez why.

An ex-newsboy has been made Standard Oil head. Oil of which is oil right.

Hancock a Real Patriot

During the siege of Boston, General Washington consulted congress upon the advisability of bombarding Boston, John Hancock, a distinguished merchant, was the president of congress. When Washington's letter was read, a silence ensued, and all waited John Hancock's opinion. Naturally, he was personally interested to a great degree, for his large and valuable estate was located in the heart of Boston. John Hancock, after a moment's silence, addressed the committee in the following words: "It is true, sir; nearly all the property I have in the world is in houses and other real estate in the town of Boston; but if the expulsion of the British army from it, and the liberties of the country, require their being burnt to ashes—issue the order immediately for that purpose."—The Market for Exchange.

Philippine Islands

There are 7,083 islands in the Philippine group, of which only 2,441 are named. Total area of the archipelago is 115,929 square miles. The Philippines are mountain ranges rising out of the sea, and the islands are connected with each other and with the East Indies by submerged mountains. Part of the land is volcanic in origin and there are a dozen active volcanoes. The general trend of the mountain range is from north to south, but there are innumerable rugged spurs which cut the larger islands into many isolated sections. Coral reefs fringe the shores, of which there are altogether more than twice as many miles as on all the coasts of the United States. In the largest islands there are a few rivers, but they have rapid descents and, except near the sea, are navigable only by rafts.

CLASSIFIED

For Sale—A small car at a bargain. Mrs. Zeltha McIntyre, Athena, Oregon.

Seed Potatoes—J. E. Froom has Netted Gem seed potatoes for sale.

Piano for sale vicinity of Athena. One of America's finest pianos to be sold at bargain. Cash or terms \$10 monthly. If interested in seeing the instrument write C. F. Hendrick Piano Broker and Adjuster, 66 Front Street, Portland, Oregon.

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For Sale—Twenty-one head young males 3 to 5 years old and ten head good young horses. F. J. Watkins, Fifth Street, Athena, Oregon.

Bell & Dickenson, draymen, have acquired a team of horses to do garden plowing and other work as required. Special attention will be given to spring plowing, fertilizer and dirt hauling, cellar excavation, etc. Call on us to haul away your winter's accumulation of rubbish.

Horses and Mules

George Shaver of Union has arrived in Athena with a carload of good young stock—all broke to work.

Horses and Mules

Wait for this bunch, it's a good one. See them at Bolin's Corral near Lumber Yard.

Koepke-Lorton

Miss Mildred Lorton, daughter of Mrs. Sarah Lorton of Walla Walla, and Henry Koepke Jr., of Athena were united in marriage at St. Paul's Episcopal church in Walla Walla at high noon Wednesday.

The wedding party approached the altar through an aisle marked by candles, ferns, palms and huge clusters of pink carnations. The bride was preceded by her sister, Mrs. Virgil Varere of Spokane who wore a gown of tan lace with a pink hat and carried lavender sweet peas and pink roses. Little Miss Betty Glafke, as flower girl was daintily attired in pink voile and lace with poke bonnet of pink and carried a nose gay of pink sweet peas and roses.

The bride who was given in marriage by Ralph Glafke, was charming in an ensemble of dark blue crepe romaine, with touches of light gray and small hat of gray. She carried a shower bouquet of pink roses and lilies of the valley.

R. B. McEwen of Athena acted as best man, and Ward Gardner and Mr. Crawford were the ushers.

The impressive ring ceremony was used and was read by Dr. J. A. Blakeney.

Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's mother, the wedding party and a few close friends being the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Koepke departed immediately by motor for Portland. They will reside at the old Koepke home south of Athena which has recently been redecorated and attractively furnished.

HARRY M. DAUGHERTY FREED

Thomas W. Miller, Former Property Custodian Convicted.

New York.—The jury in the Daugherty-Miller trial found Colonel Thomas W. Miller, former alien property custodian guilty of conspiracy, but disagreed on a verdict for Harry M. Daugherty, former attorney general.

Daugherty and Miller were charged with conspiracy to defraud the United States of their honest and unbiased services in allowing claims for \$7,000,000 proceeds of the sale of the impounded American Metals company shares.

The jury was out 70 hours.

United States Attorney Emory R. Buckner, after the verdict on Miller and the disagreement on Daugherty, asked Judge Knox to nolle prosequere the indictment against Daugherty and the court complied.

300,000 Washington Licenses Issued.

Olympia, Wash.—The 300,000 mark in the output of automobile license plates was reached Saturday, according to Charles R. Maybury, director of the state department of licenses. The department is 23,000 ahead of the record for a corresponding period in 1926 and almost equal to the total number of sets of license plates issued during the entire year in 1924. Director Maybury said.

Few Truffles in America

Truffles are subterranean fungi, and in Europe, especially in France, are collected quite extensively for food. While a few varieties of truffles or related forms are found growing wild in this country, their cultivation is not a commercial proposition. It is recognized that truffles grow especially in association with certain oaks, and some years ago the Department of Agriculture imported and distributed two or three species of these oaks, but the industry has never really been developed in this country. Abroad, in regions where truffles are abundant, they are collected by aid of a dog or pig, or small animal having a keen sense of smell. Truffle hunting is an important business and requires considerable experience and knowledge of forests.

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Some men are down because they were unnerved.
And some are up because they kept their pluck.
Some men are down because they choose to shirk;
Some men are high because they did their work.
—Edgar Guest.

CANDY

During the long winter evenings the whole family enjoy a dish of homemade candies.

Chocolate Fudge.—Take one cupful each of brown sugar and white, one-third of a cupful of corn syrup, two tablespoonfuls of butter, and one-half cupful of milk; add a square or two of grated chocolate, boil to the soft ball stage and cool in the pan. Stir until creamy, then pat out in a well-buttered pan to chill. Cut into squares before it gets too hard.

Peanut Brittle.—This is a candy well liked by the young folks. But the older ones must beware of tooth fillings. Roll or chop the peanuts or leave them whole if desired. Melt a cupful or two of sugar in a smooth omelet pan or frying pan and when well melted, but not too brown, stir in the peanuts, add a bit of soda and salt and pour out quickly in a large greased pan to cool. Break into pieces when cool.

Divinity Fudge.—Boil together until brittle two cupfuls of sugar, one-half cupful of corn syrup, three-fourths of a cupful of water. Let this boil until a drop in cold water becomes brittle. Beat the whites of two eggs, then pour over this boiling hot syrup very slowly, beating all the while. Flavor, add one cupful of nuts. Pour into a greased pan or drop by spoonfuls on a baking sheet.

Panocha.—Take three cupfuls of light brown sugar, one cupful of milk, one teaspoonful of butter; boil to the soft ball stage. Take from the fire, add one teaspoonful of vanilla. Cool, then beat thick, adding a cupful of walnut meats.

Pralines.—Two cupfuls of powdered sugar, one-half cupful of maple syrup, one-half cupful of cream, cook until it forms a soft ball, then add one cupful of blanched almonds. Spread on a sheet and cut into squares.

Nellie Maxwell

Proud Woman

Once upon a time there was in Salem a storekeeper who did not like proud people, not even if they were among his customers. He had one patron who was extra proud. She sent her servants to do her shopping. That was when a "hired girl" got \$3 a week pay, and a wealthy family kept two or three maids.

So proud was this woman that she would not even let her servant carry bundles. She insisted that the storekeeper send them. One morning she ordered a spool of cotton. The storekeeper called his errand boy, told him to get a wheelbarrow. He put the spool of cotton on the wheelbarrow and ordered the boy to deliver it. Did it have an effect? It did not.—Salem News.

Land of Lottery

Lottery tickets are sold in Madrid just the same as newspapers are sold on the streets in the United States. One is never out of range of the lottery ticket seller. Everybody indulges in this dissipation, and there is ample opportunity for there is a state lottery distribution every two weeks. There are official agencies, but these seem to be patronized only by those who buy the tickets to sell again. Ordinarily purchases are made of the persons along the street who call their wares just as the huckster and newsboys do, and as the day for the drawing approaches they grow more and more excited, each one claiming that he is about to sell the lucky ticket. Hunchbacks are the best salesmen, for there is a superstition that these persons bring or give luck.—Chicago Journal.

Harbors Lacking in Chile

Chile is a land without harbors. Steamers stop in the open sea and boats come alongside. The water is filled with sea lions, and the rowers often have to push them away with their oars.

Antofagasta is a busy town, built upon rock and sand. In order to make a public garden the people had to import earth from other countries, but the small flowering park is a tribute to the people's tenacity.

The chief means of transportation still is the cart to which are hitched horses or oxen.

Vantage Points

A certain motorist, very indignant indeed, drove up beside a young man on a country road. "See here!" he shouted to the young fellow, "why do you have these humps every here and there on this road?"

"Why," said the young fellow, with a simulated air of surprise, "didn't you notice? They were put there so as to give a fellow's car a start to jump the puddles!"

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