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Highway Commission To Bond For \$1,500,000-Contracts \$666,691.

The commissioner made his an-nouncement after prohibition bureau chemists had tested more than a hun-Taking stock of the situation, the state highway commission has decid-dred samples of "Jamaica ginger" col-lected in localities where cases of \$1,500,000 when and if the proposed paralysis have been reported. He increase in federal aid and forest said that while it was hard to under money is appropriated by congress, says the Oregonian. This sum will in the mixture alone could have causbe required to match the increased ed the paralysis, the combination had funds expected. However, there need resulted in quick paralysis to those he no rush to stampede the commis- who had used it as a beverage.

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sioners to place new projects on the program, for the expected funds have the commissioner said, showed that already been allocated on a tentative three-fourth to seven-eights of the program agreed on by the state com- solid contents of the drink had been mission, the representatives of the United States bureau of public roads that the alcoholic content was as high as 80 or 90 per cent. and the forest service.

The stock-taking process revealed "Some scheming bootlegger who that there remains today but 23 miles wanted to get rich quick devised the of the Oregon Coast highway which mixture and distributed it widely in has not been graded. There is, in ad-dition, 53 miles to be surfaced. The cost of this remaining work will be a favorite," Doran said. "We have \$2,217,000, and the sum does not in- traced the stuff to three focal points, clude the major bridges, which are two of which are in Cincinnati and yet to be constructed. As among other St. Louis, and we expect to follow the projects ordered for April advertising is the Berry creek-Sutton lake sec-under arrest.

tion of 3.7 miles. When this is "The mixture is little better than awarded, the gap will be about 19 'sheep dip' used to disinfect flocks of miles. The unfinished work consists of sheep."

18.9 miles in Lane county and 4.4 While Commissioner Doran was explaining the result of the chemist miles in Douglas county.

The Pacific highway, completed and tests, he held up the index finger of all paved, cost \$15,405,000; the Ore- his right hand. The nail and tip was gon coast highway has cost \$11,218,- discolored, to a dark brown and

000 and will require \$2,217,000 more and will then be only a macadam road. This gives an idea of the dif-in cost of constructing these some of the "Jamaica ginger" sent ference in cost of constructing these two highways. The Dalles-California highway cost \$4,313,563; the John had failed to take off the stain or Day highway \$3,896,907, and the Cosmell

lumbia River highway from Astoria to "And that," he added, "is what Pendleton, exclusive of the section in some persons are drinking as an in-Multnomah county, \$10,508,327. toxicating beverage."

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Singer and Mrs. James Cresswell and Mrs. Lee Hiteman were in Pendleton, Wednessons visited relatives in Waitsburg, Sunday day.

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Life Sketch Of Sen-To Be Sheep Dip, It Pro-duces Partial Paralysis ator Hall, Republican, Candidate for Governor A quarter of a century ago, a young man, lured to Oregon by the call of

Washington,-A drink of crude arbolic acid or creosote and alcohol flavored with ginger and sold by unthe west, was swinging a shovel in scrupulous bootleggers as Jamaica ginger was said by Prohibition Coma Portland sewer. As each day ended he would climb steep stairs to the nissioner Doran to be the concoction fifth floor of the Tremont hotelthat had caused hundreds of cases of there was no elevator-to his \$1 s paralysis in southern and southwestweek room Today, with a fiction-like record

of success behind him, the man-Charles Hall-stands before the public as a candidate for the republican nomination for governor. In 1922 he barely missed the nomination, losing by 500 votes.

He taught school three terms in Pennsylvania after completing his elementary education in a little red school house near his father's farm. When he stepped from the Port-land sewer ditch, he taught a term at Clatskanie. This teaching experience gave him an intimate knowledge of educational problems in which he, as a state senator and leader in pub

lic life has been actively concerned. Hall, after leaving school work, was mployed by an uncle in a drug store at Clatskanie. He saved systematically during his early years, and then engaged in timber cruising. He was

successful and made enough to attend the University of Michigan 1903-05. In 1906 he returned to Oregon, where he acquired a drug store at Hood River. There he was active in the work of the Chamber of Com-

merce. For a time he was the organization's president. This gave him a vision of the possibilities of united effort. He was one of the leaders in organization of the Oregon State of 1923. Chamber of Commerce for more comprehensive efforts in behalf of the

state, and was the first state president. Going to Coos county, he took over a struggling rural telephone system which was undercapitalized and facing the problem of serving a rapidly growing but widely scattered area.

He built and strengthened it until it was known for its efficiency, its friendly relationship with its customers, and its low rates. A determined organizer and build er, he founded the Bank of Southwestern Oregon and later the Amer-

ican Bank of Marshfield. He was among the first leaders to see the commercial value of the Columbia river highway, and inter-



Wilmer Asks Farmers Not To Plant on Recently Plowed Land.

Letters were recently sent out by F. J. Wilmer, president of the North Pacific Grain Growers Inc., to the chairmen of all the local organization committees, says the Walla Walla Union asking the growers to heed the advice of the federal farm board and abandon plans for the sowing of spring wheat on fall or spring plowing, in so far as possible. His letter is as follows:

> Rosalia, Wash March 14, 1930

The Federal Farm Board urges wheat growers to reduce wheat acreage for 1930.

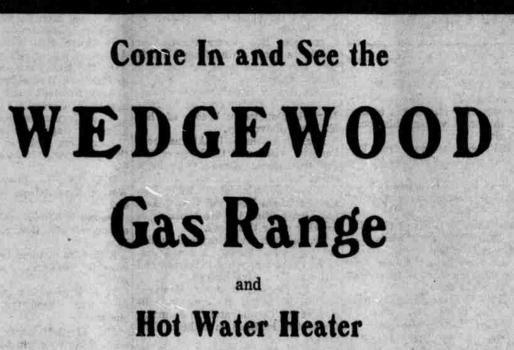
In districts of the Pacific Northwest where summerfallow crops only are produced, it will be impossible to effect any material reduction in acre-age. Where spring wheat is sown on fall or spring plowing, the practice can be adandoned for this year, and the land be summer-fallowed for 1931

In the writer's experience of the last 30 years, spring seeding on spring or fall plowing has not been profitable except in the single season

Financial stress influences farmers to produce as much as possible, but unprofitable production noes not ease financial pressure. From a credit standpoint, which looks better to the

farmer's banker, a loss account resulting from spring or fall plowing planting, or an acreage of fine sumnerfallow, of a recognized cash value. The agricultural situation does not look good. Crop prospects are not of the best because of deficient winter moisture storage. Farmers will do well to heed the warning of the Federal Farm Board, and either summerfallow or plant to such crops as peas, alfalfa or sweet clover all land cropped in 1929.

Such a course will reduce the 1930 surplus, and lessen cost of production for the 1931 crop.



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