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The Oregon daily papers are saying that only half as many marriage licenses have been issued so far this year as during the same period last year. This is leap year and the inactivity of the Oregon girls may be due to the fact that the year is so young that they have not effectively organized themselves for the occasion. Before criticising the ability of the Oregon maid we are going to

wait until the first month has passed at least. We will withhold our opinion until we hear of some Tillamook county girl who has rolled up her sleeves and decided to go in to win ere the season of leap year has passed into history.

THE COST OF THE STATE SCHOOLS.

The following is clipped from the Banks Herald and presuming the facts set forth are true, an investigation might be beneficial:

"It would be interesting to know if those who are so loud in their demands for beginning tax reduction at the top, would be willing to begin with our big institutions of learning, the Oregon Agricultural College and the State University.

"The more we consider the matter the more we are convinced that they are the product of a staggering economic waste. We have long since ceased to ask whether or not the results accomplished justify the expense attached. We have been convinced, against our own desire, that they do not.

"For the last two legislative periods these institutions have cost the state something over one and one-half million dollars biennially. This means that about one-fourth of the cost of government of the entire state of Oregon has been made by the Agricultural College and the State University.

"Any big private university nowadays would consider itself fortunate if it had an endowment of a million dollars with which to begin its career.

"But in only four years, our two state

institutions are using up over three million dollars of the people's money. In 1913-1914 the Agricultural College appropriation was \$850,054.82, and in 1914-1915 it was \$975,000.00. In the former period the University appropriation was \$612,833.73 and in the latter period was \$724,602.04.

"The total appropriation for the two schools for the two biennial periods is \$3,062,490.59.

"And the amount seems to increase from one session of the legislature to the other. It will have to stop somewhere, and the public will undertake to stop it themselves we think if it does not stop quickly.

"For our part we think the state would be the gainer if it would abolish the State University and confine the activities to the Agricultural College to reasonable limits.

"One would believe that with these huge sums pouring into the coffers of the state institutions, students could avail themselves of their facilities without cost. But it is not the case. It costs just about as much to attend the State University or the Agricultural College as it does to attend any private school in the state. Laboratory fees, and matriculation fees, and examination fees and a multitude of other fees multiply to a formidable aggregate.

"Furthermore these institutions are attended by scores of young fobs who have considerable more money than is good for them and could well afford to pay their tuition. It is unjust to ask the small property owners and the small home owner to contribute towards

the education of such. It is an insidious and pernicious species of socialism anyway.

"An inspection of some of the private schools in the state would reveal many students paying their tuition and getting along with less money than they would be able to get along with at the state schools.

"It seems evident that both institutions are being conducted at a cost that is beyond what is justified—merely because the taxpayer has to foot the bill."

THE SLAB CREEK SAGE SAYS

There is glory in any little thing you do simply from a sense of duty.

It's much easier to convince others than it is to convince one's self.

Listeners hear as little good about others as they do about themselves.

The wise man never loses his reputation by attempting to answer fool questions.

What this country needs is a blind asylum for people who are blind to their own best interests.

When a man begins to argue with his conscience as to whether a thing is right or wrong, the chances are that it is wrong.

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