

NEWS NOTES FROM STATE MARKET AGT.

An Efficient Department.

One of the most active and efficient departments under the State Market Agent—the scope and benefits of which are not sufficiently appreciated—is the Weights and Measures department, an organization that stands between the people and short weights and measures, and a department that is ever ready to investigate and adjust any complaint from the weighing of lumber to measuring a milk bottle.

The last quarterly report filed with the State Market Agent shows that 3,225 scales were inspected, some permanently condemned and some for repairs. There were 426 linear measures reported on and 2,800 liquid measures. Tests were made of 1,315 oil pumps and 734 gas pumps. There were 7,502 inspection of boxes, baskets and sacks of fruits, vegetables, feed, flour and sugar; 36,360 inspections of milk bottles; 32,225 different pieces of bedding and many inspections of butter, lard, bread, hay, lumber, etc.

There is no complaint too small for this department to investigate. The officials will inspect a box of berries or weigh a load of hay, test a pint milk bottle or measure of carload of wood. There is prompt service and absence of red tape in the department.

Seven Hard Years.

For seven years farmers have furnished cheap food for the cities—that is, cheap at the farm—and the result is there is a steady movement from the farm to the cities, says State Market Agent Spence—a transfer of country youth to the cities and towns. Just how long this can continue and the cities remain prosperous is speculation, but ultimately it is bound to react. With the purchasing power decreased of one third of the population, the cities cannot permanently prosper, for when one class prospers at the expense of another there cannot be stable conditions.

Decrease in Farm Acreage.

The U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics states that for the first time in the history of this nation there is shown a decrease in crop acreage, the direct cause of which is the agricultural depression of the past five or six years. The Department states that between the years 1919 and 1924 there was a reduction of about 19 million acres of harvested crops. Between 1899 and 1909 there was an increase of 28 billion acres; from 1909 to 1919 the increase was 45 million acres. In the past five years crop land has decreased five percent while the population has increased eight percent.

Nation's Biggest Industry.

Agriculture leads all business in the amount of capital invested, amounting to approximately \$78,000,000,000. Manufacturing has about \$44,500,000,000, railroads \$21,000,000,000; banks \$2,500,000,000, and life insurance companies \$1,250,000,000. When the largest industry of the world is depressed, general prosperity cannot long continue. The incoming congress will again be confronted with demands that agriculture be given aid to put it on an equal footing with other industries.

GOVERNMENT COOPERATIVE CHIEF TO VISIT WOOL MEN

Chris L. Christensen, head of the newly established division of cooperative marketing of the United States Department of Agriculture, will visit the Pacific Cooperative Wool Growers in Portland, about October 31st, it is announced by Edgar L. Ludwick, assistant manager of that organization. "Mr. Christensen is making a field trip over the United States studying the various cooperative marketing associations which handle farm products," says Mr. Ludwick. "The duties of the division of cooperative marketing, which was created at the last session of congress to aid American agriculture, include the study of present cooperative associations, the publishing of facts regarding them, education in cooperative marketing principles and practices, assistance to

new!



Autocaster

Snappy! Well, rather—and very, very smart, too. The coat is of calfskin, and is luxuriously trimmed with rich beaver collar and cuffs. The hat and purse match the calfskin coat. The whole ensemble is quite in keeping with this season's style of furs for beauty and warmth as well.

groups of farmers desiring to form cooperative marketing associations, and the furthering of the cooperative marketing movement in general. This work can be compared to the assistance given business institutions in the United States by the Department of Commerce through its foreign trade committees, etc.

ROY W. RITNER (Oregon Voter.)

There is general rejoicing among people acquainted with the legislature that Roy W. Ritner of Pendleton was nominated. Ritner has served several sessions in the senate and formerly was in the house. This year he was nominated for representative after a close contest. The reason that Roy is liked in legislative circles is that he is efficient. He has a quick mind, senses situations readily and knows how to take hold in an emergency. Also, he is courageous, positive and loyal. He knows how to get things done, and the things he wants done usually have a great deal of merit. He is progressive and constructive.

One of the fine services he did for the state was when acting governor he joined with Secretary Koser in bringing about a heavy reduction of the state tax levy base. Taxpayers have saved over \$2,000,000 to date as a direct result of this action. It was while he was acting governor that he was the victim of circumstances, whereby it was up to him to act on an accumulation of pardon recommendations that had piled up while Oleott was campaigning for reelection. The recommendations should have been acted upon by Oleott as they came up, but Oleott went East to the governors' conference without acting. Oleott's absence made Ritner acting governor, due to his incumbency of the office of senate president. The wise thing for Ritner to have done would have been to have let the mess alone, either to be disposed of by Oleott in the few days he was on the job after his eastern trip, or as a choice legacy of trouble for Walter

Pierce, the incoming governor. Ritner, however, shouldered the trouble, taking the responsibility for passing upon the pardon recommendations as well as upon all other routine matters that came up during his temporary authority. His action resulted in pardoning a big batch of convicts. Pardoning them all at once, instead of one at a time, created a front page sensation. It turned out that some of the pardons were unwise, as often is the case with pardons.

So Ritner was made the scapegoat, and his name was mud, his fine record of public service of many years being entirely lost sight of. The Voter was about the only paper in Oregon that had a kind word to say of him. Since that episode, Ritner continued to make a fine record as senator, in both the 1923 and 1925 sessions. Next winter we will have him back in the House, provided he is elected in November. As the House is a far better place for an efficient man than the Senate, which is almost solid with politicians, Ritner will again prove to be a real factor. He is of governing caliber even if he did make the mistake of assuming responsibility in the pardoning matter, and is certain to cut a considerable figure.

The Fuller Brush Co. wants a man to take care of our customers in this territory. Address Frank Hardesty, Box 684, La Grande, Ore.

Sportsman Appeals For Defeat of Bill

To the Editor: I hand you herewith a circular which is an argument against Measure 326-327, entitled "Act Appropriating Ten Per Cent of the Self-Sustaining Board's Receipts," on the official ballot November 2nd.

This measure is opposed by the Oregon State Sportsmen's Association which represents 62,000 sportsmen in the state of Oregon. Some of their reasons for opposition are set out in the circular. We have reached a crucial point in the development of the game resources of this state. Do the people of Oregon want our game resources maintained? Do they desire that Oregon hold its position at the head of the game states of the Nation? Is the great tourist crop, attracted by our wild life, worthwhile? If the answer is YES, then who is going to foot the bill? It is a big bill, amounting to close to \$400,000.00 a year. Shall the sportsmen shoulder this burden, just as they have always done in the past, or do the taxpayers want to take it up? That is the question that lies behind this measure. All that the sportsmen ask is that



FRED E. KIDDLE Republican Nominee

JOINT SENATOR Union, Umatilla, Morrow Counties

Born and reared in Union county. Educated at University of Oregon. Served twenty months in late World War, fourteen months overseas. Helped organize the American Legion and served as State Commander in 1923-24. Actively engaged in flour manufacturing and grain business in Union county.

Paid Adv. FRED E. KIDDLE.

Pacific International Live Stock Exposition, Inc. PORTLAND OREGON Oct. 30 - Nov. 6. \$100,000 in premiums. Larger, Greater, a more stupendous array of pure bred Beef and Dairy Cattle, Horses, Swine, Sheep, Goats and Foxes than ever assembled here or elsewhere. Also Manufacturers and Land Products Show, Pacific International Dairy Products Show, Industrial Exposition and World-Famous Horse Show offering greatest premium list in America. 16th Annual Exposition, 10-acre Exposition Building, Portland, Oregon, Oct. 30-Nov. 6. Reduced fares all Railroads.

THEY LOOK TO YOU!

Your neighbors, relatives and friends who have tuberculosis are asking you to vote "YES" for the new tuberculosis hospital. EASTERN OREGON has about 500 people with tuberculosis, and no hospital beds there for them. This fact hurts every community in Oregon by increasing the waiting list for the tuberculosis hospital at Salem. This hospital has had to refuse admittance to 350 patients in the last five years for lack of space. Those who did get in had to wait from one to four months. You can help to remedy this bad situation by going to the polls on November 2nd, and voting "YES" for the Eastern Oregon Tuberculosis Hospital. THE EASTERN OREGON TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL ACT—Purpose: To operation of a branch tuberculosis hospital at some point in the state of Oregon, east of the Cascade mountains, to be selected by the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer, constituting the state board of control. 320 X Yes. I vote for the proposed law. 321 No. I vote against the proposed law. (Paid Advertisement)—Oregon Tuberculosis Association, 310 Fitzpatrick Bldg., Portland, Oregon—Saidie Orp-Dunbar, Executive Secretary.

More School Buildings Proposed Bond Reduction Possible

As the taxpayers of our 17 grant land counties realize the great relief and how large the sum coming to them through the enactment of the O. & C. Bill, they are planning new school buildings, and an increase and betterment in the teaching staff. EIGHT MILLIONS of dollars turned loose in Oregon this fall is almost unbelievable, but this is a fact, thanks to the efforts of Robert N. Stanfield. In addition to this immediate cash payment, there is a tax reduction for all time of 25 per cent. One has only to ask any school director of those counties to realize to the full the wonderful relief from burdensome taxes the enactment of the O. & C. bill has permitted. This tax relief was only possible by the holding of the Chairmanship of the Public Lands by Senator Stanfield. The further relief to be had through the Forest Reserve Lands can only be obtained by re-electing Robert N. Stanfield as Senator for Oregon. Senator Stanfield proposes to apply this principle to the Forest Reserves, which will give to every taxpayer in Oregon an additional reduction of from 25% to 40%. Or in other words will give Oregon an increased revenue of from 11 to 15 MILLIONS of dollars yearly, and for all time to come. With this substantial reduction in our taxes, and bonded indebtedness, we may look for the immediate coming of Eastern capital and population, and an increase in the value of our own property. This additional revenue could eventually permit the repeal of all automobile, road and gasoline tax. (Paid adv. by R. C. Taylor, Portland, Ore.)

they be permitted to continue to render this service without interference and without constantly having to fight off grasping politicians. The present measure is only an opening wedge. It is the opening politicians have been seeking for years and once they have their hand in the pot, they will take it all. We appeal to every red-blooded citizen, regardless of whether he hunts or fishes, to rally in the defeat of this measure for the sake of the state as



ROY W. RITNER Republican candidate for JOINT REPRESENTATIVE Morrow and Umatilla counties. (Paid Advertisement)

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a whole, and to you, Mr. Editor, to use the power of your position as the moulder of thought and opinion in your community to add your voice to the cry of "Hands off the game fund." We have no funds with which to purchase publicity and we must appeal to patriotism and good sense of those who are in a position to help, asking them to give just as we are giving, without thought of reward other than the benefit to the commonwealth in

which we live. R. J. KIRKWOOD, Secretary, Oregon State Sportsmen's Association. Used Car Bargains. A Buick Six four-passenger coupe and a Jewett Six roadster. Both look like new, have good rubber and are in exceptionally good shape mechanically. TERMS AND TRADES. HEPPNER GARAGE

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