

## STATE NEWS

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SALEM—Action by the State Land Board on a definite program for administering the state's 750,000 acres of school lands scattered throughout central and eastern Oregon has been deferred until after a public hearing scheduled for Monday, September 13. At that time it is expected that stockmen interested in the program as well as others will air their views on the three plans now before the board.

One of these plans provides for the administration of the state's scattered holdings by the federal bureau of grazing, the state to receive its pro rata share of rentals paid by stockmen for use of the public domain. The other two plans involve the "blocking" of the state school lands into large, compact bodies through exchange for federal lands. This proposal was first advanced by State Treasurer Holman nearly 18 months ago but to date has reached only the committee and report stage.

One of the "blocking" plans, submitted by a committee of nine stockmen, calls for the creation of "blocks" around the private holdings of stockmen, these blocks to be of a size to meet the needs of the stockmen, in each case. Rentals on these blocks would be fixed at from two to three cents an acre per year, depending upon the quality of the land and location. The other "blocking" plan, submitted by R. N. Stanfield, one of the largest stockmen in the state, provides for the creation of from 16 to 20 compact areas ranging in size from 1500 to more than 70,000 acres selected for the desirability of the land for grazing purposes and scattered over the seven grazing counties but without any particular regard to accessibility of any of the stockmen.

Holman, at whose request Stanfield developed his plan, is favorable to this latter program as promoting competitive bidding to the enrichment of the irreducible school fund. Governor Martin, however, scents a "nigger in the wood pile" in the plan submitted to Stanfield and is fearful that it might work to the advantage of the large stockmen. The governor favors the committee plan which is opposed by Holman as discouraging competition in bidding and not adequately safeguarding the interests of the school fund. Secretary of State Snell, the third member of the board, has indicated that he will support the "blocking" plan that promises to yield the largest return to the school fund, providing it does not work a hardship on the small stockmen.

Governor Martin is taking time out from his strenuous duties as the state's chief executive until after Labor Day. While he will be in and out of his office attending to his routine duties he will take on no definite engagements. The governor and Mrs. Martin are spending a few days this week with their daughter and grandchildren at Bremerton, Washington, and will attend the review of troops at Fort Lewis Saturday.

Negotiations for the purchase of property on which the new state library building will be located are proceeding satisfactorily according to Ralph E. Moody, legal adviser to the Capitol Reconstruction commission, who expects the deal for the entire block to be completed by September 1.

More than five tons of paint are being used in freshening up the buildings at the state fair grounds. The painting is being done as a WPA project.

Roy McCarthy, arrested in Portland last week for the fatal shooting of a service station employee, was one of more than 200 "good timers" who have been released from the Oregon prison during the past six months under the terms of the recently enacted Barnes law. Serving a sentence of five years for assault with intent to rob, McCarthy was discharged from the peniten-

tiary on June 9, the day the "good time" law became operative, after serving only three years and eight months of his term.

A scheduled audience between Governor Martin and a delegation of Workers' Alliance members failed to materialize Friday when the governor was late in returning to his office from a tour of irrigation projects in Clackamas county.

Realizing that he would not be able to keep his appointment on time the governor had telephoned his office of his delay and the information was passed on to the leaders of the delegation. These, however, decided not to await the belated arrival of the governor and the 200 marchers who had been hovering around the state house for an hour adjourned to Marion Square, some

ten blocks away, where they spent another hour in listening to their leaders harrangue the governor and the WPA for its retrenchment policies. Neither would they return to the state house when the governor upon his return sent word that he was ready to receive them.

Fore Lewis, Wash.—Thousands of visitors are expected to attend the review of national guard troops here Saturday afternoon when more than 15,000 officers and men and 1000 pieces of heavy equipment will participate in the largest peace time demonstration of fighting men in the history of the Pacific northwest. More than 3300 Oregon men will be in the line of march and Governor Martin has indicated his intention of joining Major General George A. White, commander of the 41st divis-

ion, in the reviewing stand. Governors of Washington, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming are also expected to attend. The review is scheduled to start at 2:00 p. m., and will last two hours.

Last of the Oregon contingent, the units from Baker and Union, arrived in camp early Wednesday morning along with the contingent from Idaho and immediately joined the remainder of the command in a program of intensive training. Monday morning the army here will plunge into a gigantic battle maneuver which will rage day and night for the remainder of the week.

Tax delinquencies in Oregon were reduced by more than \$3,500,000 during 1936, according to figures compiled by the state tax commission from reports submitted by the 36 county tax collectors. Delinquent taxes which aggregated \$46,510,724 on January 1, 1936, had been reduced to \$43,006,340 by the first of

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## A Queen and Two Kings



Queen of the Pendleton Round-Up, September 16, 17, and 18 is Her Highness Cathryn the First; kings of cowboy sports are Ike Rude and Carl Arnold, who last year tied for the \$5,000 Sam Jackson trophy, for the best all-round cowboy. They'll defend their titles at this year's show. The trophy must be thrice won for permanent possession and Ike won it also in 1931. First offered in 1930, this is the first tie in the trophy's history.

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