

Although Oregon was the first of the Pacific coast states to be settled by Americans it is the least developed of the group. It has the most latent resources and is due for the greatest increase in population and industrial growth. The heads of state departments value these facts and, with one exception are in accord with the plan which would augment and publicize our recreational assets as a means of quickening the tempo of progress.

Several Oregon governors have said that of all the letters coming to their offices from people outside the state, inquiring about Oregon, more of the writers wanted to know about fishing than anything else.

The conclusions of these department chiefs are well illustrated by this story one of their number relates. In the armor of state pride but in the spirit of the good neighbor he called to greet a newcomer from Iowa. Soon he was sonorously relating the resources of Oregon. With even more enthusiasm the man from Iowa came back with a broadcast on his former state. The Oregonian was about to ask his new friend why, if he was so sold on Iowa, did he come to Oregon, when the newcomer leveled off with: "There is something more in life than business, money and labor Here in Oregon I can go to good fishing waters or good hunting grounds in a very short time. Picnic spots on pleasant streams or lakes are unexhaustible and varied. The scenery here is inspiring and invigorating. I feel that I add years to my life with these weekend vacations. Then there is the coast with its change of scenery and climate, and the mountain country and Eastern Oregon plateau and the valley here—Why man I had forgotten all about Iowa until you came in."

EMPLOYMENT CLASSIFICATION
State workers are being classified on a basis of job responsibility and wages paid in private industry which will be used as a factor in determining a salary and wage plan for state employees. Questionnaires distributed among business establishments several weeks ago to obtain this information are now being returned. A state employee (about to retire) suggests an examination for state office holders, appointive and elective. Now the question is will he live long enough to retire.

WANT FEDERAL BUDGETS BALANCED
Governor Snell this week joined 29 other governors in declaring that the principal of a balanced federal

budget is essential. "In view of the large national debt a balanced budget should be brought about at the earliest possible date," the governor said. He declared that this should not be considered an ill-considered program but should be directed toward eliminating needless activities and establishing a general program of economy." An ill-advised program," said the governor, "might jeopardize essential projects, services and obligations." He also warned against inflationary conditions which would affect the economy of all states, their political subdivisions and the people. He asked that Oregon support their congressional delegations in the balanced budget program.

The governors of the thirty states concur in the belief that unsound federal fiscal practices are a constant menace to the constitutional position of our commonwealth and the local governments, and a threat to their financial solvency.

LIQUOR PERMIT FEES

The following report is a thirst thermometer of Oregon cities—or is it?

The state department this week distributed \$156,171 to cities of the state, the amount being half of the liquor permit fees collected in the

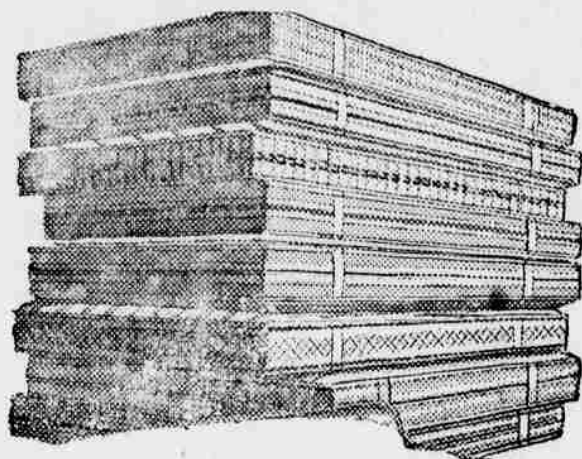
first three months of this year. Nearly half of the amount went to Portland. The second largest to Salem, \$7,384. Other amounts distributed include: Eugene \$4978; Klamath Falls, \$3941; Medford, \$2695; Bend, \$2231; Pendleton, \$2113; Corvallis, \$2004; Oregon City, \$1463; Grants Pass, \$1440; Albany, \$1350; Milwaukie, \$1229; St. Helens, \$1028; Ontario, \$848; Hood River, \$783; Lebanon, \$652; Reedsport, \$472; Nyssa, \$443; Milton, \$441; Independence, \$384; Heppner, \$339; Junction City, \$283; Brownsville, \$283.

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