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STATE FARMS IN BIG WAY

The high cost of living went down for a long count in one bout this season but it won't cheer you much unless you are a taxpayer. State institutions with farming lands cut the cost of food for their wards and employees more than 40 per cent during the fiscal year. Savings to the state is shown in the difference of costs at the state tuberculosis hospital where no farming is done and it costs \$1.17 a day to feed a patient and only 60 cents a day to feed a growing boy at the state training school where 430 acres of state lands are farmed.

Approximately 5000 acres of state land is being farmed by state institutions this season in Oregon but the state board of control intends to increase this acreage. Secretary of State Earl Newby, a grower-farmer, and the only farm representative the state has had on the board for almost a decade, is enthusiastic about state institution farming. "The high quality of the products and the fact that they are immediately available while fresh contributes to the health and comfort of the unfortunate wards," Newby said.

At open market quotations the products of the state farms this year will total \$1,500,000 but quality and immediate availability considered they were worth 25 per cent more to the institutions.

A cannery has been installed at the penitentiary that will be in full operation in a few months and will cut the costs of canned goods used in the winter months.

Choose Exhibits Early

This is a busy season for folks who raise stuff that has to be harvested, yet it is a good time to start choosing exhibits for the forthcoming county fair. Hastily chosen products may be good but there will be stiff competition and exhibitors will want only their best on display.

No doubt many growers have been and are looking ahead, with the result that their products will be ready when the entries open at the fair. This will be encouraging to the fair board and others responsible for making the fair a success.

Morrow county is rich in resources. Her soil products and livestock rank among the best. The county fair affords an opportunity to show the rest of the world—and our own people—what is being produced here. The way is open to make this year's show bigger and better by preparing and exhibiting the best of everything the premium list calls for.

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A 400-foot tunnel between the state capitol and the new state office building is to be built at a cost of approximately \$50,000. Secretary of State Earl Newby, who is custodian of the capitol and grounds, convinced other members of the board of control that it would save lives by removing the fire hazard.

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When is The Right Time to Build?

The question repeatedly arises as to when the hospital will be built. That is an answer no one seems to be able to supply. At least right up to the moment there has been no ready answer and the date for the start of construction still seems to be a matter of if and when.

It is always easier to judge by hindsight than by foresight and now that the original hospital estimate has been raised to meet advancing costs it is plain to see that building operations should have been set in motion at the time the first \$100,000 fund was raised. Advances in materials and labor since that time have discouraged building, particularly that of a public nature where funds are limited to amounts prescribed by vote of the people.

But who could foresee to what heights material prices and labor would soar in the next year or so after the first tax was voted? Perhaps the hospital building could have been built for \$100,000 three years ago (and this is debatable) if labor and materials had been available. Labor might have been not such a difficult problem but the red tape connected with getting materials at that time was anything but encouraging and the county court and hospital committee quite naturally deferred building operations until the aftermath of war had cleared. In 1947 an effort was made to obtain bids for construction of the building and it was learned at that time to what extent costs had risen. The bids were rejected—had to be—because they were well above the funds in hand. The 1948 fund campaign for private subscriptions was successful and with completion of the plat of the hospital site to facilitate location of power and water supply lines all barriers will be removed to the allocation of the federal assistance funds.

The court may decide at the August meeting

30 YEARS AGO

From Heppner Gazette Times August 8, 1918

At the meeting of the city council Monday evening the City of Heppner purchased a combination hose and chemical car. The contract price is \$4,575.

A marriage license was issued this week to W. Pruitt Cox of Heppner and Miss Nettie Currin of Gresham.

F. S. Parker returned to Heppner Wednesday evening from

Portland where he went last week with Mrs. Parker who underwent an operation last Friday at Good Samaritan hospital for removal of a breast cancer.

Mayor W. W. Smead, Maurice E. Smead and wife, Dr. A. D. McMurdo and Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Bayless made up a party leaving Tuesday morning for Odell lake in the Cascades for a two weeks' vacation.

Ben Yen, proprietor of the Elk-

horn restaurant, departed Wednesday for San Francisco where he will board a ship bound for China where he will remain about six months.

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Random Thoughts..

In these days of stratospheric prices it is surprising, and pleasing, to run into an occasional bargain that harks back to pre-war days. The writer had occasion to be in Portland Friday and having transacted his business for which the trip to the city had been made began to cast about for something to kill time until the Streamliner departed on its long trek across mountain and plain to Chicago. (Of course we were only going as far as Pendleton.)

Passing by a theater it was noted that the matinee starts at 11:30 a.m. Being Friday there was a full program—two features, a cartoon comedy, and would you believe it? The first installment on "The Life of Superman" and all this for 40 cents. A four-hour show at the rate of 10 cents per hour!

But now with the Rodeo and county fair about to break upon us we can't figure out to be in Portland every Friday to watch the growth and development of Superman.

Valley Falls as a name may not mean much to the people of the state, but it will be the center of great interest to stockmen on the 19th of this month. Located north of Lakeview where Highway 385 and the highway to Bend

ducing the heavy pedestrian travel between the two buildings and as a labor-saving arrangement would soon pay for itself. The tunnel will be eight feet wide and seven and one-half feet high, built of concrete. Public utility lines will be run over the tunnel which will be built 30 feet underground. Bids on construction will be called for this week.

PARKING METER JAYOFF

Oregon communities will collect more than a million dollars this year by parking meters, and still a place to park an automobile is a major problem with car owners. John W. Kelly, executive director of the state Post War Readjustment and Development commission, reports to Governor John Hall. Response to questionnaires sent by Kelly show there are 12,765 of these "nickel separators" operating in the state, from the 90 at Hornistown to the 2,130 at Portland.

Statements received from the following cities already operating meters estimate the year's "take" should be, Portland \$300,000, Salem \$109,694, Eugene \$72,000, Medford \$54,000, Corvallis \$43,000, Pendleton \$36,606, Albany \$36,000, Astoria \$32,400, Grants Pass \$30,000, The Dalles \$26,400, Sweet Home \$26,400, Bend \$25,400, Lebanon \$16,176, Hillsboro \$14,400, Forest Grove \$10,870 and Oregon City \$5,760.

Kelly says, reports indicate some cities have too many meters and others not enough to accommodate the public. Grocery chains lease or purchase ample free parking space adjoining their stores, or they will find a location where that is possible. This modern method of cooperating with their customers is followed by most newly constructed establishments.

In Salem two large merchandising concerns who could not arrange for parking near their present locations are moving to new buildings remote from the city center and next to the capitol grounds.

While on the subject of celebrations, rodeos and what not, let us not forget that this is the 100th anniversary of Oregon as a territory. This might be used as the theme for various floats in the Rodeo parade, as well as the subject for high school compositions. One hundred years is a short space of time compared with figures contemplating the earth's age, but the Oregon of 1848 has undergone a face lifting since the days of the earliest pioneers and in this modern 1948 our grand old state is the objective of thousands of new home-seekers and investors—just as it was when the pioneers trekked over the plans in covered wagons headed for the land of promise and opportunity.

Before closing this column, and keeping celebrations, festivals and the like uppermost in mind, it will be fitting and proper to announce that there will be something different at Hood River this week end. The people of that enterprising community have banded together to bring in high class talent in the first annual music festival. Men of worldwide renown in the musical world will be on hand to help inaugurate a community enterprise which should grow and become famous in succeeding years. Boris Sirpo, conductor, and Ezio Pinza, opera star, saw so much merit in the enterprise that they readily accepted invitations to participate in the festival. It will be a rare treat for those who get real joy from this type of entertainment.

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GRANT COUNTY MINING AREA DESCRIBED

"Geology and Mineralization of the Morning Mine and Adjacent Region, Grant County, Oregon" is the title of Bulletin 39 just issued by the state department of geology and mineral industries. The author is Dr. Rhesa M. Allen Jr., now professor of geology at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. The bulletin is the result of field work done in the Greenhorn mountains of northeastern Grant county during 1946 and represents a part of Allen's doctorate at Cornell university.

The bulletin may be obtained at the department offices at Portland, Baker and Grants Pass. It has 48 pages of descriptive text, photographs and maps. Special attention is given to the economic geology of mining properties of the region.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Thomson are spending a ten-day vacation with relatives in Heppner. They make their home at Poulsbo, Wn., where they are surrounded by many of the beauties of the Puget Sound region, but always feel the lure of the "hills of home" and are glad when vacation time makes it possible for them to pay a visit here.

go their separate ways, Valley Falls will be the locale of a range reseeded demonstration arranged by the Lakeview Rotary club. The invitation reads: "Every livestock raiser who owns or uses rangeland, every official of the state and federal agencies that manage the rangelands, every county and state official who is interested in helping to promote improvements in the Western range economy is invited to attend the demonstration and witness the sage clearing and range seeding developments."

"Clear sage, reseed; more grass, more feed," is the slogan of the demonstration.

A difference of opinion seems to prevail between two of our Portland readers—both former residents of Heppner—relative to the number of lives lost in the Heppner flood of June 14, 1903. The only approximate definite figure recorded to 225. It is hoped this will settle the difference of opinion existing between Katherine (Quaid) Hofen and W. H. "Bill" Dutton and reestablish peace between two of Heppner's highly respected pioneer families.

The Dalles seems to be in the throes of a whiskerino. This usually means a celebration of some sort so look for the advertising any time. Heppner has not gone in for that kind of publicity but it wouldn't hurt if the Jaycees were to get out the "Black Maria" and start checking up on the conduct of local citizens. This is Rodeo season, you know.

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