

State Insures Autos
Salem, Dec. 14. — (P) — Contract for insuring the state's automobiles for the next six months was awarded today by the board of control to the American Casualty Co., which submitted a low bid of \$10,258.

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SWEM'S BOOK and GIFT SHOP

HIKERS OFFERED MANY TRAILS IN COASTAL SYSTEM

Pacific Crest Trail Furnishes Continuous Route From Border To Border.

San Francisco.—(Sp.)—Backpacking exploring expeditions from Canada to Mexico are possible during proper seasons over the Pacific Crest Trail system, according to information given by Clinton C. Clarke, executive committee chairman of the Pacific Crest Trail System conference, in a recent interview at the San Francisco office of the United States Travel Bureau, department of the interior. Traversing five national parks, 19 national forests, and crossing 16 main highways at their summit passes, the Pacific Crest Trail system furnishes a continuous route of 2,300 miles of trails through Washington, Oregon and California from border to border. The trails are located just beneath the summit crests of the great mountain walls of the Cascade range in Washington and Oregon and the Sierra Nevada in California. The Cascade Crest Trail, 440 miles in length, runs from Canada south to Stevens Pass, Mount Rainier and the Columbia river. Oregon Skyline Trail, 410 miles long, reaches from the Washington line to McKenzie Pass, Crater lake and the state line between Oregon and California. Three hundred thirty miles of the California system are included in the Lava Crest Trail reaching from Oregon to Yuba Gap by way of Mount Lassen, Central California contains three trails: the Tahoe-Yosemite, John Muir, and Sierra Trails, totaling 805 miles and covering Yuba Gap to Lake Tahoe, Lake Tahoe to Tuolumne Meadows, Tuolumne Meadows to Mount Whitney and Mount Whitney to Tehachapi Pass. The Desert Crest Trail covers 480 miles in its course from Tehachapi Pass to Mexico via Soledad Canyon, Cajon Pass and Mount San Jacinto. The Desert Crest Trail, according to Mr. Clarke, will afford opportunities to those who are physically able and sufficiently skilled to enjoy the winter climbing and life on the open trail by the backpacking method during the winter season when the rest of the Pacific Crest is blocked by snow. Path of Horizons. Describing the Desert Crest Trail, Clarke stated, "A path of wide horizons and a great variety of mountain scenery, the trail traverses a semi-tropical region along the summit ridges rising above the desert country." "Although there are fine camps with good water and stone fireplaces at approximately 15-mile intervals across the desert," Clarke declared, "there

is no pasture or green feed for animals." Further information concerning this western trailway system can be obtained either from Mr. Clarke at 125 South Grand avenue, Pasadena, Cal., or the United States Travel Bureau in San Francisco.

SURPLUS APPLES CAUSE OF TANGLE

Washington, Dec. 14.—(P)—The Surplus Commodities Corporation, annoyed by a statement that it was deluging Brattleboro, Vt., with unwanted apples, declared today that Brattleboro welfare officials themselves ordered the fruit. Frank J. Hagan, overseer of the poor at Brattleboro, had said that he had been able to give away only half of a 1,600-bushel shipment—and on top of that had learned that another 1,300 bushels was on the way. To that, the federal corporation said that during the past two months it had shipped 2,375 bushels to Brattleboro to help meet community requests for apples to be used for school lunches and for relief recipients. The requests, it said, totaled 2,900 bushels.

The Grange

Phoenix Grange. Preceding regular meeting of Phoenix Grange, the Rogue River Men's chorus, under direction of Mrs. Esther Leake, presented a very enjoyable short program. Following the business meeting, at which 46 members were present, a lecture hour of Christmas numbers was followed by a surprise celebration of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Denzer. A beautiful floor lamp was presented the honored couple with good wishes of the entire Grange. Next meeting will be installation of officers with Griffin Creek Grange invited, on Tuesday, December 26.

Sams Valley Grange. Another dance will be given in Sams Valley Grange hall Saturday night, Dec. 16. Good peppy music and an excellent floor. Homemade pies or sandwiches and coffee will be served during supper intermission.

Clears Border. Ottawa, Ont.—(U.P.)—As an aid to its law enforcement officers, the Canadian government has begun cutting a clearing, 20 feet wide, stretching the entire length of the Quebec-Maine boundary. The clearing is designed principally to prevent violations by smugglers, aliens, saboteurs and spies.

Halve Police Cost. Dover, Del.—(U.P.)—Approximately half the cost of supporting the Delaware state police this year came from fines. State Police Superintendent John R. Fader estimated that the cost of the 91-man force would total about \$225,000, and fines would reach \$100,000 to \$110,000.

FALL OF FINLAND WILL MEAN RICH PRIZE FOR REDS

Control of The Gulf of Finland And Arctic Shipping Lanes Among Objectives.

AP Feature Service. What does Russia get if Finland falls? First, all the territorial objectives over which the two countries negotiated fruitlessly for weeks before Russia struck—the Aaland Islands, Hango Head, the rest of the Karelian Isthmus north of Leningrad, and the Petsamo area. That means just about absolute control of the Gulf of Finland and Arctic shipping lanes. Second, she'll get a rugged, rocky land of 147,700 square miles (about as big as Montana) and 3,835,000 sturdy, healthy subjects. Independent 20 Years. As an independent republic, Finland is only 20 years old. Her path in history has been stormy. After nearly a century of strife, Finland was Christianized and conquered by the Swedes in 1157; crushed by Peter the Great, of Russia, in 1710; divided between Russia and Sweden in 1721; overrun by Russians again in 1809, gaining the status of a semi-independent duchy. In 1899 Nicholas II started an attempt at Russification. Oppressive measures imposed by Russia early in the World War got the Finns' dander up. They became pro-German and declared their independence in December, 1917. There followed bloody strife with the Reds. German troops helped Finland drive them out. In July, 1919, Finland became independent. Nearly a tenth of the nation's

area is lakes—60,000 of them. The land is rough, full of granite boulders, covered with forests of spruce and pine which give Finland an abundance of material for wood products, notably paper. Less than a tenth of Finland is arable, yet three-quarters of the population is rural. Farmers raise rye, oats, barley and potatoes and forage crops for the dairy industry. Other Finnish industries are iron and mechanical works, textiles, rubber, leather, fur and ceramics. Finland long has been a leader in the co-operative movement. Today, 25 per cent of the retail and 60 per cent of the wholesale trade is carried on by co-ops.

Finland's Glories. Finland is the only nation that has kept up payments on its war debt. It produced that marvel of human speed, Paavo Nurmi, the runner. It gave the world one of the great modern composers, Jan Sibelius. One of its authors, Frans Emil Sillanpaa, has just been awarded the Nobel prize. Helsinki, Finland's capital, was notable to tourists because nowhere could they find any memorials to war heroes or to old battles. Yet among the peace-loving Finns every citizen has his gun in his house, and all, from professor to peasant, have had to take at least one course in marksmanship.

Pass Court. Fort Worth, Tex. (U.P.)—Judge W. H. Gilmartin, judge of a corporation court here, decided that Fort Worth citizens can quack like a duck and imitate cats and crows if they want. Gilmartin acquitted three men, of whom a neighbor complained that they were disturbing the peace with their assorted calls.

Realistic Play. Indianapolis.—(P)—Six boys ranging in age from 11 to 14 played pioneer too realistically. They were caught chopping down trees on Pleasant Run boulevard. They and their parents were ordered before Sergeant Charles Weddie of the police.

At the National Capitol With John W. Kelly

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beginning next month congress must not be requested to vote another nickel for WPA, that the appropriation it now has must be made to last until June 30. This is the first hint that the new deal is, if not going out of the relief business, at least curtailing.

THOSE who keep an eye on personages political are chuckling over how Herbert Hoover put a fast one over on the American Red Cross, with the aid of Lady Eleanor, in the matter of relief for Finland. Norman H. Davis, president of the Red Cross, and for years an ambassador without portfolio in Europe for Hoover and later for President Roosevelt, is miffed, peeved, provoked and angry. American Red Cross sent some money to Poland when that country was whacked up by Hitler and Stalin; announced it would send relief to Finland when the Stalin undertook bombing without a declaration of war.

HAVING spent more billions for relief than any other person who ever lived (in Belgium, Russia, France, Germany, etc.), the slaughter of women and children by bombers reacted on Hoover like an alarm to a retired fire horse. Mrs. Roosevelt in her column wrote that Hoover was the man for the relief job. Quickly the hint was taken by Hoover, who sent a letter to newspapers requesting them to accept contributions for Finland and notify him; he explained a national organization for Finland's relief should be built up quickly, added there would be practically no overhead under his plan. When Norman Davis woke up, he discovered that Hoover was several jumps ahead of the Red Cross; had gathered as nucleus some of his old assistants of the World war days

and was plunging ahead with a job he understands and likes. Davis undertook to point out that Red Cross is already organized nationally—has thousands of chapters with trained members. However, Hoover is such a fast worker that with cooperation of the press he was going to town before Davis could put on his hat and reach for his walking stick.

PAPERS which have lambasted Hoover's administration as president are lending a willing ear, for his record as a relief administrator was one of efficiency with no taint of politics. The sour note: Many Republican leaders are hoping Hoover will be so busy with Finnish relief that he will have no time to participate in the Republican nominating convention.

Reminder: Hoover is a Red Cross vice-president! HERE is what is disturbing the inner circle of new dealers: At banquets of the Gridiron club the president of the United States always makes a speech. That is a custom. However, at the dinner last Saturday night Mr. Roosevelt broke the tradition, said nothing—gave all his time to Paul McNutt. It was permission from Mr. Roosevelt for McNutt to sell himself to the industrial big shots (Paul McKee, Portland, Ore., among them). The inner circle is not hot for McNutt as successor to Mr. Roosevelt; Secretary Ickes says the platinum blond is not a liberal. Possibly the president was politely knocking down the ears of his secretary of the interior.

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