

# Capitol Letter

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Salem, Oregon, (UP)—If Oregon taxpayers desire lower costs in the education of their sons and daughters, they must advocate larger and fewer high schools, according to state education authorities.

The truth of these suggestions was borne out in figures compiled by the state department of education. According to a survey of costs in educating each high school pupil in the state, Columbia county paid \$183.34 per capita last year to educate its 1078 high school pupils attending the six high schools as compared to a per capita cost of \$165.31 for educating 1058 registered pupils in the six high schools in 1928-29.

Although the past ten years has seen the number of high schools in the state increase from 210 in 1920 to 280 in 1930, education costs steadily decline, the figures showed.

It was believed that 100 high schools, or less than one-third the number now in use could adequately handle the complete enrollment of high school students.

As an example of unnecessary educational expenditures in Oregon, it was shown that Multnomah county has 12 high schools to serve the largest enrollment of any county in the state. The average cost for educating each of its 15,190 pupils was \$155.78 last year.

Comparative figures for Morrow county, for example, show that county has eight high schools for 314 pupils and it costs the taxpayers of that county \$280.48 to educate each—nearly double.

Industrial accidents took the lives of two men during the week ending August 28, according to reports of the state industrial accident commission.

The increase in crime brought Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state, to suggest providing all state traffic officers with side arms and assigning two officers to each night patrol.

"While it is true the laws under which the department functions are confined exclusively to violation of the traffic law code, it is also true that the use of automobiles by this element puts the problem squarely up to the officers," he says.

Harry L. Gross, Portland attorney, is not satisfied with statements of Rhea Luper's that no power applications would be granted the large power companies until after the legislative session. He insists that a special session be called unless the attorney general opines that the secretary of state is correct in his views of the present statute which gives complete authority to the state engineer in withdrawing waters from private appropriation.

The twelve crack marksmen of the Oregon national guard were at Camp Perry, Ohio, this week where they are competing in the national matches with teams from every state in the Union.

Oregon has the reputation of being one of the "toughest" states in the nation—for the swindler.

Mark D. McCallister, state corporation commissioner, said he had learned that shysters, swindlers and loose wildcatters considered Oregon as one of the "toughest" states in which to obtain a permit for their deals.

In postponing the starting date of reduced freight rates on cereals from October 1 to January 1, the interstate commerce commission has inflicted a wrong upon the wheat growers of the Northwest, declares Clark Black, president of the Columbia valley association.

"This is the most crucial time in the history of wheat production that the Pacific Northwest has ever known," Black said. "We have never experienced another period when there was such urgent need for every possible aid to the wheat farmer."

Compilation of the Oregon school directory for 1930-1931 was underway in the state department of education this week. The directory will be ready for distribution in early fall.

State traffic automobiles are not for the private use of traffic officers off duty, commands Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state. State traffic equipment is to be used hereafter exclusively in the work of the division.

Rate schedules of all utilities operating in Oregon must be kept on file in every office in which payments for service are made and must be made available at all times to all patrons of the utilities, the public service commission declared.

Not unless it is absolutely imperative due to extraordinary hazardous weather conditions will the hunting season be closed during any part of the 1930 season, Governor Norblad assures nimrods.

If such conditions prevail, the season will be closed until October 1 but under no consideration will it be closed after that date.

It is specifically stated in contracts awarded by the state highway department that contractors preference for jobs to Oregon residents on all strictly state highway projects, according to Roy A. Klein, state highway engineer.

Rep. Emmett Howard of Lane county recently protested the employment of out-of-state labor on highway jobs while thousands of Oregon residents are out of work.

However, federal laws specifically state that no preference shall be given to residents of any one state on highway contracts in which any federal aid money is used, and about three-fourths of all projects in the state are partly financed with federal money.

Examination of all brokerage and wire houses now operating in Oregon will be made by the state corporation department through J. J. Gillingham, Portland certified public accountant.

Senator Charles L. McNary has been fighting several long distance battles with federal departments from his office here in Salem but pressure of business has become so great that he may be forced to cut short his stay here and return to Washington, D. C., some time during the latter part of September.

The senator has undertaken to obtain "concrete facts" to prove that pulp wood and pulp are being dumped into the United States from foreign countries, sold here at a lower price than

## State Fair Exhibit Attracting Finest of Nation's Cattle

Salem, Ore.—(Special)—Cattle from the finest herds in the United States are assured for the Oregon State fair this year, with the announcement that all danger of infection will be eliminated by rigid adherence to the new rule providing for compulsory contagious abortion tests for all animals entered in the dairy exposition, it was declared by officials recently.

The disease-free exhibition here Sept. 22 to 28 will be the first of its kind ever held, and contrary to early predictions the stringent conditions are attracting a much larger number of cattle from exhibitors who heretofore have been hesitant in allowing their finest animals to be entered in fair competition.

Applications from new livestock exhibitors are coming in rapidly, according to Mrs. Ella S. Wilson, secretary of the state fair board, with many from midwest and eastern farms.

Among the new entries are: Troutmere Guernsey farm, La Honda, Cal.; F. F. Pellissiers & Sons, Whittier, Cal.; F. M. Rothrock Co., Spokane, Wn.; Sunny Croft Stock farm, Monroe, Wis.; Lillard Stock farm, Arlington, Tex.; R. E. Strutz & Sons, Jamestown, N. D.; Olson Bros., Fargo, N. D.; Woodhull Farms, Darlow, Kan.; Franklin C. Beatty, Walla Walla, Wn.; Flathead farms, Kalispell, Mont.; C. P. R. farms, Strathmore, Alberta; and Charles Ule, Carstairs, Alberta.

Entries in all branches of the exposition are coming in daily, and are far ahead of last year's record in nearly all departments, it was announced. With \$30,000 in premiums and purses, in addition to \$17,500 in prizes for horse racing events, offered as the reward for exhibitors, the fairgrounds are expected to be taxed to capacity to accommodate scores of later entrants.

It is sold abroad. After securing positive proof of dumping, the senator will ask the treasury department to impose that section of the tariff law which authorizes the treasury to impose an additional duty of 100 per cent of the existing rates on all imports proven to have been dumped here.

McNary has also protested to the interstate commerce commission against its action deferring the date of reductions in freight rates on western grain from October first to January first. He asks for a hearing and wants to be personally present to voice his objections to the delay which he says will cost the farmers millions of dollars.

Selection of a site in the Northwest for the new \$2,000,000 national hospital for disabled war veterans, canalization of the Willamette river and plans for the Umatilla Rapids project, are other affairs which necessitate his presence in Washington despite a contest for reelection this fall. He is being opposed by Elton Watkins, democrat, and L. A. Banks, independent.

The federal power commission has licensed the California-Oregon power company to proceed with its 283,000 horsepower hydro-electric project on the Klamath river. The license will not be effective unless Oregon authorities also grant a permit. Rhea Luper, state engineer, has promised he would grant no permits for large appropriations of

water until after the 1931 legislature has convened and adopted a policy with regard to such applications.

Major Ralph P. Cowgill of Medford, whom the whisperers mentioned as the successor to Harold Clifford as game warden, thuswise announces his attitude: "A warden's star has no appeal to me and there are so many men who want the job, which I do not, that I feel my name should be left out."

## Three Prize Winners at State Fair



These three Guernseys, awarded high honors at the 1929 exposition, will be returned this year by M. C. Fleming of Portland to compete in the 69th annual Oregon State fair at Salem, Sept. 22 to 28, where prize herds from all over the west will vie for a share of the \$50,000 in premiums.

## Demand for Graduates Keen in Agriculture

The demand for scientifically trained men in agricultural fields has far out-stripped the available number of first class agricultural graduates, according to Dr. A. B. Cordley, dean of the school of agriculture at Oregon State college; yet for some reason, all over the nation, the number of college students in agriculture is comparatively small, he reports.

To acquaint prospective college students with the broad field of opportunity in agriculture, including some 178 related occupations, the college has issued a new illustrated vocational guidance booklet of 80 pages which gives a clear understanding of the actual fields of employment open to agricultural graduates. It is now ready for free distribution.

## Farm . . . Reminders

Fowls limp most frequently because of "bumble foot," a swelling accompanied by abscess formation, or because of paralysis, says the O.S.C. veterinary department. Tuberculosis sometimes causes lameness but this is less frequent among Oregon commercial flocks.

The belief that extra feeding or "flushing" of ewes at breeding time will result in increased lamb crops is well founded in Oregon, finds the experiment station. The advantage of flushing comes principally through

## Plant Cover Crops Early Says Nelson

Late August or early September is seeding time in Oregon for the orchard cover crop provided there is enough moisture to carry it through until the first rains. As a rule it is a good risk planted then anyway, for if one waits for the fall rains the crop is often too long delayed to make good growth, says the extension service.

A new variety of barley, the Ben Beardless, has been developed at the Union branch experiment station and promises to be a high yielder for some sections of Oregon. It is already used in the Grande Ronde valley with success. It appears to be the best beardless barley for the rather mellow, sandy soils, says the college farm crops department.

The gas given off by paradichlorobenzene is heavier than air, which makes it effective in killing the peach and prune root borers. This makes it essential, however, that the crystals be placed above the highest point where the borers are working on the trunk. August 15 to September 15 is the time of application recommended by the Oregon experiment station.

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"Cover crops in orchards should be planted early in September," states Geo. A. Nelson, County Agent, "in order to insure an early growth this fall and winter so that the crop can be plowed under early next spring in order to get the best results."

"The plowing under of cover crops adds to the fertility of the soil and assures a more vigorous growth of the fruit trees. Oats and vetch are most commonly used for this purpose. Austrian winter peas, however, give considerable promise as a cover crop in orchards and are worth trying out in Columbia county."

Five Washington county prisoners were transferred to the Multnomah county jail last week to remain there until the county jail annex, now under construction at Hillsboro, is completed.

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## RADIO PROGRAM TO BE NOVEL

Advance announcement of what promises to be not only one of the greatest radio programs ever put on the air, but also one of the most novel, has just been received by G. W. Ford of Oregon Gas and Electric company.

The program, which will be sponsored by the new General Electric Full Range Radio, will include Phil Cook, Vaughn de Leath, Jessica Dragnette, Floyd Gibbons, Billy Jones and Ernie Hare, Little Jack Little, Vincent Lopez, Lucky Strike Orchestra, Graham McNamee, Ohman and Arden, Paul Oliver, Olive Palmer, Gladys Rice, The Revelers, Romy, Nat Silkret and his orchestra, Rudy Vallee, and possibly others.

During the broadcast these famous stars who have made broadcasting the biggest form of entertainment today, will join with celebrated engineers of the General Electric Research Laboratory—electricity's "House of Magic"—in paying tribute to the great progress made in the new art in which all of them have made fame.

The program will be presented at 8:30 p. m. Eastern Daylight time over the WEAF network of the National Broadcasting company. Pacific Standard time 4:30 p. m., to 6:00 p. m., September 6.

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